Keep Christ as the Subject in Colossians 1 - working notes

One situation. Clear facts. An honest next step.

Read Colossians 1:9-23 with its pronouns and subjects intact. The creation, headship, fullness and reconciliation statements describe Christ, and the later address to believers must retain that center.

Hypothetical example: A parent replaces an ambition-centered summary of the creation statement with an explanation that identifies Christ as the subject while speaking accurately about the child's actual duties.

01 Follow the prayer into the named Son

Trace the opening prayer into the Father and the Son.

Prayer asks for

Father and Son named

Redemption reference

02 Read the creation statements with their actual subject

Read the creation statements with their subject identified.

Who is described

Creation by and for whom

Firstborn question to study

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03 Keep the church and the cross in the same reading

Continue through church, cross, reconciliation and faith wording.

Head and body

Cross and peace

Continuing-in-faith words

04 Check an encouraging summary for a changed subject

Correct a family summary that silently changes the subject.

Summary being tested

Subject it changed

Corrected Christ-centered sentence