

Colossians 1:15-23 (Preeminent in Creation and the New Creation)

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Preeminent in Creation (1:15-17):

- “And He is the image of the invisible God”
- “the first-born of all creation”
- “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”
- “And He is before all things”
- “and in Him all things hold together”

Preeminent in the New Creation (*Reconciliation*) (1:18-23)

- “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”

- “For it was the Father’s good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him ”
- “and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross”
- “through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven”
- “And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds”
- “yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death”
- “in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—”
- “if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard,”
- “which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.”

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