

“The Dispensation of God”

Colossians 1:15-29



Truth for the Whole World

He is the Image

He is

the image of the invisible God,

the firstborn of all creation.

1:15





For by Him all things were created,
both in the heavens and on earth,
visible and invisible,

1:16a

whether thrones or dominions or
rulers or authorities—all things have
been created through Him and for
Him.

1:16b









He is,
before all things,
and in Him all things hold together.

1:17

He is the Head

He also is the head of the body, the church;

and He is the beginning,

the firstborn from the dead,

so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

1:18



He Reconciles All

For in Him

all the Fullness was pleased to dwell.

and through Him

to reconcile all things to Himself,

having made peace through the blood of

His cross;

1:19-20a

through Him,
I say, whether things on earth or
things in heaven.

1:20b

He Reconciled You

And although you were formerly
alienated and hostile in mind, engaged
in evil deeds,

yet He has now reconciled you in His
fleshly body through death,

1:21-22a

*The Image of the Invisible God who
was from eternity past, in God,*

became flesh and blood and human.

*On the Cross, His bloodied body was
the image of the invisible heart of
God. In that body we are reconciled.*

In order to present you before Him

holy and blameless and beyond
reproach—

if indeed you continue in the faith
firmly established and steadfast,

1:22b-23a

And not moved away from the hope
of the gospel that you have heard,

**which was proclaimed in all
creation under heaven,**

and of which I, Paul, was made a
minister.

1:23

**The Risen Christ
called Saul of Tarsus
to Complete the Fulfillment
the Suffering Servant Prophecies**

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake,

and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church,

in filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions.



...at midday, O King, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining all around me and those who were journeying with me. And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew dialect,

‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?
It is hard for you to kick against the
goads.’

And I said, ‘Who are You, Lord?’

And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus whom you
are persecuting.’

Acts 26:13-15



“...to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive the forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.”

Acts 26:18

The Servant in Isaiah

Isaiah 42:1-9

Isaiah 49:1-13

Isaiah 50:4-51:8

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Isaiah 55

Isaiah 61

He says, “It is too small a thing that
You should be My Servant to raise up
the tribes of Jacob and to restore the
preserved ones of Israel; I will also
make you a **light of the nations**, so
that My salvation **my reach to the
end of the earth.**”

Isaiah 49:6

The Dispensation of God

Of this church I was made a minister
according to the stewardship from God
("the dispensation of God")

bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I
might fully carry out the preaching of the
word of God,



That is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations,

but has now been manifested to His saints.

To whom God willed to make known
what is the riches of the glory of this
mystery among the Gentiles (among
the Nations),

which is Christ in you, the hope of
glory.

1:27

God has a new Administration.

It is a Dispensation.

He gave His Son.

He gives His Holy Spirit.

He distributes His grace.

*He “dispenses Himself” to all who want
Him.*

He includes His servants in this work.

*You too are called
to be a servant
in the Servant.*

We proclaim Him,
admonishing every man

and teaching every man

with all wisdom,

so that we may present every man
complete in Christ.

For this purpose also I labor,
striving according to His power,
which mightily works within me.

1:29





*Total effort
in God's power
because the Son of God
died on the Cross
to reconcile everyone to God,
and arose from the dead
to be our Head.
He is in us.*