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HEBREWS 1:1-4

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Because Jesus is **FULLY GOD**, (v. 1-4)

very God of very God John 1:1; John 10:30; Col 2:9; Titus 2:13

 **creator and sustainer** John 1:3; Col 1:16-17; 1 Cor 8:6; Acts 17:28; Neh 9:6


seeing him is seeing **THE FATHER**, (v. 1-3)

radiance of his glory John 1:14; John 14:9; 2 Cor 4:6; Isa 60:19; Rev 21:23

exact imprint of his nature Col 1:15; Phil 2:6; 2 Cor 4:4; John 10:38; John 5:19

and he purifies our sin **COMPLETELY**. (v. 3)

only God could pay Rom 3:25-26; Ps 49:7-8; 2 Cor 5:21; 1 Tim 2:5-6

 **God gave himself** Matt 1:23; Titus 2:14; John 3:16; Rom 8:32; 1 John 4:9-10

We are *sent* to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made;

who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets;

and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;

we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;

and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Learn More
Read Chapter 3 of
"The Nicene Creed"
by Kevin DeYoung.



Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Groups!





Each week we'll spend part of our time getting to know more about one another.

Share with the Group:

What's the biggest gap you've ever experienced between what you'd heard about someone and what they were actually like when you finally met them?

Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

-  **Read Hebrews 1:1-4.**  **Then Read the Nicene Creed.** Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
-  **The Nicene Creed** insists Jesus is not of "similar substance" but of "one substance" with the Father—not *like* God but *fully* God. Why does that distinction matter so much? What changes if Jesus is anything less than fully God?
 - Josh mentioned Athanasius this week. He argued that an infinite debt against an infinitely holy God requires an infinite payment—how does that connect to your own sense of what it cost to restore your relationship with God?
 - Are there ways you've unconsciously thought of Jesus as a near-equivalent of God rather than as God himself? What might have shaped that?
-  **Read John 14:8-9.** Philip had walked with Jesus for three years before asking "show us the Father." Jesus answers, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father." Why do you think this was still hard for Philip to grasp after three years with Jesus?
 - What might it look like to actually live as if Jesus's life, teaching, and character showed you the Father — not just told you *about* him?
 - Is there anything about God's character that has become clearer to you through seeing it in Jesus?

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At Wawasee, each of us is growing to increasingly live out these four roles as we follow Jesus together.



Secure Son/Daughter

I live each day increasingly confident in being a loved child of God—resting in grace, not striving to achieve approval.



Courageous Connector

I cultivate honest relationships that cross barriers and create belonging—even before belief.



Ready Storyteller

I live each day with a sense of sentness, ready to reveal my story and God's story.



Legacy Builder

Because of Jesus, I multiply what has been given to me by spiritually investing in others for kingdom impact.

Word Find in the **Word**

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for Hebrews 1:1-4 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

¹ Long ago, at **many times** and in **many ways**, God **spoke** to our **fathers** by the **prophets**, ²but in these **last days** he has **spoken** to us by his Son, whom he **appointed** the **heir** of all **things**, through whom **also** he **created**

the world. ³He is the **radiance** of the **glory** of God and the **exact imprint** of his **nature**, and he **upholds** the **universe** by the **word** of his **power**. After **making purification** for **sins**, he sat down at the **right hand** of the **Majesty** on **high**, ⁴ **having become** as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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life groups

Study Guide (continued)

- Hebrews 1** opens by contrasting the prophets with the Son. Pastor Josh mentioned that each prophet gave a fragment of God's self-revelation, but through the Son, God gives himself. What's the difference between receiving information about someone and actually encountering them?

 - How does it change your reading of the Gospels to know that what you're watching and reading about isn't God's ambassador, but God himself?
 - What would you most want someone to understand about God based on what Jesus is like?
- Read 2 Corinthians 4:6**. Moses asked to see God's glory and was only permitted to see its trailing edge, yet even that was enough to make his face shine. Paul says we've been given the face of Christ. Discuss that together.
- Read Psalm 49:7-8**. The psalmist says no human being can ransom another, the cost is too high. How does this passage illuminate why the atonement required Jesus to be fully God, not just the most extraordinary human who ever lived?

 - If the one who purified your sins is the same one who sustains the universe, what does that say about the security of what he accomplished?

Taking It Home

- When you're anxious, ashamed, or uncertain this week, what and/or who do you actually go to? Does the Jesus you're bringing those things to match the Jesus Hebrews 1 describes? i.e. fully God, sustaining all things, having made purification for your sins completely?

 - A **Secure Son/Daughter** lives "increasingly confident in being a loved child of God—resting in grace, not striving to achieve approval." What would it look like for you to rest this week in what fully-God Jesus has already accomplished, rather than working to close a gap you feel between yourself and God?

As you close, take time to pray for each other.



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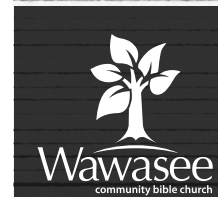
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