

# “WORD OF LIFE”

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## CHRIST IN HIS PERSON - In Creation

### 3 - The **Firstborn** of All Creation

#### Hymn # 189

#### ✦ 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. 1:18 - 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**;
- Heb. 2:14 - Since therefore the children have **shared in blood and flesh**, He also Himself in like manner **partook of the same**, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil,
- Isa. 9:6 - For **a child is born** to us, A Son is given to us; And the government is upon His shoulder; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.
- Rev. 13:8 - And all those dwelling on the earth will worship him, *everyone* whose name is not written in the book of life of the Lamb who was **slain from the foundation** of the world.
- Rev. 3:14 - And to the messenger of the church in Laodicea write: These things says the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, **the beginning of the creation** of God:

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

#### ❖ Christ is **both** the **Creator** and a **Creature** He is both God and Man

- **Christ as God is the Creator.** (Psa. 102:25; Heb. 1:10)
  - Christ is eternal and **did not** need to be born
  - Our Christ **is** God,
  - has **always been** God,
  - and **always will be** God,
  - without beginning or ending
  - He is the uncreated, self-existing One
- **Christ as man is a creature** (Heb. 2:14)
  - Christ is the **first**;
  - Christ **shared** in blood and flesh, partook of the same
    - through **incarnation** He **became** a **man**
    - He shed His blood on the cross for our sins.
    - that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil
  - Christ is **part** of the creation.
    - He is the **preeminent** One in all creation,
    - He has the **first place** in all things.
    - He is the **first** among all **created** things, the **first** among all **creatures**.
- **Isaiah 9:6** says, “*Unto us a child is **born**,...and his name shall be called...The mighty God.*”
  - as the **mighty God** Christ is **eternal**,
  - as the **child** He had to be **born**.
- the “**Firstborn of all creation**” (Col. 1:15)
  - **In the sight of man**
    - Christ was born in **Bethlehem** approximately two thousand years ago.
    - He has a **beginning** in creation.
    - He has the **created** human nature
  - **In the sight of God**,
    - Christ was slain **from** the foundation of the world (Rev. 13:8)
    - that there is **no time element** with God

- According to God's perspective in eternity,
  - Christ has always been the first of all creatures.
  - Christ is the **Creator**, the **means** of creation, and the **first** among the creatures.
- God ordained
  - that He should become a **created man**.
  - that the Son should become **flesh** to accomplish redemption (1 Pet. 1:20).
  - that the Son is the **First One** among the creatures
  - that Christ is the first One created, the **Head** of all created ones.
  - that **with respect to His humanity** Christ is created and is the **Firstborn of all creation**

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

- ✚ The **two aspects of Christ**—He is both **God the Creator** and also **man, a creature**.
  - ✓ He is the great **I Am** and also the **Firstborn**.
  - ✓ He is **without** beginning and also **with** a beginning.
  - ✓ He is the **Creator** and that He became a **creature**,
  - ✓ He is **God** and became a **man**.
  - ✓ He is the **uncreated** God, and He is also a **created** man.
  - ✓ He is the **Lord of creation**, and He is also a **creature**,
  - ✓ even the **Firstborn of all creation**.

*(The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 25, point 3)  
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