

“WORD OF LIFE”

May 29, 2022

28. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (8) – In Redemption

4. A Creature

Hymn: 189 / 190 / 39

✚ 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. 1:20 - And through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross—through Him, whether the things on the earth or the things in the heavens.
- Heb. 2:9 - But we see Jesus, who was made a little inferior to the angels because of the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death on behalf of everything.

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

❖ Christ is both the Creator and a creature

- As God He is the Creator
- As a man He is a creature.
 - He died not only as a man in the flesh, but also as a creature.
 - He is a man, a typical man with flesh and blood
 - Christ with respect to His humanity is a creature
- Christ is the Firstborn of all creation (Col. 1:15)
 - He is the first of all the creatures.
 - As the Firstborn, He is one of the many items of the creatures.
 - Christ is one of the creatures, not someone who is apart from the creatures.
- Christ's redemption is for all things, not only for man but also for all creation.
 - All created things in heaven and on earth have been reconciled to God (Col. 1:20).
 - Christ tasted death not only on behalf of every man but also on behalf of everything (Hebrews 2:9)
 - it was necessary for Him to be a man to accomplish redemption for man
 - it was necessary for Him to be a creature to accomplish redemption for all the creatures
 - it was necessary for Him to be the first of all creation in order for Him to redeem all creation

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

- ✚ When the Lord Jesus died on the cross, He died also as the Firstborn of all creation. Hence, through His death on the cross the entire old creation was dealt with.
- ✚ When the flesh of Christ was crucified, all the creatures borne by Him were crucified as well. Through the death of Christ, sin, sins, the flesh, the old man, and all the creatures were dealt with. His death truly was all-inclusive.