



CHRIST OVERFLOWING

Christ is the Creator

Colossians 1:15-17

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These questions are provided for your further study and application of Sunday's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of the study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about Bible Study Groups at Broadview Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please visit broadviewchurch.com/biblestudies or email us at contact@broadviewchurch.com.

1. Read Hebrews 1:1-3. How do those verses compare with Colossians 1:15? Is there any difference between the nature of Jesus Christ and the nature of God? What does this tell us about Christ?
2. In Colossians 1:15, Christ is called "the firstborn over all creation." In light of what is said in the next verse (v. 16), does the meaning of "firstborn" in this passage imply that Christ is the first thing God created? Read Ps. 89:27. In this verse, God uses the term "firstborn" to mean "preeminent" or "supreme in rank." What does this tell us about Christ?
3. Read John 1:1-3 and Colossians 1:16. According to these passages, what title might be given to Christ? What would be some examples of things Christ created that are "invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities?" What does it mean that all things have been created "for him?"
4. According to Colossians 1:17 and John 1:1-2, was there ever a time in which Jesus Christ did not exist? The last part of Colossians 1:17 also teaches that Christ is the One who sustains all things. What do you believe this means for creation? What does this mean for your life?

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15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For everything was created by him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and by him all things hold together.

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