二〇一三年夏季訓練

創世記結晶讀經（一）

第二篇

在基督裏的創造爲着完成神的定旨

讀經：創一 1，啓四 11，約一 3，來一 2，十一 3，啓三 14，西一 15 ~ 17

創 1:1 起初神創造諸天與地，
啓 4:11 我們的主，我們的神，你是配得榮耀、尊貴、能力的，因爲你創造了萬有，並且萬有是因你的旨意存在並被創造的。
約 1:3 萬物是藉着祂成的；凡已成的，沒有一樣不是藉着祂成的。

來 1:2 就在這末後的日子，在子裏向我們說話；神已立祂作承受萬有者，也曾藉着祂造了宇宙；
來 11:3 我們因着信，知道宇宙是憑神的話結構起來的；這樣，所看見的並不是從顯然之物而成的。
啓 3:14 你要寫信給在老底嘉的召會的使者，說，那阿們，那忠信真實的見證人，那神創造之物的元始，這樣說，
西 1:15 愛子是那不能看見之神的像，是一切受造之物的首生者。
西 1:16 因爲萬有，無論是在諸天之上的、在地上的、能看見的、不能看見的、或是有位的、主治的、執政的、掌權的，都是在祂裏面造的；萬有都是藉着祂並爲着祂造的；
西 1:17 祂在萬有之先，萬有也在祂裏面得以維繫；

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一 這裏的『起初』，指時間的開始—參約一 1：

約 1:1 太初有話，話與神同在，話就是神。

1 時間開始於宇宙的創造，繼續直到白色大寶座前末了的審判—啓二十 11 ~ 15。

啓 20:11 我又看見一個白色的大寶座和那坐在上面的，從祂面前天地都逃遁，再無可見之處了。

2013 Summer Training

Crystallization-Study of GENESIS (1)

Message Two

Creation in Christ for the Fulfillment of God's Purpose

Scripture Reading: Gen. 1:1; Rev. 4:11; John 1:3; Heb. 1:2; 11:3; Rev. 3:14; Col. 1:15-17

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
Rev 4:11 You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, for You have created all things, and because of Your will they were, and were created.
John 1:3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not one thing came into being which has come into being.
Heb 1:2 Has at the last of these days spoken to us in the Son, whom He appointed Heir of all things, through whom also He made the universe;
Heb 11:3 By faith we understand that the universe has been framed by the word of God, so that what is seen has not come into being out of things which appear.
Rev 3:14 And to the messenger of the church in Laodicea write: These things says the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the beginning of the creation of God:
Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation,
Col 1:16 Because in Him all things were created, in the heavens and on the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or lordships or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and unto Him.
Col 1:17 And He is before all things, and all things cohere in Him;

Outline

I. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth"—Gen. 1:1:

A. Beginning here refers to the beginning of time—cf. John 1:1:

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

1. Time began at the creation of the universe and continues until the final judgment at the great white throne—Rev. 20:11-15.

Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose face earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.

啓 20:12 我又看見死了的，無論大小，都站在寶座前。案卷展開了，並且另有一卷展開，就是生命冊。死了的都憑着這些案卷所記載的，照他們所行的受審判。
啓 20:13 於是海交出其中的死者，死亡和陰間也交出其中的死者，他們都各自照所行的受審判。
啓 20:14 死亡和陰間也被扔在火湖裏，這火湖就是第二次的死。
啓 20:15 無論誰在生命冊上不見是記着的，就被扔在火湖裏。

