

The Image of the Invisible God

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"... Giving thanks unto the Father, who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light; and who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has transferred us into the Kingdom of His Beloved Son; in whom we have Redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins. **And who is the Image of the Invisible God**, the Firstborn of all Creation. For in Him all things were created, that are in Heaven, and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created through Him, and for Him." ([Colossians 1:12-16](#))

Image: from the Greek word *eikon* a noun which means: an image; a likeness, a statue, a representation; properly: a mirror-like representation which **exactly** reflects its source. (from *eikō*, a verb meaning: "be like").

God: from the Greek word *Theou* (*Theos*) which means: God; the Invisible Supreme Being; the Creator and owner, and sustainer of all things (see John 1:3; Genesis 1:1 - 3).

Invisible: from the Greek word *aporatou* which means: invisible; literally: unseen; properly: not seen; invisible to the physical eye, but believed by faith to be in existence. When we see something with our eyes we believe that it exists, apart from faith. But when we believe that something exists without seeing it with our eyes, we do so by faith. Thus we believe that the **Invisible God** exists by the assurance of faith, without any doubt. The God Of Israel always was and still is an Invisible God, and not a physically visible god. Thus, in context: Jesus, in His humanity is altogether the visible Image of the invisible God - whom we cannot see. It is as the apostle John wrote:

"That which (or who) was from the beginning (speaking of Jesus), which we have heard, **which we have seen with our eyes**, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of Life (a title of Jesus); For the Life (the Life of Christ Jesus) was **manifested** (made visible), and **we have seen it**, and bear witness, and show unto you **That Eternal Life**, which (or who) **was with the Father**, and was **manifested** unto us. **That** which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly **our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ** (because the two are One). And these things write we unto you, so that your joy may be full." ([1 John 1:1-4](#))

Moses desired to see the glory of the invisible God's Face; but it was not possible:

"And he (Moses) said, 'I beseech You, **show me Your Glory.**' ... And **He** (God) said (to Moses), 'You **cannot not see My Face**; for no man shall see Me, and live.' And the LORD said, 'Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand upon a rock; and it shall come to pass, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. And I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but **My Face shall not be seen.**' " ([Exodus 33:18-23](#))

Although Moses was not allowed to see the Face of God; the Father did foreordain that His Face, His Image, and His Glory, should be seen "in **the Face** of Jesus Christ" - His beloved Son. Jesus, Himself, said to His disciple Philip, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father." (John 14:9) Also, please consider the following:

"But if our gospel is hidden, it is hidden to those who are lost; in whom the god of this world has blinded **the minds** of those who do not believe, 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](#))

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In context, it is to be understood that as we look unto the Face of Jesus to see the Image of the Father, it is not with our physical eyes that we look; rather it is with the understanding of our enlightened hearts and minds that we look and 'see' the Glory of the Image of our invisible Father. So what Image of the glory of the Invisible Father do we see when we look into the Face of Jesus? Please consider the following:

In the Face of Jesus we see the Image of the Father's Holiness:

Holiness: in the scriptures, the Holiness of God implies 'separation' from from all that is impure: in the sense of wickedness, and all that is sinful. Thus the Father is often called the Holy One (of Israel): (see [Psalm.78:41](#); [Isaiah 1:4](#); [Ezekiel 39:7](#))

Since Jesus and the Father are One we do indeed see the Image of the Father's Holiness in Christ Jesus, as it says:

"But this Man (Jesus), because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore He is able also to save to the uttermost those who come unto God through Him; seeing He always lives to make intercession for them. For He became such a High Priest for us, who is Holy, Innocent, Undeiled, Separate from Sinners." ([Hebrews 7:24-27](#))

In the Face of Jesus we see the Image of the Father's Justice:

Justice: in the scriptures, the Justice of God is the quality of being fair and reasonable; especially in judicial decisions; whether they be remunerative or retributive. The justice of God in Christ Jesus is always to vindicate, and never vindictive.

"For as the Father raises up the dead, and gives life to them; even so the Son gives life to whom He will. For **the Father judges no man, but has committed all judgment to the Son**; so that all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who has sent Him. Truly, truly, I say unto you, he who hears My word, and believes on Him who sent Me, has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but has passed from death unto life. Truly, truly, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear shall live. For as the Father has Life in Himself; so has He given to the Son to have Life in Himself; and **has given Him (Jesus) authority to execute judgment also**, because He is the Son of Man. Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming, in the which all who are in the graves shall hear His voice, And shall come forth; they who have done good, to the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, **to the resurrection of judgement**. I can of mine own self do nothing; as I hear, **I judge: and My judgment is just**; because I seek not My own will, but the will of the Father who has sent Me. ([John 5:21-30](#))

In the Face of Jesus we see the Image of the Father's Righteousness:

Righteousness: in the scriptures, the Righteousness of God implies the attribute of always being morally right and just in all His decisions, actions, judgements, etc (see [Psalm 145:17](#); [Jeremiah. 12:1](#); [Psalm 116:5](#); [2 Timothy 4:8](#))

Since Jesus and the Father are One we do indeed see the Image of the Father's Righteousness made visible in Christ Jesus, as it says in ([Romans 3:21-26](#)):

"But now the **Righteousness of God** without the law is manifested (made visible), being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the **Righteousness of God** which is through faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all those who believe: for there is no difference. For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; whom God has set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare **His (Jesus) Righteousness** for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; to declare, I say, at this time **His Righteousness**: so that **He** might be **just**, and the **justifier** of him who believes in Jesus."

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In the Face of Jesus we see the Image of the Father's Mercy:

Mercy: in the scriptures, the Mercy of God is His compassion, forgiveness, and Grace, shown towards believing sinners, in whom it is within God's power to punish or harm; as it says:

"But God, who is Rich in Mercy, because of His Great Love with which He Loved us, even when we were dead in sins, has made us alive together with Christ; by Grace you are saved; and has raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly-places in Christ Jesus; so that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His Grace in kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by Grace you are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:4-8)

"Grace be with you, **Mercy**, and peace, from God the Father, **and** from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in Truth and Love." (2 John 1:3)

In the Face of Jesus we see the Image of the Father's Love:

Love: in the scriptures, the Love of God is worked out through His Son Jesus, through the plan of Salvation established before the foundation of the world; through the Cross of crucifixion on Calvary Hill; it is as Jesus said:

"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; so that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have Eternal Life. For God so Loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." (John 3:16-17)

"As the Father has Loved Me, so have I Loved you: continue you in My Love. If you keep My commandments, you shall abide in My Love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His Love. These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is My commandment: that you love one another, as I have Loved you. Greater Love has no man than this, that a man lay down His Life for His friends!" (John 15:9-13)

"In this was manifested (made visible) the Love of God towards us, that God sent His Only Begotten Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. Herein is Love, not that we loved God, but that He Loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so Loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man has seen (the invisible) God at any time. If we love one another, God dwells in us, and His Love is perfected in us. By this we know that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because he Has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world." (1 John 4:9-14)

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Truly, we behold the Glorious Image of God the Father in the Face of Christ Jesus !

In Jesus we see the Love of the Father, and the Mercy of the Father !

In Jesus we see the Justice of the Father; and the Righteousness of the Father !

And above all, in Jesus we the manifest Holiness and Glory of the Father !!

Thank You Lord Jesus for Revealing the Father unto us !

Thank You for fulfilling the Father's Great Love for us on the Cross !!

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory !

Forever and ever ! Amen and Amen !!