Christ in Creation

Scriptures: Genesis 1:1, 26-27; John 1:1-4, 10-14, Col 1:15-20

The Bible **starts** with Jesus, **stays** with Jesus and **ends** with Jesus.

The Older Testament was written to **encourage** Israel to remember and live for the **promise** of the coming Messiah.

The Newer Testament was written to <u>reveal</u> the arrival of the Messiah and to encourage new believers to live in the reality of that <u>truth</u> with <u>love</u>.

The Old Testament was the only **scripture** that Christ, the apostles, and the early church possessed.

Moses was not <u>alive</u> when the events in Genesis occurred, but the Spirit directed him in his writing (2 Peter 1:20–21). Christ <u>confirmed</u> that Moses wrote the books assigned to him (John 5:45–47).

Every part of the created cosmos, visible and invisible, was created <u>in</u>, <u>by</u>, and <u>for</u> Christ; and every part of creation will be touched by His <u>reconciling work</u> on the cross, proven by His <u>resurrection</u>.

WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

Because the **fullness** of God dwells in Christ, we will not find **fullness** in anything else!

Everything was **<u>created</u>** by and is **<u>held together</u>** by Christ, so nothing can pull it **<u>apart!</u>**

God chose to reconcile all things through Christ. Any **supplemental** salvation plan **won't work!**

The supremacy of Christ over the whole cosmos assures believers of the sufficiency of Christ. Therefore, we should not allow our hope in Christ, to be **shaken** when it is **challenged** by others.

Christ **sustains** the entire universe; Christ can **sustain you**.