



## Singing Christology

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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: all things were created by him, and for him:

17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

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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.

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- **FIRSTBORN**

= Pre-eminent

i.e. First Place

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### FIRSTBORN

#### ■ Psalm 89:27

Also I will make him my firstborn,  
higher than the kings of the earth.

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#### ■ 1 Corinthians 11:7

...He (man) is the image and glory of God:...

#### ■ Romans 3:23

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

#### ■ 2 Corinthians 4:4

...the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God,...

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...All things were created by him, and for him:

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For - Purpose of creation of all things

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### Revelation 5: 12-13

...Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

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