Images of God in the New Testament

Christ, who is the image of God.

- 2 Corinthians 4:4

Read the following eight quotations from the New Testament, each giving a different image of God. After each quotation write one word describing the image of God as represented in the quotation. 1. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible ... (Colossians 1:15-16). 2. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth. (John 4:24) 3. Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made. (Romans 1:20) 4. Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one. (Mark 12:29) 5. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19) 6. Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.' 7. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, 'Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one.' (Revelation 1:17-18) 8. ... in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. (2 Corinthians 5:19) Compare the eight images of God above with the eight images described in the previous worksheet (worksheet 57). List the images that are common to both the Old and New Testaments. How would you describe the difference/s between both sets of images?

