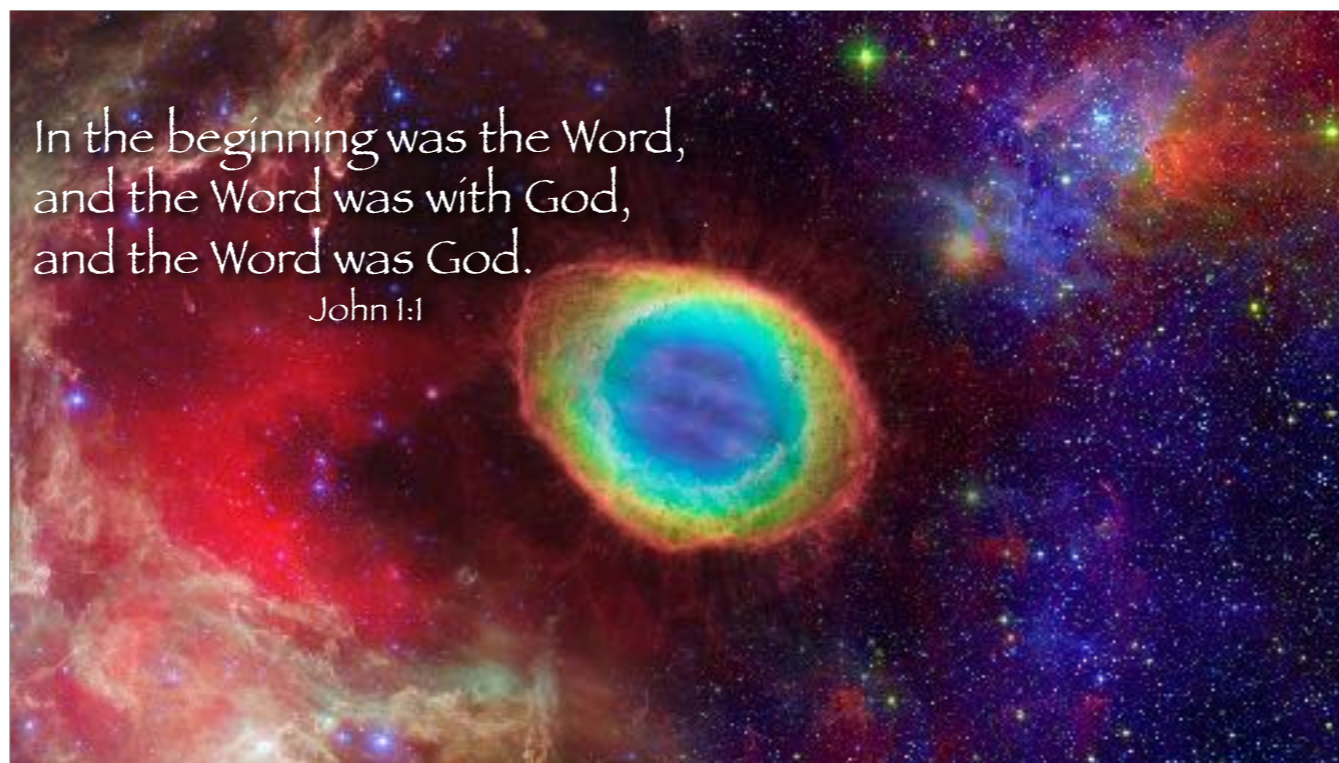




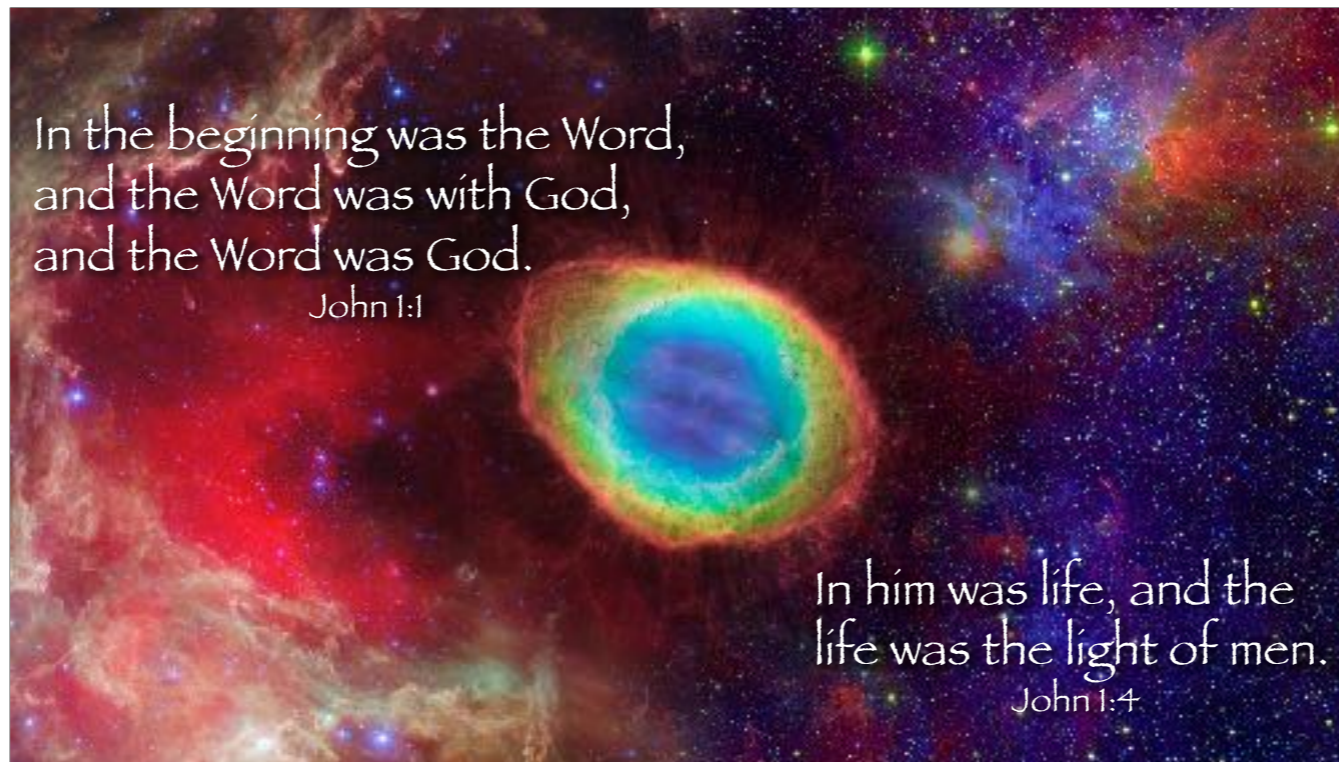
Firstborn
Among Many Brothers



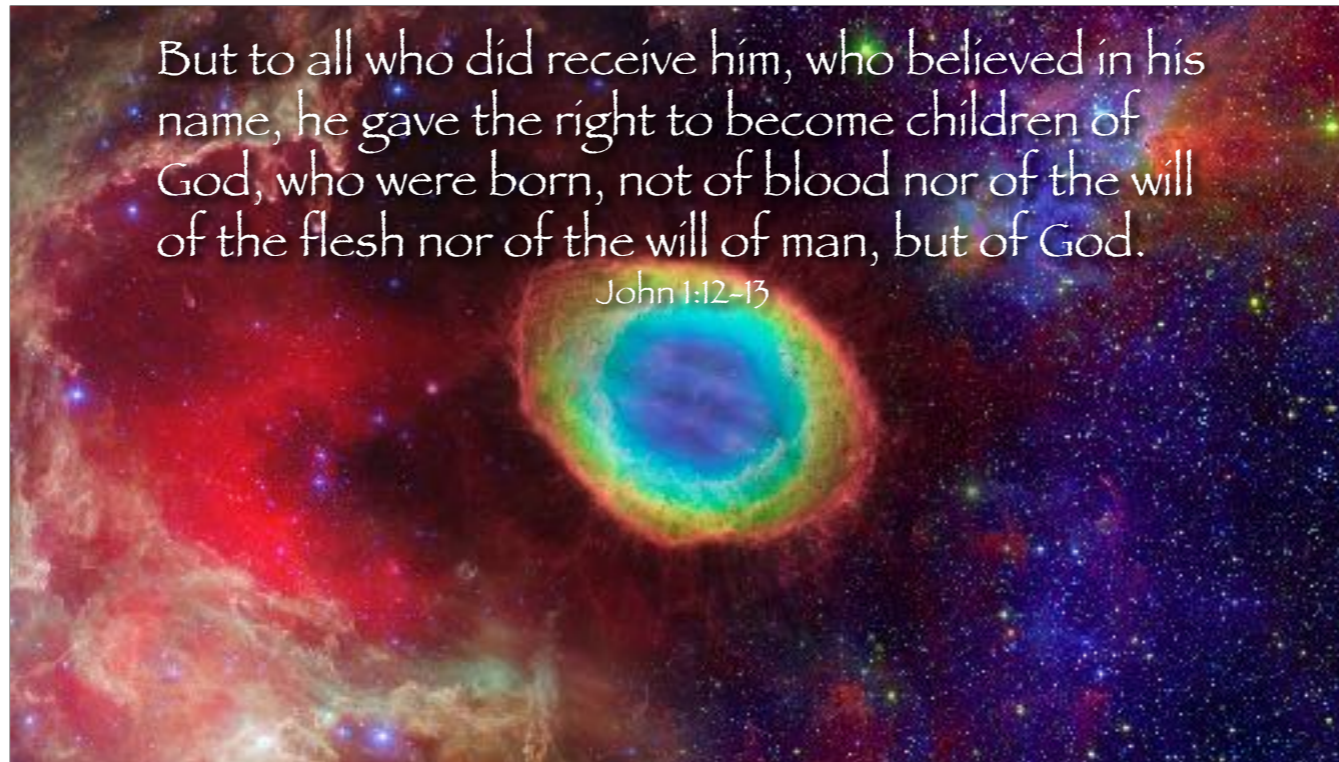
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and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

