

# EXACT-REPRESENTATION OF HIS SUBSTANCE

"God, who at various ways and in diverse manners spoke in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He has appointed Heir of all things, by whom also He made the ages. Who being the brightness of His (the Father's) Glory, and the **Exact- Representation of His (the Father's) Substance**, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, and sat down on the Right Hand of the Majesty on High; being made so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they." (Hebrews 1:1-4)

**Exact-Representation:** from the Greek word *charakter* which means: "an engraving; a representation, an impression, an exact reproduction; a character in the sense of an engraved or written letter."

**Substance:** from the Greek word *hupostasis* which means: "Stand-under; a support, substance, steadiness, hence assurance or confidence"

The basic meaning of this title of Jesus is that He is an exact reproduction of the underlying substance of God's nature or being; and includes the characteristic and nature of the sinless life of Jesus, which was necessary for the purging of our sins, as mentioned in the same verse. Consider also these verses:

"For He (the Father) has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has transferred us into the Kingdom of His dear Son (Jesus); In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins; who is the Image of the Invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:" (Colossians 1:13-15)

"But if our gospel is hidden, it is hidden from those who are lost; in whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of those who believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the Image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." (2 Corinthians 4:3-6)

"Look not every man on his own things only, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Himself the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (Philippians 2:4-8)

The man Jesus did fulfill the meaning of this title; and thus He did become the Savior of the World! Thus He was given the name Jesus, which means **God Saves**! And Jesus was also given the name Emmanuel, which means **God with us**!

## Jesus is ...

### the Exact Representation of God's Substance

the very character of God,  
the exact imprint of His nature,  
the express image of His person,

Jesus is "Emmanuel" - "God with us"  
He is "Jesus" - "God's Salvation"

Thank You Father for sending to us Jesus!

Thank You Jesus for becoming obedient to Your Father and dying for us on the Cross!