

Dear Fellow Redeemed by the blood of God's own Son,

Are you going to vote this Tuesday, or do you think of yourself as one of those **little, insignificant** Americans, whose vote doesn't matter to our government in Washington? The truth is that if you were flying over Washington DC this Tuesday at an altitude of 30,000 feet, you would never be able to see a single **big, important** person in that city. Whether you are "big" or "**small**" depends on your point of view after **all!**

Do you remember those first drawings our children made of their parents? We looked like Halloween freaks with arms coming out from out from our chins! Our little children were so **small** and we looked so very **big** to them! They **looked up** to us for everything. They soon learned that there are problems in this world **too big** for Mom and Dad to handle! – powers and authorities way bigger than Mom and Dad!

There are wars, diseases, floods, and financial problems **with us**. Tornadoes, and hurricanes **above us**, and earthquakes **below us!** Your food can kill you! Watch out for climate change! Many of these warnings come from the same **scientific community** that spreads the lie that there is no God and we are all strictly "**on our own**" in a hostile world!

What is the "**little Christian**" to do in the face of all this? We need to see

OUR COSMIC CHRIST, FOR IN HIM **WE ARE VERY BIG!**

I.

In relation to God, Jesus Christ is the revelation of God. Look at v. 15. Paul says that Christ is "**the image of the invisible God.**" Christians in the city of Colossae and the surrounding area were very familiar with the term "**image**" or "**icon**," as it is in the original Greek. In fact, nearby was the city of "**Iconium**," which means, "**place of the image**." It was said that **Iconium** got its name when the image of the Greek god, "**Zeus**," fell to earth as a black meteorite.

But Jesus Christ is **not** the image of God in the form of a lifeless meteorite or chunk of stone! Christ is the **living** image of the **living** God! In John 14 Jesus is called "**the Word which was God . . . made flesh.**" John says: "**He dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father.**"

Jesus reveals Who God **IS** because He **IS** God! By faith in Him alone we possess the **LIVING GOD** in all His mercy and fulness! In Christ we are **VERY big** before the **GOD** of heaven! We have His kind attention every moment of every day! – **even in the voting booth!**"

II.

Notice also, Paul says that Jesus is "**the firstborn over all creation.**" He does **not** say, "**first created**," but "**firstBORN.**" This means that in relation to the "**cosmos**" or universe, Jesus is **before it and over it!** As our text says: "**For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers, all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist (hold together).**" In Him, as the **FIRSTBORN**, all things were created. Nothing anywhere was created without or apart from Christ! As the **firstborn Creator**, nothing in **His universe** is outside of His authority or power!

The believers in Colossae were being troubled by those who spoke of angels and other spirit-beings as **Mediators or middlemen** between God and man **in addition** to Christ. Many people still believe this! But all the angels and spirits are like sticks and stones – they too were

created by Christ! How stupid to think that a person can be more sure of his salvation by looking to heavenly beings **which exist only because they were created by Christ!**

Further, Paul says that ALL THINGS were created **“FOR”** Christ! Let’s stop and think about **that!** As Christ is the **beginning** of all things, so also He is the **goal and purpose** of all things in the universe! Whether governments, or individuals, or angels, or earthquakes, or floods, or anything else you can name – **all are “FOR” Christ to use and control for His own purposes.**

When people died in the California earthquake of 1989, a Jewish Rabbi said that the earthquake took place because God was **powerless** to prevent it. But all things in creation are **“for”** Christ! **Some** who perished in natural disasters, plane crashes, wars, **or whatever**, are reigning with Christ in heaven! **Others** perished in their sins, because they **rejected** the *“only name given among men by which we must be saved.”* (Acts 4:12) This too is **“FOR”** Christ, because His Word also has power to judge those Who reject Him!

The Christ who IS God **“shakes heaven and earth,”** so that sinners everywhere are reminded that **man is NOT** the measure of all things! Christ IS! He wants to shake up sleepy souls that they may repent of their sins and look up to Him for salvation! If Christ does **not** cause earthquakes or cannot **prevent** them, why don’t they last for many days? Why do the shifting plates of the earth’s crust eventually settle down?

Why does the earth continue around the sun so that you can make plans for tomorrow? Why do we plant gardens with confidence that the sky will drop rain? When you poured your cup of coffee this morning, how could you be sure that it would go **into** the cup rather than **splatter** on the ceiling?

You could say that all this is because of the *natural laws* of the universe, or the “laws of science.” But Paul tells us that it is all because the Divine Word, Jesus Christ, **“holds”** the universe **together.”** Science and politicians can’t “Change the climate” by cutting the use of fossil fuels and carbon emissions! Science can only *observe and comment on what Christ holds together!* **HE** is the Lord of the universe – **THE COSMIC CHRIST!**

III.

For you and me and all believing saints, the **climax** is in v. 18 where Paul says that ***in relation to the Church, Christ is its Head:*** *“Christ is the head of the body, the Church, Who is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the pre-eminence.”*

What was in creation before Him? **Nothing!** He is the **beginning** of all things in heaven and in earth. Therefore He has the **power** over everything in the universe for the sake of His believing saints – ***His spiritual body, the Church!***

Death seemed to put an end to everything when it entered the world through sin. But Paul reminds us that Christ became the **firstborn also from the dead!** By His own resurrection Jesus has declared His absolute power over death too! Now we who believe in Him also live after death! So it is that our Lord Jesus, the God-Man, is the **“pre-eminent One”** over all things! What does it matter that we **seem** “small” or “insignificant” in this fallen world? What does it matter if we experience doubts, fears, and all kinds of **“seismic shakings,”** if ours is **“The Cosmic Christ”?**

So, take your sins, fears, and sense of weakness out into the **light of day**, or a **star-filled night** and say, *“The Lord Jesus Christ, Creator of all things, is also the **Head** of His Church – my own Redeemer and Savior from death and hell and all things hurtful to **HIS BODY!** I am a member of His body! In Him I am safe! In Him I shall stand even when heaven and earth have passed away! In Him alone, I am **VERY BIG** at home, at work – everywhere – even in the voting booth!* Amen.