John 1:1

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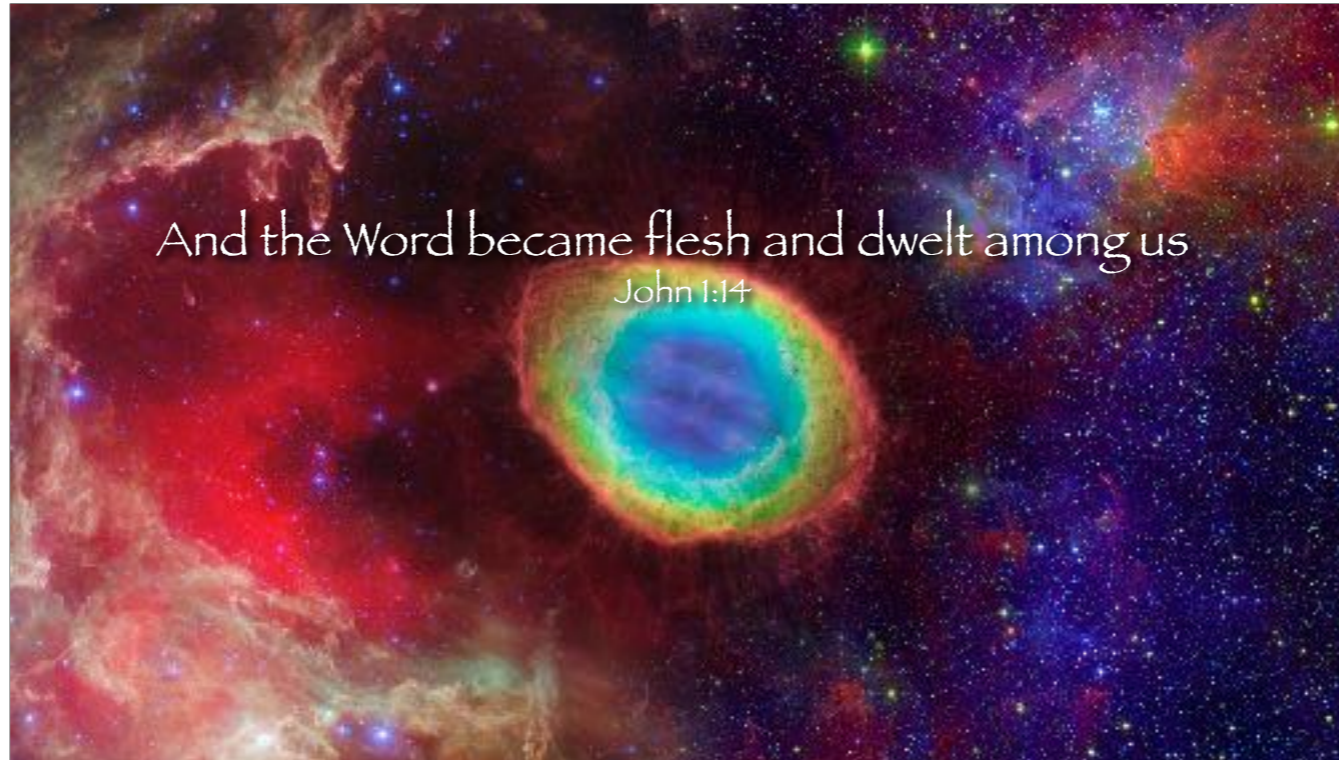
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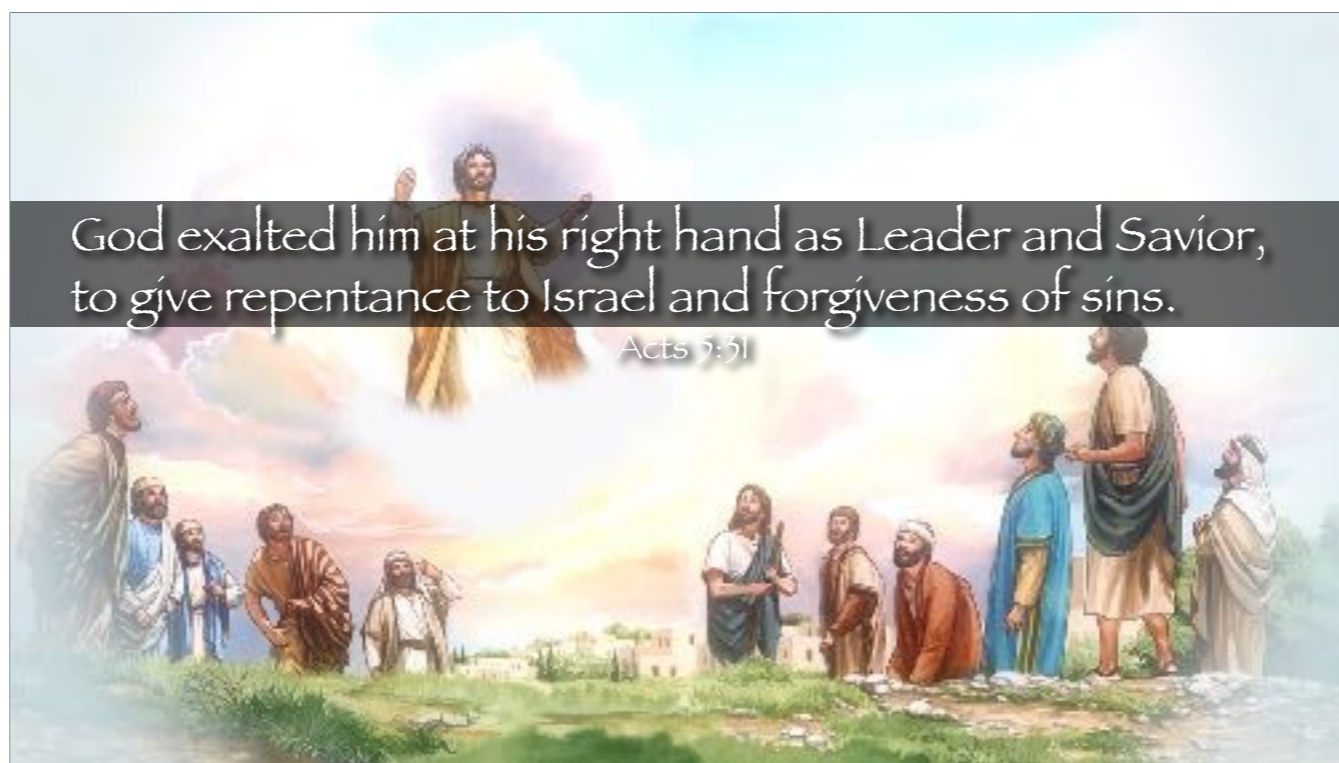
But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:12-13

