

## **He is a . . . . Capable Creator**

The Bible tells us in **John 1:3** and **Colossians 1:16** that Jesus (the Word) made everything in this world. This includes every human that ever lived. If you have ever made or put together anything of significance, you realize in a very small way the value that the Lord places on every person. We as individuals are truly **“fearfully and wonderfully made”** (**Psalms 139:14**) and that all by the creative hand of Jesus Christ. Our wonderful Savior has a very strong interest in your life!

## **He is a . . . . Complete Picture Of God’s Standard**

Many today envision a God that bears little resemblance to the God of the Bible. The outstanding characteristic of the true God is His holiness. There are no flaws in His character, no mistakes in His judgments, and no compromises in His dealing with sin. Jesus Christ is the **“image of the invisible God”** (**Colossians 1:15**) and while here on earth, He led a sinless life with no stain at all on His moral record.

## **He is a . . . . Courageous Reformer**

Most everyone enjoys seeing a bully put in his place. The ordinary man of Jesus’ day was no different. Jesus Christ pulled no punches when He exposed the sin and hypocrisy of the religious leaders. These false teachers reveled in their “holiness” while burdening the average religiously inclined individual with duties and rituals that God never intended for them to do. Jesus set a high but reachable standard that

would judge mankind by the motive of their hearts.

## **He is a . . . . Compassionate Redeemer**

In no way is God obligated to take everyone to Heaven. Heaven is a place where there is no sin or evil of any kind (**Revelation 21:8,27**). If you knowingly do things that are wrong and have no intention of mending your ways, Heaven is the last place you would want to be. . . even for fifteen minutes! We must remember that God judges by His standard and not man’s. It says in **James 2:10**, **“Whoever shall keep the whole law yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all”**. By our first act of disobedience, we separate ourselves from God and come under His impending judgment. Without some way to forgive and cleanse us from our sins, the whole human race stands condemned before the Judgment Bar of God. This is why Christ’s death is so important.

## **He is a . . . . Charitable Savior**

Through the innocent death of Jesus Christ, a way has been provided to reconcile the justice and mercy of God in terms of dealing with the wayward human race. We can be forgiven of our sins and adopted into the family of God if we meet the conditions. They include a sense of our guilt, a turning away from all sin from that time forward (repentance), confession of our sins to God, and faith that God will forgive us because of Jesus’ shed blood. When a person genuinely does all this, God will transform that person by sending the Holy Spirit

into his heart. This is being born-again or regenerated (**John 3:7, Titus 3:5**). While many today claim to be born-again, they lead sinful lives. **I John 3** tells us plainly that a truly saved soul leads a holy life. Regeneration produces a strong desire to read the Bible, pray, fellowship with other Christians, and to tell others of Jesus’ love to us.

## **He is a . . . . Complete Sanctifier**

Contrary to popular religious thought, the human body is not sinful. It is the impure desires in the human spirit or “heart” that produces sinful tendencies. These would include bitterness, jealousy, lust, hatred, pride, and many others. The truly born-again soul longs to be delivered from such **“overflowing of wickedness”** (**James 1:21-ASV**). We, as Wesleyan Methodists, understand that the blood of Jesus Christ was shed to **“redeem us from all iniquity”** (**Titus 2:14, I John 1:7 and I Peter 1:22**). On the day of Pentecost, the early Christians received this blessed experience known as sanctification. This **“purifying of their hearts by faith”** (**Acts 15:9**) was what gave such tremendous power to the early Church. It is available to every hungry heart that thirsts after purity, confesses his sinful traits to God, yields himself completely to the divine will for his life, and by faith believes that the Lord

will “cleanse. . . . from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit” (II Cor. 7:1). As with regeneration, the Holy Spirit will let us know when the work is done.

### 📖 He is a . . Caring Intercessor

Jesus Christ is committed to seeing us make it to Heaven. The works of grace described are done so that we can be “**holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight**” (Colossians 1:22) and thereby have a real relationship with God. The Spirit of God that now lives inside us will teach us how to pray, witness to others, discern between temptation and sin, and to lead a victorious Christian life. The Bible tells us that Jesus is right now praying for those here on earth (Hebrews 7:25). If we do fall into sin after being saved, a heartfelt repentance as soon as possible will restore us to the divine favor (I John 2:1-2). The Savior of the world earnestly desires your salvation (II Peter 3:9).

### 📖 He is a . . . . Coming Judge

There is coming a day when Jesus will return to earth to judge the “**living and the dead**” (II Timothy 4:1-ASV). Matthew 25:31-46 gives the description of the Judgment Day when all those who have ever lived (John 5:28-29) will stand before the throne of God. Those that have been cleansed by His blood and lived holy lives will go to Heaven. The ones that have rejected the claims of Jesus Christ upon their lives will be cast “**into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels**” (Matthew 25:41).

Friend, where will you stand on that day?

As the old hymn says;  
**There's a Great day coming,  
A great day coming,  
There's a Great day coming  
By and by,  
When the saints and the  
Sinners shall be parted  
Right and left,  
Are you ready for that  
Day to come?**

**“Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God” Matthew 5:8**

**“Follow. . . holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord” Hebrews 12:14**

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