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To the Praise of HIs Glorious Grace

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Colossians 1:15-20 He (Jesus) 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.** And **he is before *all things***, and **in him *all things* hold together**. And **he is the head of the body**, the **church**. He is the **beginning,** the **firstborn from the dead**, that in **everything he might be preeminent.** For in **him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell**, and **through him to reconcile to himself all things**, whether on **earth** or in **heaven**, making **peace** by the **blood of his cross.**

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Genesis 1:1 **In the beginning, God created** the **heavens** and the **earth.**

Genesis 1:31, 2:1-3 And **God saw everything that he had made**, and **behold, it was very good.** And there was evening and there was morning, the **sixth day….**Thus the **heavens** and the **earth were finished**, and all the **host of them.** And on the **seventh day God finished his work** that he had done, and **he rested on the seventh day** from **all his work that he had done**. So **God blessed the seventh day** and made it **holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.**

War in Heaven
Revelation 12:7-9 Now **war arose in heaven**, **Michael** *(archangel / Chief Angel)* and **his angels** fighting against **the dragon**. And the **dragon** and **his angels** fought back, but **he was defeated**, and there was **no longer any place for them in heaven.** And the **great dragon** was **thrown down,** that **ancient serpent,** who is called the **devil** and **Satan**, the

deceiver of the whole world— he was **thrown down to the earth**, and **his angels were thrown down with him**.

Fall of Man
Genesis 3:1a Now the **serpent was more crafty** than any other beast of the field that the **LORD God had made**. He said to the woman, "**Did God actually say…**

Genesis 3:17- 19 And to **Adam** he said, "**Because you have listened to the voice of your wife** and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' **cursed is the ground** because of you; in **pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life**; **thorns** and **thistles** it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the **sweat of your face** you shall eat bread, **till you return to the ground,** for out of it you were taken; **for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."**

Romans 8:20-23 For the **creation was subjected to futility**, not willingly, but **because of him who subjected it,** in **hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage** to **corruption** and **obtain the freedom of the glory** of the **children of God**. For we know that the **whole creation has been groaning** together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but **we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit**, **groan inwardly** as we wait eagerly for **adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.**

John 19:30 When **Jesus** had received the sour wine, he said, "**It is finished,"** and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Luke 23:53-54 Then he *(Joseph of Arimathea)* took it (Jesus body) down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid **him** in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and **THE Sabbath was beginning.**

Isaiah 65:17 "For behold, **I create new heavens** and a **new earth**, and the f**ormer things shall not be remembered or come into mind.**

2Peter 3:13 But **according to his promise <u>we</u>** are **waiting for new heavens** and a **new earth in which <u>righteousness dwells.</u>**

Revelation 21:1-4 Then I saw a **new heaven** and a **new earth**, for the **first heaven** and t**he first earth had passed away**, and the **sea was no more.** And I saw the **holy city, new Jerusalem**, **coming down** out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "**Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them,** and **they will be his people**, and **God**

himself will be with them as their God. He will **wipe away every tear from their eyes,** and **death shall be no more**, neither shall there be **mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore**, for the **former things have passed away**."

Revelation 22:3 **No longer will there be anything accursed**, but the **throne of God** and of the **Lamb will be in it**, and his **servants will worship him.**

1Corinthians 15:53-54 For this **perishable body** must **put on the imperishable**, and this **mortal body** must put on **immortality.** When the **perishable** puts on the **imperishable,** and the **mortal** puts on **immortality**, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: **"Death is swallowed up in victory."**

1Corinthians 15:47-49 The **first man was from the earth**, a **man of dust;** the **second man is from heaven.** As was the **man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust,** and **as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven**. Just as we have **borne the image of the man of dust,** we shall also **bear the image of the man of heaven.**

Philippians 3:20-21 But our **citizenship is in heaven,** and from it we **await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,** who will transform our **lowly body** to be **like his glorious body**, by the **power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.**

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

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Praise to His Glorious Grace
"The heart of Christianity is a myth which is also a fact."

C.S. Lewis

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning, **God**…

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
One God, three persons
Each person is fully God
There is one God
An eternal Trinity of fellowship, love and communion
Each member delighting in the joy, happiness and glorification of the other members.

