

JESUS: THE FIRSTBORN
John 1:1-3

INTRODUCTION:

Firstborn refers to the child born first – The oldest of children in a family. Firstborn also refers to the rights, rank and authority of a person, because they are the Firstborn. Jesus is the Firstborn, as He is the One who has been appointed by God to be in authority over all things.

- “All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made” (John 1:3).

Jesus Christ is:

- I. **“The Firstborn Among Many Brethren”** (Rom 8:29)
 - A. Christ will not be One among equals, but the One who has the supreme place of honor among His brothers and sisters.
 - B. Brethren is a synonym for Believers.
 - C. Christian Believers are God’s adoptive children and Jesus – His Son – refers to Believers as His brothers and Sisters in God’s Divine Family (Matt 12:50).
 - D. As Christ’s Brothers and Sisters, we are to thank Him for giving us Salvation, Eternal Life, and the joy and peace that Salvation brings.

- II. **“The Firstborn of Every Creature”** (Col 1:15)
 - A. Firstborn, in this verse, does not mean that Jesus was the first created being of the universe.
 - B. Jesus Christ has always existed and will always exist. He is not a created being (Psalm 90:2).
 - C. Jesus Christ is God (John 10:30; 14:6-11)
 - D. Jesus Christ is the Creator (Col 1:16-17; John 1:10)

- III. **“The Firstborn From The Dead”** (Col 1:18) **or The First Begotten Of The Dead** (Rev 1:5)
 - A. Jesus Christ is the First Person to arise from the dead – Resurrection – and never again to die. No more death.
 - B. Christ “Loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own Blood (Rev 1:5; Eph 1:7; Col 1:14)

- IV. **“The First Begotten Into The World”** (Heb 1:6)
 - A. When Christ was born into this world, He was attended and worshipped by Angels (Luke 2:13-14).
 - B. When Christ was taken into the world above, He was attended and worshipped by Angels (Acts 1:10-11).
 - C. At His Second Coming, Christ will be attended and worshipped by Angels (Matt 13:41; 16:27).
 - D. Christ is Greater Than The Angels (Heb 1:4; Rev 22:8-9; Exod 20:3; Ps 99:5; Luke 4:8)

- V. **“The ... Church Of The Firstborn”** (Heb 12:23)
- A. **Christ is the Firstborn**
 - B. **The Person who is a Member of the Lord’s Church is “Written in Heaven.”**
 - C. **According to Ephesians 5:23, “Christ is the Head of the Church: and He is the Savior of the Body.”** (Eph 5:25; 1 Pet 2:24)

CONCLUSION:

A. **Jesus Christ is (1) The Firstborn Among Many Brethren, (2) The Firstborn of Every Creature, (3) The Firstborn From the Dead or The First Begotten of the Dead, (4) The First Begotten Into The World, and (5) The ... Church of the Firstborn.**

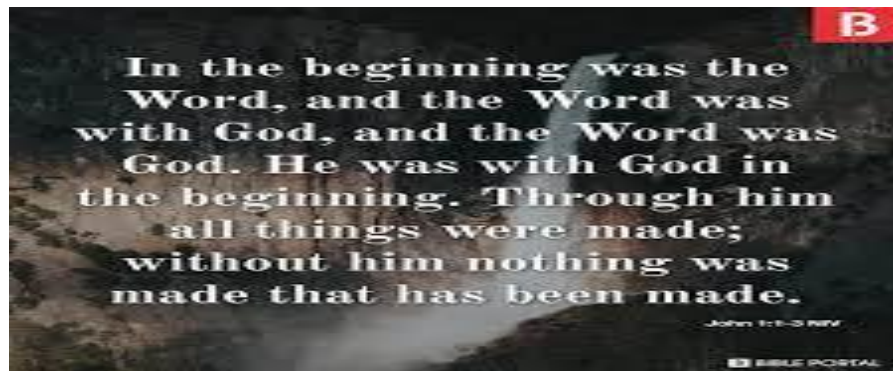
B. **We know Thee, Lord, As Risen**

We know Thee, Lord, as risen, Thou Firstborn from the dead;
We see Thee now ascended The church’s glorious Head:
In Thee by grace accepted, The heart and mind set free
To think of all Thy glory, As now made one with Thee.

C. **“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance”** (2 Pet 3:9).

- Christ is delaying His return so that more people can be Saved and live eternally with God.
- One Day time will be no more – Tell somebody about Jesus and His Saving Grace.

D. **Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)**



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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).