

YHVH: The One True God and Christ as His Created Son Before Creation

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Introduction

Throughout scripture, YHVH is consistently identified as the one true God and Creator of all things. In contrast, Christ is revealed as His Son, the "firstborn over all creation" (Colossians 1:15), who was created before anything else and appointed as the agent of creation. This article explores the distinct yet unified roles of YHVH and Christ, organizing scriptural evidence into a chronological framework to demonstrate how their relationship unfolds in the divine plan.

1. YHVH: The One True God and Creator

The Bible unequivocally declares YHVH as the singular Creator and sovereign over all creation. His eternal nature and supreme authority are foundational to understanding His unique role.

- Isaiah 45:5-6: "I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other."
- Isaiah 44:24: "This is what the LORD says—your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: 'I am the LORD, the Maker of all things, who stretches out the heavens, who spreads out the earth by myself.'"
- Deuteronomy 6:4: "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one."
- Psalm 83:18: "That men may know that thou, whose name alone is YHVH, art the most high over all the earth."
- Genesis 1:1: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."
- Nehemiah 9:6: "You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you."

These verses confirm YHVH's role as the eternal, self-existent Creator who alone brought everything into existence.

2. Christ's Pre-Creation Existence

Christ's identity as the "firstborn over all creation" (Colossians 1:15) points to a unique role as YHVH's Son, created before the world began. This section explores how Christ's existence precedes creation and affirms His distinct relationship with YHVH.

Christ as Created by YHVH

The poetic description of Wisdom in Proverbs 8 is often interpreted as a foreshadowing of Christ. These verses highlight His creation and role before the world began.

Proverbs 8:22-30:

"The LORD possessed me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.
When there were no depths, I was brought forth, when there were no fountains abounding with water.
Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:
While as yet He had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.
When He prepared the heavens, I was there: when He set a compass upon the face of the depth:
When He established the clouds above: when He strengthened the fountains of the deep:
When He gave to the sea His decree, that the waters should not pass His commandment: when He appointed the foundations of the earth:
Then I was by Him, as one brought up with Him: and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him."

Key Points from Proverbs 8:22-30

"The LORD possessed me in the beginning of His way" (v.22):

Christ was created as the first of YHVH's works, setting the stage for the creation of the universe.

"Before His works of old" and "I was set up from everlasting" (vv.22-23):

This emphasizes Christ's existence before any part of creation came into being.

"When there were no depths, I was brought forth" (v.24):

The language of "brought forth" suggests an intentional act of creation, reinforcing the idea that Christ was created before the material world.

"When He prepared the heavens, I was there" (v.27):

Christ was present as YHVH began to shape the heavens, indicating His role in creation.

"I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him" (v.30):

This intimate relationship between YHVH and Christ reflects the joy and purpose of Christ's role in the divine plan.

Colossians 1:15-16: "The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and

invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him."

Revelation 3:14 in Young's Literal Translation (YLT) reads:

"And to the messenger of the assembly of the Laodiceans write: These things saith the Amen, the witness -- the faithful and true -- the chief of the creation of God.

The pre-existent Christ is the testament to YHVH's incredible creative capacity. YHVH made the pre-existent Christ in the form of a perfect image of Himself.

Relationship with YHVH Before Creation

John 1:1-3: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made."

John 17:5: "And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began."

These passages affirm that Christ was with YHVH before creation, sharing a unique relationship and participating in the divine plan.

3. Christ's Role in Creation

As YHVH's appointed agent, Christ was instrumental in the creation of all things.

Hebrews 1:2: "But in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe."

John 1:3: "Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made."

Colossians 1:16: "For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him."

These scriptures emphasize Christ's role as the mediator of YHVH's creative power, through whom all things were brought into existence.

4. The Chronological Order of Events

Eternity Past:

YHVH exists as the eternal Creator.

Proverbs 8:22: "The LORD possessed me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old."

Before Creation:

YHVH creates Christ as the firstborn, the "beginning" of His works.

John 17:5: Christ shares glory with YHVH before the world began.

Creation of the World:

Through Christ, YHVH creates the universe.

John 1:3: "Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made."

Incarnation and Redemption:

Christ takes on flesh to fulfill YHVH's plan for salvation.

Future Kingdom:

Christ will return to establish YHVH's kingdom, ultimately submitting all to the Father.

1 Corinthians 15:28: "Then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all."

Conclusion

YHVH is the one true God and Creator, and Christ is His Son, created as the firstborn before all things. Through scripture, we see the chronological unfolding of YHVH's divine plan, emphasizing both His sovereignty and Christ's unique role. This understanding deepens our relationship with YHVH and Christ, inspiring obedience and faithfulness in the divine purpose.