

IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE

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INTRODUCTION

A. THINK ABOUT IT!

1. If something is invisible...you cannot see it.
2. Then how could something be the image of it.
3. And if it was the image, how would you know since you can't see it?

B. A CLOSER LOOK AT THE WORD.

1. horao, = to see.
2. a (alpha) negative, unseen.
3. Translated invisible.

C. MEANING OF 1:15; Is that Christ, is the image of that which we cannot see.

1. We cannot see God.
 2. We can see Christ, as He has been revealed to us.
 3. In seeing Him, we see the Father - Know what He is like.
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IMAGE OF GOD

A. *"in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God should not dawn on them."* (II Cor. 4:4).

1. In the next verse Paul says we "preach Christ Jesus as Lord".
2. In the word, to gospel, which is not "veiled" (v. 3), Christ is revealed and in Him we see God.

B. *"God, having of old time spoken unto the fathers in the prophets by divers portions and in divers manners, hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the worlds; who being the effulgence of his glory, and the very image of his substance, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:"* (Heb. 1:1-3).

1. God has revealed Himself, "the image of his substance" in His Son.
 2. By whom all things were done by "the word of his power".
 3. And He has now returned to the right hand of God.
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SHOW US THE FATHER

A. JESUS' FAREWELL DISCOURSE.

1. "I am the way, the truth no one cometh unto the Father but by me."
2. "If ye had known me, ye would have known my Father also, from hence forth ye know him, and have seen him." (John 14:7).

B. *"Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and dost thou not know me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; how sayest thou, Show us the Father? (John 14:8-10).*

1. We see the Father in Christ.
2. We see the Father in the word and works of Christ. (v. 10).

WE SEE IN CHRIST

A. THE FIRST BORN OF ALL CREATION.

1. Not the first thing created and Jehovah's Witness's claim.
2. It designates him who is the beginning of creation in the sense that he was there and caused creation to begin.
3. *"for in him were all things created, in the heavens and upon the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created through him and unto him; and he is before all things, and in him all things consist"* (v. 16, 17).
4. Therefore in Christ, we see the image of God, the Creator.

B. THE REDEEMER.

1. *"in whom we have our redemption, the forgiveness of our sins:"* v. 14.
2. We see the Redeemer in the life He lived and the price He paid. '
3. Made peace through the blood of his cross. V. 20.
4. *"yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and without blemish and unreprouable before him"* v 22

WE SEE....

A. THE SAVIOR.

1. *"But when the kindness of God our Savior, and his love toward man, appeared.....which he poured out upon us richly, through Jesus Christ our Savior;"* (Titus 3:4-6).
2. We see God our Savior in Christ our Savior.

B. HEAD OF THE CHURCH. v. 18.

1. God's wisdom. v. 27.

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2. *“Take heed unto yourselves, and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit hath made you bishops, to feed the church of the Lord which he purchased with his own blood.”* (Acts 20:28).

3. Jesus came to build His church (Matt. 16).

C. THE HOPE OF GLORY.

1. Heb. 6:19, Christ our hope - an anchor to our soul.

2. I Peter 1:21, *“who through him are believers in God, that raised him from the dead, and gave him glory; so that your faith and hope might be in God.”*

3. *“If we have only hoped in Christ in this life, we are of all men most pitiable.”* (I Cor. 15:19).

CONCLUSION

A. *“.....that we may present every man perfect in Christ”* v. 27.

1. Heb. 12:2; He is the perfecter or finisher of our faith.

2. Jesus the “image of God” and perfecter of our faith.

B. IN CHRIST:

1. THE IMAGE OF GOD.

2. How do we enter into Christ.

3. John 3:3,4; Galatians 3:26,27.

4. *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ;”* (Eph. 1:3).

C. “SHOW US THE FATHER.....”

1. Have you seen the Christ?

2. Do you know Him.

3. To see Him and to know Him is to see and know God!

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