

Standing Firm Discussion Guide
Jesus is Everything - Lesson 3
(September 22, 2024)

This study guide is based on the message that is available on YouTube.

Opening Discussion: What image of Christ is reflected more naturally within you?

Dive Deeper:

1. Read Colossians 1:15-23 and discuss why Jesus is supreme. Why do we struggle to give the Lord first place in our lives?
2. According to Colossians 1:15, John 1:1-4, 14:8-10, Philippians 2:6, and Genesis 1:26, who is Jesus?
3. Why is our faith hollow and meaningless if we do not believe in the deity of Jesus Christ? Why is it important to resist the false teachings that say Jesus was just a good teacher or a prophet? How can the above scripture help you to stand firm when faced with opposition?
4. Read Colossian 1:19. Why was God pleased to live in Christ? What was God able to accomplish for us by dwelling in the human body of Jesus?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19, Romans 8:9, and John 14:17. Discuss why God would be pleased to live within us. How excited are you to know that the God of the universe wants to live within you? Share how the indwelling of the Holy Spirit helps you to stand firm in your faith.
6. List the specific results of our reconciliation with God as stated in Colossians 1:22. How hard is it for you to picture yourself blameless and without a fault? How would life change for you if you truly lived in this freedom of God's grace?
7. Read Colossians 1:23. How is drifting away from the truth like slacking in an established exercise plan? What are the unhealthy effects of both? What tempts you to drift? What disciplines do you implement to keep spiritually healthy?

Encouragement: God is pleased to live within us to give us the strength to stand firm. ...*"My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness."* 2 Corinthians 12:9

Application: How will you apply Sunday's message and this discussion to your life?