



GREATER
THINGS

15 The Son _____ of the _____,
the firstborn _____.

16 For _____ all _____:
things _____ and _____,
visible _____,
whether _____
or _____;

Colossians 1:15-16a (NIV)

all _____

through _____.

¹⁷ He _____,

and _____ all _____.

¹⁸ And he _____ of _____, the _____;

he _____

and _____ from _____,

so that _____ he _____.

Colossians 1:16b-18 (NIV)

19 For God _____
all _____ dwell _____,
20 and through _____ to himself _____,
whether _____
or _____,
by _____ through _____,
shed _____.

Colossians 1:19-20 (NIV)

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.

¹⁶ For in him all things were created:
things in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible,
whether thrones or powers
or rulers or authorities;

Colossians 1:15-16a (NIV)

all things have been created
through him and for him.

¹⁷ He is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.

¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning
and the firstborn from among the dead,
so that in everything he might have the
supremacy.

Colossians 1:16b-18 (NIV)

¹⁹ For God was pleased to have
all his fullness dwell in him,
²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all
things, whether things on earth
or things in heaven,
by making peace through his blood,
shed on the cross.

Colossians 1:19-20 (NIV)

The “Big Ideas” of Colossians

If you want to become spiritually mature:

- The right **knowledge** about Jesus
- Protects you from **false notions of spirituality**
- Propels you into a **life transformed** by the Holy Spirit

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, **set your hearts on things above**, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² **Set your minds on things above**, not on earthly things.

Colossians 3:1-2 (NIV)

In Christ, we are called to be a people who...

- set our minds on things **above**

³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

Colossians 3:3 (NIV)

³ For you **died**, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

⁵ Put to **death**, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

Colossians 3:3, 5 (NIV)

In Christ, we are called to be a people who...

- set our minds on things **above**
- kill the **zombies** in our life

⁹ . . . since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

Colossians 3:9b-11(NIV)

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Colossians 3:9b-11(NIV)

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- set our minds on things **above**
- kill the **zombies** in our life
- have no ethnic, socio-economic **divisions**

¹² Therefore, as God's **chosen** people, **holy** and dearly **loved**, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Colossians 3:12 (NIV)

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Colossians 3:12 (NIV)

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Colossians 3:12 (NIV)

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Colossians 3:13-15 (NIV)

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Colossians 3:13-15 (NIV)

In Christ, we are called to be a people who...

- set our minds on things **above**
- kill the **zombies** in our life
- have no ethnic, socio-economic **divisions**
- are **compassionate, kind, humble, and gentle**
- forgive each other and are **unified** by love
- have the peace of Christ “**umpire**” our hearts

¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you **teach** and **admonish** one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, **singing** to God with gratitude in your hearts.

Colossians 3:16 (NIV)

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- have the peace of Christ “**umpire**” our hearts
- gather to **worship** God together

¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all **in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17 (NIV)

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- gather to **worship** God together
- **represent** Jesus in all we say and do