# CCF Chronicle WEEKLY BULLETIN Vol. 37 | June 15 and 16, 2024 JESUS: OVER ALL

Who is Jesus? Just like the Colossian church, we also need to know who Jesus truly is. Colossians 1:15-29 talks about the supremacy of Christ — Jesus over all — and from it we can learn three things about Him:

#### JESUS IS OUR RULER (COLOSSIANS 1:15-19)

Paul wrote to the Colossian church to address the false teaching that Jesus was only a created being. The truth is Jesus is the image of the invisible God (v. 15), which means He is the exact representation of who God is (Hebrews 1:3) and that whoever wants to know God needs to know Him (John 14:8-9). He is pre-eminent, the firstborn of all creation; but because Jesus is God, He is also our Creator (Genesis 1:26, John 1:1-3,14)! By Him and for Him, all things were created — even the things we cannot see (v. 16). Everything is created by Him: from the outermost universe that goes on for billions of light years to the innermost of our hearts and souls. Scientists may not be able to explain the "invisible force" that holds atoms together, but we need to know that it is Jesus who holds all things together, even our own lives (v. 17). He created us to have a relationship with Him, and nothing else in this life will fill the emptiness we have inside our hearts.

Jesus is not only our Creator and our God: He is also our Ruler, the head of the church. The only way we can experience the fullness of life is to surrender our lives to Him – because "Jesus is either Lord of all, or not at all." (Hudson Taylor)

#### JESUS IS OUR RECONCILER (COLOSSIANS 1:20-23)

To reconcile means to restore what was broken. We are broken people, and sin has corrupted us and separated us from God (Romans 3:23, Isaiah 59:2). But through Jesus alone — not through our good works or through religion — we are reconciled to God, and ultimately, Jesus is coming again to reconcile all things to Himself (v. 20).

In verse 21, Paul continues by describing the Colossians as people who have done "evil deeds". People who did not grow up in Christian homes can easily relate to this description. However, all of us, without exemption, have done evil deeds ourselves. As Jesus died on the cross to make us right with God, we are called to lead holy, blameless, and above-reproach lives before Him (v. 22). And when we face difficult trials and wonder where God is, we need to be reminded to be steadfast in the hope of the Gospel (v. 23). Do not let trials warp your view of God.

#### JESUS IS OUR REASON (COLOSSIANS 1:4-29)

Paul never met the Colossians personally, and it would have been difficult for him to write while in chains and in prison. But like him, we too can rejoice in our suffering if Jesus is our reason for living (v. 24). God uses our suffering to call our attention back to Him and to accomplish His purpose in us, and our worst afflictions can be our biggest blessings if they lead us to know Jesus. Suffering is expected of anyone who follows Him.

In verse 27, Paul alludes to the Israelites: that God chose them to be His people for all the world to know that He is God. From Abraham's seed (Christ), all nations will be blessed (Genesis 22:18), meaning Gentiles (non-Jews) will become the people of God as well. As people who have received this blessing, others will now know who Jesus is through our own lives — and such a calling comes with a cost. Many times, we do not want to be inconvenienced for the sake of others, but that is what it means to live for Jesus! Maybe God is calling you to make disciples, to reach out to other people, or to go somewhere to share the Gospel. We should proclaim Him to others as the Holy Spirit enables us to (vv. 28-29)! Jesus uses us to bring others to Himself, and it takes a lot of work on our part to do that but let us take courage in knowing that we do so according to God's will and in God's power alone!

# last week's memory verse

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

COLOSSIANS 1:15-17

#### discuss this message

What part of your life is not yet surrendered to Jesus? What is holding you back from going all in with Jesus?

In light of what you learned today about who Jesus is and what He has done, what will change in the way you live beginning today? DOWNLOAD THIS CHRONICLE ONLINE! ccf.org.ph/chronicle/

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# Who is Jesus to you?

Let's talk about it in the **Welcome Center**!

## STEP INTO THE COMMUNITY

Fellowship and learn together with people like you!

