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How it became possible for man to see our invisible God...1:19a

How does John describe the impact of this 'fullness'? 1:19a, 27; Jn.1:16

Is this done in part? That is, how much of the fullness of God is in Him? 1:19a Jn.14:8-9

What does this 'fullness' state about Christ? 2:3, 9

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What is unique about 'reconciled' as used in 1:19, 21? (also Eph.2:16)

What's included in *reconcile to Himself all things*? 1:20

This includes humans and angels and what else? Rom.8:18-23

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Christ's fullness (of deity) we (believers) have all received, grace upon grace. We're in Him

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Emphatically, ALL fullness (of deity) dwells in Christ. To see Christ is to see God.

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There is no part of the Godhead (Trinity) that is lacking! Christ is everything of God.

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They were being taught that the attributes of God (deity) were found in Christ and angels.

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Here it is reconciliation. The bringing together of two who were enemies. Making peace!

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Gr.=apokatalisso; to reconcile completely, a stronger form of reconcile. No more enemies!

What's included in reconcile to Himself all things? 1:20

All things on earth and in heaven. The totality of creation. He created. He reconciles it all.

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All creation! Everything that was cursed when Adam sinned. The curse will be no more.

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Absolutely not! This verse teaches that all that He chooses is reconciled, made at peace.

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By His blood, shed on the cross. That is the Gospel. He reconciled everything to Himself.