**Introduction:** When you picture Jesus Christ, what image comes to your mind -- a tiny baby in a feeding trough, a grown man teaching the multitudes, or a powerful monarch seated on a throne? Today, we are going to look at an unexpected passage from the New Testament to answer the question, “What Child Is This?” whose birth we are celebrating this week.

I. Jesus Christ Is The **Creator** Of The Universe  
   (Colossians 1:15-17)

   A. **Christ was Preexistent** to the Creation  
      (Colossians 1:15)

   Colossians 1:15  "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation."

   B. **Christ was the Cause of Creation**  
      (Colossians 1:16)

   Colossians 1:16  “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.”

   C. **Christ is the Heir of Creation**  
      (Colossians 1:16b)

   Colossians 1:16b  “...all things have been created through Him and for Him.”
D. Christ Sustains the Creation (Colossians 1:17)

Colossians 1:17 “He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.”

II. Jesus Christ Is The Generator Of Eternal Life (Colossians 1:18)

Colossians 1:18 “He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.”

III. Jesus Christ Is Our Reconciler To God (Colossians 1:19-20)

Colossians 1:19 “For it was the Father’s good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him.”

Colossians 1:20 “And through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.”

1 Peter 3:18 “For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.”

Conclusion