



**GOD IS
LOVE**



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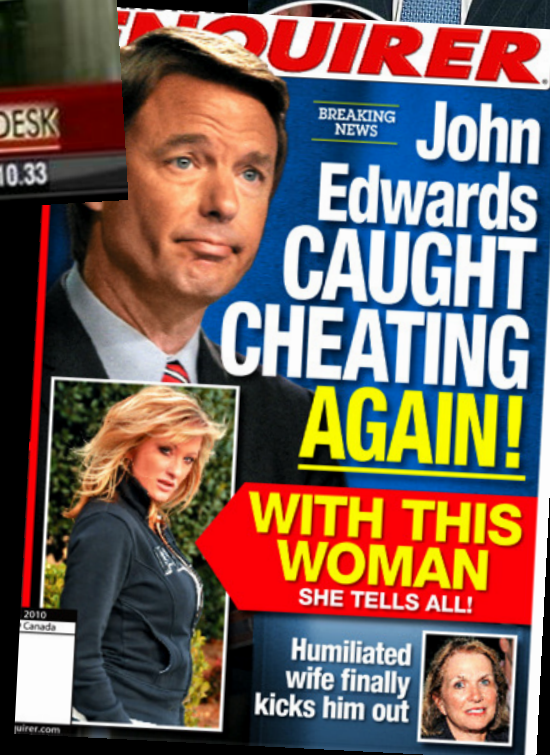
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I. Jesus is THE (singular):

“Word of God” (John 1: 1)

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“The Way, Truth, & Life” (John 14: 6)

II. “In Christ all the fullness of the Diety
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- of the fullness (to *plērōma*, not part)
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“divine-like” or “angelic”)
- dwells in bodily form (Jesus - God incarnate)

III. Jesus is the visible face of God

–If you see me, you see the Father. Why then do you ask, ‘Show us the Father’ (John 14: 9)

–No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also (I John 2: 23)

–We see ‘the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ’ (II Corinthians 4: 6)

IV. Jesus Trumps All Previous Revelations.

**“I have testimony weightier than
that of John.” (John 5: 36)**

Hebrews 1: 1-3

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation (*charactēr*) of his being (*hypostasis*)., sustaining all things by his powerful word.

Matthew 11: 27

All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him”

John 1: 17-18

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

Matthew 5: 38-39, 44-45

You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person...love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven

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...His disciples James and Johnsaid, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But He turned and rebuked them, [and said, "You do not know what kind of spirit you are of."

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