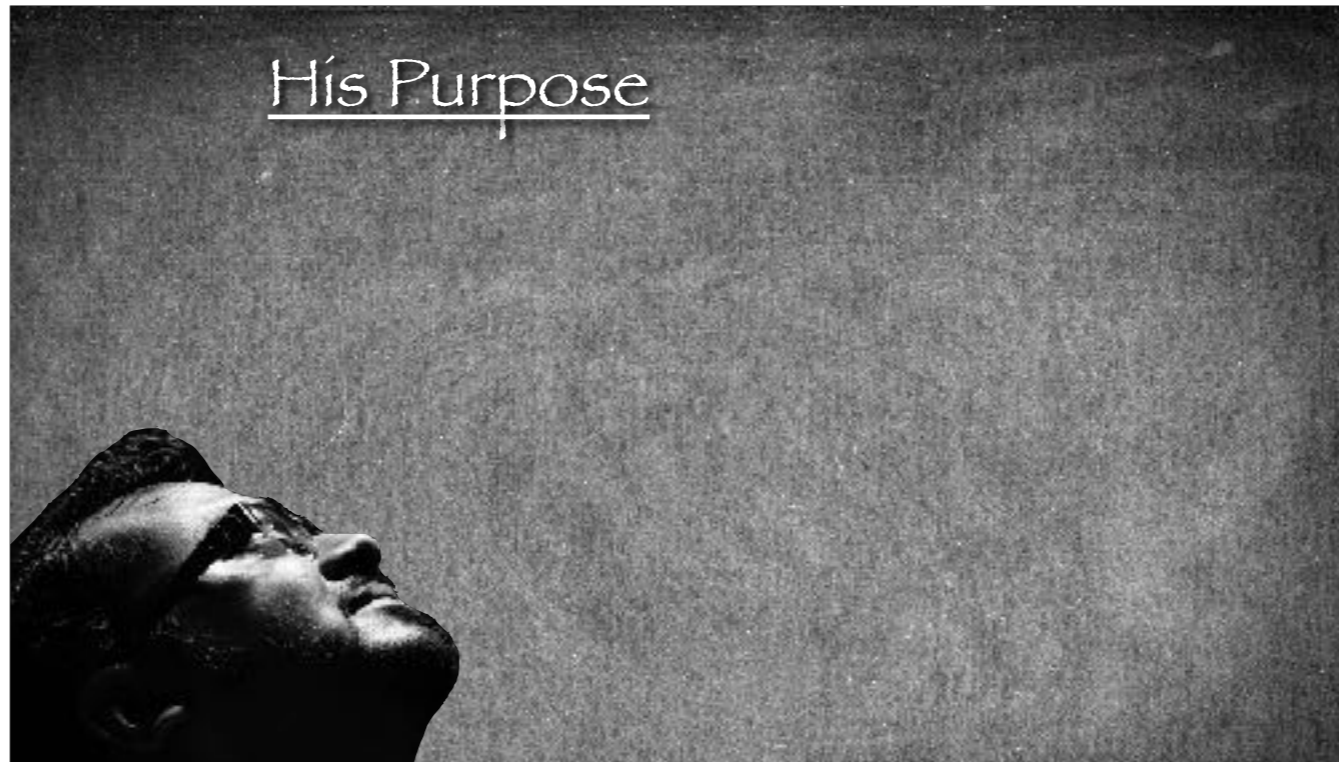
- John 1:9-13 (ESV) 9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.



- John 1:14 (ESV) 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- Hunger and Thirst
- Tired, needed rest
- Sorrow and Joy
- Frustration with others, patience
- Turmoil
- Attacked by those who hated.
- Comforted by those who loved him.
- Betrayed.
- Crucified though innocent
- Dies with enemies mocking, loved ones looking on.

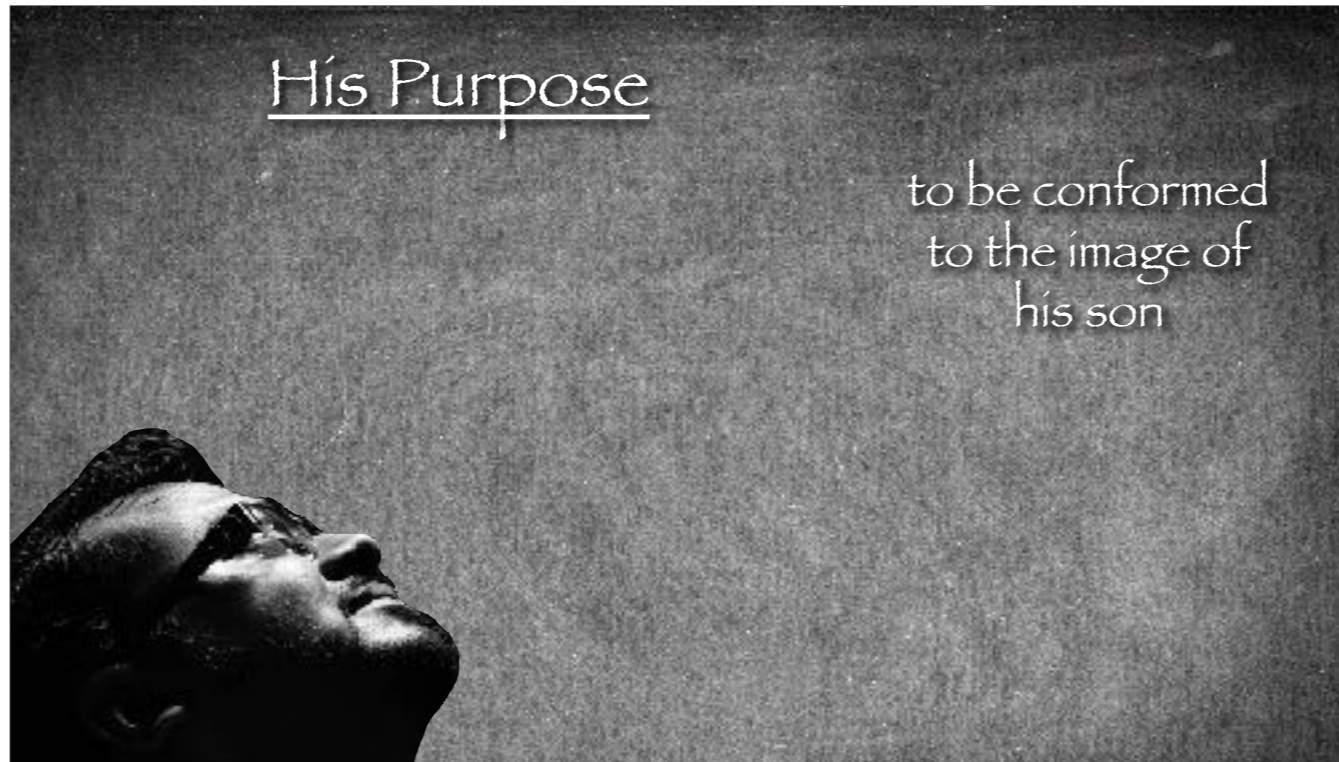


- Ascension
 - Acts 5:31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.
- Why would He do this?
 - 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

