

IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD

THE WORSHIP OF GOD IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

"[Jesus] is the image of the invisible God."

~ Colossians 1:15

1. We Preach Jesus Christ

- a. What is our foundation? Mystery, Paul, right division? Rom 16:25-27, 1 Cor 2:2
- b. Start with common ground – the Lord Jesus Christ – 1 Cor 3:11
- c. Basic Bible Christianity: Jesus is God, whom we worship – Col 1:15-18

2. The Existence of Jesus

- a. AD 2024 = Anno Domini = Year of our Lord (not entirely accurate)
 - i. Dionysius – 6th century monk was calculating Jesus birth
- b. Before Abraham he was – John 8:58
- c. Before the world he was – John 17:4-5
- d. The Word God was made flesh - John 1:1-3 & 1:14
- e. Full of grace and truth (as God's only begotten) – John 1:14, 17
 - i. By mercy and truth is iniquity purged (NT) - Proverbs 16:6, 20:28, Isa 16:5
 - ii. Jesus was the Lord's salvation in Psalm 98:1-3 (cf Luke 1:68-72)

3. Seeing The Invisible

- a. God is a Spirit (invisible) - John 4:24
- b. The King, eternal, immortal, invisible - 1 Tim 1:16-17
- c. Seeing him who is invisible - Hebrews 11:27
- d. Moses and the 70 elders - Exodus 24:9-11, 17
- e. The likeness of God's glory - Ezekiel 1:26-28
- f. The Lord Jesus returns in flaming fire - 2 Thess 1:7-8, 2:7-8
- g. If you have seen me you have seen the Father - John 14:7-9

4. All Things Created

- a. In the beginning [Jesus] ... Genesis 1:1 - the visible made from the invisible
- b. *By him* all things were created - Eph 3:9, Col 1:16
- c. *For him* all things were created – Col 1:16, Rom 11:36, Prov 16:4, Isa 43:7, 21
- d. I am the LORD that maketh all things - Isa 44:24-25, Rev 4:1-11
- e. The years of the Son have no end - Psalm 102:24-26 & Heb 1:8-12
- f. Jesus same, yesterday, today, and forever - Heb 13:8, Mal 3:6, Micah 5:2
- g. First and Last – Isaiah 43:10, 44:6, 48:12, Revelation 1:11,17
- h. I am the Holy One, the Saviour - Isaiah 43:1-3, 11,14 compared to Acts 3:14

5. Worship God to His Face

- a. The worship of man-made images forbidden - Exodus 20:4-5, Lev 26:1
- b. There is one God (invisible) and one image of God - 1 Tim 2:5, 3:16, 2 Cor 4:3-6
- c. In him dwells all the fulness of the Godhead visibly - Col 2:9
- d. You are complete *in* the image of God, putting on Christ – Col 2:10, Eph 6:13
- e. He was made in the likeness of man to reveal God - Phil 2:5-8
- f. Jesus Christ the only image of God deserving of all worship – Phil 2:9-11, Col 1:19