

CHRIST IN HIS PERSON - **In Creation**

4 - The **Beginning** of the Creation

5 - All Things **Created in Him, through Him, and unto Him**

Hymn # 495/104/33

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

- 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:
- 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**.
- Rom. 1:20 - For the invisible things of Him, both His **eternal power** and **divine characteristics**, have been clearly seen since the creation of the world, being perceived by the things made, so that they would be without excuse;

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

❖ **The Beginning of the Creation**

- Christ is the **beginning** of the creation. (Rev. 3:14)
 - He is the **origination** of the creation of God.
 - He is the origination of God's **action** to create the universe.
- As the beginning of the creation Christ is God's "**prototype**."
 - Christ is the **Firstborn** of all creation and the **beginning** of creation.
 - He is the **first in creation**, and He is the **prototype**.
 - He is the beginning of what is to be **produced** (*of which we are*).

❖ **The process of creation was carried out in Christ, through Christ, and unto Christ (Col. 1:16)**

- "**in Him**" **is**, in the **power** of Christ's person
 - All things were created in the power of **what Christ is**.
 - All things were created in Christ as the **sphere** and the **element**.
- "**through Him**" **is**, that Christ is the active **instrument** through which the creation of all things was processed
- "**unto Him**" **is**, that Christ is the **goal**, the consummation, of all creation
- In this **process** God's power is expressed, made manifest. (Rom. 1:20)
 - The process of creation took place in Him, in the **power** of His person.
 - Christ is the unique power in the universe.
 - creation was processed in Him
 - not merely an **objective Creator**
 - but also the **subjective instrument** through which creation was processed
 - All creation bears the characteristics of Christ's intrinsic power.

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

- ✚ All things have been created **in** Christ, **through** Christ, and, ultimately, **unto** Christ.
- ✚ **Creation** is **not simply** for Him; it is **also** unto Him. **Creation** took place **in** the power of Christ's person, **through** Him as the **active instrument**, and **unto** Him as **its consummation**.
- ✚ Christ **expresses** God in creation.
- ✚ **Creation** expresses the characteristics of Christ, who is the image of the invisible God (Col. 1:15).