

Colossians 1:15-20

15 He is the image of the invisible God,
 the firstborn of all creation.

16 For by him all things were created,
 in heaven and on earth,
 visible and invisible,
 whether thrones or dominions
 or rulers or authorities -
 all things were created
 through him and for him.

17 And he is before all things,
 and in him all things hold together.

18 And his is the head
 of the body, the church.

 He is the beginning,
 the firstborn from the dead,
 that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

19 For in him all the fullness of God
 was pleased to dwell,

20 and through him to reconcile
 to himself all things,
 whether on earth
 or in heaven
 making peace by the blood
 of his cross.