

CHRIST IN HIS PERSON - **In the Divine Economy**

**2 - The One Having the Preeminence  
in All Things**

**✚ IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD (John 1:1)**

- Col. 1:15 - Who is the image of the invisible God, the **Firstborn of all creation**,
- Col 1:16 - Because in **Him all things were created**, in the heavens and on the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or lordships or rulers or authorities; all things have been **created through Him** and unto Him.
- Col 1:17 - And He is **before all things**, and all things cohere in Him;
- Col. 1:18 - And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the **Firstborn from the dead**, that He Himself might have the **first place in all things**;
- Col 3:11 - Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, freeman, but **Christ is all and in all**.

**✚ LET US OFFER UP A SACRIFICE OF PRAISE CONTINUALLY TO GOD (Heb. 13:15)**

**❖ Christ is the One having the preeminence in all things.**

- Christ, the **Firstborn of all creation**
- Christ is the first in creation
  - Christ is the Firstborn in the universe
  - Christ is everything in the universe

- Christ, the **Firstborn of all dead**

Act 2:24 – “Whom **God has raised up**, having loosed the pangs of death, since it was not possible for Him to be held by it.”  
[The resurrection of Christ is proof and assurance that He is coming back to judge all the inhabitants of the earth (Acts 17:31)]

- The new creation of God is by **resurrection**
  - He is the first in resurrection.
  - He is the first in the **new creation**, the **church**.
- Christ is the Firstborn in resurrection
  - He is everything in resurrection
- Christ is the preeminent in the new creation (2 Cor. 5:17)
- In the new creation there is room only for Christ.
- In the new man Christ **is** everyone and **in** everyone.

**❖ “That He might have the first place in all things.” Col.1:18**

- Christ **occupies** the first place in the new creation
- Christ is **first, preeminent**, in everything
- Christ is, **the first** both in the universe and in the church
- Christ to be, **the first is to be all**—CHRIST IS ALL AND IN ALL

**✚ WITH ONE ACCORD ... WITH ONE MOUTH GLORIFY THE GOD (Rom. 15:6)**

✚ In the divine economy Christ occupies the first place, the place of preeminence, in both the old creation and the new creation. Both in the universe and in the church Christ is the preeminent One.

✚ In all things **Christ must be the first**. He must have **the preeminence** in the **universe**, in the **church**, and in every aspect of our **daily living**.