





a study of **Colossians**


A close-up, low-angle shot of a person's feet wearing dark sneakers with white soles, running on a dark asphalt track. The words "KEEP TRACK" are painted in white, bold, capital letters on the ground in front of the runner. The background shows a chain-link fence and a bright sky.

**TO KEEP ON TRACK,
WE MUST KEEP
OUR EYES ON
JESUS**

A low-angle photograph showing the lower legs and feet of a person walking on a paved surface. The person is wearing blue jeans and black sneakers. The pavement has white painted text, which appears to be "STOP" in reverse. The background shows a chain-link fence and a building.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. (Col. 1:15-17, ESV)


The Center of It All – Colossians 1:15-23

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And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

(Col. 1:18-20, ESV)


The Center of It All – Colossians 1:15-23



"Much of the history of Christianity has been devoted to domesticating Jesus—to reducing that elusive, enigmatic, paradoxical person to dimensions we can comprehend, understand, and convert to our own purposes. So far it hasn't worked."

(Andrew Greeley)


The Center of It All – Colossians 1:15-23

A photograph showing a person's feet in sneakers walking on a paved surface. The person is wearing blue jeans and black sneakers. The pavement has white painted text that is partially visible, including the words "STOP" and "WALK". The background shows a chain-link fence and a building.

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

(Col. 1:21-23, ESV)

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