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Colossians 1:15-20

A night scene with a dark, starry sky. A bright, multi-pointed star is centered at the top. Below it, a small, simple building with a gabled roof sits on a dark hill. The building's interior is lit, and a small silhouette of two figures is visible in the doorway. The overall mood is serene and spiritual.

Christ the Revealer

Colossians 1:15

*The Son is the image of the
invisible God, the firstborn over
all creation.*

Christ the Creator

A silhouette of a barn with a bright star above it against a starry night sky.

Colossians 1:16-17

For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.



Colossians 1:18

*And he is the head of the body,
the church he is the beginning and
the firstborn from among the
dead, so that in everything he
might have the supremacy.*



JOHN HUSS
1369-1415

Colossians 1:15-20

A night sky with a bright star and a small illuminated building on a horizon.

Ludwig Ott

A true power, a universal power, a supreme power, a full power is possessed by any pope who can thereby rule independently on any matter without the consent of anyone else, he himself is judged by no one.

A night sky with a bright star and a silhouette of a church with people inside.

Westminster Confession of 1647

There is no other Head of the Church but the Lord Jesus Christ, nor can the Pope of Rome in any sense be head thereof...



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A night scene with a dark blue sky filled with stars. A bright, multi-pointed star is centered at the top. Below it, a small, simple building with a gabled roof sits on a dark horizon line. The building's interior is lit, and two small figures are visible inside. The overall mood is serene and spiritual.

Colossians 1:18a

*And he is the head of the body,
the church*

A night sky with a bright star and a small illuminated building on a horizon.

Colossians 1:18b

he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

A night scene with a dark sky filled with stars. A bright, multi-pointed star is positioned above a small, illuminated house on a hill. The house has a warm glow from its windows, and a few silhouettes of people are visible inside. The overall atmosphere is serene and spiritual.

Ephesians 1:22-23

And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.



Jonathan Edwards

King Jesus is the Head of the Church. Those who are in His Kingdom of Grace all acknowledge the same King, the same rightful sovereign and are willing to be subjected to Him, submit to His will and yield obedience to His commands.



Jesus is in charge of BVBC...
NOT us!

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A night scene with a dark sky filled with stars. A bright star is positioned above a small, lit building on a hill. The building has a warm glow emanating from its windows, and a few silhouetted figures are visible inside. The overall atmosphere is serene and spiritual.

1 Peter 5:2,4

Shepherd the flock of God that is among you... and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

A night sky with a bright star and a small illuminated building on a horizon.

Colossians 2:16-19

Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

A night sky with a bright star and a small house silhouette.

Colossians 2:16-19

Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind.



Colossians 2:16-19

They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.



Jesus is in Charge of Your
Life...

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A night scene with a dark sky filled with stars. A bright, multi-pointed star is positioned directly above the text. Below the text, a small, illuminated house with a gabled roof sits on a dark hill. The house's interior light is visible, and a few small figures can be seen near the entrance. A simple wooden fence surrounds the house.

Luke 6:46

*Why do you call me, 'Lord,
Lord,' and do not do what I say?*

A night scene with a dark sky filled with stars. A bright, multi-pointed star is positioned above a small, illuminated house on a dark hill. The house has a glowing interior and is surrounded by a fence. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

Matthew 7:24

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and does them is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

John 14:15



*If you love me, keep my
commandments.*

1 Samuel 15:9



But Saul and the army spared Agag and the best of the sheep and cattle, the fat calves and lambs—everything that was good. These they were unwilling to destroy completely, but everything that was despised and weak they totally destroyed.

1 Samuel 15:9



Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice.



What has Jesus asked you
to do?

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A silhouette of a stable with a manger is positioned between the letters 'O' and 'R' of the word 'BORN'. Inside the manger, a baby and a woman are visible, representing the birth of Jesus. The stable is illuminated from within, creating a warm glow that contrasts with the dark background.

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