#### WOMEN2WOMEN ALL WOMEN

## THE SIGNIFICANT WOMAN

SESSION 6: REFOCUS YOUR LIFE with Lina Ortega June 20, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH

ALSO STREAMED LIVE ONLINE

CCFWomen2WomenMinistry

#### **MASTERPIECE:**

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE <u>Tickets are SOLD OUT!</u> Praise God! Saturday, June 22, 9:00 AM doors open at 7:00 AM

#### B1G MINISTRY SINGLES

THE DAILY WALK SESSION 1: DAILY MUSINGS (THE HABIT OF MEDITATING) June 21, Friday, 7:30 PM, MPH CONNECT WITH THEM ONLINE D B1GMinistry O beonewithgod

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INFOCUS: A CLEAR LOOK AT JESUS Sundays, 9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM ONSITE: G/F CCF Center (ages 4-12) LIVESTREAM: C Ccfnxtgen (ages 4 to 12) ZOOM: for ages 7-12; message us to sign-up Reach us via facebook.com/ccfnxtgen

#### MOVEMEN+ MEN'S MINISTRY

#### **BOOK STUDY ON 1 TIMOTHY**

June 29, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Room 2A Register at <u>bit.ly/movementbookstudy</u> I movingmentochrist

# OUR FAITH

Continue to be equipped in your discipleship journey.

## **GET READY TO GRADUATE!**

**GLC Graduation is on August 16, 2024!** Open to all GLC Level 1, 2, or 3 finishers including in DGroups & in Self-Paced format!

For GLC in DGroups, please ask your DGroup Leaders to email <u>abigail.ayos@</u> <u>ccf.org.ph</u> for other requirements.

Apply now: bit.ly/GLCGraduation2024

#### BE EQUIPPED WITH GLC! GLC LEVEL 1

Book 1: One by One (10:30 AM) Book 4: CCF DNA (1:30 PM) ONSITE: June 16, Sunday, Room 2A ZOOM: June 19, Wednesday, 7:30 PM Enroll now: <u>bit.ly/GLCTrainings2024</u>

#### GLC LEVEL 2

Book 7: Family Life ONSITE: June 16, Sunday, 1:00 PM, Room 3A ZOOM: June 20, Thursday, 7:30 PM

#### CAN'T ATTEND GLC F2F OR ON ZOOM?

Use the Self-Paced Online format or do GLC in your DGroups! Register: *bit.ly/GLCinDGroupsSignUp* Enroll Here: *glc.ccf.org.ph/online* 

Visit **glc.ccf.org.ph** for more info on GLC trainings and schedules.

## JOIN AND PARTICIPATE

Learn, grow, or recharge with the community!

### YOUTH SPORTS CAMP

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS 10-18 YEARS OLD June 28 to 30 - for 13 to 15-year-olds July 12 to 14 - for 10 to 12-year-olds Mt. Makiling Re-Creational Center SPECIAL PROMO: PHP5,000 Register at ccfsports.org/register

#### **START-UP IGNITE:**

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OPEN TO START-UP AND SME OWNERS June 28, Friday, 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM LAI Building 2/F Multi-Purpose Hall Register at go.ccf.org.ph/startupignite

## CEF SERVICES AT THE CCF CENTER

SATURDAY NIGHTS 5:00 PM SUNDAYS 9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, and 3:00 PM ONLINE LIVESTREAM ⊕ ccf.org.ph ⑦ ccfmain □ ccfmainTV 9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM, 6:00 PM

Visit ccf.org.ph/live/broadcast-channels/ for the list of broadcast TV channels and radio stations.

YOU BEING HERE IS NO ACCIDENT!

# God brought you here for His purpose.

#### God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who <u>keeps</u> <u>His covenant and His lovingkindness</u> to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments – Deuteronomy <u>7:9</u>

#### God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23

#### God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6

#### God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

## Would you like to place your faith in Jesus Christ today?

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I am a sinner. I believe that You died on the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your help, I will turn away from my sins. Please come into my life and be my Savior and my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal life. Make me the kind of new person You want me to be. Thank You for giving me eternal life. Amen.

#### God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13