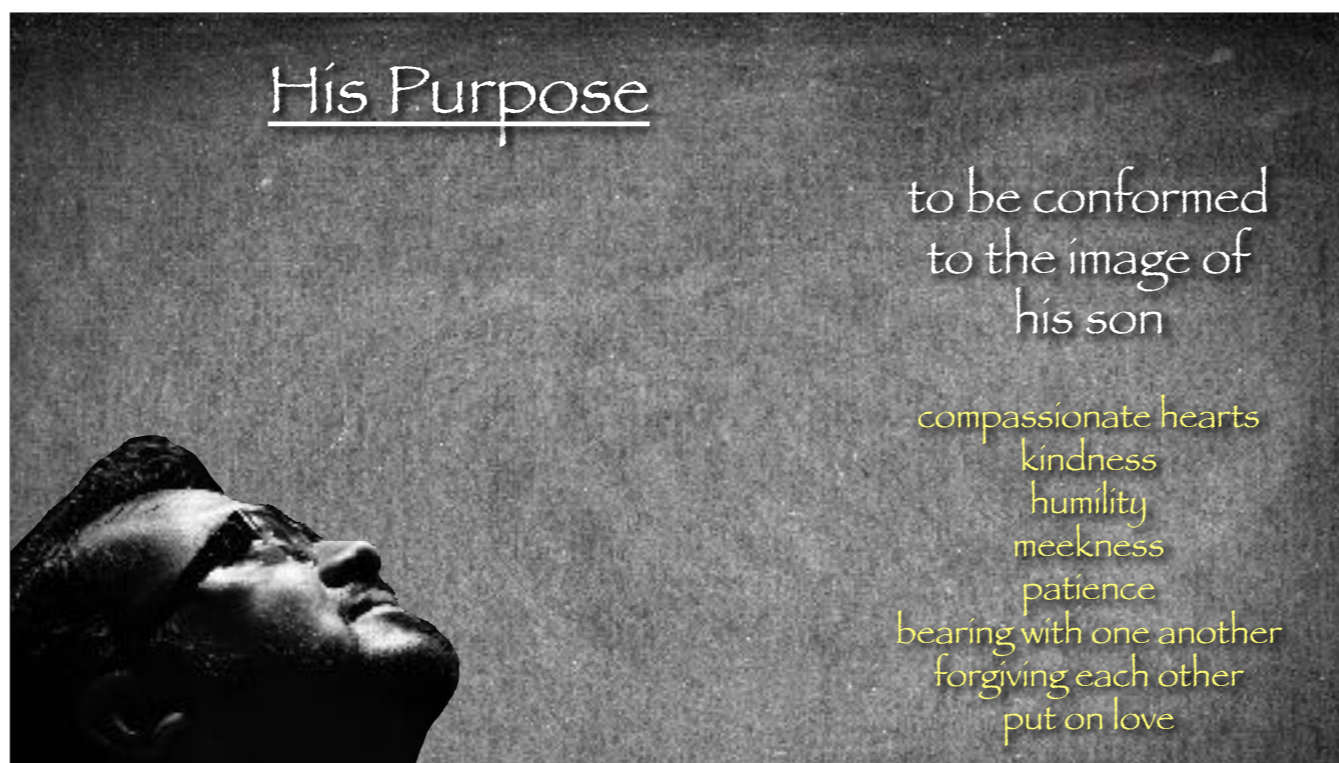


- Romans 8

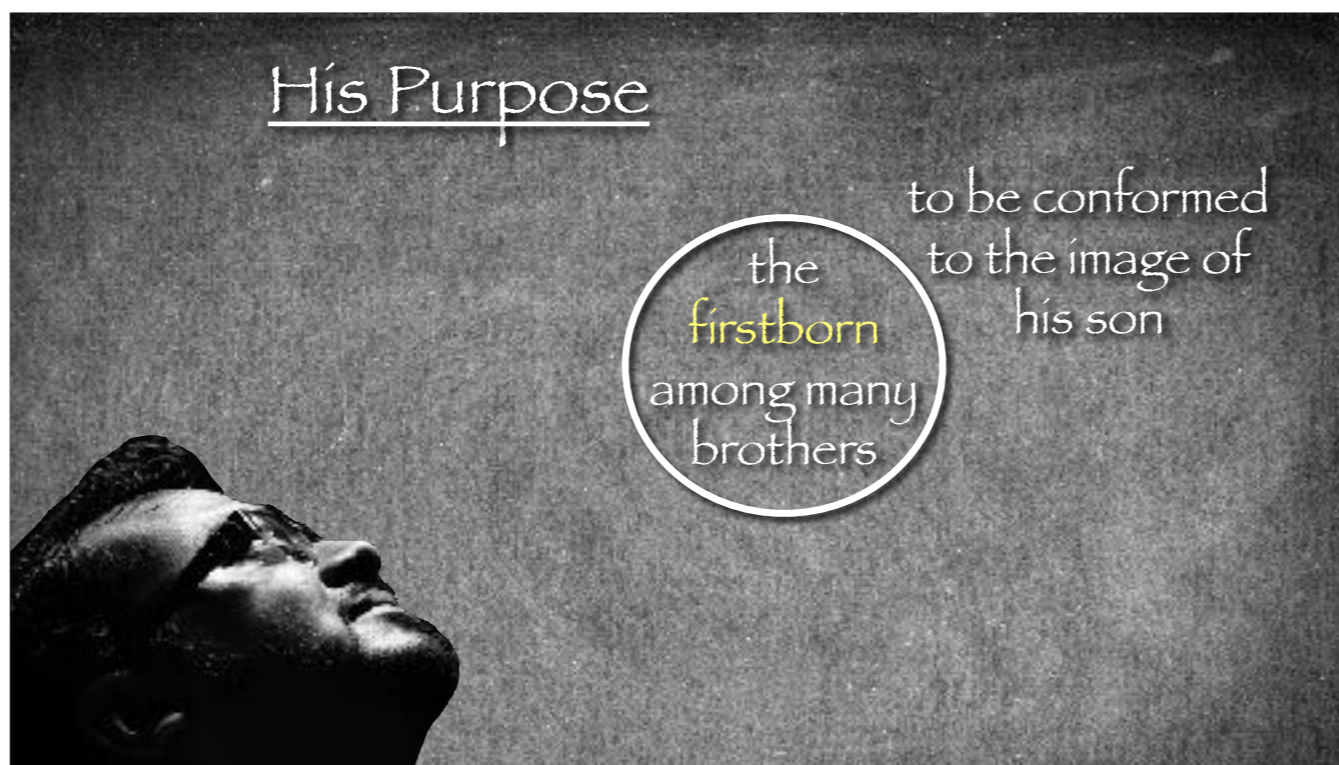
- 28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.
- 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined
 - to be conformed to the image of his Son,
 - in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.
- 30 And those whom he predestined he also called,
 - and those whom he called he also justified,
 - and those whom he justified he also glorified.



- 29 to be conformed to the image of his Son,
- Not in the sense of deity
 - But that we would be like him in character



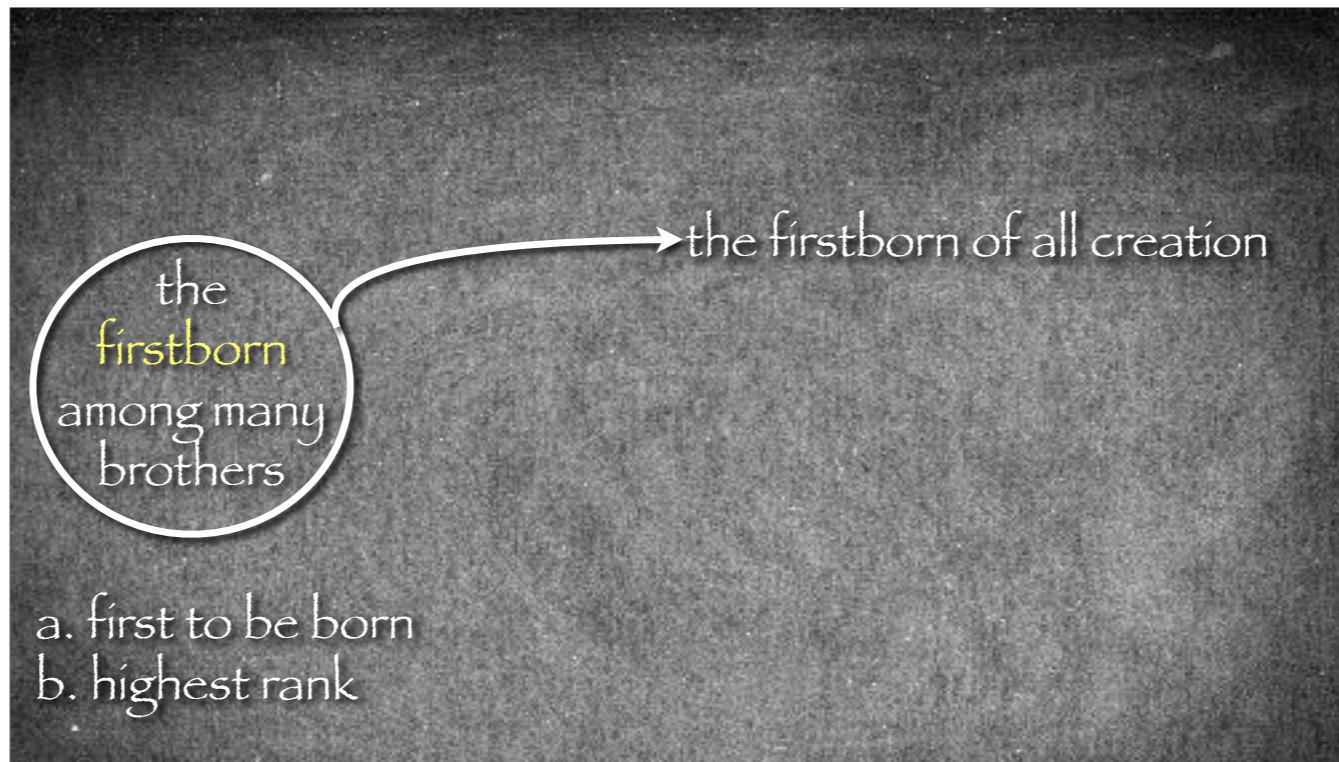
- Colossians 3:10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.
- Colossians 3:12-17 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.



