

*'First, Last, Everything'
(Colossians 1:15-20)*

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The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 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. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

What would we see 'in the beginning?'

*Christ the FIRST in creation
Christ the LAST WORD in new creation
Christ's authority over EVERYTHING*

Christ the FIRST in creation (1:15-17)

*He has created it – and you
Creation was made for him – including you
He holds 'all things together' – even you*

Christ the LAST WORD in new creation (1:18-20)

*You're IN the adventure in Christ
You're NOT IN CHARGE in Christ
You're RECONCILED in Christ*

Christ cares and can have authority over EVERYTHING

One place requires your permission. . .