2 時間乃是爲着完成神在已過永遠裏，爲着將來的永遠所立的永遠定旨—弗三 11。

弗 3:11 這是照着祂在我們的主基督耶穌裏，所立的永遠定旨；

二 創世記一章一節的『神』，希伯來文是『伊羅欣』（Elohim），意，大能者；這裏的希伯來名字是複數，而動詞『創造』卻是單數；這乃是神聖三一的種子：

創 1:1 起初神創造諸天與地，

1 神是一，但祂也是三—父、子、靈—賽四五 5，林前八 4，提前二 5，太二八 19。

賽 45:5 我是耶和華，再沒有別神；除了我以外沒有神；你雖不認識我，我卻給你束腰；
林前 8:4 關於喫祭偶像之物，我們曉得偶像在世上算不得什麼，也曉得神只有一位，再沒有別的神。
提前 2:5 因爲只有一位神，在神和人中間，也只有一位中保，就是那人基督耶穌；
太 28:19 所以你們要去，使萬民作我的門徒，將他們浸入父、子、聖靈的名裏，

2 神是三一神；創造的那一位乃是三一神。

三 神是惟一的創造者；惟有神能創造—可十三 19，弗三 9，啓四 11：

可 13:19 因爲那些日子必有災難，這樣的災難，就是從神創造萬物的起頭，直到如今，都未曾發生過，將來也絕不會發生。
弗 3:9 並將那歷世歷代隱藏在創造萬有之神裏的奧祕有何等的經綸，向眾人照明，
啓 4:11 我們的主，我們的神，你是配得榮耀、尊貴、能力的，因爲你創造了萬有，並且萬有是因你的旨意存在並被創造的。

1 創世記一章一節裏的『創造』一辭，是指從無生出有來。

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened; and another scroll was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by the things which were written in the scrolls, according to their works.
Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, each of them, according to their works.
Rev 20:14 And death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.
Rev 20:15 And if anyone was not found written in the book of life, he was cast into the lake of fire.

2. Time is for the accomplishing of God's eternal purpose, which God made in eternity past for eternity future—Eph. 3:11.

Eph 3:11 According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord,

B. The Hebrew word for God in Genesis 1:1 is Elohim, meaning "the Mighty One"; the Hebrew name here is plural, but the verb created is singular; this is a seed of the Trinity:

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

1. God is one, but He is also three—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit—Isa. 45:5; 1 Cor. 8:4; 1 Tim. 2:5; Matt. 28:19.

Isa 45:5 I am Jehovah and there is no one else; / Besides Me there is no God; / I girded you, although you do not know Me;
1 Cor 8:4 Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world and that there is no God but one.
1 Tim 2:5 For there is one God and one Mediator of God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

Matt 28:19 Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

2. God is the Triune God; it was the Triune God who created.

C. God is the unique Creator; only God can create—Mark 13:19; Eph. 3:9; Rev. 4:11:

Mark 13:19 For those days will be a time of tribulation such as has not occurred from the beginning of the creation which God created until now, nor shall by any means ever occur.
Eph 3:9 And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,
Rev 4:11 You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, for You have created all things, and because of Your will they were, and were created.

1. The word created in Genesis 1:1 means to bring something into existence out of nothing.

創 1:1 起初神創造諸天與地，

2 神是『創造宇宙和其中萬物的神』（徒十七 24）；祂是『那創造天、地、海和其中萬物的活神』（十四 15）。

徒 17:24 創造宇宙和其中萬物的神，既是天地的主，就不住人手所造的殿，

徒 14:15 諸位，爲什麼作這事？我們也是人，性情和你們一樣，我們傳福音給你們，是叫你們離棄這些虛妄，轉向那創造天、地、海和其中萬物的活神。

四 神創造的動機是要完成祂的心願，滿足祂的喜悅—弗一 5、9。

弗 1:5 按着祂意願所喜悅的，豫定了我們，藉着耶穌基督得兒子的名分，歸於祂自己，

弗 1:9 照着祂的喜悅，使我們知道祂意願的奧祕；這喜悅是祂在自己裏面豫先定下的，

五 神創造的定旨是要榮耀祂的兒子，並且特別要在人身上，藉着神的兒子彰顯神自己；神的兒子乃是神的具體化身以及神的形像，彰顯—西一 15 ~ 19，二 9，詩十九 1 ~ 2，羅一 20，提前三 16。

