

# Northside

FOURSQUARE CHURCH

# The Image of the Invisible God

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**Main Point:** As we are filled with the presence of Christ, we become the image of the invisible God.

**Making All Things Visible**

## Colossians 1:16-18

*“He is **the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him **all things were created**, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities- all things were created through Him and for him...in everything, **He might be preeminent**”*

- If you want to understand what God is like, gaze into Jesus
- If you don't know God, read HIS bio - through the Word, His character and nature is revealed in detail

## John 5:19

*“So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord,*

*but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.”*

- Jesus chose to walk blindly, doing only what He sees the Father doing...this may sound difficult at first but once you learn to hear Him speak, you will be able to hear Him speak in any season

## **Salvation is Instant, Sanctification is Continual**

- Now to be in Christ does not mean that Christ is IN YOU
- “To be in Christ makes you fit for Heaven but for Christ to be in you makes you fit for earth” – Major Ian Thomas

Ephesians 2:8-10

*“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”*

- The goal of the Christian life is to be used by God...the goal of the Christian walk is not to go to church...the goal is that His workmanship might display His works
- Every created thing has a purpose and that purpose is be used
- Our design as His workmanship is that “by grace” we might be SAVED and “by grace” we might be USED

**Christ in You, the Hope of Glory**

Colossians 1: 26,27

*“God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to His saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of Glory.”*

- Glory- is the visible expression of the invisible God- when God is displayed, He is glorified
- Is God being glorified in your life, is He being displayed in your life, is there a tangible expression of the presence of God in your life??
- Whenever God is revealed, displayed or unveiled, He is glorified

- “Christ in you, the Hope of Glory”