

An Advent Meditation

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¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

¹⁷ He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:18-20

¹⁸ He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

¹⁹ For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, ²⁰ and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

Colossians 1:21-23

²¹ And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, ²² yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—

²³ if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.

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Colossians 11b-12

...**joyously** ¹² **giving thanks** to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the **inheritance** of the saints in Light.

1 Peter 1:3-6a

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to obtain an **inheritance** which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵ who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you **greatly rejoice...**

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Main Idea

The incarnation of Christ was a rescue operation in which God Himself provided the means for our redemption and forgiveness, resulting in our reconciliation and peace with God.

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Hebrews 1:3

³ ...He is the radiance of His glory and the **exact** representation of His **nature**

John 1:18

¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only begotten God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

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Psalms 89:27-29

“I will also make him My **firstborn**, The highest of the kings of the earth. ²⁸ I will maintain My favor for him forever, And My covenant shall be confirmed to him. ²⁹ So I will establish his descendants forever, And his throne as the days of heaven...”

Hebrews 1:6

⁶ And when He again brings the **firstborn** into the world, He says, “And let all the angels of God worship Him.”

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