

# GENESIS

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## 'None Like Jesus'

(part I of 'Colossians' – 7/8/12)

### Big idea

Two questions will serve as our guide as we journey through Colossians –

- a. What do we learn about Jesus from the passage we are looking at?
- b. How do we apply what we learn to how we live; both individually and as a church?

Looking at [Colossians 1:1-14](#) we learn four things about Jesus:

1. Jesus changes lives in order to accomplish God's purpose for you and those around you.
2. Jesus is the foundation and reason for our hope.
3. Jesus enables us to care deeply for others.
4. Jesus is our rescuer and redeemer.

### Discussion Questions

1. 'If I just had \_\_\_\_\_, then I would have a greater sense of meaning, purpose, joy, contentment, identity, security, happiness, etc.' How would you fill in the blank? Your 'answer' reveals what your functional savior is – meaning, your functional savior is what your looking to in hopes to get what we already have with Jesus? Why do we turn towards functional saviors?
2. It would be impossible to be in relationship with Jesus and stay the same. Jesus loves us too much to allow us to stay as we are. Where do you see God at work changing you in order to accomplish His purpose in you and around you?
3. Many often place their hope in things like career, status, wealth, pleasure, possessions, etc. Where is your hope placed? Is your ultimate hope placed in Jesus? Practically speaking, how would hope in Jesus, a hope that is heavenward shape how we live life before we get to heaven?  
[Colossians 1:4-6](#)
4. Jesus is our rescuer – the One who rescues us from hell (the dominion of darkness), and Jesus is our redeemer – the One who forgives our sins (past, present, future) and sets us free from sin ([Colossians 1:13-14](#)). How should what Jesus accomplished for us...
  - shape how we live day to day?
  - shape the relationships we have?
  - shape how we spend our time, and who we spend our time with?
  - shape how we respond to temptation and sin?Consider: [2 Corinthians 5:14-15](#), [Galatians 2:20](#).
5. In [Colossians 1:6](#) Paul talks about the gospel growing all over the world as well as in the life of the believers at Colosse. This means the gospel is more than just the means of entering relationship with God, it's what fuels a relationship with God. Where do you see the gospel growing in your life, and where do you see the gospel growing around you?

### Announcements –

- **the Well** – join GENESIS for an evening of prayer & worship this Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 8PM.
- **Download the new GENESIS Mobile App** – stay connected w/all that's happening within in GENESIS and use the GENESIS App to introduce your friends to the GENESIS Community. You can download the App by going to: [get.thechurchapp.org/share/genesis](http://get.thechurchapp.org/share/genesis)
- **SERVE** – a great way to connect w/others within the GENESIS Community is through serving. Whether that be through worship, creative team, GENESIS Kids or GENESIS Youth, Community Outreach, Connections or the Facilities Team – there are many opportunities for you to begin serving. Learn more about serving via the GENESIS Website ([www.genesisthejourney.com/serve](http://www.genesisthejourney.com/serve)), or contact our lead deacon Jon Bandi at [Jon.Bandi@genesisthejourney.com](mailto:Jon.Bandi@genesisthejourney.com).

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