

Treasure Hunt

Col 1:15-20

- Who is giving thanks in Col 1:3?
- Nate: Who is giving thanks in Col 1:12-20?
- Michael: In what two areas is our Lord called “firstborn”?
- What OT verse lies behind 1:15?
- What word in that verse does the title “firstborn” reflect?
- Ben: Can you give some examples of people or nations that are called “firstborn” even though they were born later than others?
- Elijah: What does the word “principalities” refer to?
- How is the word “beginning” in 1:18 translated elsewhere in Colossians?
- Caitlin: In the OT, what do rulers (“principalities”) lose when they die?
- Faith: How do we know that the Lord Jesus is different?

Christ the Firstborn

Heb. 1:6 And again, when he bringeth in the **firstbegotten** into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

Col. 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the **firstborn from the dead**; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Rev. 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the **first begotten of the dead**, and the prince of the kings of the earth.

+ Matt 1:25; Luke 2:7; Col 1:15

Overview of Colossians

1:3-20, Prayer

3a, We **give thanks**

3b, **Praying** always

4-8, Since we **heard**

9a, Since the day we **heard**

9b-11, we ... do not cease to **pray** for you

12-20, **giving thanks** ...

12-13, the Father ...

14, we ...

15-20, the Son ...

- 15-17, ... and the Creation
- 18-20, ... and the Church

Our Firstborn Lord

15-17, the Son and the Creation	18-20, the Son and the Church
15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:	18b who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.
16 For by him were all things created,	19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;
that are in heaven, and that are in earth , visible and invisible, ...	20b by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.
all things were created by him, and for him:	20a And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself;
17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.	18a And he is the head of the body, the church:

The Image of the Invisible God ...

Gen. 1:26a And God said,
Let us make man **in our image**, after our likeness:
...



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The **firstborn** of every creature

Ex. 4:22 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even **my firstborn**:

Jer. 31:9 for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my **firstborn**.

Psa. 89:27 Also I will make him my **firstborn**, higher than the kings of the earth.

Gen. 1:26b ... and let them **have dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Col 1:16 “Principalities”

Titus 3:1 Put them in mind to be subject to **principalities** and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,

Eph. 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against **principalities**, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.



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1:18 ... who is Beginning



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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:

Col. 2:10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all **principality** and power:

Col. 2:15 And having spoiled **principalities** and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

The Grave makes us All Equal



Ezek 32:17 It came to pass also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth day of the month, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 18 Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt, and cast them down, even her, and the daughters of the famous nations, unto the nether parts of the earth, with them that go down into the pit. 19 **Whom dost thou pass in beauty? go down, and be thou laid with the uncircumcised.** 20 They shall fall in the midst of them that are slain by the sword: she is delivered to the sword: draw her and all her multitudes.

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Is. 14:4 That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased! ... 9 Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones ἄρξαντες of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. 10 All they shall speak and say unto thee, **Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us?** 11 Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.

What Makes the Difference?

Psa. 16:9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. 10 For thou wilt not ~~leave~~ abandon my soul ~~in~~ to hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Phil. 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Phil. 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

Phil. 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



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