

**Soaring Oaks Presbyterian Church: Adult Bible Study Questions for 12/10/2006**  
**Colossians 1:15-23**

- 1. Read Colossians 1:15a. In the 10 commandments [Exodus 20:1-17], we are told not to make any carved image of God. Contrast a carved image to the “image of the invisible God” Paul speaks of here, referring to Jesus Christ. Hebrews 1:1-4 may help you here.**
- 2. Read Colossians 1:15b-17. Paul says Jesus is the “firstborn” of all creation, meaning “preeminent” over all creation, and not meaning that God-the-Son was a created being. According to these verses, what things did Jesus create? Also, what do we learn that Jesus continues to do with this creation? What, if anything, in these verses was a new idea to you?**
- 3. Read Colossians 1:18. What do you learn here about Jesus’ relationship to the church, to those who will share in his resurrection in the last days? How do these truths affect your confidence in Christ as your savior and Lord?**
- 4. Read Colossians 1:19-22. In these verses, what did God do in and through Jesus? What do think the word “reconcile” means? Why would it be important that we are reconciled to God instead of God being reconciled to us?**
- 5. Read Colossians 1:23 along with Romans 1:16-17, and look back to Colossians 1:13-14 that we studied last week. Would it makes sense to say that Paul here tells us that a believer is in jeopardy of losing the salvation they received in Christ?**
- 6. Read Colossians 1:23 again. What practices help you today, or would help you if you did them, to “continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel [that the Word declares]?”**