



## Followers of Jesus

Then, Now & Forever  
Part 2 – Jesus is God!  
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*Colossians 1:15-18 (NKJV)*

*15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.*

**Big Takeaway:** Following Jesus means we are following God because Jesus is God.

**Big Idea:** Jesus is the image of God, and the church reflects the image of Jesus to the world.

**Application Point:** How are we reflecting Christ in our lives?

*Hebrews 1:5-8 (NLT)*

*5 For God never said to any angel what he said to Jesus: "You are my Son. Today I have become your Father." God also said, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son." 6 And when he brought his firstborn Son into the world, God said, "Let all of God's angels worship him." 7 Regarding the angels, he says, "He sends his angels like the winds, his servants like flames of fire." 8 But to the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. You rule with a scepter of justice.*

"We had a God made man who saved us from sin through his suffering  
but now we have man made god who is saving us himself from the sin of suffering."

—unknown

## THREE WAYS WE REFLECT CHRIST

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ

*2 Corinthians 5:14 (ESV)*

*14 For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died;*

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ

*Philippians 2:8-9 (NLT)*

*8 he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. 9 Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names,*

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ

*Hebrews 12:3 (NLT)*

*3 Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.*

ANSWERS:

1. LOVE

2. HUMILITY

3. ENDURANCE