

Christ's Covenantal Reconciliation of All Things Will Result in Both the Salvation of His People and the Destruction of His Enemies¹

All things Created by Christ

Col 1:16 For by him **all things** were created, **in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible**, whether **thrones** or **dominions** or **rulers** or **authorities**- **all things** were created through him and for him.

Categories of Creation
thrones dominions rulers authorities **in heaven on earth**

All things Reconciled by the Cross

Col 1:20 and through him to reconcile to himself **all things**, whether **on earth** or in **heaven**, making peace by the blood of his cross.

in heaven on earth

What Does Reconciliation Mean?

For God's People

Col 1:21-22 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now **reconciled** in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

2 Cor 5:18-19 All this is from God, who through Christ **reconciled** us to himself and gave us the ministry of **reconciliation**; that is, in Christ God was **reconciling** the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them....

For God's Enemies

Col 2:15 He disarmed the **rulers** and **authorities** and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

rulers authorities

John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now will the **ruler** of this world be cast out.

ruler

The Resulting Present Situation in Heaven

Eph 1:19-21 ...the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand **in the heavenly places**, far above all **rule** and **authority** and **power** and **dominion**, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

dominion rule authority power **in heaven places**

The Resulting Present Situation on Earth

Eph 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the **rulers**, against the **authorities**, against the cosmic **powers** over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil **in the heavenly places**.

rulers authorities powers **in heaven places**

The Consummation

1 Cor 15:24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every **rule** and every **authority** and **power**.²

rule authority power

¹ Christ will reconcile all things with the promised blessings and curses of God's covenants.

² Cf. Mark S. Whorton, *Perils in Paradise: Theology, Science, and the Age of the Earth* (Waynesboro, Georgia: Authentic, 2005), 50-52.