Him." In the Greek New Testament it would literally be "in Him," "Were all things created." This just denotes the historical fact that all things were created. In the Greek it is a little stronger. It says, "For in Him were the all things created." It is pointing out every single thing. "In Him," that is Jesus was the responsible cause "of the all things being created." Then he goes on to say, "that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible." Paul says, Now think about all of the visible things, the things that are open to view in heaven, every single thing that you can see with your eye. Everything that you can see with your eye, Jesus is responsible for it being in existence. Think of everything in heaven that you cannot see with your eye. You can get powerful telescopes and you can look with them, but still there are many things that you cannot see with your eye, and every single thing in heaven, not only what you can see with your eye or as you use the telescope, but every single thing that you cannot see, is in existence because Jesus brought it into existence.

Then he says, Not only in heaven, but on earth. "The all things in heaven, visible and invisible, the all things that are on earth, visible and invisible." Think of all the things on earth that you can see with your eye. There is not a thing that wasn't made by Jesus. But there are a lot of things in the earth that you cannot see with your eye that are hidden in the earth. All of those things were made by Jesus as well. He is the responsible cause for every single thing being in existence in heaven and earth, both visible and invisible. Then he adds these words, "Whether they be thrones." This probably refers to a rank of angels. "Thrones"--those who possess dominion and exercise authority, beings who do that. "Whether they be thrones, or dominions," that is, those who possess