

## NEW LIFE WITH CHRIST

The Book of Colossians

### ODE TO THE FIRSTBORN (1:15-20)

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## THE FIRSTBORN OF ALL CREATION (15-17)

[The Father's beloved Son]

is the **image** of the invisible God, [Genesis 1:1:27; 5:1]  
the **firstborn** of all creation.

**For** by him **all things** were created,

in heaven and on earth,  
visible and invisible,

whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities  
—all things were created **through** him and **for** him.

And he is **before** all things,

and in him all things **hold together**.

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### THE FIRSTBORN OF NEW CREATION (18-20)

And he is **the head** of the body, the church.  
 He is the **beginning**,  
 the **firstborn** from the dead,  
 that in everything **he** might be **preeminent**.  
 For in him all the **fullness** of God was pleased to  **dwell**,  
 and through him to **reconcile** to himself all things,  
 whether on earth or in heaven,  
**making peace** by the blood of his cross.

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### RESPONSE

- There is **no one like Jesus** in all the world religions or philosophies
- Christ as the sovereign Lord of the “**old world**” which now overlaps with the “**new world**”
  - As such, it is appropriate to worship Him both in the spheres of **Creation** and **Redemption**
  - In this, we are anticipating His **reconciling of the two** so that the two become one at His return
- As the book unfolds, we are instructed **how to live in the overlap** of the two as the newborn children of His Kingdom

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