“The Jesus of the Bible”

Colossians 2:8-10

**Introduction:** To put it mildly, we are NOT at liberty to construct a Jesus that is more to our liking and preference than is faithful to the BIBLICAL REVELATION of Jesus.

**Three Key Teachings:**

**1. The Jesus of the Bible is contrary to man’s inventive, philosophic, empty, deceptive, traditional, and elemental portrayals of Christ (v. 8).**

* The Jesus of the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** is…
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the plumb line for evaluating the claims of other religions.
* People are **\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** Jesus in their own image.

**2. The Jesus of the Bible is consistently portrayed as the Incarnate God (v. 9).**

* Jesus is God in the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
* Jesus is the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of God’s glory (Heb. 1:3).
* In Christ, all the fullness of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** dwells.

**3. The Jesus of the Bible is the only One Who can make us complete (v. 10).**

* Because Christ is Who He is, we have been made **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in Him.
* His glorious fullness is **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to us.

**Your Response:**

The linchpin of Christianity is the reality that the Bible consistently portrays Christ as the Incarnate God. If Jesus is not God, then there is no Christianity. You can follow human, man-centered wisdom. Or, you cand come to Christ, the Jesus of the Scripture.