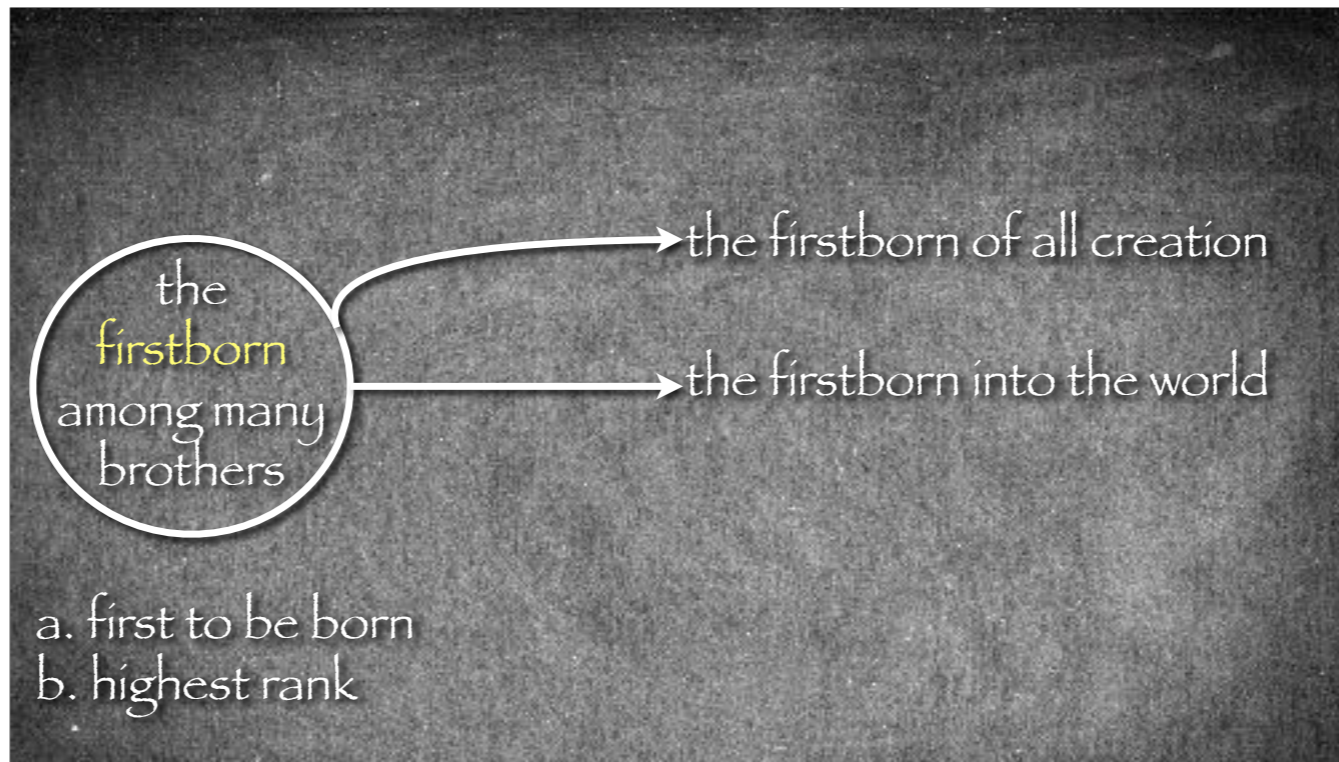
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- firstborn
 - sometimes means the first one born
 - But also means someone who has the highest rank, or first place, within a group; supremacy; preeminence; special status; specially dear; superiority

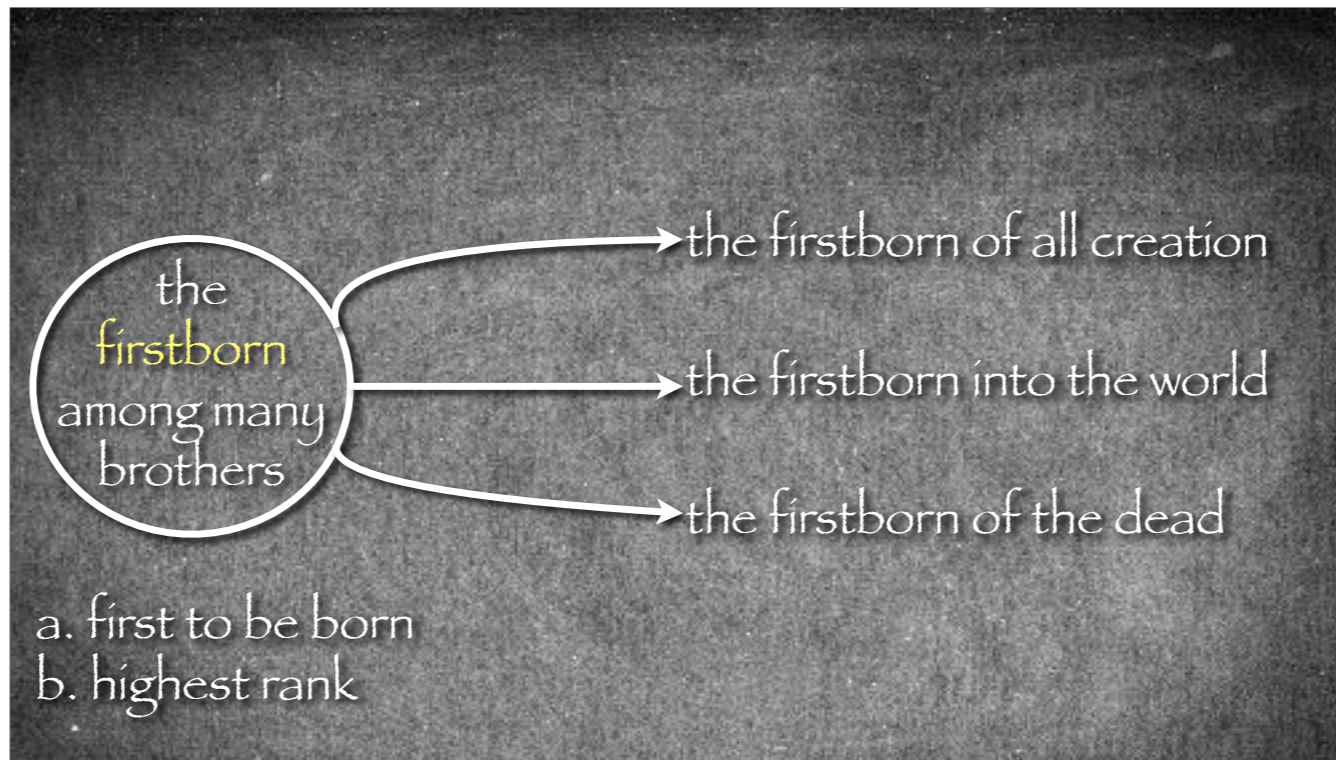


- How it's used (in second sense)
- Colossians 1:15-20 (ESV) 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
 - 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.
 - 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

