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CHOSEN BIBLICAL New Testament SCRIPTURE-



This month's coloured attachment scripture is COLOSSIANS 1:15

"CHRIST IS THE LIKENESS OF THE UNSEEN GOD"

Prophecies of The Messiah claimed His deity. He Himself claimed to be One with The Father. **Jesus called Himself I AM, the Old Testament meaning of God's name.** Jesus is worshipped by angels who declare His divinity. He uniquely shares The Father's work.

All treasure of wisdom and knowledge is found in Christ alone. **Jesus perfectly represents God**, **for He is God**. Christ is God Himself, not simply and angelic being or an output messenger figure. All creation is under His standing, power, ability and authority because of His pre-eminence and sovereignty. **The authority and pre-eminence of Christ is seen in His works over nature, over sin, over sickness, over evil, and over death**. It is seen in His teaching and is both recognised and opposed by others.

He is The First and The Last is of divine origin, has equality with The Father from whom comes His authority. Jesus spoke and acted as God, on behalf of The Father. This Scripture is one of the strongest statements in The Bible that reveals the divine nature of Christ. He is Lord, Judge and Saviour. **The Bible confirms Jesus' Deity**. His pre-existence confirms His divinity. He is completely holy and has the supremacy to judge the world and is active today.

Jesus is The Image of God, The Creator, The Pre-existent Sustainer of all things, the Fullness of The Godhead, The first to be resurrected and The Reconciler, The Believer's Hope, the Fullness of The Godhead.

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• BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE- Did you know that Gideon, a prominent Judge of Israel had an illegitimate son, Abimelech, who proclaimed himself the first king of Israel? After his father died he killed his step-brothers, except for one who escaped. Abimelech reigned as King for three years and caused many deaths during that time and was killed attempting to gain victory over rebellion from his own people.

There is a portrait of Gideon's faithful life to God and colouring in page

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A NOVEMBER EVENT- Robert Raikes was born in Gloucester, England, where his father published the Gloucester Journal. Robert, 22, inherited the newspaper, and immediately used it to crusade for moral reform. One afternoon Robert discovered a slummy suburb of Gloucester. Groups of children surrounded him, and he withdrew back in shock at their fighting, profanity, stench, gambling, and filth. He returned home and conceived a plan for Sunday schools. Such schools had already been tried, but without widespread backing. Robert hired four Christian women to open schools on Sunday because children worked in the factories the other six days of the week, but on Sunday they ran wild. The children in his Sunday schools were taught to read, then they learned the Bible, the Catechism, and other themes. After the schools were clearly working, Robert Raikes used his newspaper to promote them. On November 3, 1783 the article was published. To his surprise, London papers picked up the story and inquiries poured in from across England and The Sunday Schools spread rapidly. Sunday school has changed, yet all ages find their way each week to Sunday school to learn of Christ.



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We give You thanks Lord Jesus for You are representing us daily for us before the Father at His Right Hand. In Your All-Authoritive Name, Amen.

Love Thy Neighbor As Thyself

