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*The Bible could be described, as
[God] The Father's portrait of Jesus,
painted by the Holy Spirit.
John Stott*

from philippians 2.5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that
at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess:
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

amazing grace, my chains are gone

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

***My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains.
Unending love, Amazing grace***

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, Who called me here below
Will be forever mine
chorus

Word and prayer

from Hebrews 1.1-4

1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, **2** but 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. **3** He 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...

greeting

oneness and otherness

come thou fount-*offering*

Come thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Here by Thy great help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Isaiah 64.1-9

personal repentance and communal confession
see also Luke 24.27

O Lord, ¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down... ⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. ⁵ You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. ⁸But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people. Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down! Amen.

philippians 3.9-10

promise of forgiveness and transformation

by faith, you will be found in Jesus.
not with my best efforts as my "righteousness"
but with his righteousness alone as your identity.
thanks be to God, through Jesus!

greatly rejoice

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
Who has called us to be born again to a living hope
Who has called us to be born again to a living hope
A hope that won't fade away, reserved in heaven for us
Protected by the power of God through faith
We are saved, we are saved!

***We greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible
Greatly rejoice with glorious praise
Greatly rejoice in a life incorruptible
Love beyond measure and infinite grace
Love beyond measure and infinite grace***

Through the trials of life You're working to prove our faith as gold
In Your love we're persevering for one day soon we know
You'll explode through the clouds as your shout cracks the sky,
Dead in Christ will arise as You call home Your bride
And though we've not seen Your face, this greatest glory awaits
'Til then by the power of God through faith
We are saved, we are saved

Word

children's sermon

Luke 24.13-35 - "From Heartbreak to Heartburn"

RE David Royes, PCA Licentiate and

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revelation song

Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain
Holy, Holy, is He
Sing a new song, to him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat
[2X]

***Holy, Holy, Holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is, and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of Kings
You are my everything
And I will adore You***

Clothed in rainbows, of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be
to You the only wise King

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
At the mention of your name
Jesus your name is power
Breath, and living water
Such a marvelous mystery
chorus

Sacrament

examine yourself - 1 Corinthian 11.23-28

Do you see brokenness and sin and need? Have you repented of it and been hungry for the mercy of Christ to cover you with his perfection? Have you turned from self-satisfaction (doing, fixing, defining) to Christ alone to satisfy your thirst? Have you publicly declared your allegiance to Christ among his church? Are you reconciled by Christ's forgiveness with all men (so far as you can tell) such that you come to his altar as a conduit of his mercy? Are you desperate for his rescue, for his rest, for his righteousness?

benediction

from Luke 24.31-32

may your eyes be opened to the Word of God - from the Father, through the Spirit and about the Son...
and may it burn within you as you recognize THIS Jesus who is for you, in you, and will work through you. Amen.