

Christ Over All

Colossians 1: 15 – 19

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¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him,

Christ is God. V. 15.

- He refers to verse 13 – His (God's) beloved Son.
- The Image (εἰκὼν) of the invisible God.
 - He is the exact representation and manifestation.
 - Compare John 1: 18; John 14: 9; and Hebrews 1: 3.
- The firstborn (πρωτότοκος) of all creation.
 - This does not mean he is the first created (Arius and JW heresy.)
 - Firstborn relates to preeminence and rule over all.
 - Jesus fulfills Psalm 89: 27.

Christ is Creator. Vv. 16 – 17.

- In Christ, all things were created.
 - All things were created by Him and for Him.
- Christ is before all things again pointing to His preeminence.
- In Christ all things hold together.
 - It is Jesus Christ Who keeps the world together.
 - Because of Jesus gravity continues and atoms do not implode.
 - 2 Peter 3:7 speaks to the time when Jesus will stop holding all things together.

Christ is Head of the Church. Vv. 18 – 19.

- Christ is the head, originator and live giver of His church.
 - This proves the significance of the church since God, the Creator is also the Head of the church body.
- Christ is the firstborn (πρωτότοκος) from the dead.
 - Christ is the first to be “reborn” from death to never die again and the prototype for us, the church.
 - Christ is identified as having first place in everything.
- It is the Father’s good pleasure for all the fulness to dwell in Him. (cf 2: 9)

Conclusion

- Since Jesus is God Who was incarnate, we must place all our hope and trust in Him alone.
- Since Jesus Created all things, we must subject ourselves completely to Him trusting that He always has our best interest at heart.
- Since Jesus is the Head of the Church, we must be faithful to Him in church, recognizing the blessings that bring a life of contentment.
- Since all the fullness of Deity dwells in Christ, all we need is a relationship with Him.