

Series: Back to Basics

**Jesus - Does He Care About You?
Colossians 1:15-18**

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1. When you ask people what they think about Jesus you will get a variety of reactions.
 2. During Jesus' day there was confusion about who Christ was.
 3. So Paul confronted these churches. In the book of Colossians he is addressing some heresy that has come up in that church that was robbing Christ of His central role in the Christian faith.
- I.** First, The Bible Teaches That Jesus is Totally God. Colossians 1:15-18, "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 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."
- A. Since Jesus is totally God, He understands us completely.
 - B. The Bible says Jesus is God.
- II.** The Second Thing We Believe is That Jesus is Totally Human. Philippians 2:6-7, "Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness."
- A. This also helps us know that Jesus understands us.
 - B. Why did Jesus have to be fully God and fully man in these events?
- III.** Jesus Identifies With Us In Our Human Situation. Hebrews 2:17, "He had to be made like his brothers in every way."
- A. Jesus identifies with us in our situations in human life.
 - B. Jesus identifies with us in the temptations of human life.
 - C. Jesus has compassion for us in temptation. "We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses." Hebrews 4:15