

**A. (:3a) JESUS IS THE RADIANCE GOD'S GLORY**

1. Radiance = Outshining - e.g. Beacon/Lighthouse
2. God's Glory (*doxa*, OT *Shekinah*) The Substance Of God - Appears As Light (i.e. Looks Like Light)
  - a. 1 John 1: 5 tells us that "God is light, in him there is no darkness"
3. e.g. The Sun: You Can't Separate The Light Of The Sun From The Sun Itself
  - a. You can't see the surface of the sun - just the light that radiates from it
  - b. You can't look directly at the sun. If you do, you'll damage your eyes
  - c. In the same way, you can't look directly at God
    - 1) through Jesus we see the glory of God - as much as man can see Him
    - 2) Matthew, Mark & Luke all describe Jesus being transfigured
      - a) *His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light*
    - 3) (Revelation 1:9-20)
  - d. Jesus is the glory of God shining out in such a way that we can perceive Him

**B. (:3b) JESUS IS THE EXACT EXPRESSION OF GOD'S NATURE**

1. Expression (*character*) = Imprint / Stamp
  - a. e.g. Signet ring & impression left by ring
    - 1) when you see the impression, you know exactly what the seal looks like
  - b. (Jn 14: 9) "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father"
  - c. God put on the clothes of human flesh & what we see is Jesus Christ
2. But Let's Be Careful Not To Limit That To Appearance Only. Jesus Expresses God's Nature Exactly.
  - a. How did Jesus deal w/people who hated Him? He loved them
  - b. How did Jesus deal w/people who hurt Him? He forgave them
  - c. How did Jesus deal w/people who rejected Him? He gave them another chance
  - d. How did Jesus deal w/sinners? He welcomed every single one who came to Him
  - e. And that's the exact expression of God nature toward you...

**C. (:3c) JESUS IS THE ONE WHO HOLDS CREATION TOGETHER**

1. Not Like Greek "god" Atlas, Holding World On Shoulders
  - a. Jesus doesn't just hold the world up & keep it from crashing, he sustains it : carries it along & keeps it alive
  - b. (Col 1: 17) "in him all things hold together"
    - 1) atomic theory - cosmic glue - release power that holds together, destroy the world
    - 2) and one day He will
2. He Sustains The World By His Powerful Word
  - a. Powerful = *dunamis* (dynamic, dynamo, dynamite) : Word = *rhema* (active word)
  - b. As in creation, the word (God Said....) has force
    - 1) gethsemane - "I am he" - they all fell t the ground : the force of His words
  - c. Let's be careful not to confuse the source wthe method
    - 1) GOD said, not God SAID
  - d. Jesus, the same powerful word, *dunamis rhema*, that caused this world to come into existence, also sustains it & holds it together

**D. (:3d) JESUS IS THE ONE WHO PURIFIES US FROM SIN**

1. Purification = *Katharsis* = Clean / Make Pure

a. You can be no more clean than pure

1) e.g. Ivory soap - 100% pure

## 2. Hebrew Readers Understood This To Be Reference To Priesthood

a. Purification is a word that's used primarily in the context of the Jewish sacrificial system

b. Specifically (Leviticus 4) describes the sin offering (:27-31)

1) this is how man received forgiveness for sin in the O.T.

2) It required the shedding of blood - the taking of life

## 3. You Might Ask, Why Does Sin Require Purification?

a. (Romans 6:23) says it as plainly as can be said "the wages of sin is death"

b. "I may not be perfect, but I'm no sinner!"

1) Anything less than perfection is sin - that's the definition of sin

c. (Romans 3:10-18; 21-25a)

1) no man could ever measure up to the the Glory of God, but Jesus does, 'cuz He is God

2) and His blood, as the perfect sacrifice, purifies you from sin

## **E (:3e) JESUS IS THE ONE WHO SITS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD**

### 1. He Sat Down 'Cuz His Work Was Finished

a. In the temple there were no chairs - 'cuz the work was never finished

1) they could sacrifice animals all day long & still not cover all of man's sin

b. But the sinless blood of God's perfect Son purified our sin once & for all

c. As Jesus hung on the cross, about to die for us, He said "it is finished"

1) and a short time later He "he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven"