



S E A R C H I N G F O R

CHRISTMAS

Searching for Jesus

Colossians 1:15-20

Isaiah 9:2

- The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

Colossians 1:15-20

- 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.
16 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.

Colossians 1:15-20

- 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 1:15-20

- 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.

First Candle - Immanuel: God with Us

- He is the image of the invisible God
- Jesus is a full and absolute representation of the eternal God in human form
- Jesus is the ultimate reflection of God

Second Candle - King of Kings/Lord of Lords

- He is the firstborn over all creation
- Paul is describing the firstborn status of a king's household
- Jesus has been given a place that has authority over the entire scope of creation
- Jesus is over absolutely everything

Third Candle - Resurrection and the Life

- He is the firstborn from among the dead
- Jesus is the beginning of God's resurrection work
- The reality of resurrection starts with an empty outside of Jerusalem
- Jesus is the first to experience the power of the resurrection and because He lives we have hope

Fourth Candle - Son of God

- For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him
- Jesus is the personal embodiment of God on earth
- The presence of God is in Jesus
- The power of God is in Jesus
- The promise of God is in Jesus

Fifth Candle - Savior/ Jesus

- 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.
- The mission of Jesus was to buy us back from the power of sin and death
- Jesus came to reconcile a corrupt and condemned humanity back to God