

## *The Superiority of Christ*

### *Hebrews 1:1-3*

*We know what we believe. Let no one with soft words and charming persuasion argue us into admission that Jesus Christ is any less than very God of very God. The writer of Hebrews was informing the persecuted, discouraged Jewish Christians concerning God's final and complete revelation in Jesus Christ. He spoke of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Then he declared that Another had come. Although made flesh, He was none other than this same God. Not the Father, for God the Father was never incarnated and never will be. Rather, He is God the eternal Son, the radiance of the Father's glory and the exact representation of His being.*

*Something has happened to the word glory, especially as it relates to the description of deity. Glory is one of those beautiful, awesome words that have been dragged down until they have lost much of their meaning. The old artists may have had something to do with it, depicting the glory of Jesus Christ as a luminous halo—a shining neon hoop around His head. But the glory of Jesus Christ was never a luminous ring around the head. It was never a misty yellow light... "Show me Your glory," Moses asked of the LORD. Glory revelation is given to us in finite measure. God's glory includes His attributes, the essence of His being and much more. Christ reveals God's glory attuned to our level of perception. Do you long to see His glory? A.W.Tozer*

#### *Prayer*

*O Lord, reveal to me more and more of Your glory as the radiance of the Father and the exact representation of His being.*

- I. The purpose of the book of Hebrews is to show the superiority of Jesus Christ over all things. The challenge for believers is being convinced that Jesus is superior to all things. Scripture makes it clear that he is superior over your life, the world system and its beliefs, the church, the pastor, your marriage, finances, pleasure, your idols and on and on. His superiority is a rock-solid indisputable fact. If you want to know how to handle the godlessness that's raining down all around us, then let Christ reign superior in your life.

Heb. 2:3

Col. 1:15-20

- II. Those of us who know Christ, listened to God when he directly spoke to us through His Son. He declared the truth. He declared what was right and we believed him. It was a superior message that contained the key to eternal life. He didn't speak in secret but boldly so that we could become sons and daughter of the truth, which is his Son. *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them (Eph. 2:10).*

Heb. 1:1-2a

2 Timothy 3:16

2 Peter 1:21

John 1:1-2

**Isaiah 45:18-19** *18For this is what the LORD says- he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited- he says: "I am the LORD, and there is no other. 19I have not spoken in secret, from somewhere in a land of darkness; I have not said to Jacob's descendants, 'Seek me in vain.' I, the LORD, speak the truth; I declare what is right.*

- III. Jesus, this very moment, sits at the right hand of the Father defending (1 Jn. 2:1) and interceding (Rom. 8:24) for the saints. He hasn't moved from that position of power and honor since he left this world after providing purification for sins through his death, burial, and resurrection. He sits there in his superior position reflecting the Father's glory as inheritor of all things, as creator of all things, and as sustainer of all things. Because of the superiority of his name, every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Heb. 1:2b-3

Rom. 8:16-17

Col. 1:16

Isa. 45:9-10,12

2 Cor. 4:6

Col. 1:15

Ps. 110:1

Phil. 2:5-11

*"A man who says that Jesus Christ is anything less than this is a fool and makes God out to be a liar." MacArthur*

**Isa. 45:23-24** *23By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear. 4They will say of me, 'In the LORD alone are deliverance and strength.'" All who have raged against him will come to him and be put to shame.*