



COLOSSIANS



**1) READ
COLOSSIANS 1: 15-23**

**2) LISTEN TO THE
MESSAGE**

**SEARCH THE VIVE STUDENT MINISTRY ON
YOUTUBE & WATCH COLOSSIANS 1:15-23)**

**3) CHECK OUT THE
MESSAGE POINTS &
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
AT THE END**

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MAIN SCRIPTURE

COLOSSIANS 1:15–23

OTHER SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

JOHN 1:1–18

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BACKGROUND | CONTEXT

MANY PEOPLE WERE BEING INFLUENCED FROM MULTIPLE WORLDVIEWS AND MIXED THINKING THAT WASN'T BIBLICAL OR CENTERED ON CHRIST.

ONE OF THE AREAS WERE THAT OF SPIRITUAL POWERS. SOME WERE TEACHING THAT GOD WASN'T ENOUGH & THEY NEEDED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GOD FROM OTHER SPIRITUAL POWERS (WORLDLY TEACHINGS) OR RECEIVE POWER AND KNOWLEDGE OUTSIDE OF GOD FROM OTHER SPIRITUAL FORCES & POWERS.

BECAUSE OF THIS, PAUL REINFORCES THE TRUTH THAT CHRIST IS OVER ALL AND REIGNS SUPREME. THERE ARE NO OTHER LITTLE G GODS OR SPIRITUAL FORCES THAT COMES CLOSE TO CHRIST. HE STANDS ALONE AS THE ONE TRUE GOD.

PAUL EMPHASIZES WHAT THE GOSPEL MEANS FOR BELIEVERS. (WHO WE WERE BEFORE CHRIST, WHO WE ARE AFTER) AND WARNS THE CHURCH TO REMAIN IN TRUTH & NOT TO FALL FOR FALSE TEACHING.

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MAIN POINTS

WHO IS JESUS? (VS 15-16)

- 1) JESUS IS GOD
- 2) JESUS IS CREATOR (NOT A CREATED BEING)
- 3) JESUS IS SUPREME

MARKS OF GENUINE SALVATION (VS 23)

- 1) CONTINUES IN THE FAITH
- 2) STANDS FIRM (REMAINS GROUNDED IN THE FAITH)
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SALVATION

BASED ON WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE, NOT OUR HUMAN EFFORTS. THE SACRIFICE OF JESUS MAKES US RIGHT WITH GOD, SOMETHING ONLY HE COULD PROVIDE.

BEFORE CHRIST (VS 21)

- 1) ALIENATED | SEPARATED FROM GOD | NOT IN THE FAMILY
- 2) LACK KNOWLEDGE OF GOD | STAND OPPOSED TO GOD
- 3) LIVES ARE FILLED WITH EVIL ACTIONS

AFTER CHRIST (VS 22)

- 1) RECONCILED (RESTORED) HOLY | BLAMELESS
- 2) WITHOUT FAULT | FORGIVEN FOR YOUR SINS



**FOR FURTHER
READING ON JESUS
BEING THE CREATOR
CHECK OUT JOHN 1**

COLOSSIANS 1:15–16 NLT

CHRIST IS THE VISIBLE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD. HE EXISTED BEFORE ANYTHING WAS CREATED AND IS SUPREME OVER ALL CREATION, [16] FOR THROUGH HIM GOD CREATED EVERYTHING IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS AND ON EARTH. HE MADE THE THINGS WE CAN SEE AND THE THINGS WE CAN'T SEE— SUCH AS THRONES, KINGDOMS, RULERS, AND AUTHORITIES IN THE UNSEEN WORLD. EVERYTHING WAS CREATED THROUGH HIM AND FOR HIM.

