

The Firstborn

“Firstborn” can mean born first--Lk.2:3-7; Deut.21:15-17

“Firstborn” also can mean “of first importance or rank”

David--Psa.89:27

Ephraim--Jer.31:9

Israel--Exo.4:22-23

“The Firstborn Over All Creation” (Col.1:15)

Jesus is “the firstborn” over creation because He created all things (vs.16)

Jesus is “the firstborn” over creation because He maintains and sustains all creation (vs.17)

As “the firstborn over all creation,” Jesus is the highest of everything in creation

If “the firstborn over all creation” is not glorified, the world will suffer affliction--Rom.1:20-32

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“The Firstborn From The Dead”

(Col.1:18)

Jesus is the most important of all who have been raised from the dead--1Cor.15:20-23

Jesus raised Himself from the dead--Jn.10:17-18; 2:19-22

Jesus was raised by His own power, never to die again--Heb.7:25; Rom.8:33-34

Jesus raised Himself that He might be able to raise others--Jn.11:21-26; 2Tim.1:10

The Firstborn Who Receives Worship (Heb.1:6)

Jesus was worshiped by angels when He first appeared--Lk.2:8-16

All will worship Him when He appears again--
Phil.2:9-11

Worship and serve the firstborn One who alone is
worthy of worship--2Tim.3:1-5; Rev.5:9-13

“The Firstborn Among Many Brethren” (Rom.8:29)

God wants us to be “conformed to the image of His Son” so He can have many sons--Heb.2:9-13

Our mind and character are to be “conformed to the image of His Son”--2Cor.3:18

We are to grow into the likeness of God’s firstborn Son--1Jn.3:1-3