FIRSTBORN OF-ALL CREATION

"He is the Image of the Invisible God, **the Firstborn of-All Creation**. For through Him were all things created, all that are in the heavens, and all that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers. All things were created through Him, and for Him. And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. And He is the Head of the Body, the Church. He is the **Beginning**, the **Firstborn from the Dead**; so that in all things He might have the preeminence; for it pleased the Father that in Him should all the fulness dwell." (Colossians 1:15-19)

Firstborn: from the Greek word *prototokos* which means "first-born, the eldest; the first to be born among other children who follow afterwards; properly - first in time." (from two greek words: *protos* which means "first, **chief**, **foremost**, **or pre-eminent**" and *tikto* which means "bring forth", thus begat, or give birth")

Firstborn: The firstborn 'by choice' rather than birth order. Examples: Concerning David, God says, "Also I will make him <u>My firstborn</u>, higher than the kings of the earth." (see Psalm 89: ...27...) - Concerning Ephraim God says, "I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is <u>My firstborn</u>." (Jeremiah 31:9) - Concerning Israel God says, "...Thus says the LORD, Israel is My son, even <u>My firstborn</u>." (Exodus 4:22)

of-All: from the Greek word **pas** which means: "all, the whole, every kind of." ("each, every") means "all" in the sense of "each (every) part that applies."

Creation: from the Greek word *ktisis* which means: creation (the act or the product); properly, creation (creature) which is founded from nothing.

This title of Jesus, the **Firstborn of all Creation**, is all-inclusive concerning the Creation, and is exemplified by what immediately follows:

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Furthermore, the meaning of this title is made more clear by the content of these verses; especially by the statement: "so that in all things He (Jesus) might have <u>the</u> <u>preeminence</u>."

Within the context of the verses, Colossians 1:15-19, Jesus is the <u>preeminent choice</u> of God through whom all creation was created; thus this title of Jesus: **the** <u>**Firstborn**</u> **of-All Creation**!

Jesus is ...

the Firstborn of All Creation

Gods Preeminent Choice through whom all Creation was Created! Jesus is Before all Creation, and through Jesus all Creation is held together! In all of God's Creation Jesus is Preeminent - Always and Always! Jesus is the Head of the Body, the Church all those Believers who are "New Creations in Christ Jesus!"

"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You have Created all things, and by Your will they are, and were created." (Revelation 4:11)

Thank You Jesus – Always and Always !!