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The Supremacy of Jesus: Seven Facets of His Magnificence (Part 3)

Jesus is the Exact Representation of the Father

Jesus is the exact representation of the Father's person (nature, substance, essence). The word image (Gk. eikon) means an exact representation. The Father's person points to His substance or essence. The words nature, substance, and essence were used by the early fathers in the creeds.

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

The brightness of the Father's glory is made visible to humans only through Jesus. The quality of the brightness of the Father is perfect and does not deviate from truth. Some wrongly think that the God of the Old Testament is One of wrath, whereas the God of the New Testament is One of love. However, the Father and the Son are in perfect unity in both testaments.

15He is the image of the invisible God... (Col. 1:15)

The fullness of the Father is contained and expressed through Jesus in a human body! The beauty of the Father's love, wisdom, purity, and humility is shown through Jesus' humanity. After the incarnation, Jesus had two natures—being fully God and fully man. Ian Thomas said, "Though Jesus was never less than God, He lived on earth as though He was never more than a Man."

9For in Him [Jesus] dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily... (Col. 2:9) 9Jesus said to him, "...He who has seen Me has seen the Father..." (Jn. 14:9)

Prayer:

Father we are grateful that in Jesus we see you! He is exactly who you are in everything! He is you in Him and Him in you in such perfect unity!