

No Comparison

*An accurate picture of exactly who Jesus Christ is
Colossians 1:15-19*

Introduction:

The Text

15 And **He is** the image of the invisible God,
the first-born of all creation. 16 For *by Him* all things were
created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and
invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or
authorities-- all things have been created *by Him* and for
Him. 17 And **He is** before all things, and *in Him* all things
hold together.

18 **He is** also head of the body, the church;
and **He is** the beginning, the first-born from the dead; so
that *He Himself* might come to have first place in
everything.

19 For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fulness
to dwell *in Him*,

The Outline

Christ is God

Christ is Creator

Christ is Leader

Christ is Life

#1. Jesus Christ is your _____ —

Worship Him exclusively 15a

15 And He is the image of the invisible God,

Hebrews 1:3 *'the radiance of God's glory... 'the exact representation of His nature'.*

Philippians 2:6, *the very form of God*

John 14:9 *'He who has seen Me has seen the Father'.*

John 1:14, *we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father.*

#2. Jesus Christ is your _____ —

See Him correctly 15b-17

15 *the first-born of all creation.*

John 1:10 *...the world was made through Him*

Hebrews 1:2 *has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.*

What does firstborn mean?

- 1-How the word firstborn is used in scripture**
- 2-The meaning of the word firstborn**
- 3-The context surrounding firstborn in this verse**
- 4-The translation of the firstborn phrase**

So how is Christ preeminent in creation?

1st – Jesus Christ is the _____ of creation

16 *For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—*

Hebrews 1:13 *But to which of the angels has He ever said, "Sit at My right hand, Until I make Thine enemies A footstool for Thy feet"?*

2nd – Christ is the _____ of creation

16 *all things have been created by Him*

John 1:3 *All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.*

3rd – Christ is the _____ for Creation

16 *all things have been created by Him and for Him.*

Philippians 2:10-11 *at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

1 Corinthians 15:25 *For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.*

Romans 11:36 *For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.*

4th – Christ is _____ before Creation

17 *And He is before all things*

John 8:58 *Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am*

John 17:5 *And now, glorify Thou Me together with Thyself, Father, with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was.*

Micah 5:2 *But as for you, Bethlehem ... From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity.*

Revelation 22:13 *I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.*

5th – Christ is the _____ of Creation

17 *and in Him all things hold together.*

2 Peter 3:10 *But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.*

#3. Jesus Christ is your _____ —

Submit to Him obediently 18a

18 *He is also head of the body, the church;*

Colossians 2:19, *not holding fast to the head, from whom the entire body, being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments, grows with a growth which is from God*

How do you know a local church is following the head?

1-Is the church Christ centered, or people centered?

2-Is the church built upon Christ's leadership plan?

3-Is the church obediently following the Word of God?

4-Is the church pursuing God's priorities for the body?

5-Are the leaders committed to shepherding the flock and the members committed to serve one another?

Colossians 2:6 *As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,*

Colossians 3:24 *It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.*

#4. Jesus Christ is your _____ —

Love Him intensely 18b

18 *and He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; so that He Himself might come to have first place in everything.*

1st – Christ is the _____ of life

18 *and He is the beginning*

2nd – Christ is in _____ of Life and Death

18 *the first-born from the dead*

Revelation 1:18 *the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.*

3rd – Christ is the _____ of life

18 *so that He Himself might come to have first place in everything.*

John 10:10 *I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly.*

Romans 6:4 *we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life*

1 Corinthians 15:45 *The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.*

#5. Jesus Christ is _____ you'll ever _____!

Enjoy Him immensely 19

19 *For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fulness to dwell in Him*

Conclusion:

#1-Only Christ can give New _____ Now and Eternal _____Forever

#2-Christ is Bigger than your _____

#3-Return to your _____Love, Christ

#4-To _____is Christ, to Die is Gain