

Grace Valley bible Church
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Study: Book of Colossians (7)

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Text: Col.1:15-16
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Lesson: FIRSTBORN OF ALL CREATION

We are currently studying four lessons taken from Col.1:9-20 which are divided by the Greek colon.

1:9-12 – God's Inheritance

1:13-14 – Rescued and Transferred into Freedom

1:15-16 – Firstborn of All Creation

1:17-20 – Firstborn of the Dead

Remember the **Greek colon** requires the student to **review** what was previous taught (1:13-14). One thing that should be brought into 1 :15-16 is the title, **His Beloved Son**, to be applied to “**He** (*hos/ nsm relative pronoun*)” in 1:15.

Col.1:15 introduces the **Theology Thesis of 1:9-20** as well as the Book with these words, “**He** (*His Beloved Son*) **is the image of the invisible God.**”

Today's lesson will study **FIVE** aspects of the **Firstborn of All Creation**.

1. Paul taught that Jesus Christ was the exact visible image (eikon) of the **invisible** (*tou aoratos/ a=alpha privative and horao/ to see/ unseen*) **God**.

*“Now to the King eternal, **invisible**, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.” (1 Tim. 1:17)*

*“For **since the creation of the world** His **invisible** attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, **have been clearly seen**, being understood **through what has been made**, so that they are **without excuse.**” (Rom. 1:20)*

This was certainly true in the creation of Jesus Christ, His Beloved Son (*Luke 1:30-35/ immaculate conception by Holy Spirit/ Immanuel/ **God with us**/ Matt. 1:23; Isa. 7:14; Gen. 3:15; Rom. 16:20*).

2. Jesus Christ is the exact image (eikon) of the invisible God. At the Last Supper, *Philip said to Jesus, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” Their conversation is recorded in **John 14:8-21** (word to will to work even greater works).*

Before getting into their deep discussion, I want us to see how Jesus dealt with Philip's failure to cycling BASIC bible doctrine by faith when he didn't think it was relevant at the **time of hearing** it. He chose to let it go **in one ear and out the other**.

Before answering Philip, Jesus asked him three question to get him to refocus on faith cycling key BASIC doctrines for personal spiritual growth to have the answers inside (**John 14:9-10, 26**).

3. Note the repetitive word found in 1:15-16 _____ (ktisis). It is used three times to outline the Theology Thesis.

The first time it was used as the title of this lesson, "*Firstborn of All Creation (1:15).*"

The second time it was used to explain that "*By His Beloved Son All things were **created** (ktizo/ aorist p.ind.3ps/ punctiliar process can be seen in **days of creation**) **all things** (1:16).*"

The third time it was used to show **four categories** of what His Beloved Son created (1:16).

- Heavens and Earth – planet Earth Galaxy
- Visible and Invisible – vast universe outside Milky Way
- Thrones and Dominions - human
- Rulers and Authorities – angelic

*"All things **have been created** (ktizo/ perf.p.ind.3p/ completed process/ passive voice of Creator) through (dia+ablative of agency) Him and for (eis+ accusative) Him."*

4. Most of the time we never think of the **pre-existence of Christ** before He became Jesus. But Paul is making this a big point to Colossians.

At the birth of Jesus, an angel of Lord said to **Bethlehem shepherds**, "*For today in the city of David there has been **born for you a Savior**, who is Christ the Lord.*" (Luke 2:11; Matt. 1:23)

Prior to today's lesson, you may have not thought of Jesus as greater than creation. Even when you read of Jesus commanding the winds and waters to obey Him (Luke 8:22-25).

5. One thing we have learned today from Paul is that Christ existed apart from creation.

Jesus existed before existence as deity. Deity existed apart from creation (1 Tim.6:13-16).

*"Not that anyone has seen the Father, **EXCEPT the One who is from the God; He has seen the Father.**" (John 6:46)*

*"No one has seen God at any time; the Only Begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, **He has explained Him.**" (John 1:18)*

I caught **Eccl.3:15** in one of VP Harris' word salads. It didn't make sense because she didn't give credit to the source. "*That which is has been already and that which will be has already been, (she omitted) for God seeks what has passed by.*" (Eccl.3:14-15/ plagiarize)