西 1:15 愛子是那不能看見之神的像，是一切受造之物的首生者。

西 1:16 因爲萬有，無論是在諸天之上的、在地上的、能看見的、不能看見的、或是有位的、主治的、執政的、掌權的，都是在祂裏面造的；萬有都是藉着祂並爲着祂造的；

西 1:17 祂在萬有之先，萬有也在祂裏面得以維繫；

西 1:18 祂也是召會身體的頭；祂是元始，是從死人中復活的首生者，使祂可以在萬有中居首位；

西 1:19 因爲一切的豐滿，樂意居住在祂裏面，

西 2:9 因爲神格一切的豐滿，都有形有體地居住在基督裏面，

詩 19:1 （大衛的詩，交與歌詠長。）諸天述說神的榮耀，穹蒼傳揚祂手的作爲。

詩 19:2 這日到那日發出言語；這夜到那夜傳出知識。

羅 1:20 自從創造世界以來，神那看不見永遠的大能，和神性的特徵，是人所洞見的，乃是藉着受造之物，給人曉得的，叫人無法推諉；

提前 3:16 並且，大哉！敬虔的奧祕！這是眾所公認的，就是：祂顯現於肉體，被稱義於靈裏，被天使看見，被傳於萬邦，被信仰於世人中，被接去於榮耀裏。

貳『你創造了萬有，並且萬有是因你的

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2. God is the One “who made the world and all things in it” (Acts 17:24); He is “the living God, who made heaven and earth and the sea and all things in them” (14:15).

Acts 17:24 The God who made the world and all things in it, this One, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands;

Acts 14:15 And saying, Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men of like feeling as you, and announce the gospel to you that you should turn from these vain things to the living God, who made heaven and earth and the sea and all things in them;

D. The motive of God’s creation was to fulfill God’s desire and to satisfy His good pleasure—Eph. 1:5, 9.

Eph 1:5 Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

Eph 1:9 Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself,

E. The purpose of God’s creation is to glorify the Son of God and to manifest God Himself, especially in man through His Son, who is the embodiment of God and the image, the expression, of God—Col. 1:15-19; 2:9; Psa. 19:1-2; Rom. 1:20; 1 Tim. 3:16.

Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation,

Col 1:16 Because in Him all things were created, in the heavens and on the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or lordships or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and unto Him.

Col 1:17 And He is before all things, and all things cohere in Him;

Col 1:18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

Col 1:19 For in Him all the fullness was pleased to dwell

Col 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,

Psa 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God, / And the expanse proclaims the work of His hands.

Psa 19:2 Day to day pours forth speech, / And night to night tells out knowledge.

Rom 1:20 For the invisible things of Him, both His eternal power and divine characteristics, have been clearly seen since the creation of the world, being perceived by the things made, so that they would be without excuse;

1 Tim 3:16 And confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was manifested in the flesh, / Justified in the Spirit, / Seen by angels, / Preached among the nations, / Believed on in the world, / Taken up in glory.

II. “You have created all things, and because of Your will

旨意存在並被創造的』—啓四 11：

they were, and were created"—Rev. 4:11:

啓 4:11 我們的主，我們的神，你是配得榮耀、尊貴、能力的，因爲你創造了萬有，並且萬有是因你的旨意存在並被創造的。

Rev 4:11 You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, for You have created all things, and because of Your will they were, and were created.

一 神創造之工的根據乃是神的旨意與計畫—弗一 9 ~ 10：

A. The basis of God's work in creation was God's will and plan—Eph. 1:9-10:

弗 1:9 照着祂的喜悅，使我們知道祂意願的奧祕；這喜悅是祂在自己裏面豫先定下的，

弗 1:10 爲着時期滿足時的經綸，要將萬有，無論是在諸天之上的，或是在地上的，都在基督裏歸一於一個元首之下；

Eph 1:9 Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself,

Eph 1:10 Unto the economy of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him;

