

COLOSSIANS PART VI

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- 1) NIV** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
- 2) NKJV** in whom we have redemption through His blood, [fn]the forgiveness of sins. (removed in FN)
- 3) KJV** **wow! still #3??** (must be all those big white family Bibles)
- 4) NLT** God has purchased our freedom with his blood [fn] and has forgiven all our sins. (removed in FN)
- 5) ESV** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
- 6) Holman Christian Standard Bible** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
- 7) NASB** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
- 8) The Message** the Son who got us out of the pit we were in, got rid of the sins we were doomed to keep repeating.
- 9) Reina Valera (1960) (Spanish)** in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.
- 10) NIV (readers version)** Because of what the Son has done, we have been set free. Because of him, all of our sins have been forgiven.

3 other popular versions:

- (RSV) in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**
- (NAB - Roman Catholic) Through him we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins**
- (NWT - Jehovah's Witnesses) by means of whom we have our release by ransom, the forgiveness of our sins.**

WHY IS THIS A BIG DEAL?? This change eliminates the MEANS BY WHICH THE REDEMPTION AND FORGIVENESS IS MADE POSSIBLE Without the BLOOD in the verse, how do you know what to TRUST IN for said redemption????

1 COR 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

HOW DO YOU PREACH REDEMPTION AND FORGIVENESS WITHOUT THE **BLOOD** OF THE CROSS??

ROM 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

EPH 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

verses 15-19 look like a slam dunk for us believers on the Deity of the LJC, but the Devil is crafty...

15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

1) Who is the image of the invisible God (cross reference) JOHN 4:24 God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth.

JOHN 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. **7** If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. **8** Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. **9** Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father?

COL 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

Last half of the verse: **the firstborn of every creature:**

This is a favorite tool of Jehovah's Witnesses to try to prove Christ is NOT God, so I want to take some time and look this verse over very carefully. Mormons also use this verse as well. They take the word 'firstborn' and assume that Jesus is a created being.

Remember also that this kind of teaching that Jesus is Not Divine or some kind of a lesser god can be traced all the way back to the Late 3rd and early 4th century AD to a man called Arius (arian heresy)

The Muslim religion also agrees with this Arian Heresy. Muhammad has Jesus as an important prophet, but not divine and should not be prayed to.

Now we as ambassadors are supposed to be skilled workman and SHOULD be able to **2 Tim 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season;** and Eph 6 **to boldly make known the mystery of the Gospel.**

Part of our job as ambassadors is to be able to defend and prove the Deity of the Lord Jesus from Scripture

In what sense can Christ be firstborn? God has always existed. How can he be born? If you're thinking the baby in the manger.....you are wrong.

To understand FIRSTBORN here we need to look closely at the word 'Begotten'

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

I bet 99 out of 100 church-goers you ask would tell you that 'begotten' happened in Bethlehem.

Turn to Acts 13:33. (Paul preaching to Jews in the synagogue at Antioch) verse 28-30, Paul declares the Death, Burial, and Resurrection ala **1 Cor 15**, then

ACTS 13:33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, **this day** have I begotten thee. **34** And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, *now no more to return to corruption*, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David.

35 Wherefore he saith also in another *psalm*, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One **to see corruption**. **36** For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption: **37** But he, whom God raised again, saw **no corruption**. **38** Be it known unto you therefore, men *and* brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

cross-reference is Psa 2:7 for Acts 13:33

Rom 1:3-4 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; And declared [to be] the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, **by the resurrection from the dead**:

So we see here from Acts 13 and Rom 1 that Jesus was not begotten in Bethlehem!

John 3:16, when spoken by the L.J.C. in his earthly ministry was yet and still PROPHECY!

My Answer: from the immediate context and other Scriptures we'll look at: Firstborn means the firstborn from the DEAD, i.e. The first One to have died, and to resurrect, NEVER to die again. To NO MORE return to corruption.

The first to have victory over Death Hell and the Grave.....the first to say **1 COR 15:55** O death, where [is] thy sting? O grave, where [is] thy victory? to which WE reply, But thanks [be] to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Immediate Context of the verse Shows this as well:

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Side note:

Verse 20 ALL THINGS consists of earth, heaven. The Blood of Calvary's Cross made possible the earthly kingdom AND the heavenly kingdom. 2 things on the same day!!! CROSS REFER to EPH 1:10 That in the dispensation of the **fulness of times** he might gather together in one **all things** in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; [even] in him:

No verse in the Bible that says the 3 words, Jesus Is God. (Closest you'll get is John 1)

JESUS IS THE CREATOR

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**2** The same was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. **14** And the Word was made

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.

Clearly declares Christ as God and the Creator of all things. Perfectly consistent with **Col 1:16** For by him were **all things** created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: (GEN 1:3 should be **red letters!** let there be light)

Now for Jehovah References: **ISA 44:24** Thus saith the LORD (YHWH), thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, **I am** the LORD that maketh all *things*; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;

ISA 45:18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I [am] the LORD; **and [there is] none else.**

JESUS ACCEPTED WORSHIP:

Jesus says worship ONLY GOD **Luke 4:7** If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. **8** And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and **him only** shalt thou serve.

during ministry **MATT 8:2** And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

after resurrection: **MATT 28:9** And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

Jesus is the "I AM"

EXODUS 3:13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What *is* his name? what shall I say unto them? **14** And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM:** and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you. **15** And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this *is* **my name** for ever, and this *is* my memorial unto all generations.

JOHN 8:56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw *it*, and was glad.

57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? **58** Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, **I AM.** **59** Then took they up stones to cast at him:

ISA 48:12 Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I [am] he; I [am] the first, I also [am] the last.

REV 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. **17** And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: **18** I *am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

JESUS/God is the same yesterday, today, and forever:

PSA 102: 12 But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations. **16** When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory. **25** Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens *are* the work of thy hands. **26** They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: **27** But

thou *art* **the same**, and thy years shall have no end.

MAL 3:6 For I [am] the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

HEB 13:8 **Jesus Christ** the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

THE SAVIOUR IS GOD AND GOD IS YOUR SAVIOUR

Glenn Beck: Jesus is my Saviour, but NOT GOD. (j-dub and mormons are wrong!)

LUKE 1:67 And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying, 68 Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, 69 And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; 70 As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: **76** And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; **77** To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, **78** Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,

Hey, Glenn Beck, and Mit Romney, Were these angels LYING??

LUKE 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is **Christ the Lord**.

MATT 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, **God with us**.

1) Jesus is the Saviour

2 TIM 1:10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our **Saviour** Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

PHILL 3:20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the **Saviour**, the Lord Jesus Christ:

ACTS 3:14 But ye denied the **Holy One** and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

2) Jehovah God is the Saviour

ISA 43:3 For I [am] the LORD thy God, the **Holy One** of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt [for] thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. **10** Ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I *am* he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. **11** I, *even* I, *am* the LORD; and beside me *there is* no saviour. **15** I *am* the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your **King**. - see Rev 17 & 19, CHRIST is the King of kings and Lord of lords.

ISA 45: 21 Tell ye, and bring *them* near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? *who* hath told it from that time? *have* not I the LORD?

and *there is* no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; *there is* none beside me. **22** Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else. **23** I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my

mouth *in* righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. **24** Surely, shall *one* say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: *even* to him shall *men* come; and all that are incensed against him shall be

ashamed. **25** In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory. **ISA 49:26**and all flesh shall know that I the LORD [am] thy **Saviour** and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

1 Tim 4:10 For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men,

WHAT THEN CAN WE CONCLUDE??

CHRIST IS GOD!

Rom 14:10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of **Christ**. 11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to **God**.