

Characteristics of Christ

Name _____

Answer the following questions, using Colossians 1:15–23.

1. Using clues in the verses below, identify the characteristics of Christ that we inherit as children of God. Then use a sentence to explain your answer. This will require some extra thought, because the answers go beyond what Paul says in the verses.

a. 1:15: _____

b. 1:16: _____

c. 1:17: _____

d. 1:18: _____

e. 1:18: _____

f. 1:20: _____

2. What caused people to become alienated from God? _____

3. How could the Colossians (and how can you) be reconciled (made right) so that you are holy in God's sight, without blemish and free from accusation? (1:22). _____

4. If you believe in Jesus, you are an heir of great riches. You can have confidence in Jesus right now and for all eternity. Identify five riches (blessings) you have because of Jesus. _____

5. You are on a journey. As you press forward, what difference does it make for you that Jesus is supreme and in control of all things? Look up Romans 8:28 to help you with your answer.

6. What two things will you commit to doing today, this week, and further along on your journey in response to what you have learned about Jesus? _____

SAMPLE

“FORGIVE
as the Lord
forgave you”
(Colossians 3:13b).

Cursing the Fig Tree and Cleansing the Temple

Name _____

Read Mark 11:12–26 to understand Jesus' reasons
for cursing the fig tree and cleansing the temple.

1. What did Jesus do to a fig tree on his way to Jerusalem? _____
What caused Jesus to do this? _____
2. What did Jesus do to the businessmen, bankers, and merchants? _____

3. Try to imagine the scene in your mind. What do you think each group did as soon as Jesus interrupted their activities? _____

4. What Old Testament prophet did Jesus quote as saying that the temple would be a house of prayer for all nations (Gentiles)? Look at the study notes at the bottom of your *NIV Study Bible* in Mark 11:17. _____
5. What did Jesus' concern about the Court of the Gentiles show about who God wanted to include in his kingdom? _____
6. What did Peter notice about the fig tree on the way back from Jerusalem? _____

7. What was Jesus' response? _____

The reasons the Jewish leaders wanted to kill Jesus were political, religious, and personal. In a sentence or two, explain these reasons in more detail. Use examples if you can.

8. Political Reasons: _____

9. Religious Reasons: _____

10. Personal Reasons: _____

Question for Reflection

11. Jesus shows that he is taking a stand as he defends his father's house, the temple. Think of two concrete examples (school, home, after-school activities, etc.) in your life where you need to "stand up" and defend your Christian beliefs. How will you defend your faith in these situations? _____

"DO THIS in **REMEMBRANCE**
of ME" (1 Corinthians 11:24b).

Trouble in Galatia

Name _____

Galatians 1:6-24

1. What is Paul's tone in this chapter, specifically verse 6? _____

2. Who does Paul say sent him out as an apostle? (v. 12) _____

3. What does Paul say should happen to anyone who taught a "gospel" other than the gospel that he had taught the Galatians? (v. 8) _____

4. Briefly summarize Paul's defense of his view of the gospel. (vv. 12, 16) _____

Galatians 2:1-10

1. Why did Paul go to Jerusalem to meet with the leaders 14 years after his conversion? (v. 2) _____

2. Titus went with Paul to Jerusalem. Why does Paul bring Titus into the story? (v. 3) _____

3. What does Paul say is at stake in the controversy? (See v. 4) _____

4. Paul states three times in verses 7-9 the difference between his ministry and the ministry of Peter (and John and James). What is the difference? _____

5. What main point is Paul making in verses 1-10? _____

"The life I live in the body, I LIVE BY FAITH

IN THE SON OF GOD"

(Galatians 2:20b)

Galatians 2:11–21

1. Briefly describe Peter's actions at Antioch. (v. 12) _____

2. How did Paul react to Peter's behavior? (v. 14) _____

3. According to Paul's words in verses 15 and 16, what is the only way to be justified? _____

4. Reread verse 21 and then write what it means to you. _____

Personal Response

1. Which verse or verses have a message for you? What do they tell you that is important?

2. Write out your memory work from Galatians 2:20–21. _____

What is Paul emphasizing for you in these two verses? _____

