

The Two Creations—Colossians 1:15-20

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Paul uses a first-century hymn to exalt Jesus Christ as Lord over two creations, the first and the new. This central feature of the work of Christ helps us to appreciate why He is indeed everything the believer needs for life and godliness.

Stanza 1 (vv. 15-16): Christ, the Supreme Agent of Creation

Who is...the firstborn (*prōtotokos*) of all creation

For (*hoti*) the all was created...

in (<i>en</i>) Him...	}	in (<i>en</i>) the heavens...
through (<i>dia</i>) Him...		upon (<i>epi</i>) the earth
unto (<i>eis</i>) Him...		

Interlude (vv. 17-18a)

Stanza 2 (vv. 18b-20): Christ, the Supreme Agent of Redemption

Who is...the firstborn (*prōtotokos*) from the dead *in order that* He might be first place/preeminent in all

For (*hoti*) the all dwells/is reconciled...

in (<i>en</i>) Him...	}	upon (<i>epi</i>) the earth...
through (<i>dia</i>) Him...		in (<i>en</i>) the heavens
unto (<i>eis</i>) Him...		

The First Creation

The New Creation

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