

“For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.”

Colossians 1:16-17. NKJ

Jesus Created All Things. That is the statement Paul is making. Think about this fact .

Genesis says “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). Jesus created all things and God created the heavens and earth. Jesus is God. There are three in the godhead: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit from the viewpoint of our salvation through the death of Jesus. Jesus became the Son of God at His conception in the womb of Mary. He was and is eternal but gave up the equality with God the Father to give His life so we can have the possibility of forgiveness (Philippians 2:5-11). Yes, that is hard for us to comprehend.

The apostle John, inspired by the Holy Spirit said, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made” (John 1:1-3). John identified ‘the Word’ as Jesus: “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14).

These inspired statements shed light upon certain doctrines presented by specific religious groups. When people want to teach you about Jesus, ask specific questions about Jesus being eternal and being deity. The information they give you will help you discern whether they are correct or not.

The statement of Paul (above text box) also emphasizes Jesus’ authority. He is greater than all, both the physical world and the ‘invisible’ world (spiritual). Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18). When we read the revelation Jesus gave through the apostles and prophets we should be diligent to follow His will very carefully. Jesus lived under the law of Moses sinlessly and fulfilled it (Hebrews 4:15). The law of Moses is no longer binding (Romans 7:1-7). Jesus mediated a new covenant, and it is that covenant to which all of humanity is subject (Hebrews 9). Jesus has all judgment, and His words will judge us in the day of judgment (John 5:22; 12:48).

The New Testament teaches that qualified men are to be appointed as overseers of one congregation (1 Timothy 3; Titus 1; Philippians 1:1; Acts 14:23). There is no authority for any organization above the individual congregation, so we cannot have one. The New Testament teaches us to assemble on the first day of the week and what to do in our assembly (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11, 14, 16:1-2). We cannot change the day or the actions we are to accomplish in the assembly. The New Testament teaches that baptism is a burial (Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:11-14), so sprinkling or pouring is not authorized. The blood bought covenant of Jesus teaches that we are saved, forgiven of sins, when we are baptized into Christ (Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Acts 2:38; 22:16). All these are teachings of the new covenant and are the instructions (commands) of Jesus. He declares what is right and what is wrong. Consider Galatians 5:16-26 and Colossians 3 for two passages in which a distinct difference is drawn between that which is right and that which is wrong. Read the entire New Testament and walk in the path Jesus has given.

The truth Paul taught above (in the text box above) is from God. A person may disagree but their disagreement does not nullify the truth God has given. Walk in the truth given to humanity from heaven.