

PRAISE AND HONOR BE GIVEN TO CHRIST

(Hebrews 1:1-4)

INTRODUCTION:

A. The purpose of the letter to the Hebrews

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B. Christ has been appointed heir of all things

1. The nations were to be given to Him as an inheritance (**Psalm 2:8**)
2. All things are summed up or gathered together in Him (**Ephesians 1:10**)
3. The saints are His inheritance (**Ephesians 1:18**)
4. Jesus Himself said (**John 16:15**) **NASV** – “All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said, that He takes of Mine, and will disclose *it* to you”

C. The plan of this sermon, to show the greatness of Christ:

1. Christ made the worlds, the universe
2. Christ's glory, He reflects the glory of God
3. Christ is the exact representation of God's nature
4. Christ purged our sins, “He had made purification of sins”
5. The exaltation of Christ

I. CHRIST MADE THE WORLD

A. Jesus created all things (**Colossians 1:16**)

1. He spoke them into existence (**Psalm 33:6-9**)
 - a. The power of His word, He “said” (**Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 14, 20, 24, 26**)
 - b. He did not need any help from anyone (**Isa. 44:24; 45:5, 12**)

B. God created all things by Jesus Christ (**John 1:3, 10**)

C. Christ upholds all things by His powerful word

1. In Christ all things consist (**Colossians 1:17**)
2. The world was framed by the word of God (**Heb. 11:3**)

D. The world will perish

1. (**Hebrews 1:10-12**) **NASV** – “And, ‘THOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING DIDST LAY THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH, AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORKS OF THY HANDS; 11 THEY WILL PERISH, BUT THOU REMAINEST; AND THEY ALL WILL BECOME OLD AS A GARMENT, 12 AND AS A MANTLE THOU WILT ROLL THEM UP; AS A GARMENT THEY WILL ALSO BE CHANGED. BUT THOU ART THE SAME, AND THY YEARS WILL NOT COME TO AN END.’”
2. The heavens and the earth are kept by the same word for destruction (**2 Peter 3:7**)

II. CHRIST'S GLORY, HE REFLECTS THE GLORY OF GOD

A. God' radiance (**Psalm 84:11**)

1. When we look at the sun we only see the light of it, the shining forth by the sun. We do not see the sun.
2. No man has seen the Father at any time (**John 1:18**)

B. Jesus has declared God (John 1:18)

1. Jesus shared the same glory of his Father (**John 1:14**)
2. In Him dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily (**Colossians 2:9**)
3. (John 17:5) NASV – “And now, glorify Thou Me together with Thyself, Father, with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was”

III. CHRIST IS THE EXACT REPRESENTATION OF GOD’S NATURE

A. He is the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15)

B. He had this glory with God before the world was made (John 17:5)

C. Christ is qualified to represent the Father:

1. He was with God and is God (**John 1:1**)
2. He was in the form of God (**Phil. 2:6**)

IV. CHRIST PURGED OUR SINS

A. With His own blood (Heb. 9:14)

1. Cleansed us from all sin (**1 John 1:7**)
2. Redeemed us (**Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19**)
3. This is the very purpose of why Jesus came to this world, He came to “seek and to save that which was lost” (**Luke 19:10**)
 - a. Even though He to the point of dying on the cross and shedding His precious blood for us
 - b. He was the propitiation, the price of my iniquity, His death on the cruel cross (**1 John 2:2; 4:10**)

V. THE EXALTATION OF CHRIST

A. Christ is on the right hand of the Majesty on High

1. (**Ephesians 1:20**) NASV – “which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places”
2. (**Phil. 2:9-10**) NASV – “Therefore also God highly **exalted** Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name **10** that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth”
3. (**Mark 16:19**) NASV – “So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God”
4. (**1 Peter 3:22**) NASV – “who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him”

B. Daniel, in his vision saw Christ receive glory and honor

1. (**Daniel 7:13-14**) NASV – “I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him **14** And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations, and *men of every* language Might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed”

C. John saw Christ receive power, riches, wisdom, might, glory and blessing (Rev. 5:11-14)

CONCLUSION:

A. Summarize previous points

B. Jesus died so that we may have life, eternal life...the Creator died for me!

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