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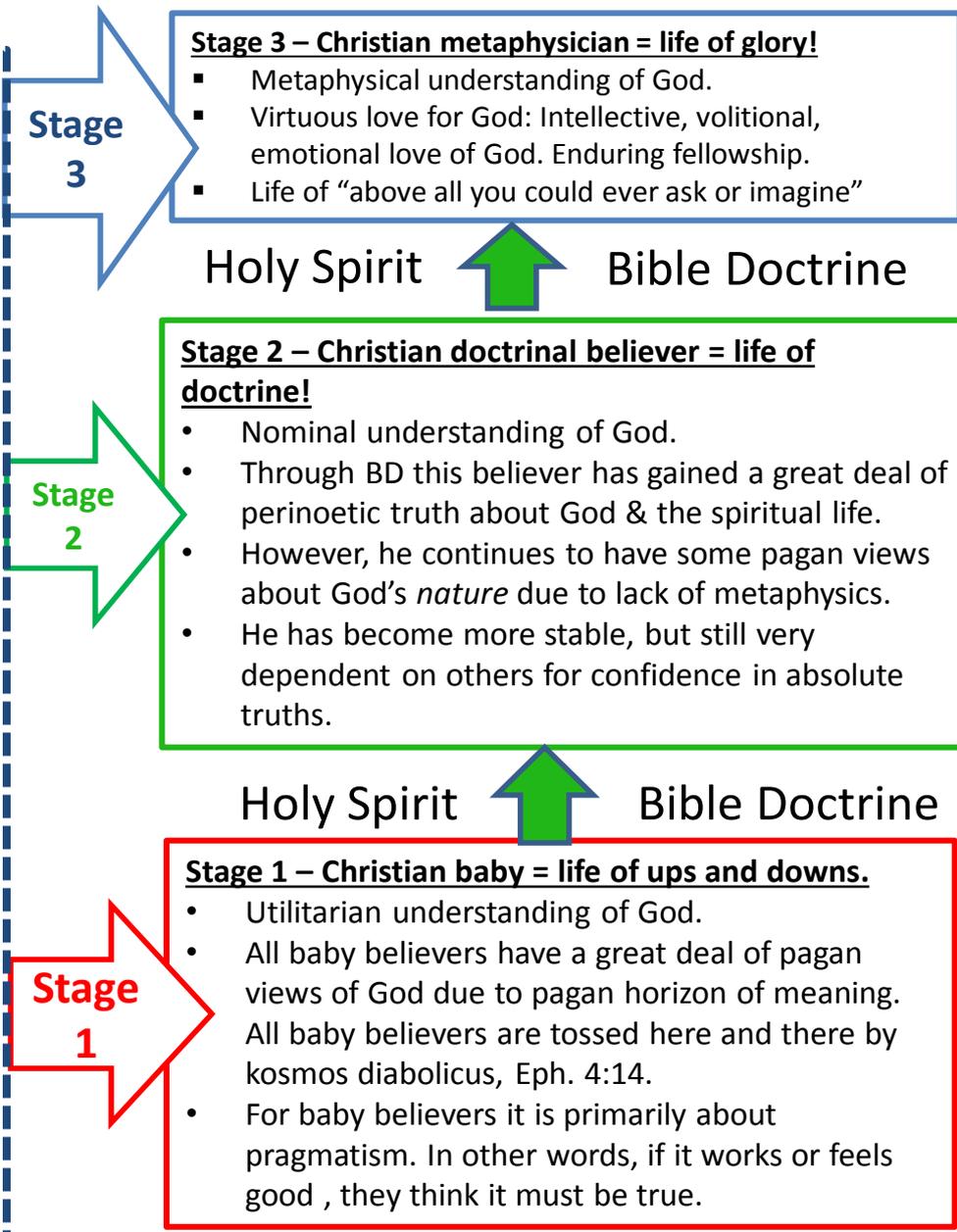
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The single greatest issue in life and the explicitly stated reason that Scripture was written is for virtue love for God (Luke 10:27). Virtue love is not only the single greatest issue of life, it is inextricably connected to every issue in life, from our deepest desires as a humans and every test we face in this life to the blessings of next life—the best that is to come. There is no greater issue in our lives than virtue love for God. This we will all see sooner or later (Job 42:5-6; 1 Pet. 1:6-9; 2 Cor. 5:14-15; Mark 8:38; Rev. 21:3-4).

There is no virtue love of God apart from intellectual virtue of knowing God. God has provided His Word and pastors to teach it. The goal is to bring the listeners to the point of understanding on a cognitive level the contents of the Word of God. There are objective and subjective aspects to all knowledge. Without the objective you end up with psychology, without the subjective there is no living relationship with God. Without wisdom it is just rote memory. God is the primary source of all spiritual wisdom.



