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— THE IMAGE OF GOD —

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.”

—Colossians 1:15

Work is an expression of the image of God in you, and it is worth thinking about how your work reflects His character. Something as simple as cleaning out a closet reflects the God who created order out of chaos. Holding a stop sign for children to cross the road creates an environment of safety that reflects the God who protects. The farmers who grow our food reflect His provision for us. A father or mother who nurtures a child reflects the love, patience, and perseverance of God. A boss who holds things together making a business profitable. This too is a reflection of God's work. You are a created expression of the image of God; therefore, all human beings have value.

However, there is One who is the complete, very wisdom of, and image of God. That is the person of Jesus Christ. Hebrews 1:3 and chapter 5 give us the picture of Jesus being the very stamp of God's nature. Paul uses the term “wisdom” writing to the Corinthians (1-1:24,30)

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That same wisdom of God is given credit with creation by David in the Psalm (33:6) and again in Proverbs 3:19 and 8:22-31, where wisdom is spoken of in the first person as the oldest and best loved child of God. The apostle John also speaks of Jesus this way in John 1:2.

Nowhere do we see this more clearly than in Paul's vision on the road to Damascus. "Have I not seen the Lord?" (1 Cor 9:1). What did Paul see? (2 Cor 4:6) "The light of the knowledge of the glory of God." What form did the light take? "the face of Jesus Christ." In what ways have you been blessed because of Jesus Christ? And Paul was not the only one who was given this experience. The prophet Ezekiel also saw the same, see Ezekiel 1:26.

Jesus' expression of himself being the way, truth, and life with no one coming to the Father except through him (John 14:6) is a reflection of him being our High Priest, the only one who could be in the very presence of God.

Jesus had to live a life like ours to be our High Priest and sacrifice. He was tempted in every way you are yet resisted and is without sin. Only God is without sin, yet He took our sin on himself, your sin. Why not come clean, be free of guilt and confess your sin, repent, and obey him? What is stopping you?