

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Scriptures for Today: Colossians 1:15-17 – *Jesus Christ is the Creator; by Him all things consist*

Today's Message:

"Jesus our Creator"



INTRODUCTION

Last week, we gave thanks to God for three glorious blessings found in Jesus Christ – our inheritance, our deliverance, and our redemption! Amen. Today, we will be reminded that Jesus Christ is the one true God! In this short passage, the Holy Spirit will describe Him as the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature, the creator of all things, the One who is before all things and holds all of creation, the universe, and all things together by the word of His mouth, and the One who is Lord of all and is to have the preeminence! You must know who your Lord is. This is God's message to you and...

LEARNING TOGETHER

❖ The Text Colossians 1:15-17

A. The Image of the invisible God – Jesus Christ is described as God Himself!

1. Jesus Christ in not merely "like" God – He is **GOD** in a visible form (in a body).

Colossians 2:9

For in him dwelleth **all** the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

- Colossians 1:15 – Who is **THE IMAGE** of the invisible God...

"Image" Likeness, representation, or manifestation of any person or thing.
It is not merely a resemblance, but an exact expression.

Comparing Scriptures

- John 10:30 – I and my Father **are ONE**.
- Philippians 2:6 – Who, **being in the form of God... to be equal with God**.
- Hebrews 1:3 – Who **being THE BRIGHTNESS of his glory, and THE EXPRESS IMAGE of his person, and UPHOLDING ALL THINGS by the word of his power, when HE HAD BY HIMSELF purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;**

More Details

- God is **UNSEEN** John 1:18 – No man hath seen God at any time...
- God is a **SPIRIT** John 4:24 – God is a Spirit: and they that worship him...
- Jesus is **GOD**. John 14:9 – ... he that hath seen me hath seen the Father...
- Jesus is omnipotent (all powerful) – He showed God's authority over **nature** (calming a storm), over **disease** (healing), over **sin** (forgiving), and over **death!**
- Jesus' miracles were in fact manifestations of His divine presence and power.

Why important?

1. Christ is not a created being
2. He is the perfect image – identical in every detail.

"... the image of the invisible God..."

In Jesus Christ, the unseen God is made visible, the infinite becomes finite, and the Creator walks among His creation! To see Him is to see the Father; to know Him is to know eternal life. Do you know Him?

B. The Creator of all things – Jesus is before all things and Lord over all creation!

2. Jesus Christ is not created – He is the **CREATOR** and Lord over all that is!

Important Note

The word **firstborn** does not mean that Jesus was the first created being. It expresses His preeminence and authority over all creation!

- **Colossians 1:15** – ... the **FIRSTBORN** of every creature:
- **Colossians 1:16** – For **BY HIM** were **ALL THINGS** created, that are **in heaven**, and that are **in earth**, **visible** and **invisible**, whether they be **thrones**, or **dominions**, or **principalities**, or **powers**: **ALL THINGS** were **created** **BY HIM**, and **FOR HIM**:
- **Colossians 1:17** – And he is **BEFORE ALL THINGS**, and **BY HIM ALL THINGS** **CONSIST**.

Psalm 89:27

Also I will make him (David) my **firstborn**, higher than the kings of the earth.

- "Firstborn"** Refers to priority, supremacy, or status, not chronological birth.
- "Dominion"** An order of angels; the power of governing and controlling.
- "Principalities"** The territory of A PRINCE (**John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11** – prince of this world).
- "Powers"** Those invested with authority, rulers. ("principalities and powers")

Comparing Scriptures

- **Romans 8:38** – For I am persuaded... nor angels, nor **principalities**, nor **powers**...
- **Ephesians 3:10** – ... that now unto the **principalities** and **powers** in heavenly places...
- **Ephesians 6:12** – ... against **principalities**, against **powers**, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
- **Colossians 2:15** – And having spoiled **principalities** and **powers**...
- **Titus 3:1** – Put them in mind to be subject to **principalities** and **powers**... magistrates...
- Christ stands in the position of firstborn–supreme Heir and Ruler of all creation!

Ephesians 2:2

... according to **the prince** of the power of the air...

C. The Sustainer of all things – Jesus holds the entire universe(s) together!

3. Jesus Christ is not just Creator – He **HOLDS** it all together moment by moment.

- **Colossians 1:17** – And he is before all things, and **BY HIM ALL THINGS** **CONSIST**.

"Consist" To stand together; to be in a fixed or permanent state;
Hence, to be; to exist; to subsist; to be supported and maintained.

Comparing Scriptures

- **Hebrews 1:3** – ... and **UPHOLDING ALL THINGS** by the word of his power...
- **Nehemiah 9:6** – Thou...art **LORD** alone... **thou preservedst them all**...
- **Acts 17:28** – For in him we **live**, and **move**, and **have our being**...
- All things means **EVERYTHING** in God's created world!

... from galaxies to gravity, from atoms to angels... Jesus Christ holds all creation together!

Important Note

Creation was not a one-time act. Jesus Christ is not hands-off. Without Him, all things would disintegrate, collapse, or cease to exist.

Important Note

Every breath, every heartbeat, every law of nature depends upon His ongoing will.

"... by him all things consist."

If Jesus Christ withdrew His sustaining word for one instant, **ALL THINGS** would cease.
How does this help with your current struggles? You can literally trust Him with **ALL THINGS**!

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