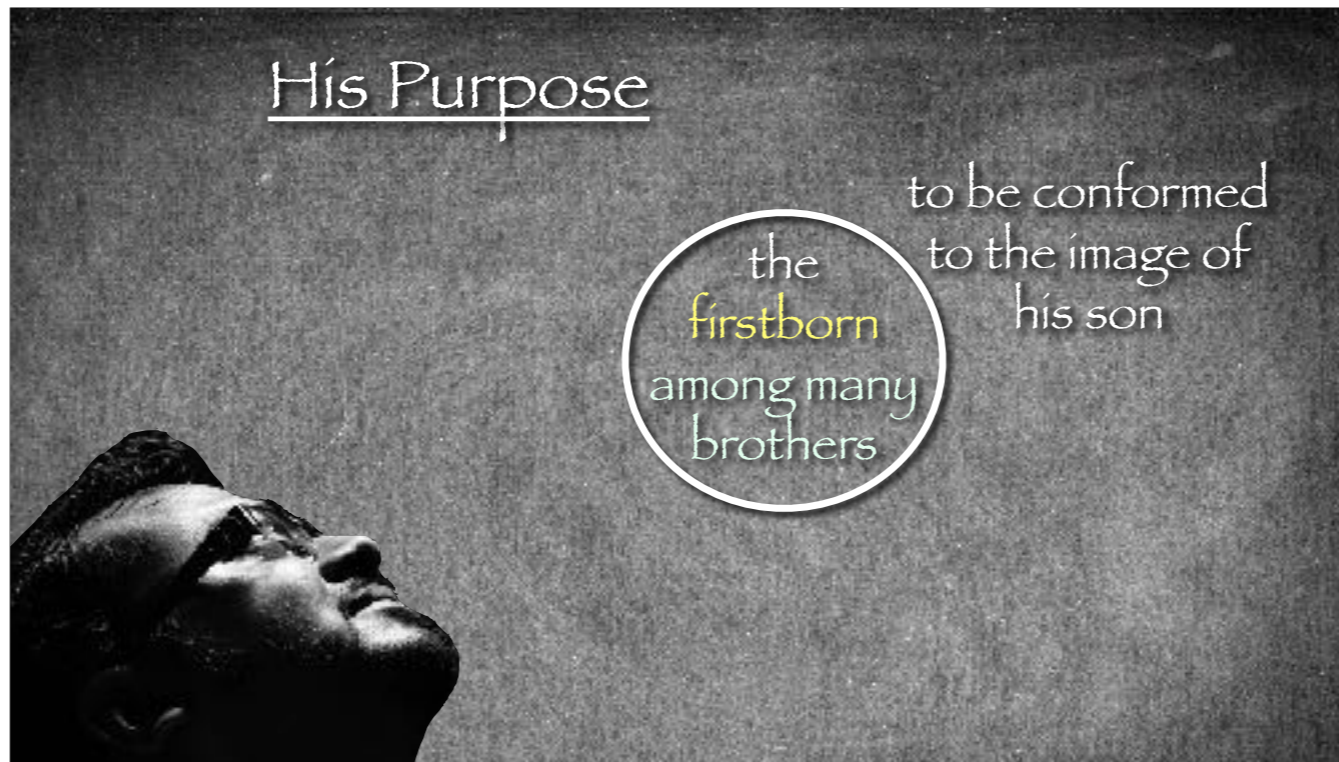


- Hebrews 1:5-6

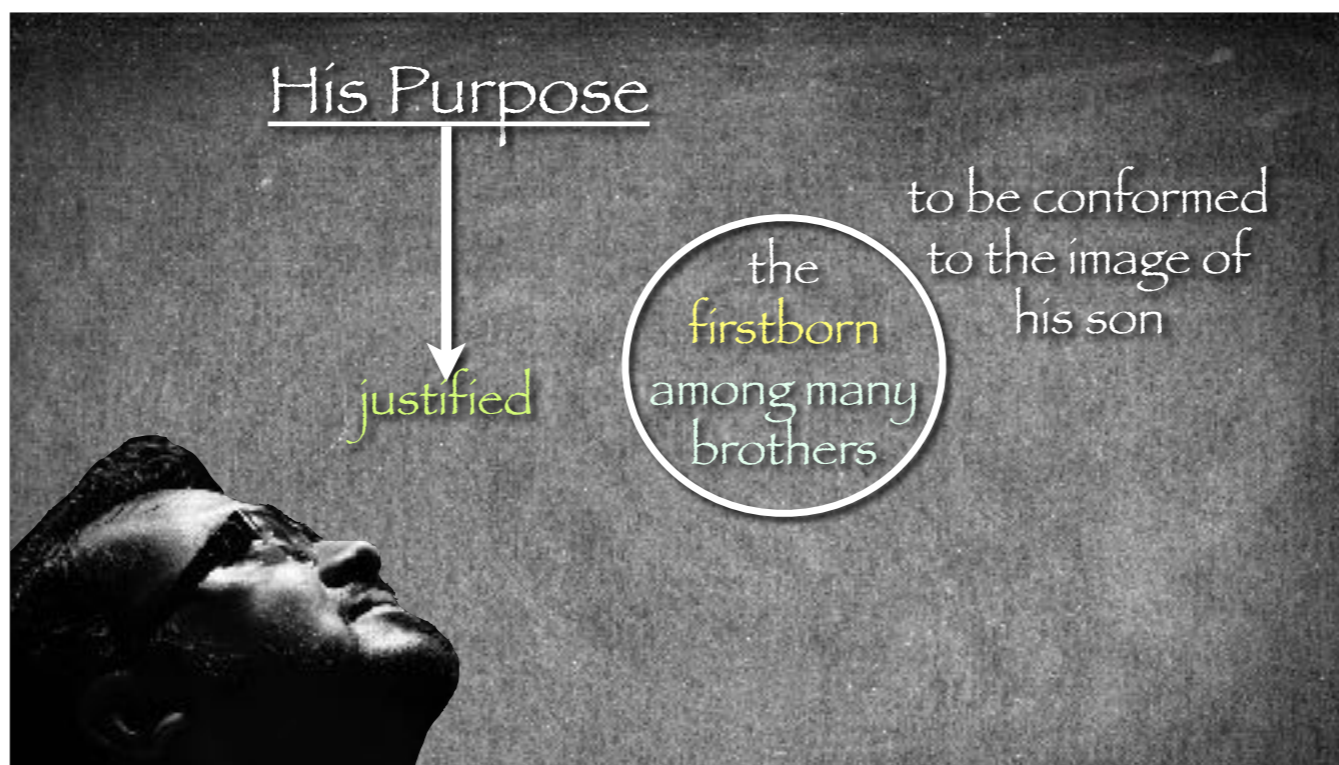
- For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"?
- Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"?
- And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."



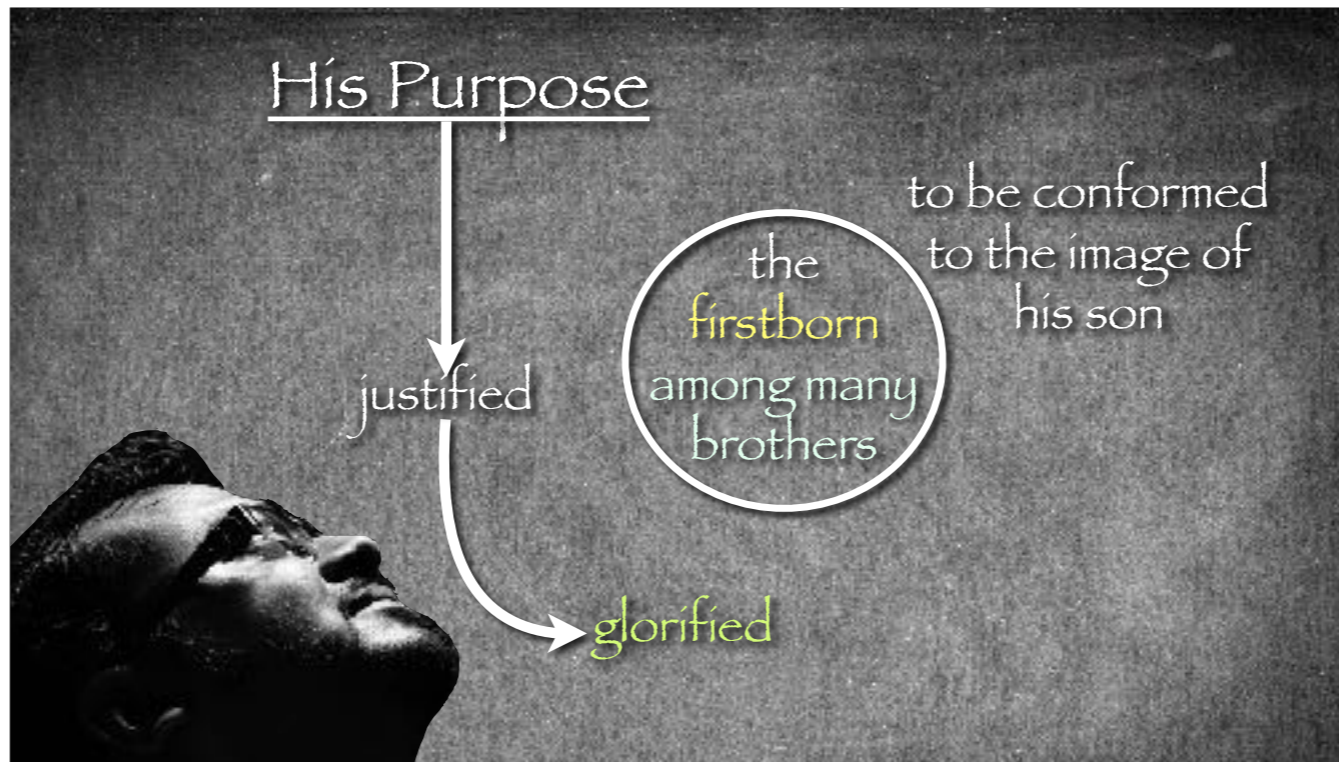
- Colossians 1
 - 18 And he is the head of the body, the church.
 - He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.
 - 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
 - 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
 - whether on earth or in heaven,
 - making peace by the blood of his cross.
- Revelation 1:5 and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.