REMEMBER: JESUS DIDN'T HOP ON THE SCENE FOR THE FIRST TIME WHEN WE READ ABOUT HIM IN THE GOSPELS. HE WAS THERE IN THE BEGINNING (JOHN 1 / COLOSSIAN 1)

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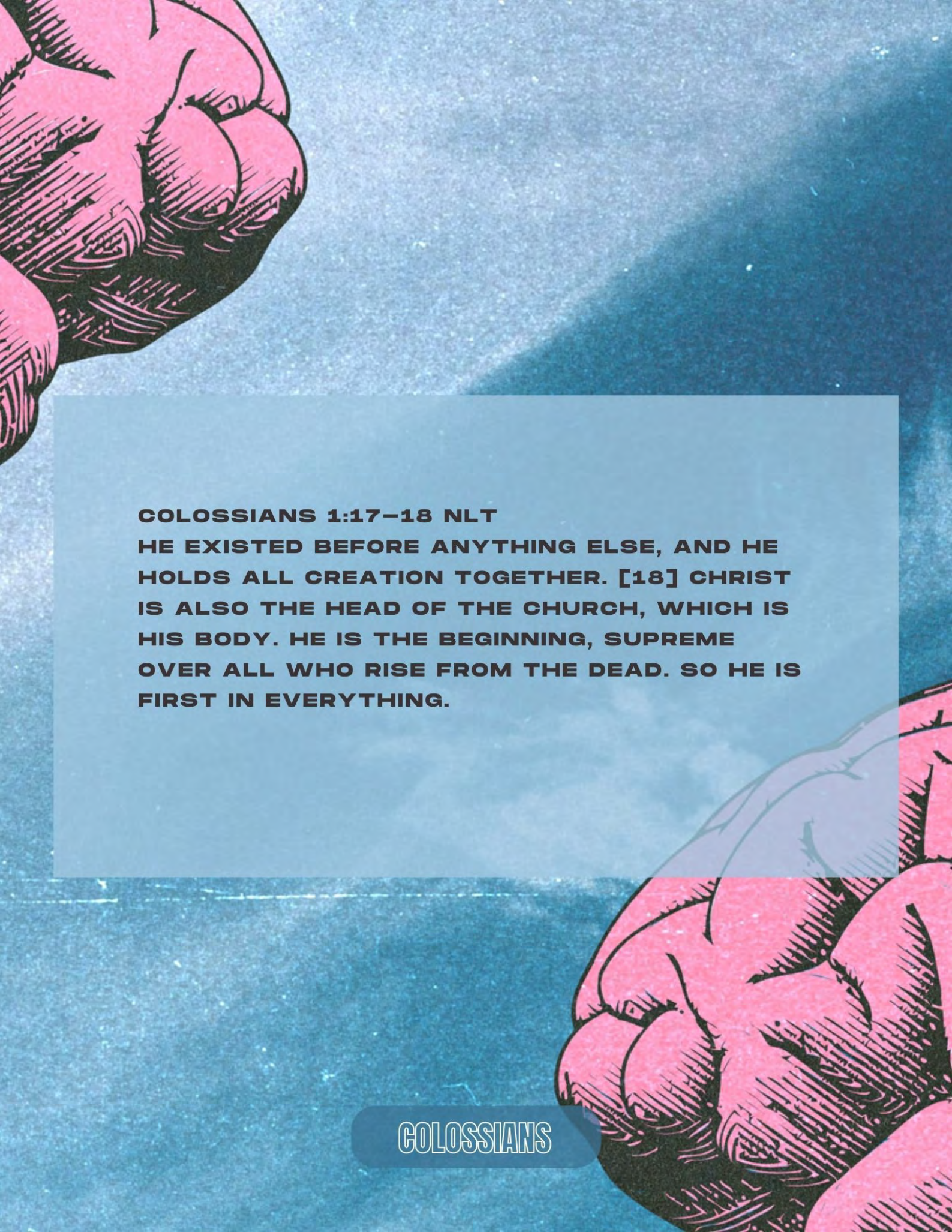
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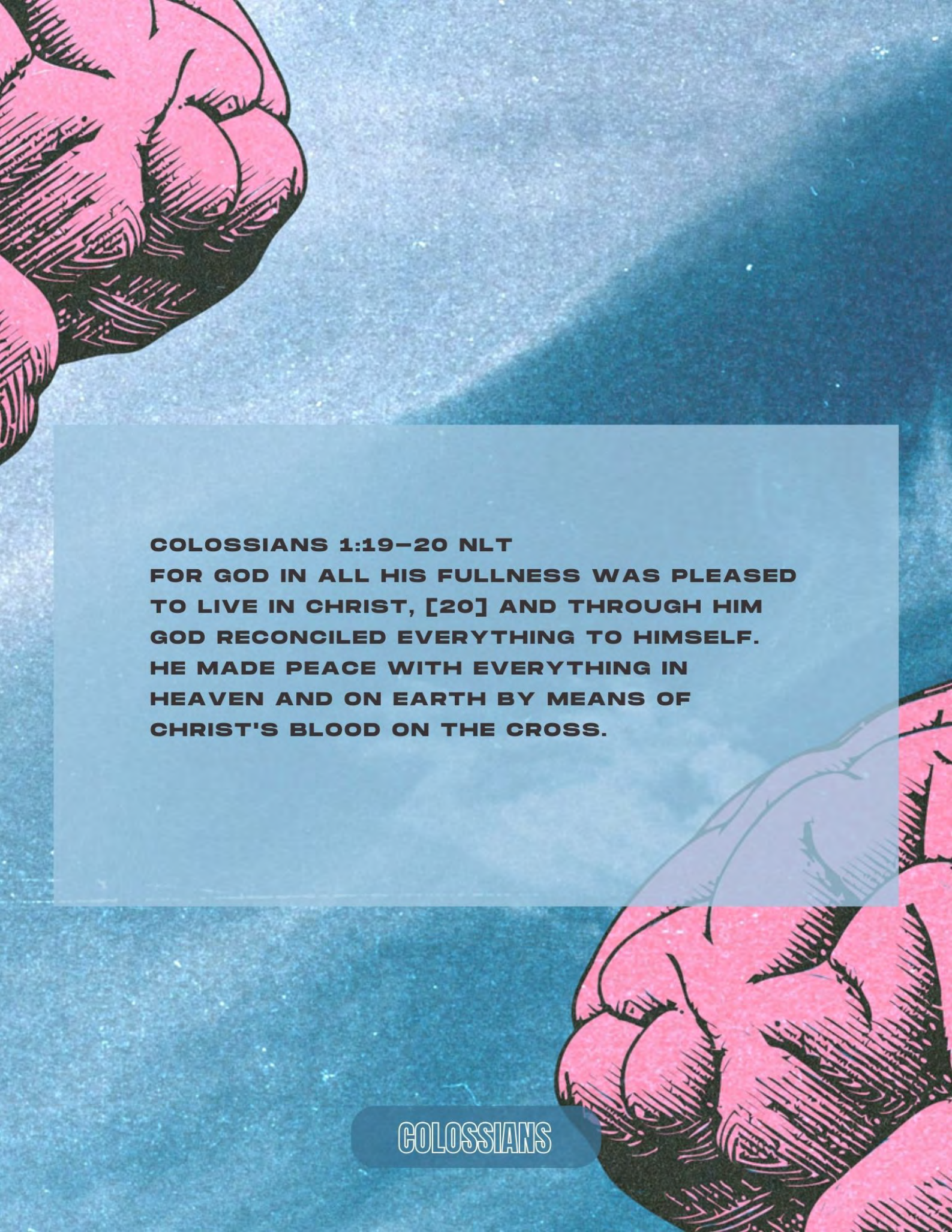
JESUS IS SUPERIOR TO OTHERS IN POWER, AUTHORITY, RANK, IMPORTANCE, OR SIGNIFICANCE

