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The Real Story of
CHRIST'S
Incarnational
MISSION

Part 3

**Christ is the Visible Image
of the Invisible God**

Colossians 1:15

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation,

Colossians 1:16a

for through him God created
everything in the heavenly realms
and on earth. He made the things
we can see and the things we
can't see

Colossians 1:16b

**such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers,
and authorities in the unseen
world. Everything was created
through him and for him.**

Colossians 1:17

**He existed before anything else,
and he holds all creation together.**

Colossians 1:18

Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything.

Colossians 1:19

**For God in all his fullness was
pleased to live in Christ,**

Colossians 1:20

and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.



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Principle #1

Jesus Christ, the visible image of the invisible God, is the supreme and ultimate revelation of God Himself to humanity.

To be supreme is to be of the highest authority, which means having power over all others. To be the ultimate means final, which means the last in a series.

Exodus 3:13

But Moses protested, “If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ they will ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what should I tell them?”

Exodus 3:14

God replied to Moses, “I am who I am. Say this to the people of Israel: I AM has sent me to you.”

Exodus 3:15

God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: Yahweh, the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.

John 8:57

The people said, “You aren’t even fifty years old. How can you say you have seen Abraham?”

John 8:58

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I AM!"

John 8:59

Upon hearing this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

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Principle #2

Through Jesus Christ we are able to experience God's unfiltered heart, thoughts, words, and actions for ourselves.

Principle #3

Through Jesus Christ we are given the opportunity to understand that God's ultimate purpose for humanity is not to judge and to destroy but to reconcile, to renew, and to redeem (to save).

Principle #4

Through belief in Jesus Christ, we are granted God's power through the Holy Spirit to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep God's love is.

Principle #5

Although sin has thoroughly distorted Christ's work in creation, as God in the flesh, He alone has the power to undo all of its consequences, to restore it to its original condition, and to reconcile it to God.

Principle #6

Christ is supreme over all of creation, but His supremacy is supposed to manifest itself most visibly and most gloriously in the church and in every individual believer.

Principle #7

Anyone can be saved by God's grace, through faith in Jesus Christ, because of the faith of Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1:21

This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions.

Colossians 1:22a

Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body.

Colossians 1:22

As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.

Colossians 1:23a

**But you must continue to believe
this truth and stand firmly in it.**

**Don't drift away from the
assurance you received when you
heard the Good News.**

Colossians 1:23b

The Good News has been preached all over the world, and I, Paul, have been appointed as God's servant to proclaim it.

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