

Identifying The Baby Jesus

Colossians 1:15-20

Intro: A song was heard at Christmas, To wake the midnight sky, Angels sang of a Savior's birth, who is Christ the Lord; Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men (Luke 2:14). Who was this baby born in Bethlehem's manger over 2,000 years ago? He was the Divine Son of God come in flesh—the union of deity and humanity!

I. His Preexistence With The Father (vv. 15; 2:9)

- A. Christ is “the image of the invisible God” (v. 15a)
- B. Christ is “the firstborn of all creation” (v. 15b)



II. His Prominence In Creation (vv. 16-17)

- A. Christ is the Agent of creation (v. 16a)
- B. Christ is the goal of creation (v. 16b)
- C. Christ is the Sustainer of creation (v. 17)

III. Christ's Preeminence Over The Church 1:18, 20)

- A. Christ is head of the body, the church (v. 18a)
- B. Christ is firstborn from the dead (v. 18b)
- C. Christ provides reconciliation (v. 20)

Conclusion:

Christmas is about the Divine Son of God, Jesus Christ, coming into the world to pay the penalty for sin and pave the way for salvation. The prophet Isaiah wrote: “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light . . .” (Isaiah 9:2). The Light of the World continues to shine for all who will choose to believe, take up their cross and follow the Lord Jesus Christ.