

Jesus, the Revelation of God

Colossians 2:8-15 (NASB 2020) See to it that there is no one who takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception in accordance with human tradition, in accordance with the elementary principles of the world, rather than in accordance with Christ. For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form.

I. Jesus was God in the flesh

Colossians 2:9 (NASB 2020) For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form.

John 1:1-3 (ESV) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.... **verse 14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Hebrews 1:1-3 (NASB 2020) God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom He also made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

1 Timothy 3:16 (ESV) Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

II. The Significance of Jesus being God in the Flesh

1. I want to see God!

Colossians 2:9 (NASB 2020) For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form.

John 8:19 (NASB 2020) So they were saying to Him, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor My Father; if you knew Me, you would know My Father also."

We see who God is through Jesus. God loves you so much that He wanted to show you Himself in the flesh!

John 14:8-9 (NASB 2020) Philip *said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus *said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? The one who has seen Me has seen the Father;

Hebrews 1:3 (NLT) The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God.

2. He knows our experience

Hebrews 4:15 (AMP) For we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to understand and sympathize and have a shared feeling with our weaknesses and infirmities and liability to the assaults of temptation, but One Who has been tempted in every respect as we are, yet without sinning.

God (in Christ) fully understands the human experience from the inside. Pain, suffering, rejection,

Hebrews 2:17-18 (AMP) So it is evident that it was essential that He be made like His brethren in every respect, in order that He might become a merciful (sympathetic) and faithful High Priest in the things related to God, to make atonement and propitiation for the people's sins. For because He Himself [in His humanity] has suffered in being tempted (tested and tried), He is able [immediately] to run to the cry of (assist, relieve) those who are being tempted and tested and tried [and who therefore are being exposed to suffering].

3. He redeemed us

Colossians 2:12 (NLT) For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

Hebrews 10:4-5 (NLT) For it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. That is why, when Christ came into the world, he said to God, "You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings. But you have given me a body to offer....**verse 10** For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time.

Ephesians 1:7 (AMP) In Him we have redemption (deliverance and salvation) through His blood, the remission (forgiveness) of our offenses (shortcomings and trespasses), in accordance with the riches and the generosity of His gracious favor.

In Christ, God took on flesh and gave Himself as the sacrifice for our sins. God didn't send someone else to save us—He came Himself in Christ.

1 Peter 1:18-20 (NLT) *For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but now in these last days he has been revealed for your sake.*

4. He empowers us

Colossians 2:15 (NLT) *In this way, He disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by His victory over them on the cross.*

Ephesians 1:19-20 (NLT) *I also pray that you will understand the **incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe Him**. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.*

Ephesians 2:5-6 (NASB 2020) *even when we were dead in our wrongdoings, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and **seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.***

John 14:12 (NLT) *"I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.*

Romans 8:11 (NASB 2020) *But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*

Colossians 3:1-5 (NLT) *Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth...**Verse 5** So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.*

*****Romans 6:12-14 (ESV)** *For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.*

III. Your Identity is in Him!

Romans 8:15-17 (NKJV) *For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.*

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV) *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

Colossians 2:10 (NKJV) *and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.*