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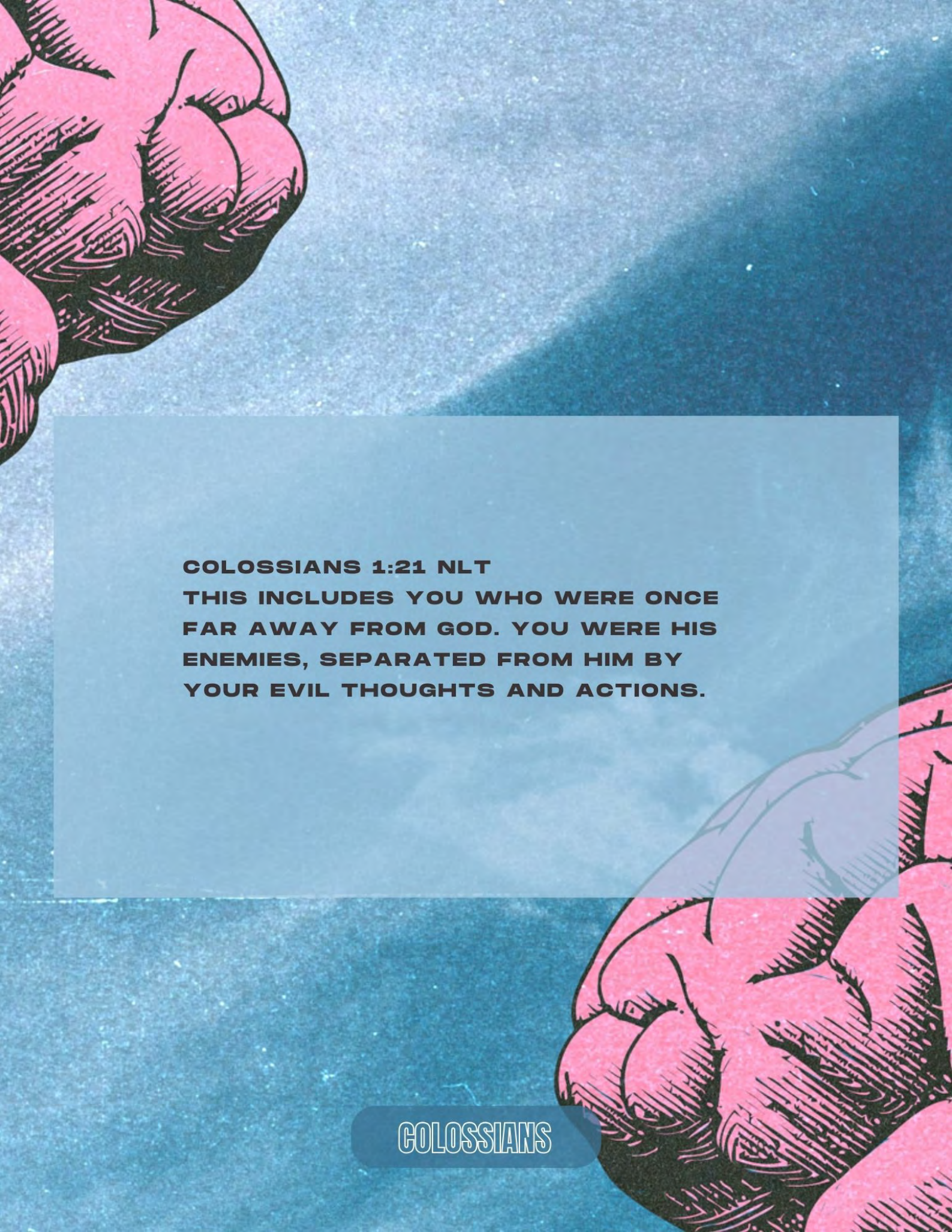
COLOSSIANS 1:17–18 NLT
HE EXISTED BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE, AND HE
HOLDS ALL CREATION TOGETHER. [18] CHRIST
IS ALSO THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH, WHICH IS
HIS BODY. HE IS THE BEGINNING, SUPREME
OVER ALL WHO RISE FROM THE DEAD. SO HE IS
FIRST IN EVERYTHING.

