

Christ the Lord: The Preeminent One
Colossians 1:15-23

Why should followers of Jesus not get over the message of Christmas after December 25?

Followers of Jesus must celebrate Christmas as the beginning of a season of Kingdom anticipation proclaiming...

- I. Christ as Lord over God's creation (Col. 1:15-17).
 - a. Christ, the true *imago Dei*, preeminent over all creation, owner and sustainer above all.
 - b. In him all things hold together: Is your life together?

- II. Christ as Lord over God's new creation (Col. 1:18-23).
 - a. The head of a new, undying humanity, glorified humanity.
 - b. The redeemer and restorer of God's new creation: Getting closer to the God who has made himself closer.

Don't make Christmas a seasonal celebration.
Make Christmas the beginning of a season of Kingdom anticipation.

1. How do you interact with God's creation? Whether it is your job, relationships with other humans or other living beings, do you live in such a way that the presence of Christ in your life makes you a catalyst of wellbeing bringing wholesome integrity wherever your foot lands, or are you an instrument of corruption and disintegration?
2. How does Christ want to equip you to become a catalyst of reconciliation in a world of human alienation? The church should be a place where those who are far from God are made near. Who is getting closer to God because of your influence?