

All Things Were Created BY JESUS CHRIST  
And FOR JESUS CHRIST  
And This Includes YOU

Colossians 1:16c

Colossians 1:15-16

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

16 **because by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth,** That is by JESUS CHRIST, came the **energy** to bring all things into existence.

One of the big issues with evolution is what brought about 'life'? In any form?

What was it that went from nothing to 'life'?  
Something alive?

It demands great **energy, power** and a **plan** to bring into existence the galaxies and to set them up as they are established. It demands greater Faith to assume that somehow all things that are in existence just came about by some big explosion (**Big Bang**). Where did the **energy** come from to even bring about this powerful 'Bang'?

Now why not mention **Mercury? Venus? Mars? Jupiter? Saturn? Uranus? or Neptune?** No, he does not mention any of the planets in our solar system, none except **Earth!**

**Earth** is the divinely designated place of the **ANGELIC CONFLICT. THE INVISIBLE WARFARE.** This is the planet that God set apart for the conflict and the history of mankind.

*Today man tries his best to **counter** everything in the Word of God. Like morality, what constitutes a family, etc. And this last week **Stephen Hawkins** (supposedly the smartest man on earth) said that the **only future** for the human race was to go out into space to the other planets.*

Well, people you can rest assured that this planet is the beginning and end of the conflict.

Oh, yes there are other planets in our solar system and there are multitude of other galaxies but this is the one of the conflict.

Satan is using all this interest in other planets and all the money to get to other planets to distract from what is really going on right here on planet earth.

Now what is interesting is the preposition modifying Earth, **ON Earth**. So not only did JESUS CHRIST create this Earth but everything on it, animate and inanimate.

**Because by Him** (JESUS CHRIST) **all things were created, both in the Heavens** (this covers all the galaxies) **and on Earth**.

**Visible and Invisible:** JESUS CHRIST created—brought into existence out of nothing—everything visible and everything invisible. **Visible** of course includes everything we can see but emphasizes *mankind*, while **Invisible**, includes everything we cannot see but emphasized *angelic*, or **spiritual**.

Next, we have four descriptions of those **Invisible** beings. These four words are used to describe orders or ranks of angels. There is no equality among angels, elect or fallen. This list the angels in order of authority or power.

And while this is a list of angelic order, there are differences between each category of angels listed. And this list is not confined to either fallen or elect angels. There is no equality in either category of angels, elect or fallen.

**Whether thrones, or dominions, or rulers or authorities:** All four of these following these Greek word **whether** are grouped together, as classes of supernatural or angelic beings.

It is so vitally important that we realize that we struggle against forces that we cannot even see. This is why it is so important that we concentrate on JESUS CHRIST. The ONE God sent so that we could see the Invisible God.

**Thrones:** This English word is a transliteration of the Greek word **thronos** and is used to indicate the highest class of angelic beings, referring to those that sit in a position of ruling.

**Dominions:** This Greek word comes from the root word for ‘**lord**’ and refers to mighty one; **dominion, power** or **authority**. This word is also used in Paul’s description of the angelic order in Ephesians 1:20-21

20 **which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places*,**

21 **far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.**

**Rulers:** This is an interesting Greek word, it basically means *beginning*. “Spoken by metonymy of persons indicating not time but priority and preeminence.”

As in beginning or first or in priority of position. The King James translates this **principalities**, that is having the authority of a prince.

**Authorities:** This refers to authority to do something specific. In reference to ELECT ANGELS, all through Revelation, angels are called on by God to do specific things, like pouring the 7 bowl judgments. And in reference to FALLEN ANGELS we saw how in Daniel 10, fallen angels kept the message from God to reach Daniel for 21 days.

This word is used to describe one of the orders of angels in Ephesians 1:20-21

20 **which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places*,**

21 **far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.**

Paul also uses this word to describe angels order in Ephesians 3:10

10 **so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.**

Peter also uses this designation of ORDERS OF ELECT ANGELS in 1 Peter 3:22

22 **JESUS CHRIST ... who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after **angels** and authorities and **powers** had been subjected to Him. (this seems to include elect and fallen angels)**

This word is used to describe an order of fallen angels In Colossians 2:15-16

15 **When He (JESUS CHRIST) had disarmed the **rulers** and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.**

You will also note that in this list of ORDERS OF FALLEN ANGELS is included along with **authorities** also **rulers** which is the same word we have in Colossians 1:16.

