



(15) Who is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of every creature:

(16) Because all things were created by Him, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they are* thrones, or dominions {rule, kingdoms}, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him:

(17) And He was before all things, and by Him all things consist.

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1:1a – Timothy – Acts 16:1

1:2b – Grace and Peace – grace always precedes peace – Rom. 1:7; I Cor. 1:3;

II Cor. 1:2; Gal. 1:3; Eph. 1:2; Philip. 1:2; I Thes. 1:1; II Thes. 1:2; I Tim. 1:2;

II Tim. 1:2; Tit. 1:4; Philemon 1:3; I Pet. 1:2; II Pet. 1:2; II Jn. 1:3 – grace means

receiving something as a free gift that is totally undeserved

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(18) And He is the head of the body, the church: Who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that He might have first place in all *things*.

(19) Because it pleased *the Father* that in Him should all fullness live;

(20) And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things to Himself; by Him, *I say*, whether *they are* things in earth, or things in heaven.

(21) And you, who were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled

(22) In the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and without blame and above reproach in His sight:

(23) If you continue in the faith grounded and settled, and not *be* moved away from the hope of the gospel, which you have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature that is under heaven; of which I Paul am made a minister;

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