

JESUS CHRIST – THE PREEMINENT ONE

Hebrews chapter 1

“1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;” (Hebrews 1:1-3). “And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence” (Col. 1:18).

1. Christ is Divine – The Son of God [Heb. 1:2; cf. John 1:1-4, 14; 3:16; 1 Tim. 3:16; Mat. 1:21-23; 16:15-18).
2. Christ is God’s spokesman for “these last days” (Heb. 1:2; John 1:17; Mat. 17:1-5).
3. Christ is the heir of all things (Heb. 1:2). “And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them” (John 17:10). “14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you” (John 16:14-15). Christ has Supreme Dominion (Acts 2:36). Christ is Lord of all (Acts 10:36). Christ has all authority (Mat. 28:18). Christ is the King (1 Tim. 1:17; 6:14-16; Zech. 9:9 – Mat. 21:1-11; Zech. 6:12-13 – Heb. 4:14-16; 1 Tim. 6:15).
4. Christ is the Creator of all things (Heb. 1:2; John 1:1-14; Col. 1:16-18).
5. Christ is the brightness of God’s glory (Heb. 1:3). The Divine perfection of God is shown in Christ. Christ is: “the express image of his person” (Heb. 1:3). One who has seen Christ has seen God the Father (John 14:9; cf. Col. 1:12-15; 1 Tim. 3:16).
6. Christ upholds all things by “the word of his power” (Heb. 1:3; cf. Col. 1:16-17). Christ spoke the creation into existence, and by His word the heavens and the earth are kept in store (2 Pet. 3:5-7; Gen. 1:3; Psa. 33:4-12).
7. Christ purged our sins (Heb. 1:3; 9:14). Christ is the Saviour (Mat. 1:21; Luke 19:10; 1 John 4:14; Luke 2:11-14). Christ paid the price for our sins (1 Pet. 1:18-19; Rev. 1:5).
8. After finishing His work on earth and upon His return to heaven, Christ sat down on the right hand of God (Heb. 1:3). Read Phil. 2:9-11; 1 Pet. 3:22; Eph. 1:20).
9. Christ has spoken (Heb. 1:2). Christ has spoken all that we need (2 Pet. 1:3). Christ has given us all that we need for salvation from sin and the eternal home in heaven (2 Tim. 3:15-17; Rom. 1:16; 2 Pet. 1:3). Yet, we must obey the One Who has spoken (Heb. 5:8-9).