1 神有一個旨意，按着這旨意祂有了計畫—三 11。

1. God has a will, and according to this will, He conceived His plan—3:11.

弗 3:11 這是照着祂在我們的主基督耶穌裏，所立的永遠定旨；

Eph 3:11 According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord,

2 照着祂的旨意與計畫，祂就創造了萬有—9 節。

2. According to His will and plan, He created all things—v. 9.

弗 3:9 並將那歷世歷代隱藏在創造萬有之神裏的奧祕有何等的經綸，向眾人照明，

Eph 3:9 And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,

二 神的旨意（意願）乃是神的願望；神的意願是祂所想要作的—一 9：

B. God's will is God's wish; God's will is what He wants to do—1:9:

弗 1:9 照着祂的喜悅，使我們知道祂意願的奧祕；這喜悅是祂在自己裏面豫先定下的，

Eph 1:9 Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself,

1 神的喜悅是出於神的意願；祂的喜悅具體表現在祂的意願裏，所以祂的意願在先—5 節。

1. God's good pleasure is of God's will; His good pleasure is embodied in His will, so His will comes first—v. 5.

弗 1:5 按着祂意願所喜悅的，豫定了我們，藉着耶穌基督得兒子的名分，歸於祂自己，

Eph 1:5 Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

2 神的旨意乃是神爲完成祂定旨而有的定意—11 節，林前一 1。

2. God's will is His determination for the carrying out of His purpose—v. 11; 1 Cor. 1:1.

弗 1:11 我們既在祂裏面，照着那位按祂意願所決議的，行作萬事者的定旨，蒙了豫定，也就在祂裏面成了所選定的基業，

林前 1:1 憑神旨意，蒙召作基督耶穌使徒的保羅，和弟兄所提尼，

Eph 1:11 In whom also we were designated as an inheritance, having been predestinated according to the purpose of the One who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

1 Cor 1:1 Paul, a called apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, and Sosthenes the brother,

三 神是一位有定旨的神，有祂自己喜悅的旨意；祂爲着自己的旨意，創造了萬有，好成就並完成祂的定旨—啓四 11，弗三 9 ~ 11，西一 9：

C. God is a God of purpose, having a will of His own pleasure, and He created all things for His will so that He might accomplish and fulfill His purpose—Rev. 4:11; Eph. 3:9-11; Col. 1:9:

啓 4:11 我們的主，我們的神，你是配得榮耀、尊貴、能力的，因

Rev 4:11 You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, for You have

爲你創造了萬有，並且萬有是因你的旨意存在並被創造的。
弗 3:9 並將那歷世歷代隱藏在創造萬有之神裏的奧祕有何等的經綸，向眾人照明，
弗 3:10 爲要藉着召會，使諸天界裏執政的、掌權的，現今得知神萬般的智慧，
弗 3:11 這是照着祂在我們的主基督耶穌裏，所立的永遠定旨；
西 1:9 所以，我們自從聽見的日子，也就爲你們不住地禱告祈求，願你們在一切屬靈的智慧和悟性上，充分認識神的旨意，

1 神的旨意就是祂心頭的願望，是祂與人的調和，也是祂永遠計畫的完成—弗一 5、9、11，五 17。

弗 1:5 按着祂意願所喜悅的，豫定了我們，藉着耶穌基督得兒子的名分，歸於祂自己，
弗 1:9 照着祂的喜悅，使我們知道祂意願的奧祕；這喜悅是祂在自己裏面豫先定下的，
弗 1:11 我們既在祂裏面，照着那位按祂意願所決議的，行作萬事者的定旨，蒙了豫定，也就在祂裏面成了所選定的基業，
弗 5:17 所以不要作愚昧人，卻要明白什麼是主的旨意。

