



Lesson 5

Title: Christ is Superior to the Prophets (continued)

Scripture: Hebrews 1:2-3

Not for Lazy Disciples

The Theme of Hebrews

- The SUPERIORITY or PREEMINENCE of Jesus the Christ. (Colossians 1:18)
- He was BETTER than anything or anyone before Him.
- He is revealed as a BETTER prophet than MOSES, a BETTER High Priest than Aaron, a BETTER King than David.

Jesus the Christ Is Superior Over the Prophets

The GOD Spoke in the Past (Hebrews 1:1)

- ὁ θεός “the God” – the DEFINITE ARTICLE is placed before the noun “theos” to distinguish “the God” from all other gods.
- God has revealed Himself and His will.

THE GOD Has Spoken IN His SON (Hebrews 1:2)

- Reject Christ (God’s expression of Himself) and you reject GOD!
Consider carefully – John 5:23; 8:19; 10:30; 15:23-24; Luke 10:16; 1 John 2:22-23; 2 John 9; 1 John 5:10; **1 Corinthians 16:22**

Who Is This Christ? (vv. 2-3)

- ① He is the HEIR of ALL THINGS
- ② He is the CREATOR of ALL Things
- ③ He is the BRIGHTNESS of His Glory
- ④ He is the EXACT Image of God

- ⑤ He UPHOLDS All Things
- ⑥ He PUTS AWAY our Sins
- ⑦ He is EXALTED to the HIGHEST of Positions

Jesus Christ Is Heir of All Things (Hebrews 1:2)

- Christ is the Heir of God - He is God’s Son - His Begotten Son. (Hebrews 1:2; 2:8; Psalm 2:6-9; Matthew 21:38; 28:18; John 13:3; 16:15; 17:2; Acts 10:36 - Lord of ALL.)
- We, God’s elect, are CO-HEIRS with Christ. (Romans 8:17)

Jesus Christ Is Creator of All Things (Hebrews 1:2)

- John 1:3; Colossians 1:16-17; Isaiah 45:12, 18; Psalm 33:6; Proverbs 16:4
- Circle the prepositions in Romans 11:36.

Jesus Christ Is the Brightness of His Glory

- The Greek word literally means “brightness” or “shining brilliance”.
- In 1650, William Gouge used the SUN as an analogy:
 - ① The brightness of the sun has the same nature that of the sun itself. God and Christ are ONE and the same essence. See John 10:30.
 - ② Ever since the sun was so was its brightness. There never was a time when the sun and its brightness existed apart from each other. God and Christ are co-eternal. See John 1:1
 - ③ The brightness cannot be separated from the sun. The sun would not be without its brightness. See Proverbs 8:30.
 - ④ The brightness though from the sun is not the sun itself. See John 8:42.
 - ⑤ The sun and its brightness are distinct from each other; the one is not the other. God and Christ have the same essence but two Persons. John 5:17.
 - ⑥ All the glory of the sun is its brightness. John 17:5; 2 Cor. 4:6
 - ⑦ The brightness is “sent” out from the sun. John 8:16, 26, 29; 9:4; 12:44-45, 49; 14:24; 2 Corinthians 4:6.
 - ⑧ One cannot “stand” in the Sun (*inapproachable* light - Exo. 33:22) but one can “stand” in the sunlight. And, yet, we say, “Get out of the sun!”
 - ⑨ The brightness of the sun is the light of the world. Without Christ men and women are in the DARK. John 8:12

⑩ Apart from its brightness we would never perceive the sun!! It is IN CHRIST that God is revealed!

Exact Image of God

- Jesus Christ is the express image of God. See Colossians 1:15; 2:9
- The Greek word gives the idea of a STAMP or a DIE.
- (Colossians 1:15) “image” means “exact representation and revelation”
- God is invisible - He is spirit. But in order that we might know Him He revealed Himself through Jesus the Man, the Christ. (John 14:9; 5:23)
- Being the expressed image of the invisible GOD, the Son, Jesus Christ, is GOD HIMSELF. See John 1:1, 14
- Jesus Christ is God Himself revealed to us!
- See Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23; John 10:30, 38; 17:21; 1 Timothy 3:16; 1 John 5:20
- (Colossians 1:19; 2:9) The **fulness** of the Godhead dwelt in Christ bodily.

Conformed Into the Image of Christ (Romans 8:29-30)

- It is GOD PURPOSE (plan) to CONFORM ALL of His people into the IMAGE of His Son, Jesus Christ.
- To be conformed into the image of Christ means that this life will include suffering and then glory. (Philippians 1:29; Acts 14:22)
- **THIS is GOD’s will for YOUR life!**

The Glory of God – Our Glory!

- We fail at meditating on the GLORY of GOD.
- Glory speaks for majesty and excellence.
- Meditating on GOD’s glory and knowing that we are HEIRS of this GLORY is God’s way for getting us through this life.
- **MEDITATE:** Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 4:17
- God called us unto **His** glory! 1 Peter 5:10; 2 Corinthians 4:6
- His people are promised the **same** glory as Christ. John 17:22; 1 John 3:2
- Looking into, meditating on, hoping for **this** glory changes us day by day. 2 Corinthians 3:18.
- Eye has not seen nor has ear heard what God has prepared for them that **love** Him! (1 Corinthians 2:9)

- Old and New Testament **promises** us that we will be **like** Christ! See Psalm 17:15; Philippians 3:21.

As Images of God . . .

- We are to walk (live) as Christ walked (lived) - doing always those things that fully please God. (2 Corinthians 5:9; Colossians 1:10; 2:6)
- We are to “be imitators of God”. (Ephesians 5:1; 1 Corinthians 11:1; Colossians 2:6; 1 John 2:6)
- We are to **shine** as lights in this present evil, dark world. (John 5:35; Philippians 2:15; Matthew 5:16; **Ephesians 5:8**)

