

CONNECTED TO CHRIST THE HEAD

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Theme: All believers are connected to Christ who is supreme over His creation and Head of His body, the church.

- I. Supreme over Creation: Jesus Christ is the visible God – with a firstborn’s authority since He created and controls all things (1:15-16).
 - A. Jesus is the human, visible form of God (15a; John 1:14; 14:9).
 - B. Jesus has the firstborn’s authority over all He created (15b).
 - He created the entire physical universe.
 - He created the spirit realm of angels and demons.
 - C. Jesus created all things for His own glorious purposes (16b).
 - D. Jesus existed eternally before anything and now He sustains all things (17).
- II. Head of the Church: Jesus is the head of the church – fully God and the firstborn of resurrection (1:18-20).
 - A. Jesus is the head of the church, called His body (18a; Ephesians 1:22).
 - B. Jesus was the firstborn of resurrection and now has authority over all things (18b; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26).

- C. Jesus is fully God which is why His death can reconcile all things and bring peace forever (19-20; 2:9).