

We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. Jesus — Israel's promised Messiah was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate. **EFCA Statement of Faith: Jesus** 

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15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:15-17 (NIV)

<sup>18</sup> 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. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 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 1:18-20 (NIV)

<sup>9</sup> "...Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father..."

15 "...what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

<sup>24</sup> "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Matthew 16:24 (NIV)

<sup>15</sup> I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.

Romans 7:15 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10 (NIV)

<sup>24</sup> "For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it."

Matthew 16:25 (NIV)