16 **because by Him all things were created (brought into existence out of nothing) both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether **thrones**, or **dominions** or **rulers** or **authorities**...**

There are so many other passages and things we need to know concerning the Order of Angelic Beings both Elect And Fallen.

A very important passage in regard to the order of fallen angels and our daily lives is Ephesians 6:12

**For our**

(includes everyone who has believed in JESUS CHRIST as their savior)

**struggle**

(This is an interesting word; it refers to one on one, as with wrestlers, or hand to hand combat, where the entire army is not at issue but each individual.)

**For our struggle** (that is our hand to hand combat in daily life) **is not against flesh and blood,** (is not against your husband/wife or parents or children, etc.)

**but against** (And here we have four orders of fallen angels listed for us) **the RULERS, against the POWERS, against the WORLD FORCES OF THIS DARKNESS, against the SPIRITUAL FORCES OF WICKEDNESS in the heavenly places**

**Why does the Christian life sometimes seem unbearable?**

Well, look at what we have to fight against.

Invisible, angelic rulers, powers, world forces of darkness and spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenlies—this refers to both the **FIRST** and **SECOND HEAVENS**.

**This word is used to denote the struggle between individual combatants in distinction from an entire military campaign.**

So here this refers to our individual struggles day in and day out of our lives. And people this is not referring to the hand to hand combat, the struggle between you and your husband or wife, nor is it referring to the struggle between you and your children. Or you and anyone in the Local Church, etc.

This is talking about a struggle against **INVISIBLE OPPONENTS**.  
**For our struggle is not against flesh and blood,**  
**but against the rulers,**  
**against the powers,**  
**against the world forces of this darkness,**  
**against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.**

Now I know some of you are saying, well this explains a lot that is going on in my life... while others are vehemently protesting, great how am I suppose to struggle in hand to hand combat against someone I cannot even see? This is greatly unfair.

So as we examine this struggle we all have in the **ANGELIC CONFLICT**. The most important thing you need to remember is that **God has supplied you with the ability to win** every struggle against Invisible forces.

He has supplied you with the **Indwelling** of the **Holy Spirit**.

Galatians 3:5

5 **So then, does He who provides you** (correct reading) **He who graciously supplies you with the Spirit** (Holy Spirit) **and even ~~works miracles~~ working power among in you, do it by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?**

So everyone of you has the **Holy Spirit** in you.

1 John 4:4

4 **You are from God, little children, and have overcome them;** (Spirits or Demons or those who speak as through the demons—those we are in struggle with daily) **you have overcome them because greater is He who is in you** (that is God the Holy Spirit) **than he who is in the world.**

So while this struggle is hand to hand combat struggle daily in the Christian life, you can win every time if you will but trust this one who is in you—(Faith in the Holy Spirit).

Colossians 1:16

16 **because by Him all things were created** (brought into existence out of nothing) **both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones, or dominions or rulers or authorities--all things have been created through Him and for Him.**

**All things have been created:** Perfect Passive Indicative. The Passive voice tells us that the all things received being created – brought into existence by JESUS CHRIST.

The Indicative Mood states the reality of creation of all things by JESUS CHRIST.

In the first phrase of this verse we had the Aorist tense, **by Him the all things were created** while here we have the Perfect tense. The Aorist simply declares the act by JESUS CHRIST of original creation, while the Perfect tense is used here to declare the permanence of His creation.



**Through Him:** That is through the agency of JESUS CHRIST or by means of JESUS CHRIST.

This is a confirmation of what has already been stated in the first part of this verse ***for by Him all things have been created.*** It is repeated to give emphasis to the fact that even the invisible beings were created by JESUS CHRIST.

**And for Him:** Ok, next time you want to curse a mosquito, please remember that they were designed and brought into existence **for JESUS CHRIST**. This statement proclaims the goal or purpose of all creation, **to glorify** JESUS CHRIST. And, of course, this includes supernatural creatures.

