



Jesus...Creator, Sustainer, Finisher

I. Jesus is the Creator

John 1:3, Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

John 1:10, He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

Colossians 1:16, For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

Hebrews 1:1-2, In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways,² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

A. Jesus created this world, the universe and everything in it, which include:

1. All laws of science
2. All laws of natural life
3. All people

B. Jesus created all aspects of the supernatural world, which include:

1. Spiritual beings, including the fallen angel Lucifer
2. Spiritual authorities and their associated limitations of power

II. Jesus is the Sustainer

A. Jesus sustains all aspects of the universe by the power of His word

Colossians 1:17, He is before all things, and in him all things hold together

Hebrews 1:3, The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

B. Jesus begins and sustains all aspects of your spiritual life in Him

John 6:35, Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

2 Corinthians 5:17, Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

C. Jesus gives you His life in place of your old life

Galatians 2:20, I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

2 Peter 1:3-4, His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.⁴ Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

D. Jesus guarantees your spiritual security and protection

John 10:27-28, My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.

1 Peter 1:3-5, Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

III. Jesus is the Finisher

A. Jesus will complete the work He began in every believer in Him

Philippians 1:6, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 1:8, He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

B. Jesus will purify this creation by bringing forth a new creation

2 Peter 3:10, 12b-13, But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. . . .^{12b} That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.¹³ But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

C. Jesus will reward His followers when He returns, and they will dwell with Him forever

1 Peter 5:4, And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

D. Jesus will place Satan and his cohorts in eternal torment

Revelation 20:10, And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

E. Jesus will physically live forever with His redeemed people

Revelation 21:1-4, Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.⁴ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

In light of who Jesus is, what He has done, and what He will do, you may have already placed your life, now and forever, in His care. If so, rejoice in Him and live for Him! If not, take time to read **Life’s Most Important Decision** at <http://wordtruth.org/PDF/Lifes%20Most%20Important%20Decision.pdf>.