

Sermon Title options:

- How to Get Life All Together
- How to Keep Life From Falling Apart
- Renewing the Center of Life

Center of Life
MUST BE

JESUS

NOTHING ELSE

In Colossians 1:15-20, Paul describes 4 facets of Jesus that will keep us properly centered.

- I. Jesus is the CREATOR, --Center your life on the ONE who made it all—1:15-16
- **APPLICATION:**
 - $\square We$ were created for him
 - —Live to his glory
 - □He has the right to be the center
 - □We get in trouble when we live like we are the greatest

- II. Jesus is the SUSTAINER— Center your life on the one who holds your life together—1:17
- Application:
 - □When we move away from him, it is hard to see how things are held together
 - □Remember Rom. 8:28—HE works all things together

- III. Jesus is the one who is FIRST PLACE in the world—center your life on the only true center—1:18 **APPLICATION:** □Jesus must be preeminent—Seen in Lord's Table ☐ The church is the place where Christ is
 - preeminent—among his people
 - □Is he preeminent in your life??
 - Family, job, marriage, recreation, worship, etc

- IV. Jesus is the RECONCILER— Center your life on the one who pulls it back together—1:19-20
- The ultimate victory in the world is in the cross and resurrection
- Are you a believer?
- Do you believe in the reconciling power of Christ for your relationships in life—he forgives—do you?

Conclusion

- "The key to resolving the disharmony of nature and the inhumanity of mankind is in JESUS—in his cross and resurrection"
- The church is the arena where God brings reconciliation

