

# GOOD HOPE *at the* CAPE

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***"He [Christ] is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power." Hebrews 1:3a (ESV)***

Now, I know this is not a typical verse we use at Christmas time, but as I read it this week in my studies, it nearly "jumped" off the page, and moved me to the point of tears. It's good to be reminded just WHO it is that came to this earth as a baby, making "himself of no reputation," and taking upon himself "the form of a servant," and coming "in the likeness of men." This is the same one that was there at creation! He was there when God said, "Let there be light!" He is, in fact, one with God...He is God, and though God the Father and God the Son are distinct, they are One, along with the Holy Spirit.

Colossians 1:16b-17a tells us that:

**... all things were created through Him and for Him.  
And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.**

He was at the beginning, He is here in our present, and He is already in the future, preparing our future for us.

In these days of massive economic, societal, and moral upheaval, when things can seem downright scary sometimes, it's good to remind ourselves WHO is in complete control of it all! Nothing slips past Him! Nothing happens outside of His scope of vision and control. There is nothing that was not created by Him, and He is in full control of it all! Amen!

Thank you so much for your support for me during this time of itineration! Your prayers, financial donations, and encouragement means so much to me! My goal is to return to South Africa by mid-2010, and I depend on your offerings and pledges to make that happen. Thank you for what you've done in 2009, and what I trust God will lead you to do in 2010.

Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

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