Revelation 4:11
11 "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

Colossians 1:13–17
13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,
14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.
17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Start here
As we study Scripture, we watch God's epic redemptive story unfold for mankind. Let's explore passages from Revelation and Colossians and see what we learn about God's plan for His creation.

Observe
1 Mark references to God with a triangle and references to the Son with a cross.
2 Circle "all things" and underline redemption.

Interpret
3 Then answer the following questions from what you marked:
   a. What do you learn about God in Revelation 4:11?
   b. What do these passages say about "all things"?
c. What purpose does this give to your life?

d. According to the verses from Colossians, what has God done for believers and through whom?

e. How does Colossians define redemption?

f. Who were all things created by/in, through, and for? What purpose do each of these prepositions add to your life?

APPLY

How can you apply these truths to your life right now? Are you worshiping God as your Creator and Redeemer?

WRAP IT UP:

God created us by His will...for His purposes! But man disobeyed God, and He gave them over to slavery to sin, and they lived in the domain of darkness, under Satan's rule.

However, God planned and carried out redemption for mankind though His Son, Jesus. Jesus redeemed mankind by paying the price of death for sin that mankind deserved. Those who believe in the gospel have forgiveness of sins and escape the domain of darkness.

And our response today should be one of thankfulness, of gratitude and absolute awe and wonder at the great love God has shown in His Son Jesus' sacrifice for us. Will you, one who is created for Him, bend the knee today? Will you bow in worship for what He has done for us?


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