

Should Christians have icons? We should definitely have at least one!



Here's where we get that from:

Colossians 1:15: “[Christ] is the image / icon of the invisible God”...

Various Christian traditions have argued that icons could be “windows to heaven”—a way of helping us move from the tangible that we can see to the transcendent that we don’t.

To most of us in the 21st century, icons are the little pictures on our screens that we tap to open up an app. In either case, we move from the picture to wholeness—from an image to experience.

Jesus is the icon of God. He opens up God to us. There is no other way in, no other way to know God apart from Jesus.

His power, his love, his coming judgment, his infinite mercy to broken sinners—we find all of it in Christ, the one who is the true window to heaven, the true object of our worship. He opens up all of God to us.

Response:

Here’s a way for you to respond today: pick an attribute of God (love, mercy, justice) and consider how you see it clearly revealed in Jesus, the icon of God.

Prayer:

Father God, thank you for sending your Son, the icon of you—the invisible God! I ask that you would give me eyes to see how everything true about you is found in the person of Jesus Christ. Help me to grow today in my perception of his glory. It’s in Jesus’ name that I pray, amen.