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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2025

🎵 Recommended Hymn: *Joy to the World*

## Read

### Colossians 1:15–23

Christ is the visible likeness of the invisible God. He is the first-born Son, superior to all created things. For through him God created everything in heaven and on earth, the seen and the unseen things, including spiritual powers, lords, rulers, and authorities. God created the whole universe through him and for him.

Christ existed before all things, and in union with him all things have their proper place. He is the head of his body, the church; he is the source of the body's life. He is the first-born Son, who was raised from death, in order that he alone might have the first place in all things.

For it was by God's own decision that the Son has in himself the full nature of God. Through the Son, then, God decided to bring the whole universe back to himself. God made peace through his Son's blood on the cross and so brought back to himself all things, both on earth and in heaven.

At one time you were far away from God and were his enemies because of the evil things you did and thought. But now, by means of the physical death of his Son, God has made you his friends, in order to bring you, holy, pure, and faultless, into his presence.

You must, of course, continue faithful on a firm and sure foundation, and must not allow yourselves to be shaken from the hope you gained when you heard the gospel. It is of this gospel that I, Paul, became a servant—this gospel which has been preached to everybody in the world.

## Reflect

Merry Christmas! Today we celebrate the moment when heaven met earth—when the invisible God became visible in Jesus Christ. Every promise of God finds its fulfillment in him. From Genesis to Revelation, every glimpse of grace, every act of mercy, and every whisper of hope points to this day.

In Christ, we see who God is and who we are meant to be. He is not distant from our pain or confusion; he entered it, took it upon himself, and redeemed it. The same Jesus who created all things also came to restore all things. Through

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his death and resurrection, he brought peace where there was separation, friendship where there was enmity, and hope where there was despair. In him, we see the reality of **Isaiah 9:6**—today on Christmas, and throughout the year.

Christmas isn't just about remembering a baby in a manger. It's about rejoicing in a Savior who holds the universe together and holds you in his hands. Whether this season feels full of joy or marked by sorrow, Jesus is everything you need. His love doesn't fade when the lights come down; his peace doesn't end when the carols stop. He remains the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Let your heart rest in this truth: the God who promised salvation has kept his promise. The Christ who came to earth still reigns. Thanks be to God!

## Dig Deeper

- Revisit one Scripture from each day of this journey and write down one way you've seen God's faithfulness this week.
- Take a few minutes to worship, thanking Jesus for being everything you need—your Creator, Redeemer, and Friend.

## Pray

*Lord Jesus, on this Christmas Day, I thank you for being the fulfillment of every promise in Scripture. You are my Savior, my peace, and my hope. Thank you for entering our world, for reconciling us to the Father, and for holding all creation together in your hands. As I reflect on your birth and your love, help me carry this peace into the days ahead. May my life reflect your light and truth in all I do. You are everything I need—today, tomorrow, and always. Amen.*



## Closing Blessing

Thank you for joining us this Christmas. As we reflect on God's promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ, our prayer is that his Word continues to renew your hope, strengthen your faith, and fill your heart with peace throughout the coming year. May you carry the light of Christ into every moment, knowing that he is with you always—and he is everything you need.

On behalf of American Bible Society, we wish you and your loved ones a joyful Christmas and a blessed New Year!



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