

The Supremacy of Christ
Hope Chapel Honolulu
Hebrews 1:1-12 (ESV Strong's)

“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He 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 1:1-3a, ESV)

Introduction

While there are many voices clamoring for our attention these days and so many questions posed, the only question we each really need to answer is: *who is Christ to you?* We will carefully work our way through The Letter to the Hebrews, written to people who worshiped and obeyed Christ in a time and place where their faith was illegal and dangerous, over the next few months. We'll be careful to follow the train of thought and natural transitions in how the Holy Spirit moved the writer, and be reminded and challenged by this question: Who Christ is to you?

1. What sets Christ apart and makes Him truly unique? (Hebrews 1:1-3a)

- a) Christ as the *logos* of God is best understood as the very expression of God in creation.
- b) Christ is Son, Heir, Vehicle for Creation, the Radiance and Image of God...and more.

2. What does it really mean for Christ to be Savior and Lord? (Hebrews 1:3b-7)

- a) Christ is not just our Redeemer but also our Great High Priest.
- b) Christ is above all creation, sharing God's majesty, power, glory and praise.

3. The witness of the Father and Spirit of God regarding Christ. (Hebrews 1:8-12)

- a) What is this “oil of gladness” that Christ has been anointed with?
- b) Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End: Christ has always been and will always be.

Conclusion

Two thousand years after Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection, faith in Christ continues to be a relatively complex and political matter, and not just to the uninformed or casual observer of Christianity. Because of mass and social media today, people may even know more about certain servants of Christ than they do Christ Himself. In a day and age where superlatives are overused, however, it's unfortunate that we may feel that we are left without sufficient words to describe Christ and express how we should think and feel about Him. However, if we will allow the Word and Spirit of God speak to us, we will hear and understand God speaking to us today about Christ.

For our prayerful study, discovery and application:

1. Read Hebrews 1:1-3. What is said here about Christ that confirms or challenges your beliefs?
2. Why is Christ so much more than Savior and why should it matter to unbelievers?
3. What did the Word and Spirit remind you of or teach you anew through this passage?

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