**The New Me . . . In Christ***My New Understanding* - Colossians 1:15-23 – p. 983

To live out the reality of the “New Me,” we must understand who Jesus is, what Jesus has done, and how it applies to me.

**Who Jesus Is (1:15-17)**

The Image of God

The Firstborn of Creation

 - By Him

- Through Him

- For Him

- Before all things

- In Him all things hold together

**What Jesus Has Done (1:18-20)**

The Firstborn from the Dead

 - Head of the Body

 - Preeminent in Everything

Reconciled and Made Peace

**How He Makes Me New (1:21-24)**

Once: Alienated and hostile, doing evil deeds

Now: Reconciled, presented as holy, blameless, above reproach

How: Continue in the faith, stable and steadfast

Next week – *My New Faith* (1:24-2:7)

Paul toiled and struggled for their faith. Who has contributed to
your faith journey that you thank God for?