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The Supremacy of Jesus: Seven Facets of His Magnificence (Part 2)

Jesus is the Radiance of God

Jesus is the brightness or the radiance of the Father's glory. The Greek word for "brightness" is *apaugosmo* and it speaks of God's glory "pouring forth" or "streaming forth" from Jesus.

3Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person... (Heb. 1:3)

To understand this truth, it is important to first know that Jesus is of the same nature, substance, and essence as the Father.

Jesus is God, like the Father, yet is a distinct person from the Father. As a distinct Person, Jesus is the brightness or the pouring forth of the essence of God.

The unspoken analogy behind this truth is the relationship of the sun to the rays of light that stream forth from it with great brightness.

As the radiance of a ray of light streaming forth from the sun brings light to the earth, so Jesus brings the Father's light to the earth.

The brightness of the sun's rays expresses the nature of the sun. However, the rays are not actually the sun itself, but they come from it. Since it was created, light has never ceased to radiate from the sun.

They are so perfectly one that as long as the sun exists, the radiance of its rays will also exist.

Paul applied this truth to our lives. The streaming of God's brightness in the face of Jesus—through the person of Jesus—enters our heart.

His radiance shines in us, imparting light. Jesus is the brightness of the Father's glory. Thus, humans can experience the Father's glory in Jesus and radiate His glory to others. It is a miracle that God's light shines into and out of darkness.

6It is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Cor. 4:6)

Prayer:

Father God light Your light in Christ Jesus diffuse its brightness on us continually... let nothing dim His radiance in us... let us be diffused of His light... in the darkness.