2 神的旨意是要爲基督得着一個身體，作祂的豐滿，祂的彰顯—羅十二 2、5，弗一 5、9、11、22 ~ 23。

羅 12:2 不要模倣這世代，反要藉着心思的更新而變化，叫你們驗證何爲神那美好、可喜悅、並純全的旨意。
羅 12:5 我們這許多人，在基督裏是一個身體，並且各個互相作肢體，也是如此。
弗 1:5 按着祂意願所喜悅的，豫定了我們，藉着耶穌基督得兒子的名分，歸於祂自己，
弗 1:9 照着祂的喜悅，使我們知道祂意願的奧祕；這喜悅是祂在自己裏面豫先定下的，
弗 1:11 我們既在祂裏面，照着那位按祂意願所決議的，行作萬事者的定旨，蒙了豫定，也就在祂裏面成了所選定的基業，
弗 1:22 將萬有服在祂的腳下，並使祂向着召會作萬有的頭；
弗 1:23 召會是祂的身體，是那在萬有中充滿萬有者的豐滿。

3 神創造諸天與地，開始實施神永遠的計畫，以完成神的心意，使祂在宇宙中在人身上得着完滿的彰顯—創一 1，弗三 11、21。

創 1:1 起初神創造諸天與地，
弗 3:11 這是照着祂在我們的主基督耶穌裏，所立的永遠定旨；
弗 3:21 願在召會中，並在基督耶穌裏，榮耀歸與祂，直到世世代代，永永遠遠。阿們。

四 我們需要充分認識神的旨意—西一 9：

created all things, and because of Your will they were, and were created.
Eph 3:9 And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,
Eph 3:10 In order that now to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenlies the multifarious wisdom of God might be made known through the church,
Eph 3:11 According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord,
Col 1:9 Therefore we also, since the day we heard of it, do not cease praying and asking on your behalf that you may be filled with the full knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

1. God's will is His heart's desire, His mingling with man, and the fulfillment of His eternal plan—Eph. 1:5, 9, 11; 5:17.

Eph 1:5 Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,
Eph 1:9 Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself,
Eph 1:11 In whom also we were designated as an inheritance, having been predestinated according to the purpose of the One who works all things according to the counsel of His will,
Eph 5:17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

2. The will of God is to obtain a Body for Christ to be His fullness, His expression—Rom. 12:2, 5; Eph. 1:5, 9, 11, 22-23.

Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.
Rom 12:5 So we who are many are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Eph 1:5 Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,
Eph 1:9 Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself,
Eph 1:11 In whom also we were designated as an inheritance, having been predestinated according to the purpose of the One who works all things according to the counsel of His will,
Eph 1:22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,
Eph 1:23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

3. God's creation of the heavens and of the earth began the fulfillment of His eternal plan to carry out His intention to have a full expression in man in the universe —Gen. 1:1; Eph. 3:11, 21.

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
Eph 3:11 According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord,
Eph 3:21 To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.

D. We need to be filled with the full knowledge of God's will—Col. 1:9:

西 1:9 所以，我們自從聽見的日子，也就爲你們不住地禱告祈求，願你們在一切屬靈的智慧和悟性上，充分認識神的旨意，

1 歌羅西一章九節裏神的旨意是指神永遠定旨的意願，神關於基督之經綸的意願—弗一 5、9、11。

西 1:9 所以，我們自從聽見的日子，也就爲你們不住地禱告祈求，願你們在一切屬靈的智慧和悟性上，充分認識神的旨意，
弗 1:5 按着祂意願所喜悅的，豫定了我們，藉着耶穌基督得兒子的名分，歸於祂自己，
弗 1:9 照着祂的喜悅，使我們知道祂意願的奧祕；這喜悅是祂在自己裏面豫先定下的，
弗 1:11 我們既在祂裏面，照着那位按祂意願所決議的，行作萬事者的定旨，蒙了豫定，也就在祂裏面成了所選定的基業，

