

Oxford Baptist Church – Feb 4, 2024 – Robin W. Pifer
Colossians – “Jesus God and Creator” – Col 1:15-17

Main Thought: Jesus Christ is God and the Creator of the Universe.

Introduction

- Ancient Hymn

Jesus Christ's relation to God.

- Col: 1:15 – “The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.”
- Jesus Is The Image of God | v15
 - John 1:1, 9-12, 14-18; Rom 1:20; 1 Tim 5:16; Heb 3:1-3; Col 2:3,9
 - Exact representation.
- The Firstborn of All Creation | v15
 - “Firstborn” denotes two things of Christ: He preceded the whole Creation, and He is Sovereign over all Creation. – Supreme One.

The Rescue From The Dominion Of Darkness | v12b-14

- Col 1:16 – “For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.”
- Jesus is the Creator of all Things | v. 16
 - Things in heaven – invisible.
 - Things on Earth – Visible.
 - Thrones, powers, rulers, or authorities.
 - All things created through him and for him.
 - Hebrews 1:6-8 – v. 6 – Let all God's angels worship Him.
 - Romans 1:21-23 – Sin moves us to worship the creation rather than the Creator God.
- Col 1:17 – “He is before all things, and in him, all things hold together.”
- Jesus Eternally Existed | v.17

- “No creature is autonomous. All are God's servants (Ps 119:91) and dependents (Ps. 104)” (Wright 1987:73).
- Jesus Sustains all Things | v17b
 - Hebrews 1:3 - Jesus Christ upholds all things by the word of His power.
 - If the Lord sustains and holds all things together in the universe; can he hold things together for you?

What is your Hymn of Response - Jesus Christ is God and the Creator of the Universe.

Questions for Personal and Group Discussion

1. What is your favorite Worship Hymn or Song? Why?
2. How does the teaching of Jesus Christ, the Image of God, impact your view of Jesus Christ?
3. Discuss the phrase “Firstborn of all Creation.” What shows that it is about position (Supreme One) rather than birth order or being created?
4. What does it mean that Jesus is the Creator of all things? How vast is the creative power of Christ?
5. Today people worship angels and spirit guides. What argument do Paul and the writer of Hebrews give to show that “Angel Worship” is false worship?
6. In Romans 1 we see the destructive process of sin and judgment when we do not worship the Creator Redeeming God. How do you see this downward sinful progression in our culture?
7. How does Paul show in this passage that everything Jesus Christ has created are “servants and dependents” on him?
8. Jesus Christ is the sustainer and holds all things together by His word. Why does this truth about Jesus impact our daily lives as a follower of Christ?
9. Take time to memorize this passage or write your own Hymn in praise that Jesus Christ is God and the Creator of the Universe.