

Behind the Hymn: Image of the Unseen God

In June, 2002, this hymn was born from reading the following passage in my morning devotions:

*He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.
For by him all things were created:
things in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible,
whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;
all things were created by him and for him.
He is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.
And he is the head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead,
so that in everything he might have the supremacy.
For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether things on earth or things in heaven,
by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.
(Colossians 1:15-20, NIV)*

What a magnificent picture of the Living Christ! The truth about Him is glorious, majestic, exciting, overpowering. Through Jesus Christ, God is transforming all history, all creation, and the destiny of our entire race.

All this is true in my own heart as well. Through faith, Christ has revealed the *invisible God* to me. I am coming to know Him. Because *God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell* in Christ, I share in that fullness. I experience it in my life. The Holy, Life-giving God is living and growing in the core of my being, reshaping who I am and who I will be for all eternity.

This is *the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints...God has chosen to make known among us the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory* (Colossians 1:26-27). Praise to You, Almighty God!

--Ken Bible

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