Now what you must bear in mind is that **JESUS CHRIST did not create the fallen angels as fallen angels**. They fell by their own volition. You see **VOLITION** or **FREE WILL** was also designed and created by JESUS CHRIST and for JESUS CHRIST.

The hyper-Calvinist who denies free will have very poor understanding of the **ANGELIC CONFLICT** and where and how free will gives glory to God and to JESUS CHRIST

Every time an **angel** made the **FREE WILL** decision to follow God, follow JESUS CHRIST, they glorified JESUS CHRIST. And every time a lower creature... **mankind**, **CHOOSES TO BELIEVE** in JESUS CHRIST, they glorify JESUS CHRIST.

Free will was created by JESUS CHRIST for JESUS CHRIST.

Colossians 1:17

17 **He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.**

We just saw that all things were created by Him and for Him, now we learn something else...***He holds all things together.***

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**He is before all things**

(The NASV leaves out an introductory particle translated) **and**

(in the King James) **and He is before all things**

(Some of you may be asking, “so what?” This particle introduces a summary statement that goes back to verse 15: It introduces the fundamental reason for Christ being the creator of the all things, restating that He is the firstborn of all creations... because He is before all things.)

**And** because He is the first born of all creation

**He** emphatic pronoun—He and no one but Him, This One!

**He and only He is** absolute status –He is and He keeps on being

**before** This emphasizes two aspects of JESUS:

- (1) He is **before** all things in sequence of time
- (2) He is **above** or more important than all things

So verse 17 looks something like this:

**And** (because He is the first born of all creation)  
**He and only He**  
**emphatically is and keeps on being**  
**before and above all things** (that He has created)  
**And in Him all things hold together**

The book of Colossians centers on the person of JESUS CHRIST.  
Let's take a quick run, just through the phrase:

**in Him**

Colossians 1:19

19 **For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell **in Him**,**

Colossians 1:28

28 **Complete **in Christ****

Colossians 2:6

6 **walk **in Him****

Colossians 2:7

7 **having been firmly rooted *and now* being built up **in Him****

Colossians 2:9-10

9 **For **in Him** all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,**

10 **and **in Him** you have been made complete,**

Look how much we learned just from this one prepositional phrase:

- (1) We are made complete **in Him**
- (2) We are to walk **in Him**
- (3) We are built up **in Him**
- (4) **in Him** you have been made complete

There is so much to learn about JESUS CHRIST and believe and live each day of our lives in Christ...not taken down by the world. **And in Him all things hold together** Perfect Active Indicative of a compound verb, made up of the prefix which means *together* plus the verb meaning to set, to place, to stand.

## **JESUS CHRIST: The Sustaining Force of the Universe.**

We are in such a great debate over Creation vs. Evolution, but there is yet another great issue:

### WHAT IS HOLDING EVERYTHING TOGETHER?

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The stability and continuation of the regularity of the forces in this universe all depend upon a man, that is right, a member of the human race, who right now is sitting in the **Third Heaven** at the Throne of God. This, again, is why it is so important that you understand the Hypostatic Union and can think your way through theology and science thinking in terms of the Hypostatic Union of JESUS CHRIST.

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JESUS CHRIST is God,  
JESUS CHRIST is Before All Things,  
JESUS CHRIST is Eternal  
and  
The Continuation of the Universe,  
The Continuation of Angels,  
The Continuation of the Human Race,  
**All depend on JESUS CHRIST.**

The Continuation of the Universe  
depends on Him;  
The Continuation of Every Universe;  
Every Galaxy  
depends on Him.

As we approach Christmas, just remember that as a baby lying in that manger, JESUS CHRIST was also holding the universe together. And while on the cross, suffering Spiritual Death for the human race, JESUS CHRIST was also holding the universe together.

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JESUS CHRIST is not just a man sitting in heaven, not just the hope of Israel, the assurance of our Salvation, possessing the keys of death and hell.  
And He is not just the creator of the “all things,” but  
**He Is The One Who Holds All Things Together.**

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Now, scientists observe continual functions in the universe and have come up with what they call, “natural laws of science.” **Why?**

Well, for thousands of years this is the way it has always worked, so these must be natural laws.

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So called scientific “laws of nature” **do not exist.**

What they are observing  
is the **Faithfulness of JESUS CHRIST,**  
not natural laws.

