

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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