

we exist. And there is one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom all things exist and through whom we exist.<sup>180</sup> He it is of whom [it is spoken] in our theme-text,<sup>181</sup> who is the Beginning and who also speaks. To Him has been given all power that is in Heaven and on earth.<sup>182</sup> To Him are subject all those created gods, or powers, of whom the afore-said [ancients] spoke. For He is the Word of the Living God,<sup>183</sup> through which Word all things exist.<sup>184</sup> In Him are hidden all the treasures of knowledge.<sup>185</sup> Just as through Him alone we came into existence and came into [this] temporal world, [so through Him alone] we will be able to be led unto endless existence and perpetual life. [We can be led] by means of the way which the Beginning showed [us] by deed and word—the Beginning,<sup>186</sup> viz., Jesus Christ, forever blessed,<sup>187</sup> who holds the pre-eminence in all respects.<sup>188</sup>