Science has no way of enforcing these so called laws. And you must remember that science cannot guarantee that these ‘laws’ will continue tomorrow. Science cannot enforce the laws, nor even guarantee these laws.

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These so-called ‘scientific laws’ are simply based on the statistical assumption that the universe will continue to function according to an observed norm. Science can only observe these laws, science cannot enforce them or even guarantee they will function tomorrow.

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Science observes the structure of the atom, how the nucleus of every atom is held together by what the physicist calls ‘**weak**’ and ‘**strong**’ forces. They observe there are four basic forces in the natural world: **gravity** and **electrical forces**, “**strong**” and “**weak**” **nuclear forces...**

but what holds all these in  
place and keeps them working  
...not a clue!

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So, scientist cannot guarantee that the so-called “laws of nature” will be in force tomorrow, but the Word of God tells us that these “laws” will not always exist as it does at the present time.

2 Peter 3:10-11 and Revelation 20:11 “guarantee” us that these “laws” will not always work.

2 Peter 3:

**<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.**

**<sup>11</sup> Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,**

Revelation 20:

**<sup>11</sup> Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.**

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These Scientific laws and observable phenomena all depend entirely upon the Faithfulness of JESUS CHRIST.

Every observation, every discovery of the patterns in the universe is but a treatise on the **Faithfulness of God.**

In fact, throughout history God has used natural forces to perform miracles; like Joshua's long day, and crossing of the Red Sea and at high noon when Christ was on the cross.

But we should never forget that the regularity of phenomena is the **Faithfulness of JESUS CHRIST.**

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Hebrews 1:3 tells us that it is by the word of His power that holds the universe together.

Hebrews 1:3

**And He (JESUS CHRIST) is the radiance of His (God the Father) glory and the exact representation of His (God the Father) nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,**

So, there is one of us, a member of the human race sitting in the **Third Heaven** and holding all things together, along with a multitude of other things, not to mention preparing us a place to be for all eternity.

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**Question:**

Why is JESUS CHRIST holding all things together?

The reason for His doing so is to resolve the

**ANGELIC CONFLICT.**



Hebrews 2:10

**For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.**

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To allow all those who will believe in JESUS CHRIST as Savior to believe, to reveal the glory His Father has given to Him, JESUS CHRIST is allowing the history of man to run it's full course, in His holding all things together. Everyday, you can thank God for His Faithfulness and that of His Son, that **He is still holding all things together throughout the Universe.**

These so-called laws can be changed and will be in the future, at the end of the 1000 years of the millenium. 2 Peter 3:10-12.

Now, for further comfort:

*While the heavens and the earth will be destroyed*  
**the Bible is unchangeable,**  
**His Word abideth forever.**

*You have more comfort, more stability in the Word of God than you do in the universe.*

*You can rest in His Faithfulness of your Eternal existence with Him.*

# Amen

You have to make up your mind:

**Is Christ sufficient for all your needs?**

Or do you have to have other things or something else?

