

Our Redeemer is our Creator and Re-creator
(Col 1:15-20)

He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.

For by him all things were created:
things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;
all things were created by him and for him.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

And he is the head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead,
so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether things on earth or things in heaven,
by making peace through his blood,
shed on the cross.

1. What strikes you about this passage?
2. What do we learn about Jesus in lines 3-6?
3. What does the repetition of “all things” suggest (lines 3, 6, 7, & 12)?
4. What does it mean that Jesus “holds together” and reconciles all things?
5. Why is it significant to have our redeemer be our creator and re-creator?
6. How should this affect the way we live?