



Part 3: Commencement

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## **The Religion of Today: Modern Therapeutic Deism**

### **The Truth of Today from Colossians 1:15-18**

<sup>15</sup> He...

*"He" is Jesus.*

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

*Jesus is God.*

*Jesus is the image of God.*

<sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

*Jesus is the Creator of the world.*

<sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

*Jesus is the sustainer of the universe and my universe.*

<sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church;

*Jesus is my pastor and I am His minister.*

...he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead,

*Jesus is alive.*

...so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

*When Jesus is supreme in my life, my life matters.*

## Next Steps

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Over the past three weeks we've focused on the biblical truth that every believer is a minister. This week we challenge you to "commence" on a journey to discover how that applies to you personally. Here are some questions to consider:

- Have you sensed God telling you that you have something to offer for the good of others? What is it?
- Do you have a unique talent, passion or life experience (good or bad) that you could leverage to reach more people with the love of Jesus? What is it?
- Do you know others who share a common interest, life stage, or neighborhood who are not yet engaged in some kind of community? Would you be willing to partner with them to create community for others?
- Are you feeling disconnected or "alone in a crowd" and looking for meaningful ways to connect in Christian community?

If you can answer yes to any of these questions, our Community Life pastors and staff want to support you in fulfilling God's call on your life or help connect you to an existing community. Get the ball rolling by stopping by the Connection Point this weekend or by visiting [www.ctkbellingham.com/communitylife](http://www.ctkbellingham.com/communitylife).

## Small Group Questions

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- 1) How did you spend Memorial Day weekend?
- 2) Can you remember your high school or college commencement? What memories do you have of that new beginning?
- 3) Knowing that God created everything, how do you reconcile the pieces of you that (in your opinion) appear to be mistakes?
- 4) What does it mean that God sustains every part of your universe?
- 5) How has God sustained you in the past week?
- 6) How can we pray for you today?

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