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COLOSSIANS 1:19–20 NLT
FOR GOD IN ALL HIS FULLNESS WAS PLEASED
TO LIVE IN CHRIST, [20] AND THROUGH HIM
GOD RECONCILED EVERYTHING TO HIMSELF.
HE MADE PEACE WITH EVERYTHING IN
HEAVEN AND ON EARTH BY MEANS OF
CHRIST'S BLOOD ON THE CROSS.

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COLOSSIANS 1:21 NLT
THIS INCLUDES YOU WHO WERE ONCE
FAR AWAY FROM GOD. YOU WERE HIS
ENEMIES, SEPARATED FROM HIM BY
YOUR EVIL THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS.

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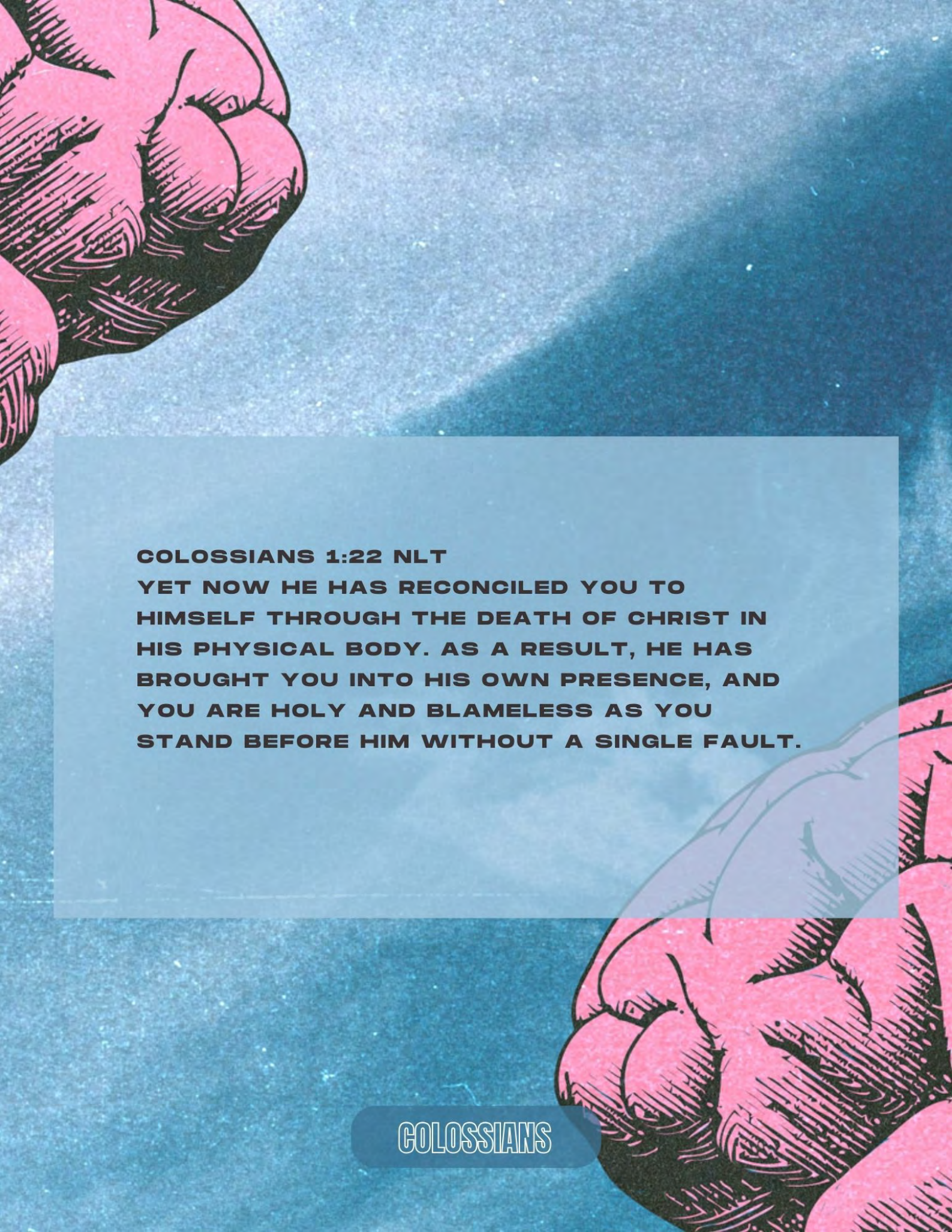
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COLOSSIANS 1:22 NLT
YET NOW HE HAS RECONCILED YOU TO
HIMSELF THROUGH THE DEATH OF CHRIST IN
HIS PHYSICAL BODY. AS A RESULT, HE HAS
BROUGHT YOU INTO HIS OWN PRESENCE, AND
YOU ARE HOLY AND BLAMELESS AS YOU
STAND BEFORE HIM WITHOUT A SINGLE FAULT.

