Jesus: Our God. Remembering that Jesus ***is*** the reason for the season.

Colossians 1:15-20

"Christmas In Colossians" Part #3
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15 ***He is the image*** of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.
16 For everything was created by Him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.
17 ***He is before*** all things, and ***by Him*** all things hold together. 18 ***He is also the head*** of the body, the church; ***He is the beginning***, the firstborn from the dead, so that He might come to have first place in everything. 19 For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him,
20 and through Him to reconcile everything to Himself by making peace through the blood of His cross— whether things on earth or things in heaven. *(Holman Standard Bible)*

7 Exclusive Statements in Colossians 1:15-20:

1. He is the image of the invisible God.
-Colossians 1:15, Hebrews 1:3, John 14:9
2. He is the firstborn over all creation. *-Colossians 1:15*
3. By Him all things were created and are held together.
-Colossians 1:16-17, John 1:3
4. He is the head of the body, the church.
-Colossians 1:18, Ephesians 1:22–23
5. He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead.
-Colossians 1:16, 1 Corinthians 15:20&23
6. All that God is dwells in Him. *-Colossians 1:19, John 1:1; 10:30*
7. Through His sacrifice God reconciles all things to Himself.
-Colossians 1:20, 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

3 Christmas reminders from this passage:

1. The reality of the Christmas message demands a **REORDERING** of everything in your life.

2. The reality of the Christmas message means that God wants you to **RECEIVE** Him into your life.

3. The realigning of your life with the reality of the Christmas message will bring **REJOICING**.

If Jesus Christ comes down into your life, there will be a **life-quake**. In everything he must have supremacy. That's what Christmas means. *-Pastor/Author Tim Keller*

The most astonishing phenomenon today is to see men who work with this physical universe, who intimately observe the beauty, order, and power inherent in the natural world as well as in the world of humanity, yet who fail to see the Power behind it all.
-Ray Stedman "Colossians: master of the universe"

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