Each member is always giving, therefore always receiving but never taking.

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let **us** make man in **our** image, after **our** likeness

Isaiah 42:8 **I am the LORD**; that is my name; **my glory I give to no other**, nor my praise to carved idols.

Isaiah 43:7 everyone who is **called** by my name, **whom I created for my glory**, whom **I formed** and **made."**

Isaiah 48:11 For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it, for how should my name be profaned? **My glory I will not give to another.**

Isaiah 46:9b-10 …for **I am God,** and there is **no other**; **I am God**, and there is **none like me**, declaring the **end from the beginning** and from **ancient times things not yet done**, saying,'**My counsel** shall stand, and **I will accomplish all my purpose…**

Exodus 33:18-19 **Moses** said, "**Please show me your glory**." And he said, "I will make all my **goodness pass before you** and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.' And **I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious**, and **will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.**

Exodus 34:6 The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The **LORD**, the LORD, a **God merciful** and **gracious**, **slow to anger,** and **abounding in steadfast love** and **faithfulness…**

What we were
Ephesians 2:1-3 And **you** <u>were</u> **dead in the trespasses** and **sins** in which **you once walked**, **following the course of this world**, **following the prince** (satan) of the power of the air, the spirit that is **now at work in the sons of disobedience**—among whom **we all once lived** in the **passions of our flesh**, **carrying out the desires of the body** and the **mind,** and were by **nature children of wrath**, like the rest of mankind.

John 3:19-20 And this is the judgment: the **light has come into the world**, and **people <u>loved</u> the darkness** rather than the **light** because their **works were evil**.
For everyone who does wicked things **<u>hates</u> the light** and **does not come to the light**, lest his **works should be exposed**.

Colossians 1:21 And you, who once were **alienated** and **hostile in mind**, **doing evil deeds…**

Romans 1:18-20 For the **wrath of God** is revealed from heaven against **all ungodliness** and **unrighteousness of men**, who by their **unrighteousness suppress the truth.** For what **can be known about God is plain to them**, because God has shown it to them. For his **invisible attributes**, namely, his **eternal power** and divine nature, have been **clearly perceived**, ever since the **creation of the world**, in the **things that have been made**. So they are **without excuse.**

Romans 1:21-25 For although **they knew God**, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became **futile in their thinking**, and their **foolish hearts** were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and **exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images** resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Therefore **God gave them up** in the **lusts of their hearts to impurity**, to the **dishonoring of their bodies** among themselves, because they **exchanged the truth about God for a lie** and **worshiped** and **served** the **creature rather than the Creator**, who is blessed forever! Amen.

Luke 23:39-43 One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."

Matthew 5:3 "Blessed are the **poor in spirit**, for **theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Matthew 16:17 And Jesus answered him, "**Blessed are you**, Simon Bar-Jonah! **For flesh** and **blood has not revealed this to you**, but **my Father who is in heaven.**

John 6:44a **No one can come** to me **unless the Father who sent me draws him**.
Luke 23:42-43 And he said, "**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."** And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

What God did
Ephesians 2:4-5 **But God**, being **rich in mercy**, because of the **great love with which he loved us,** even when **we were dead in our trespasses**, **made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved…**

Ephesians 1:3-6 **Blessed** be the God and **Father** of our **Lord Jesus Christ,** who has **blessed us in Christ** with **every spiritual blessing** in the **heavenly places,** even as he **chose us in him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be **holy** and

blameless before him. **In love** he (Father) **predestined** us for **adoption** to himself **as sons** through Jesus Christ, according to the **purpose of his will**, to the **praise of his glorious grace,** with which he has **blessed us in the Beloved.**

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Galatians 4:4 But when the **fullness of time** had come, **God sent forth his Son**, born of woman, born under the law…

John 1:14 And **the Word became flesh** and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

2Corinthians 5:21 For our sake **he** made him to be **sin who knew no sin**, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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"Has this world been so kind to you that you should leave with regret? There are better things ahead than any we leave behind."

C.S. Lewis

From The Last Battle (Narnia)
"All their life in this world and all their adventures in Narnia had only been the cover and the title page: now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on earth has read: which goes on for ever: in which every chapter is better than the one before."

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