

Now, I want you to notice something. Paul makes it very clear that in no way is Jesus part of the creation. Do you see the difference that Paul makes between Jesus and the creation? He says, now here is Jesus. In no way is He a part of the creation. He produced the creation in the fullest sense of the word. He preceded the creation. Before anything was ever created, there was Jesus. He preserves the creation. Paul makes a difference between Jesus and the creation, and he shows us in this context that Jesus is not a part in any way of the creation. He produced it, He preceded it, He preserves it, but He is not a part of it. He is not a created being.

Now, those who want to take the "firstborn of all creation" to mean that Jesus is part of the creation and that after He was created all the other things were created have a problem with verses 16 and 17. You know what they try to do? This is what frequently happens when you want to twist the Scripture to make it mean something other than it really means. They have to insert another word in there. They take one word and insert it four different times. The word is "other." You see, they are up against it. Paul makes a difference between the creation and Jesus so that Jesus is not a part of it. So here is what they have to do when they want to take the "firstborn of all creation" to mean that Jesus is a created being. They say, Now verse 16 says that Jesus is the firstborn of all creation; that is, He is a created being. Why? Because in Him were "the all things created." Now if Jesus is the cause of everything created He obviously did not create Himself, He was not the responsible cause of Himself being created. So, what they have to do is to put in the word "other" to make it clear that Jesus was created but this is talking about all the rest of the creation apart from Jesus. What they do is say, "the firstborn of all creation, for by Him or in Him were all