

“Jesus – Firstborn Over All Creation”
Colossians 1:15-20, Pt. 2

I. The Son was the firstborn of creation?

- A. Does that mean God the Son had a *beginning*? Does that mean God the Son is *part of* creation?
- B. Some have concluded such things throughout church history:
 - 1. Arius in the 4th century.
 - 2. Jehovah’s Witnesses and Mormons today.

II. Properly Interpreting the Label of “firstborn” in Col. 1:15

- A. In relationship to other Biblical uses of the word, where it clearly means “preeminent” or “superior” and not “the first of something”:

Exodus 4:22 - Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the Lord, Israel is my firstborn son.’

Psalms 89:25–27 - ²⁵ “I shall also set his hand on the sea And his right hand on the rivers. ²⁶ “He will cry to Me, ‘You are my Father, My God, and the rock of my salvation.’ ²⁷ I also shall make him My firstborn, The highest of the kings of the earth.”

- B. In relationship to the context of Col. 1:16-17:
 - 1. The Son is the maker of *all* things, not all *other* things.
 - 2. The Son is before *all* things and holds *all* things together, not all *other* things.
- C. Conclusion: The Son is fully and eternally divine, superior to all creation.

John 1:1 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

III. Application: Are we giving the Preeminent One first place in our lives?