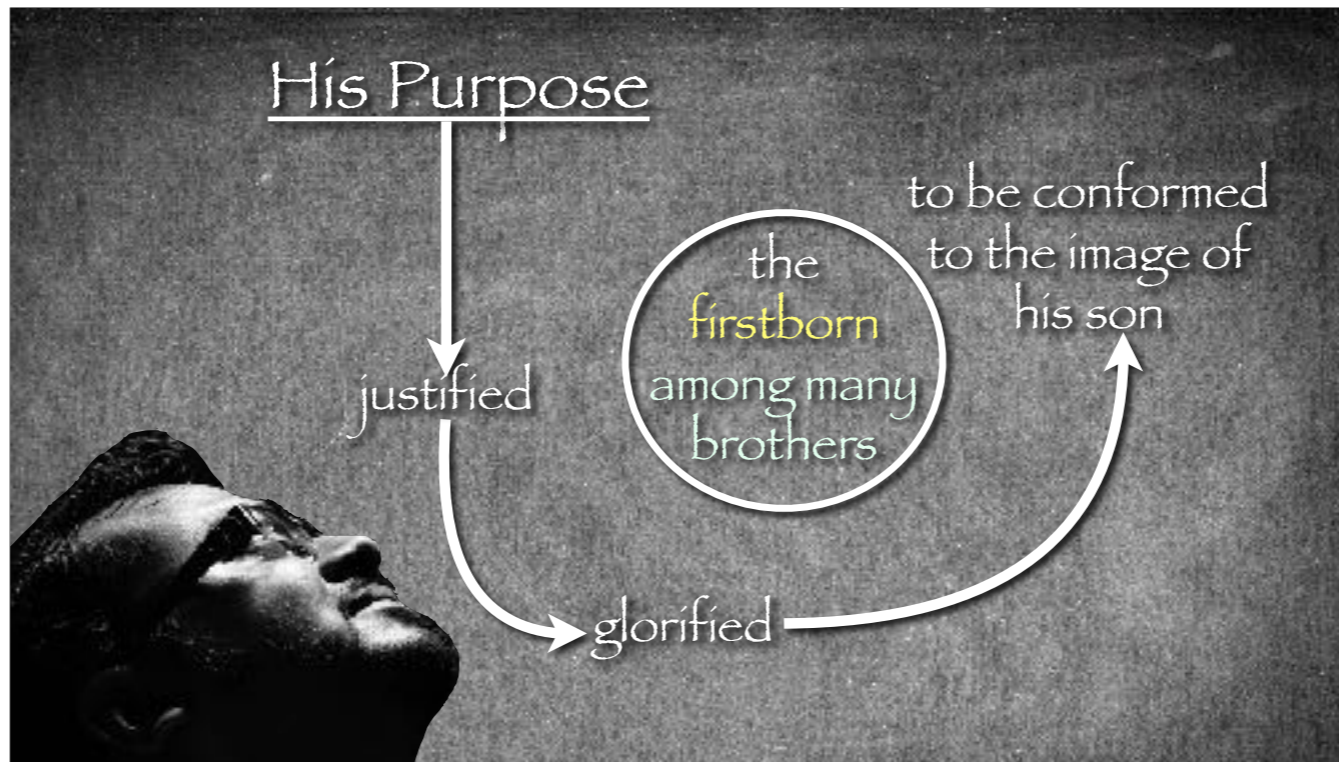
- in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.
 - This is not just about him and who he is (important)
 - But also about us!
 - Not just a king, creator, deity, or sovereign who is greater than us
 - But our brother.



- and those whom he called he also justified,
- Romans 3:21-26 (ESV) 21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

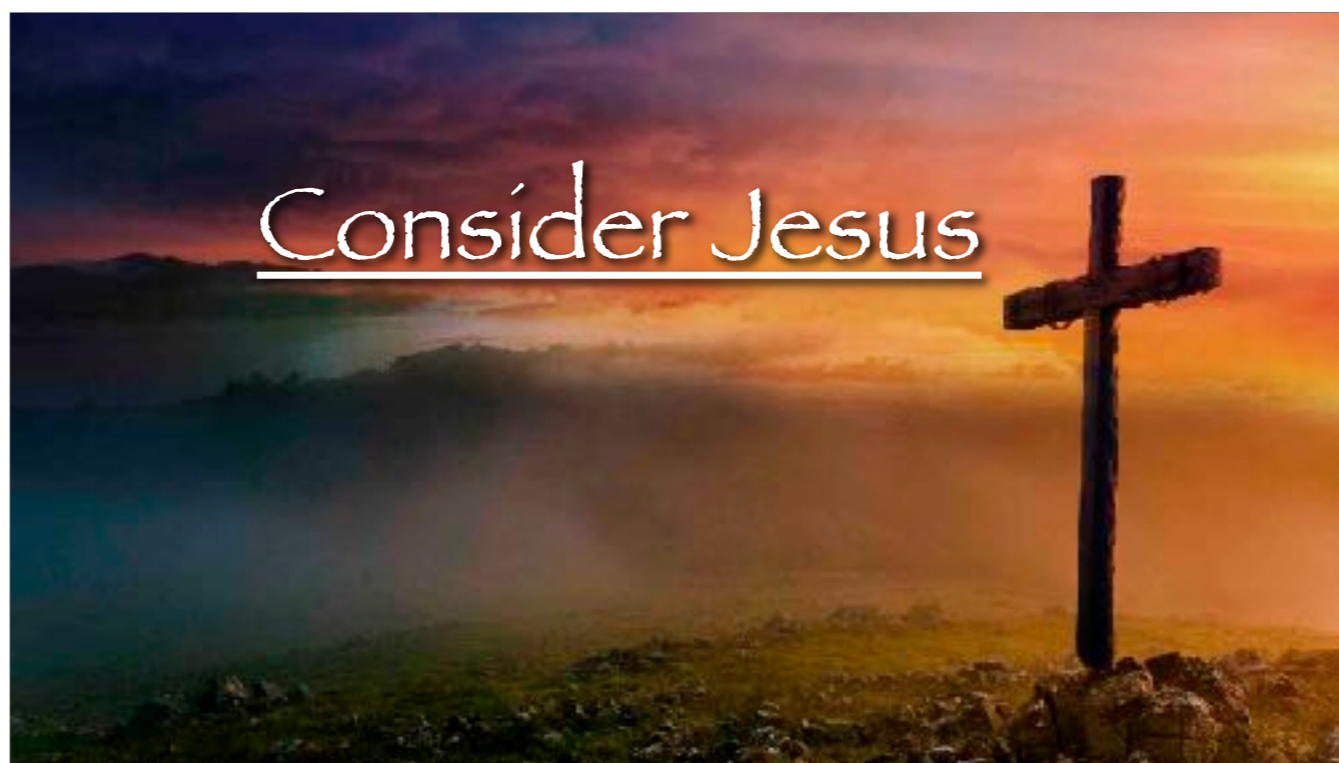


- and those whom he justified he also glorified.
 - John 17:22 (ESV) 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,
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- Hebrews 2:9-18; 3:1-6
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- because of the suffering of death,
- so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.
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- 11 For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source.
- That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers,
- 12 saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise."
- 13 And again, "I will put my trust in him."
- And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me."
- 14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood,
- he himself likewise partook of the same things,
- that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,
- 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.
- 16 For surely it is not angels that he helps,
- but he helps the offspring of Abraham.

