

The Incomparable Jesus Christ

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Christ is preeminent over and above all things, people, and thoughts. Christ is superior and exalted above all else. Nothing can truly contain Him, and His power is so vast that the grave and death could not keep Him. He is the Alpha and Omega, the first and last, and has triumphed over the devil and sin. He is truly the King of kings and Lord of lords and one day all will bow the knee either willingly or unwillingly. The writer of Hebrews clearly writes of the incomparable superiority of the Son to any prophet or time period.

1. Jesus Christ is the appointed heir of all things (Heb. 1:2b).

Since Jesus is the Son of God He has the right to all things.

Christ owns everything because He created everything. God has been given all things and although He hasn't taken full ownership, He will in the future kingdom.

In Rev. 5, Christ is the only One worthy to unroll the scroll, which is the title deed to the earth.

When Christ comes to this earth again, He will completely and unequivocally inherit all of it. We who have become His children through belief will become co-heirs with Him.

2. Jesus Christ is the Creator (Heb. 1:2c).

His acts of Creation prove that He existed before creation and that He partook in the very act of it. As God, Jesus Christ is eternal.

Jesus Christ proved His deity in that He could create something from nothing.

Man didn't just evolve. Jesus Christ as Intelligent Designer and God created the world and all that is contained therein. This was no accident. The Master Maker created it and He is the One who "ordained, planned, and brought it into being" (Sumner 26).

3. Jesus Christ is the brightness of God's glory (Heb. 1:3a).

This word (Greek: *apaugasma*) means *radiance, reflection, to send forth light*. The active sense of the word is radiance; whereas, the passive use would be reflection.

"The word "seems to mean. . . rays of light coming out from the original body and forming a similar light-body themselves".¹

Christ is then said to be *the radiance of God's glory*.

Jesus cannot radiate anything other than who God is and manifest what God does. This proves His deity.

When Jesus was incarnated the radiance of God came to mankind. Jesus Christ can never be separated from God just as the brightness of the sun can never be separated from its brightness. Yet, the brightness and the sun are two different things, so is Jesus a different Person than the Father.

4. Jesus Christ is the express image of God's Person (Heb. 1:3b).

Explanation/express image: The words (Greek: *character*) means *an exact representation, copy, or reproduction*. Physically, this representation would be the result of printing or engraving with a stamp.

¹ Wuest, K. S. (1997). [*Wuest's word studies from the Greek New Testament: for the English reader*](#) (Vol. 10, p. 36). Eerdmans.

Explanation/person: This word (Greek: *hypostasis*) means *substance, essence, “that which something really and truly is.*

Jesus Christ then is the exact reproduction of His Father. “Only deity can manifest deity” (Sumner 27). Jesus Christ is the very “dye imprint” of His Father. If you want to know what God the Father is like, you only need to look at Jesus. In Jesus Christ the very lines of Deity were reproduced and dwelt in His earthly body (Col. 2:9).

5. Jesus Christ upholds all things by the word of His power (Heb. 1:3c).

Jesus Christ sustains everything in this universe and keeps it all together. Col. 1:16c-17

Christ created through His word (John 1:3) and He holds all things together in the same manner.

When it comes down to each of us, it is Jesus Christ’s power and His word that has changed us from dead in trespasses and sins to being alive in and with Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:5).

6. Jesus Christ cleansed our sins (Heb. 1:3d).

This cleansing refers to Christ’s redemptive work on the cross whereby in one act He paid for ours sins and offered forgiveness to anyone who would believe on His work.

This is His mission, His purpose for coming to earth.

7. Jesus Christ finished His work and is seated at God’s right hand (Heb. 1:3e).

The right hand is the place of power. The right hand was the place of special favor and the location of the *sovereign prime minister.*

That He sat down proves His redemptive work is done and completed. It is truly finished. Christ’s seating also shows us that He is in close proximity with the Father where He now intercedes for us (Rom. 8:34).