

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for December 19, 2010**

**“The Baby Who Was God”**  
**Colossians 1:15-20**

What are the four relationships detailed for us by Paul in Colossians 1:15-20 that explain how Christ can provide rest for the souls of the weary and heavy-laden?

The first relationship is Christ’s relationship with God (Colossians 1:15f cf. Hebrews 1:3).

The word “image” (EIKON) means “copy” or “likeness.”

When Paul referred to Christ as the firstborn (PROTOTOKOS) of all creation, he was referring to Christ’s preeminence in position or rank over all of creation.

The second relationship is Christ’s relationship with creation (Colossians 1:16-17).

Christ created the whole of the universe, and there is nothing that exists that He did not create.

Everything that exists, visible or invisible, has been created by Christ and for Christ, for His glory, and to accomplish His purposes.

When Paul said that Christ holds all things together, he was saying that the visible, created universe would not be able to continue as we know it if He did not sustain it.

The third relationship is Christ’s relationship with the church (Colossians 1:18).

The fourth relationship is Christ’s relationship to salvation (Colossians 1:20).

May all those who are weary and heavy choose to enter into the rest that Christ, the preeminent One, has made possible by the grace of God through the blood of His cross.