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BUT YOU MUST CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THIS TRUTH AND STAND FIRMLY IN IT. DON'T DRIFT AWAY FROM THE ASSURANCE YOU RECEIVED WHEN YOU HEARD THE GOOD NEWS. THE GOOD NEWS HAS BEEN PREACHED ALL OVER THE WORLD, AND I, PAUL, HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AS GOD'S SERVANT TO PROCLAIM IT.

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DISCUSSION

Q. WHO IS JESUS? (VS 15–18) (WRITE THE DIFFERENT DESCRIPTIONS YOU SEE)

Q. WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT JESUS IS SUPREME?

Q. WHY DID PAUL FEEL THE NEED TO REVISIT WHO JESUS IS WITH THE COLOSSIANS CHURCH?

(HINT:SEE BACKGROUND / CONTEXT GRAPHIC)

Q. DOES KNOWING THESE CHARACTERISTICS ABOUT JESUS CHANGE YOUR VIEW OF HIM?

Q. HOW SHOULD THESE TRUTHS ABOUT JESUS AFFECT OUR FAITH AND HOW WE HANDLE OUR DAY TO DAY?

Q. WHAT ARE SOME DESCRIPTIONS OF WHO WE WERE BEFORE BEING SAVED BY CHRIST (VS 21) AND AFTER BEING SAVED BY CHRIST (VS 22)

Q. WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF SOMEONE WHO HAS HAD A GENUINE SALVATION IN CHRIST? (VS 23)

Q. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE OF SOMEONE WHO IS TRULY SAVED BUT THEY STILL SIN VS SOMEONE WHO HASN'T HAD A GENUINE SALVATION IN CHRIST?

Q. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO REMAIN IN TRUTH AND TO STAY GROUNDED IN CHRIST IN OUR DAILY LIVES?



PERSONAL DISCUSSION

Q. WHAT CONVICTED YOU, CHALLENGED YOU, OR STOOD OUT TO YOU PERSONALLY FROM THE MESSAGE OR FROM COLOSSIANS 1:15–23?

Q. WHO IS JESUS TO YOU? HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE HIM IF ASKED?

Q. HOW DO YOU STAY GROUNDED IN YOUR FAITH?

Q. DO YOU KNOW OTHERS WHO HAVE DRIFTED AWAY FROM TRUTH? WHAT CAUSES THEM TO DRIFT?

Q. WHAT KEEPS YOU FROM DRIFTING?

Q. WHAT IS THE TRUTH PAUL IS TALKING ABOUT IN VS 23? WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO REMAIN IN TRUTH?

Q. HOW DOES REMAINING IN TRUTH HELP YOU WHEN FACING THE TEMPTATIONS OF THE WORLD AROUND YOU?

Q. HOW ARE YOU GROWING IN YOUR FAITH?

Q. WHERE IS GOD AT WORK THE MOST IN YOUR OWN LIFE?