2 充分認識神的旨意，意思就是對神的計畫有啓示，以致我們知道神在這宇宙中計畫要作的—啓四 11。

啓 4:11 我們的主，我們的神，你是配得榮耀、尊貴、能力的，因爲你創造了萬有，並且萬有是因你的旨意存在並被創造的。

參『萬物是藉着祂[話]成的；凡已成的，沒有一樣不是藉着祂成的』—約一 3：

一 雖然創造是神的工作，但神創造的憑藉乃是神的兒子和神的話—西一 15 ~ 16，來一 2，十一 3，約一 3，詩三三 6、9。

西 1:15 愛子是那不能看見之神的像，是一切受造之物的首生者。
西 1:16 因爲萬有，無論是在諸天之上的、在地上的、能看見的、不能看見的、或是有位的、主治的、執政的、掌權的，都是在祂裏面造的；萬有都是藉着祂並爲着祂造的；
來 1:2 就在這末後的日子，在子裏向我們說話；神已立祂作承受萬有者，也曾藉着祂造了宇宙；
來 11:3 我們因着信，知道宇宙是憑神的話結構起來的；這樣，所看見的並不是從顯然之物而成的。
約 1:3 萬物是藉着祂成的；凡已成的，沒有一樣不是藉着祂成的。

詩 33:6 諸天藉耶和華的話而造，萬象藉祂口中的氣而成。
詩 33:9 因爲祂說有，就有；命立，就立。

二 因着神是萬有的創造者，而基督就是神，所以基督是萬有的創造者，並且萬物也是藉着

Col 1:9 Therefore we also, since the day we heard of it, do not cease praying and asking on your behalf that you may be filled with the full knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

1. God's will in Colossians 1:9 is His will regarding His eternal purpose, regarding His economy concerning Christ—Eph. 1:5, 9, 11.

Col 1:9 Therefore we also, since the day we heard of it, do not cease praying and asking on your behalf that you may be filled with the full knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
Eph 1:5 Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,
Eph 1:9 Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself,
Eph 1:11 In whom also we were designated as an inheritance, having been predestinated according to the purpose of the One who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

2. To have the full knowledge of God's will is to have the revelation of God's plan so that we may know what God plans to do in the universe—Rev. 4:11.

Rev 4:11 You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, for You have created all things, and because of Your will they were, and were created.

III. "All things came into being through Him [the Word], and apart from Him not one thing came into being which has come into being"—John 1:3:

A. Although creation was God's work, the means of His creation were the Son of God and the Word of God—Col. 1:15-16; Heb. 1:2; 11:3; John 1:3; Psa. 33:6, 9.

Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation,
Col 1:16 Because in Him all things were created, in the heavens and on the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or lordships or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and unto Him.
Heb 1:2 Has at the last of these days spoken to us in the Son, whom He appointed Heir of all things, through whom also He made the universe;
Heb 11:3 By faith we understand that the universe has been framed by the word of God, so that what is seen has not come into being out of things which appear.
John 1:3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not one thing came into being which has come into being.
Psa 33:6 By the word of Jehovah the heavens were made, / And all their host, by the breath of His mouth.
Psa 33:9 For He spoke, and it was; / He commanded, and it stood.

B. Since God is the Creator of all things and since Christ is God, Christ is the Creator of all things and also the means through which all

祂成的—來一 10，詩一〇二 25。

來 1:10 又說，" 主啊，你起初立了地的根基，諸天也是你手的工作；

詩 102:25你起初立了地的根基，諸天也是你手的工作。

三 我們在約翰一章三節看見，萬物是藉着基督這話而成的：

約 1:3 萬物是藉着祂成的；凡已成的，沒有一樣不是藉着祂成的。

1 萬物是藉着祂成的，沒有一樣不是藉着祂成的，這意思就是離了祂，沒有一樣能存在—3 節。

約 1:3 萬物是藉着祂成的；凡已成的，沒有一樣不是藉着祂成的。

2 創造就是藉着話稱無爲有；話乃是憑藉和範圍—羅四 17，來十一 3，約一 3。

羅 4:17 亞伯拉罕在他所信那叫死人復活，又稱無爲有的神面前，是我們眾人的父，如經上所記：" 我已經立你作多國的父。"

