



Lesson Two = Jesus is First Because of His Role
Sunday Evening Message by Ray Reynolds (May 11, 2014)

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TEXT: **Colossians 1:19-29**

Introduction: On Sunday nights we are doing a parallel study to the book of Ephesians (our Sunday morning series). The book of Ephesians explains *how* Jesus should be seen as our first love. The book of Colossians reveals *why* Jesus is first. In this lesson we will notice that Jesus is first because of His role. There are many roles Jesus fulfills. However, His greatest work is as our Savior. We will look at Jesus's role as our Savior in four ways. Let's study together....

Discussion:

I. The Role of Jesus in Redemption (1:19-21)

- A. Redemption is needed because we were separated as aliens (vs.19-20).
- B. Redemption is needed because we were separated as enemies (v.21).
- C. Redemption is needed because we were separated as evil doers (v.21).

II. The Role of Jesus in Reconciliation (1:22-23)

- A. Reconciliation in Christ provides friendship with God (v.22).
- B. Reconciliation in Christ provides holiness in God (v.23).
- C. Reconciliation in Christ provides steadfastness through God (v.23).

III. The Role of Jesus in Routine (1:24-26)

- A. It is routine that the body of Christ experience suffering in Christ (v.24).
- B. It is routine that the body of Christ fulfill the word of God (v.25).
- C. It is routine that the body of Christ reveal the mystery of God (v.26).

IV. The Role of Jesus in Revival (1:27-29)

- A. Revival in Christ brings the hope of glory (v.27).
- B. Revival in Christ leads us to maturity (v.28).
- C. Revival in Christ connects us to God's strength (v.29).

Conclusion: So often when we run from God, we do it to escape His punishment. However, when we run away what we are actually doing is eluding His rescue. We are avoiding our own salvation! Are you tired of running yet? Jesus needs to be first in your life. He deserves to be first in your life. He wants to take an active role in your salvation. Will you accept him as your Lord and Savior? Have you committed your life to Him? Have you been immersed in His precious blood? Have you been filled with the Holy Spirit? Are you faithfully walking with Him?