

East Side Church of God

Life Notes

Sacrificial God
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Text: Colossians 1:15-23

Holiness Essential #1: Jesus Christ shows us the essence of God that goes beyond creativity, sustenance, and the possession of power.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And 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, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. –Colossians 1:15-18 (ESV)

Holiness Essential #2: Jesus Christ reveals God to us by choosing to sacrifice himself on a cross in order to reconcile us to God since we are alienated from God by our sinfulness.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death..., --Colossians 1:19-22a (ESV)

Holiness Essential #3: Jesus Christ invites us to a relationship with God marked by faith, stability, and the hope of the gospel.

..., in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. – Colossians 1:22b-23 (ESV)

Life Question: How do we respond to Jesus' sacrifice?