來 11:3 我們因着信，知道宇宙是憑神的話結構起來的；這樣，所看見的並不是從顯然之物而成的。

約 1:3 萬物是藉着祂成的；凡已成的，沒有一樣不是藉着祂成的。

3 藉着基督作話，就是憑藉，萬物產生了；所以，基督是創造者，也是萬物憑以並藉以被造的憑藉—來一 10，約一 3。

來 1:10 又說，" 主啊，你起初立了地的根基，諸天也是你手的工作；

約 1:3 萬物是藉着祂成的；凡已成的，沒有一樣不是藉着祂成的。

四 基督『用祂大能的話維持、載着並推動萬有』—來一 3：

來 1:3 祂是神榮耀的光輝，是神本質的印像，用祂大能的話維持、載着並推動萬有；祂成就了洗罪的事，就坐在高處至尊至大者的右邊；

1 在創造萬有以後，基督成了維持、載着並推動萬有者；祂不僅是創造者和創造的憑藉，也是維持、載着並推動者。

things came into being—Heb. 1:10; Psa. 102:25.

Heb 1:10 And, "You in the beginning, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of Your hands;

Psa 102:25 Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, / And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

C. In John 1:3 we see that all things came into being through Christ as the Word:

John 1:3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not one thing came into being which has come into being.

1. For all things to come into being through Him and for nothing to come into being apart from Him means that apart from Him nothing has existence—v. 3.

John 1:3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not one thing came into being which has come into being.

2. Creation is calling things not being as being through the Word; the Word is both the means and the sphere—Rom. 4:17; Heb. 11:3; John 1:3.

Rom 4:17 (As it is written, "I have appointed you a father of many nations") in the sight of God whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls the things not being as being.

Heb 11:3 By faith we understand that the universe has been framed by the word of God, so that what is seen has not come into being out of things which appear.

John 1:3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not one thing came into being which has come into being.

3. Through Christ as the Word, the means, all things came into being; therefore, Christ is both the Creator and the means by which and through which all things were created—Heb. 1:10; John 1:3.

Heb 1:10 And, "You in the beginning, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of Your hands;

John 1:3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not one thing came into being which has come into being.

D. Christ upholds “all things by the word of His power”—Heb. 1:3:

Heb 1:3 Who, being the effulgence of His glory and the impress of His substance and upholding and bearing all things by the word of His power, having made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

1. After creating all things, Christ became the Upholder of all things; He is not only the Creator and the means of creation but also the Upholder.

2 祂創造了宇宙，如今用祂大能的話維持、載着並推動宇宙。

2. He created the universe, and now He upholds it by the word of His power.

五 基督是『神創造之物的元始』；這是指主乃是神創造之物的起源或根源，含示祂是神工作中不變永存的根源—啓三 14。

啓 3:14 你要寫信給在老底嘉的召會的使者，說，那阿們，那忠信真實的見證人，那神創造之物的元始，這樣說，

E. Christ is "the beginning of the creation of God"; this refers to the Lord as the origin or source of God's creation, implying that He is the unchanging and ever-existing source of God's work—Rev. 3:14.

Rev 3:14 And to the messenger of the church in Laodicea write: These things says the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the beginning of the creation of God:

肆『萬有，無論是在諸天之上的、在地上的…，都是在祂裏面造的；萬有都是藉着祂並爲着祂造的；…萬有也在祂裏面得以維繫』—西一 16～17：

IV. "In Him all things were created, in the heavens and on the earth...; all things have been created through Him and unto Him...And all things cohere in Him"—Col. 1:16-17:

一 『在祂裏面』，指在基督人位的能力裏—16 節：

西 1:16 因爲萬有，無論是在諸天之上的、在地上的、能看見的、不能看見的、或是有位的、主治的、執政的、掌權的，都是在祂裏面造的；萬有都是藉着祂並爲着祂造的；

A. In Him means in the power of Christ's person—v. 16:

Col 1:16 Because in Him all things were created, in the heavens and on the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or lordships or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and unto Him.