Christ's Cross and Ours

1. Christ's Cross and ours.
 - a. Christ's cross, Matt. 27:27-46.
 - b. Our crosses, Luke 9:18-27; 14:15-27.

2. Review of Christian virtues in contrast to the “treasures” of kosmos diabolicus.

#1, Matt. 5:3: Blessed (Μακάριοι) are the **poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

#2, Blessed are those who **mourn (πενθοῦντες) for they shall be comforted.**

#3, Blessed are the **gentle (πραεῖς) for they shall inherit the earth.**

#4, Blessed are those **who hunger and thirst for righteousness (δικαιοσύνην) for they shall be satisfied.**

#5, Blessed are the **merciful for they shall receive mercy.**

#6, Blessed are the **pure in heart (καθαροὶ τῇ καρδίᾳ) for they shall see God.**

#7, Blessed are the **peacemakers (εἰρηνοποιοί) for they shall be called the sons of God.**

#8, Blessed are **those who have been persecuted for righteousness and because of Jesus Christ. Blessed are you when men cast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me. 12 "Rejoice, and be glad, for your **reward (ὁ μισθός) in heaven** is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.**

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3. A few words on man's pride and the need for poverty of spirit.
 - What does man have to be proud of? What does anyone have that he has not received from God? How long is it going to last? It is really such a big thing after all?
 - We have all come out of nothing, and are nothing without God who is everything. If God were to withhold our *esse* for one moment, we would collapse into nothingness. And yet here we are, thinking high and mighty of ourselves because we possess this or that or have this ability that is greater than others—all the while we are but great emptiness, a nothingness, apart from God giving us being in which to pour His grace.
 - Consider what we do with what He does give us freely: our wills! The one attribute God has given to us, our wills, we use against Him. It is in our pride that we say, "I am rich and need nothing [from God]," Rev. 3:17.

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4. What the world commends, Christ condemns, and all that the world shrinks from and dreads, Christ asks us to be willing to make our own with the assurance that in these virtues we shall find true, deep, and transcendent happiness/blessedness (Μακάριοι) and great reward when we pass through the last portal, namely death, where the best is yet to come.

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5. A look at what the Bible says about Christian suffering, virtue, blessedness, and transcendent joy.

Hebrews 2:10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings (διὰ παθημάτων τελειῶσαι).

Hebrews 5:8 Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered (ἔμαθεν ἀφ' ὧν ἔπαθεν τὴν ὑπακοήν,). 9 And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,

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Job 42:5 "I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear; But now my eye sees Thee; 6 Therefore I retract, And I repent in dust and ashes."

James 1:2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, (ἦτε τέλειοι καὶ ὀλόκληροι) lacking in nothing.

Romans 5:3 And not only this, but we also exult (καυχώμεθα) in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; 4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; 5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

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Romans 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

2 Corinthians 1:4 who comforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 5 For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ. 6 But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; 7 and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are sharers of our comfort.

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2 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. 17 For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, 18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal

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Philippians 3:8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ, 9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, 10 that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; 11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

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1 Peter 2:21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, **leaving you an example** for you to follow in His steps,

1 Peter 4:13 but to the degree that you **share the sufferings of Christ**, keep on rejoicing; so that also at the revelation of His glory, you may rejoice with exultation.

Galatians 5:11 But I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still **persecuted**? Then the stumbling block of the cross has been abolished.

Galatians 6:12 Those who desire to make a good showing in the flesh try to compel you to be circumcised, simply that they may not **be persecuted for the cross of Christ.**

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12 reasons the Son of God became a man and died on the Cross

#1 – To provide a worthy substitute sacrifice for our sins.

Hebrews 2:9 But we do see Him who has been made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that by the grace of God **He might taste (γεύσεται) death for everyone.**

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Hebrews 10:4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. 5 Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, "Sacrifice and offering Thou hast not desired, But a body Thou hast prepared for Me; 6 In whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin Thou hast taken no pleasure. 7 "Then I said, 'Behold, I have come (In the roll of the book it is written of Me) To do Thy will, O God.'" 8 After saying above, "Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin Thou hast not desired, nor hast Thou taken pleasure in them" (which are offered according to the Law), 9 then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Thy will." He takes away the first in order to establish the second. 10 **By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all (ἐφάπαξ).**

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#1 – To provide a worthy substitute sacrifice for our sins.

