

# Colossians

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**Colossians 1:15-18 (NIV)** <sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

<sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

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## Judaism-

**Colossians 2:16 (NIV)** <sup>16</sup> Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day.

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## Gnosticism-

**Colossians 2:18 (NIV)** <sup>18</sup> Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you for the prize. Such a person goes into great detail about what he has seen, and his unspiritual mind puffs him up with idle notions.

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## Asceticism-

**Colossians 2:21 (NIV)** <sup>21</sup> "Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!"?

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"<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God."

**Hebrews 1:3a (NIV)** <sup>3</sup> The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being,

**John 14:9 (NIV)** <sup>9</sup> "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

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**John 1:18 (NIV)** <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

*"Hark, The Herald Angels Sing,"  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail the Incarnate Deity*

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### **A. He is the First-born v.15b**

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**Isaiah 40:26 (NIV)** <sup>26</sup> Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

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**Psalm 147:4 (NIV)** <sup>4</sup> He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.

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### C. He is the Purpose v.16b

*"There is not one square inch in the entire universe of which Christ cannot say, 'This is Mine!'"*

"there's not a plant or flow'r below but makes Thy glories known."

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### D. He is the Origin v.17a

"He is before all things."

**John 1:1 (NIV)** <sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

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**E. He is the Sustainer v.17b.**

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### A. He is the Head. v.18a

"He is the head of the body, the church."

**Ephesians 1:22-23 (NIV)** <sup>22</sup> And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.



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## III. Jesus is the CEO of the Church. v.18

### B. He is the First-born from the dead. v.18b

"He is the beginning, the first-born from among the dead."

#### 1. He assures judgment on the non-compliant.

**Acts 17:31 (NIV)** <sup>31</sup> For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."

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**John 2:19 (NIV)** <sup>19</sup> ..."Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

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**1 Cor 15:16-17, 20** <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. <sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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**1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV)** <sup>58</sup> Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

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