1 萬有都是在基督所是的能力裏被造的。

1. All things were created in the power of what Christ is.

2 一切受造之物，都帶着基督內在能力的特徵。

2. All creation bears the characteristics of Christ's intrinsic power.

二 『藉着祂』，指明基督是主動的憑藉；藉這憑藉，萬有的創造才得依次完成—16 節。

西 1:16 因爲萬有，無論是在諸天之上的、在地上的、能看見的、不能看見的、或是有位的、主治的、執政的、掌權的，都是在祂裏面造的；萬有都是藉着祂並爲着祂造的；

B. Through Him indicates that Christ is the active instrument through which the creation of all things was accomplished in sequence—v. 16.

Col 1:16 Because in Him all things were created, in the heavens and on the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or lordships or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and unto Him.

三 『爲着祂』，或，歸於祂，指明基督是一切受造之物的歸結；萬有的被造乃是爲着歸於祂，爲祂所有—16 節。

西 1:16 因爲萬有，無論是在諸天之上的、在地上的、能看見的、不能看見的、或是有位的、主治的、執政的、掌權的，都是在祂裏面造的；萬有都是藉着祂並爲着祂造的；

C. Unto Him indicates that Christ is the end of all creation; all things were created unto Him for His possession—v. 16.

Col 1:16 Because in Him all things were created, in the heavens and on the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or lordships or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and unto Him.

四 『在裏面』、『藉着』並『爲着』，指明基

D. In, through, and unto indicate that Christ is related to creation in a

督與創造有主觀的關聯—16 節：

西 1:16 因爲萬有，無論是在諸天之上的、在地上的、能看見的、不能看見的、或是有位的、主治的、執政的、掌權的，都是在祂裏面造的；萬有都是藉着祂並爲着祂造的；

1 祂不是僅僅作客觀的創造者，客觀地創造宇宙。

2 基督不是站在一旁，稱一切爲有；反之，創造的過程乃是在祂人位的能力裏進行的；基督是宇宙中獨一的能力。

3 祂不僅僅是客觀的創造者，也是創造藉以依次完成的主觀憑藉。

4 創造是憑基督人位的能力，藉祂爲主動的憑藉，並歸於祂這目標。

五 『萬有也在祂裏面得以維繫』，意指萬有靠着基督作聯繫的中心，得以維繫，互相結合一起，如同輪子的輪輻靠着輪軸作中心，得以聯繫在一起—17 節。

西 1:17 祂在萬有之先，萬有也在祂裏面得以維繫；

六 『一切受造之物的首生者』，是指基督在一切受造之物中居首位，因爲基督在萬有中居首位—15 ~ 18 節。

西 1:15 愛子是那不能看見之神的像，是一切受造之物的首生者。
西 1:16 因爲萬有，無論是在諸天之上的、在地上的、能看見的、不能看見的、或是有位的、主治的、執政的、掌權的，都是在祂裏面造的；萬有都是藉着祂並爲着祂造的；
西 1:17 祂在萬有之先，萬有也在祂裏面得以維繫；
西 1:18 祂也是召會身體的頭；祂是元始，是從死人中復活的首生者，使祂可以在萬有中居首位；

subjective way—v. 16:

Col 1:16 Because in Him all things were created, in the heavens and on the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or lordships or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and unto Him.

1. He did not create the universe merely in an objective way, as an objective Creator.

2. Christ did not stand apart and call everything into being; on the contrary, the process of creation took place in the power of His person, the unique power in the universe.

3. He was not merely an objective Creator but also the subjective instrument through which creation was processed.

4. Creation took place in the power of Christ's person, through Him as the active instrument, and unto Him as the goal.

E. All things cohere in Him means that all things cohere, subsist together, in Christ as the holding center, just as the spokes of a wheel are held together by the hub at their center—v. 17.

Col 1:17 And He is before all things, and all things cohere in Him;

F. Firstborn of all creation refers to Christ's preeminence in all creation, for Christ has the first place in all things—vv. 15-18.

Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation,
Col 1:16 Because in Him all things were created, in the heavens and on the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or lordships or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and unto Him.
Col 1:17 And He is before all things, and all things cohere in Him;
Col 1:18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;