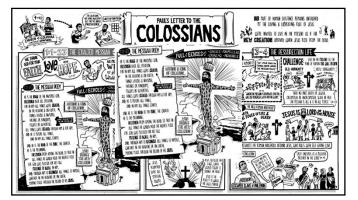
NEW LIFE WITH CHRIST

The Book of Colossians

ODE TO THE FIRSTBORN (1:15-20)

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THE FIRSTBORN OF ALL CREATION (15-17)

[The Father's beloved Son]

is the image of the invisible God, $^{[Genesis\,1:1:27;\,5:1]}$

the **firstborn** of all creation.

For by him all things were created,

in heaven and on earth,

visible and invisible,

whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities

—all things were created **through** him and **for** him.

And he is **before** all things,

and in him all things hold together.

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THE FIRSTBORN OF NEW CREATION (18-20)

And he is **the head** of the body, the church.

He is the beginning,

the firstborn from the dead,

that in everything **he** might be **preeminent**.

For in him all the **fullness** of God was pleased to **dwell**, and through him to **reconcile** to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven,

making peace by the blood of his cross.

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RESPONSE

- •There is **no one like Jesus** in all the world religions or philosophies
- •Christ as the sovereign Lord of the "old world" which now overlaps with the "new world"
- •As such, it is appropriate to worship Him both in the spheres of **Creation** and **Redemption**
- •In this, we are anticipating His **reconciling of the two** so that the two become one at His return
- •As the book unfolds, we are instructed **how to live in the overlap** of the two as the newborn children of His Kingdom

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