**This book is about the Sufficiency of JESUS CHRIST:  
to God the Father;  
and to you?**

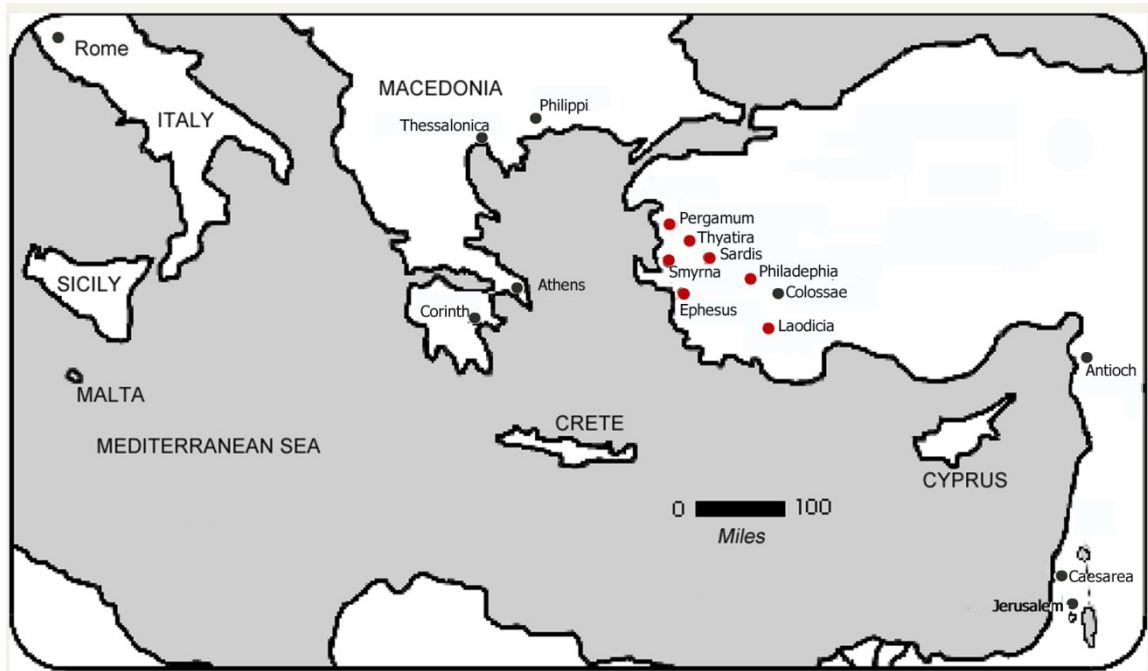
**Is the Word of God sufficient for you?**

**Sufficient to bring you to JESUS CHRIST?**

**Sufficient to bring you to God the Father?**

Is the Word of God sufficient for **SAD** (*Stress, Anxiety, Depression*) in your life or do you need outside help?

So we learn so much from the true understanding of the Gospel.



**Only one life,' twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last**

# Let Praise Resound · His Grace Abounds

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Communion

Music by James Webb, Allen, Texas  
chord arr. by Glenda Lanier, Lucas, Texas

**Regulier** C G7 C Gm6 F A7#5

Piano We Stand be-fore the Ta-ble Of Thy Lov-ing Sac-ri-  
Oh Dear Lord as we re-mem-ber Your Pro-vi-sion free-ly

Dm7

Pno. fice Our debt of  
giv'n We can

G G7 C F G7

Pno. sin de-mand-ed pay-ment Then You came and paid the  
walk with-in - Your Pro-mise And now we've vict' ry o-ver

Pno. Price Now as we  
sin We Praise You

C G7 C Gm6 F A7#5 Fm6(d)

Pno. break this bread to-ge-ther As-we see Your Sac-ri- fice And we  
Lord for Migh-ty Vict'-ry Thank You Lord, Your Grace a-bounds As Your

Fm Slow Fm(d) C **Regulier** Dm7 Dm7(g) G7

Pno. drink this cup to- geth- er We know Your Love has paid the  
Love pro-vides us Pow- er For ev- er let our Praise re-

C

Pno. Price Thank You  
sound Thank You

F F B(a) Em

Pno. Lord You have pro- vi- ded Your Pro- vi- sion-is com- plete And by  
Lord You have pro- vi- ded Your Pro- vi- sion is com- plete And by

F Dm Dm7 G7 G C

Pno. Faith Your Grace ac- cep- ted At calv'-ry's Cross we are com- plete  
Faith Your Grace ac- cep- ted At calv'-ry's Cross we are com- plete

Here we stand before the Table  
Of Thy Lov-ing Sacrifice  
Our debt of sin demand-ed payment  
Then You came and paid the price

Now as we break this bread together  
As we see Your sa-cri-fice  
And we drink this cup together  
We know Your Love has paid the price

**Thank you Lord, You have provided  
Your provision is complete  
And by Faith Your Grace accepted.  
At Calv'ry's Cross, we are complete**

Oh dear Lord, as we remember  
Your provision, freely given  
We can walk with-in your Promise  
And now we've vict'ry over sin

Praise You Lord for Mighty Vic'try  
Thank You Lord, Your Grace abounds  
As Your Love provides us power  
For-ev-er **LET OUR PRAISE RESOUND**

**Thank you Lord, You have provided  
Your provision is complete  
And by Faith Your Grace accepted.  
At Calv'ry's Cross, we are complete**