

The Superiority of the Son of God – Part II

HEBREWS 1:1- 4

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- ¹God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ² in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.³ And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

God's Ultimate and Final Revelation

- In Christ a fundamental turning point in redemptive history has been reached
- God Speaks climactically, definitively, and finally through His Son
- All God's revelation previous to Christ is to prepare for Christ
- Christ is the revelation is God Himself

The Last Days

- Eschatological pronouncement
- We have entered the “last days” (1:2)
 - See Acts 2:17; II Tim 3:1; James 5:3; II Peter 3:3
- The “last” does not mean chronologically but theologically
- Theologically, in Christ, we have now entered the turning point in the God’s eternal plan – we are then in the last part of God’s plan
- When God has spoken through His Son, the Eschatological phase has begun

The Superiority of Revelation in Christ

- What reasons are provided for Christ's preeminence?
- Verses 2-4 provide 7 reasons or explanations

Christ's Superiority

- 1. God has appointed Him heir of all things
- “All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.” (Matthew 11:27)
- “And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.” (Ephesians 1:22-23)

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- 2. “Through whom He has made the world” (literally the “ages”)
- “All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.” (John 1:3)
- “For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.” (Colossians 1:16)

Christ's Superiority

- 3. He is the radiance (or intense brightness) of His glory
- “The people who walk in darkness will see a great **light**; Those who live in a dark land, The **light** will shine on them.” (Isaiah 9:2)
- “No longer will you have the sun for **light** by day, Nor for brightness will the moon give you **light**; But you will have the LORD for an everlasting **light**, And your God for your glory.” (Isaiah 60:19)

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- 3. He is the radiance (or intense brightness) of His glory
- “Six days later Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up on a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light.” (Matthew 17:1-2)
- “There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. (John 1:9)
- “Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.’ ” (John 8:12)
- “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;” (I Peter 2:9)

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- 4. Christ is the express image of God's person, an exact replica.
- "For in Him all the fullness of deity dwells in bodily form" (Colossians 2: 9)
- "And He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation." (Colossians 1:15)
- "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him." (John 14:7) "He who has seen me has seen the Father." (John 14:9)

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- 5. He upholds all things by the word* of His power.
- *His “mighty word” or His “enabling word”
- 17 ”He [Christ] is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.” (Colossians 1:17)

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- 6. “He has made purification of our sins”
- Literally in the Greek He has “purged our sins or cleansed us of our sins.”
- In the Old Testament, this is the role of the High Priest on the Day of Atonement
- This is the role of Christ now, in the new covenant in Christ's blood, to take away the sin of the world. “The lamb of God.” (John 1:29)
- This is the role and function of a high priest
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- 7. He sat down at the right hand of the majesty in heaven.
- Messianic Psalm 110
 - The LORD says to my Lord:
 - “Sit at My right hand
 - Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.”
- “He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.” (Ephesians 4:10)
- “who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.” (I Peter 3:22)

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- Finally after His death and resurrection and prior to His ascension Christ's last words on earth to His disciples: "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth." (Matthew 28:18)
- God has exalted Jesus His son far above all creatures and everything in all creation by giving Him all authority.
- Christ's 7X superiority

The Son Exalted Above the Angels

- “having become so much better than the angels”
(verse 1:4)