- 17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect,
- so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God,
- to make propitiation for the sins of the people.
- 18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted,
- he is able to help those who are being tempted.
- 1 Therefore, holy brothers,
- you who share in a heavenly calling,
- consider Jesus,
- the apostle and high priest of our confession,
- 2 who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house.
- 3 For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses
- —as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself.
- 4 (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.)
- 5 Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later,
- 6 but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son.
- And we are his house,
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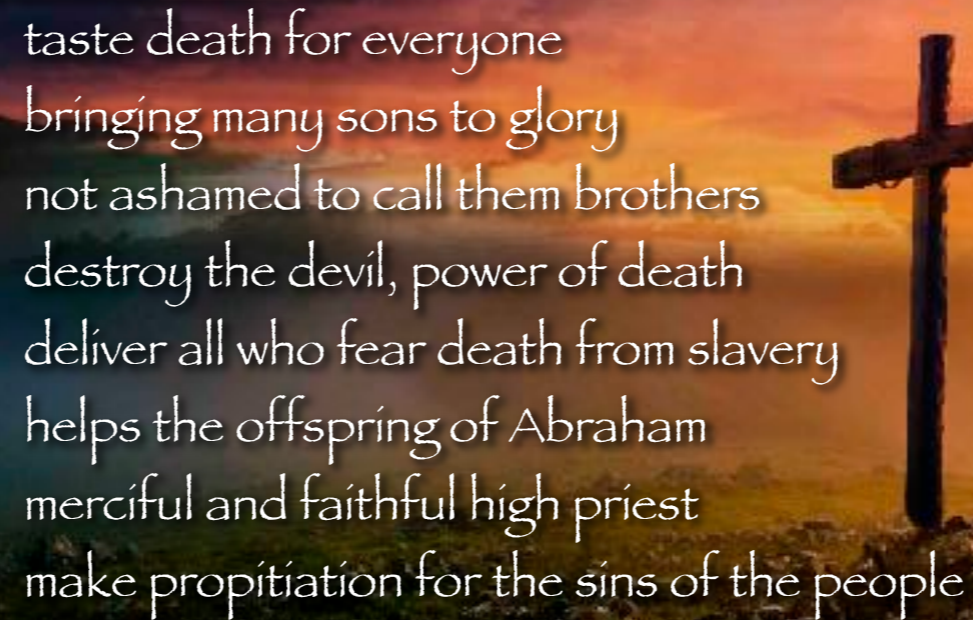
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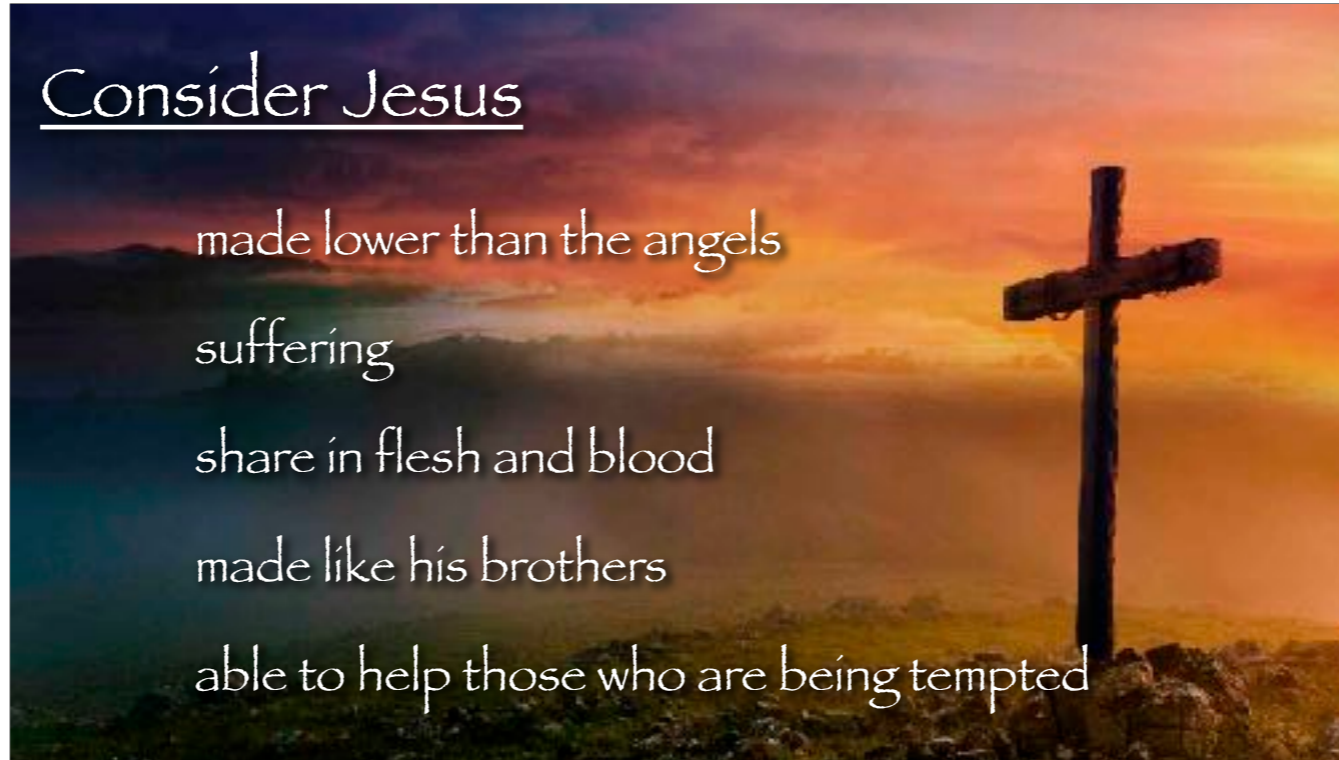
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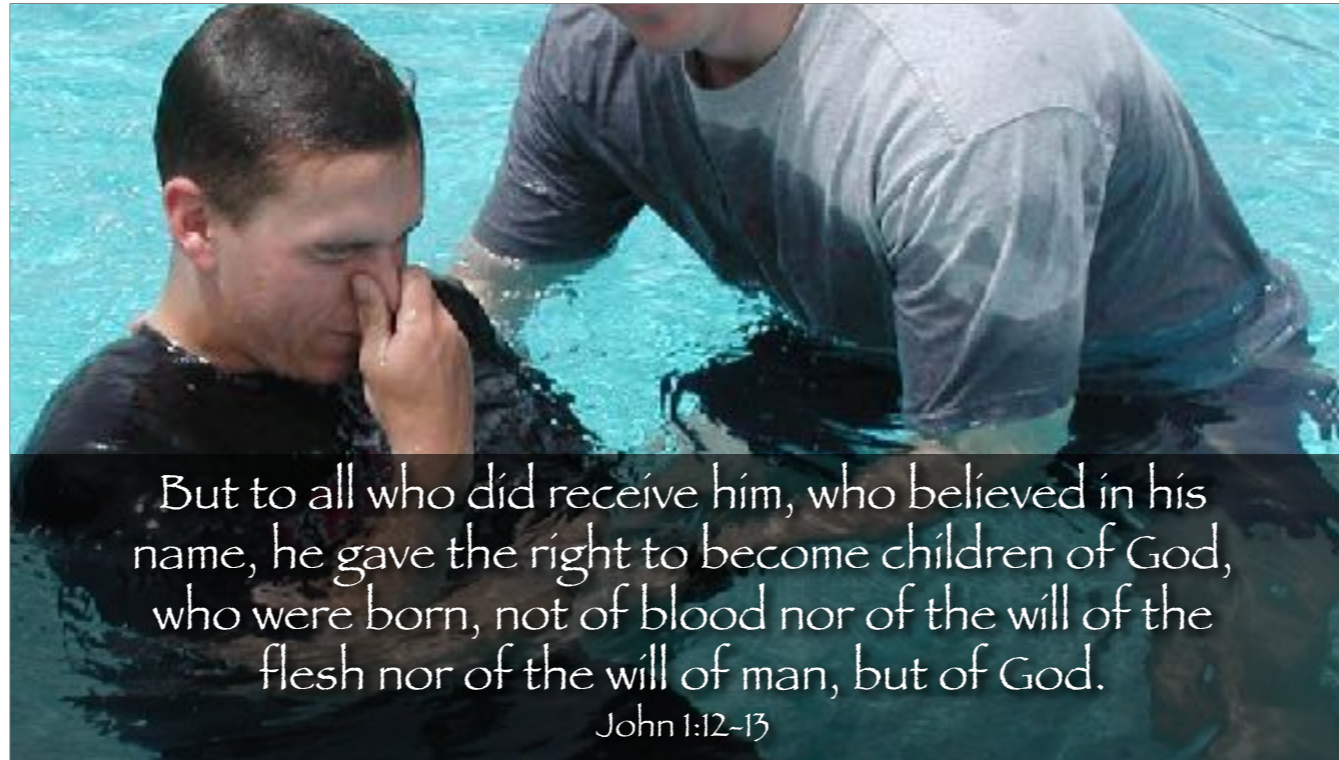
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- Often when we consider Jesus we seek to understand his miracles and his teaching and the salvation that we have in him ... all of these are important.
- Sometimes we forget to consider how his life is so similar to our own.
 - And that he choose to go through these moments so that he could help us.
- Let's consider who Jesus is as our firstborn brother, who helps with mercy and faithfulness



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We implore you
on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Romans 8:28-30; Hebrews 2:9 - 3:6

Synopsis: Jesus came to save us, to make us in his image. But he did that by becoming one of us, sharing in all our suffering and struggles, so that we could be his brothers and so that he could help us.

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