1 Peter 2:24 and **He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross**, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also **died for sins once (ἅπαξ) for all, the just for the unjust**, in order that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

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2 Corinthians 5:15 and He **died for all**, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

2 Corinthians 5:21 **He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf**, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

John 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "Behold, **the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (ὁ αἴρων τὴν ἁμαρτίαν τοῦ κόσμου.)!**

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Galatians 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, to perform them." 11 Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, "The righteous man shall live by faith." 12 However, the Law is not of faith; on the contrary, "He who practices them shall live by them." 13 **Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us-- for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree "--** 14 in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

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#2 – To conquer death and give us new life. Christ is the only hope (cf., Blaise Pascal's reflections).

1 Corinthians 6:14 Now God has not only raised the Lord, but will also raise us up through His power.

1 Corinthians 15:19 If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.

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#3 – To destroy Satan and his works.

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."

Hebrews 2:14 Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 and might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives. 16 For assuredly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendant of Abraham.

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#4 – To redeem man and reconcile Him to God (propitiation, redemption, justification, and reconciliation).

Romans 3:24 being **justified** as a gift by His grace through the **redemption** which is in Christ Jesus; 25 whom God displayed publicly as a **propitiation** in His blood through faith.

Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a **ransom** for many (λύτρον ἀντὶ πολλῶν)."

1 Peter 1:18 knowing that you were not **redeemed** with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

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Isaiah 53:11 As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will **justify** the many, As He will bear their iniquities.

Romans 3:28 For we maintain that a man is **justified** by faith apart from works of the Law.

Romans 4:5 But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who **justifies** the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness,

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Romans 5:1 Therefore having been **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

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2 Corinthians 5:18 Now all these things are from God, **who reconciled us** to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. **21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**

John 3:17 "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him.

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#4 – To redeem man and reconcile Him to God (propitiation, redemption, justification, and reconciliation).

Hebrews 2:17 Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make **propitiation** for the sins of the people.

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself as a **ransom** for all, the testimony borne at the proper time.

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#5 – To redeem the earth and establish the throne of David (a man must take the earth back).

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and **let them rule** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

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Revelation 5:4 And I began to weep greatly, because no one was found worthy to open the book, or to look into it; 5 and one of the elders said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the **Lion** that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as **to open the book** and its seven seals." 6 And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a **Lamb** standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.

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Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there arose loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."

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Revelation 19:11-17 And I saw heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True; and in righteousness He judges and wages war. 12 And His eyes are a flame of fire, and upon His head are many diadems; and He has a name written upon Him which no one knows except Himself. 13 And He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood; and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. 15 And from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may smite the nations; and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. 16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." 17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of God;

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Revelation 20:1-7 And I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, 3 and threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he should not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time. 4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they came to life and **reigned with Christ for a thousand years**. 5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years. 7 And when the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison,

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Isaiah 2:4 And **He will judge between the nations**, And will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war.

Isaiah 9:6 For a **child** will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, **Mighty God** (אֵל גִּבּוֹר), The Eternal One who causes all things to exist, Prince of Peace. 7 There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

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#6 – To demonstrate God’s love for us (no other so called god even makes such a claim).

Romans 5:8 But **God demonstrates His own love** toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8 συνίστησιν δὲ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ἀγάπην εἰς ἡμᾶς ὁ θεός, ὅτι ἔτι ἁμαρτωλῶν ὄντων ἡμῶν Χριστὸς ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν ἀπέθανεν.

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#7 – To demonstrate God’s righteousness

Romans 3:25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. **This was to demonstrate His righteousness**, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; 26 for **the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time**, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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#8 – To become our High Priest.

Hebrews 2:17 Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, that **He might become a merciful and faithful high priest** in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

Hebrews 3:1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and **High Priest** of our confession.

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#8 – To become our High Priest.

Hebrews 4:14 Since then we have a **great high priest** who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Hebrews 7:25 Hence, also, He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since **He always lives to make intercession for them.** 26 For it was fitting that we should have such a **high priest**, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens; 27 who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins, and then for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

1 John 2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, **we have an Advocate with the Father**, Jesus Christ the righteous;

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#9 – To set an example for us (not the liberal view). Once we are saved, we look to Him for how we should live as Christians.

1 Peter 2:21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving **you an example** for you to follow in His steps,

1 John 2:6 the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in **the same manner as He walked.**

1 Corinthians 11:1 Be **imitators** of me, just as I also am of **Christ.**

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#10 – To reveal invisible God.

John 1:18 No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, **He has explained Him.**

John 14:8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."
9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? **He who has seen Me has seen the Father**; how do you say, 'Show us the Father '?

Colossians 1:15 And He is the **image of the invisible God**, the first-born of all creation.

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#11 – To fulfill prophecy

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."

Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

Isaiah 9:6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Father of eternity, Prince of Peace.

Micah 5:2 " But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity."

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#12 – To prepare an eternal home so we can be with Him for all of eternity

John 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that **where I am, there you may be also.**