

**Review:**

**Colossians 1:15-20**

- Answers the question: Who is Jesus?
- Focus was on: His \_\_\_\_\_
- Title: Sovereign \_\_\_\_\_
- Action: He \_\_\_\_\_
- His invitation: \_\_\_\_\_ to Me
- The result: \_\_\_\_\_

**Philippians 2:5-11**

- Answers the question: What did Jesus do?
- Focus was on: His \_\_\_\_\_
- Title: High \_\_\_\_\_
- Action: \_\_\_\_\_
- His invitation: \_\_\_\_\_ Me
- The result: \_\_\_\_\_

**Think about:**

- When was the most memorable time God spoke to you from His Word?
- What are the biggest barriers to hearing God's voice and getting His direction?

## How did Jesus do it?

*<sup>1</sup> God, after **He spoke** long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, <sup>2</sup> in these last days has **spoken to us** in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. <sup>3</sup> And He is the **radiance of His glory** and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things **by the word** of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.*

Hebrews 1:1-3

## **Seven specific descriptions of Jesus**

1. "Whom He appointed heir of all things."
2. "Through whom He also made the world."
3. "Jesus is the radiance of His glory."
4. "Jesus is the exact representation of His nature."
5. "Jesus is upholding all things by the word of His power."
6. "Jesus made purification for sin."
7. "He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high."

## **Observations about Jesus and His relationship to God's Word:**

**Jesus created the world by speaking.**

Genesis 1

*In the beginning God (the Godhead) created the heavens and the earth...then God **said**, "Let there be... the heavens, the earth, vegetation, etc. and it was very good.*

**Jesus is the Word Himself, the *Logos*.**

John 1:1-3, 14

*<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.*

*<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

- Life change happens when Jesus speaks God's Word.
- Jesus describes people's response to God's Word (Parable of the Soils) Mark 4:1-8
  1. Hardened hearts
  2. Shallow hearts
  3. Busy or distracted hearts
  4. Tender and open hearts

Jesus gives that Word to us.

- Jesus modeled His own teaching by overcoming temptation with the power of God's Word. Matthew 4:3-4
- Jesus charges us with the power of His Word. Hebrews 4:12

Knowledge doesn't help you grow; life-change happens when you \_\_\_\_\_.

**Application:**

1. What is your view of God's Word?
2. How badly do you want to know Jesus?
3. Why is the Bible critical to our relationship with God the Father?

Jesus' invitation to you = \_\_\_\_\_ in Me

<sup>5</sup> I am the vine, you are the branches; he who **abides in Me** and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone **does not abide in Me**, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. <sup>7</sup> **If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.** <sup>8</sup> My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

<sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you so that **My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.**

John 15:5-8, 11

The result = \_\_\_\_\_ in any and every circumstance and relationship.