

Christmas to the Cross

Jesus is the Greatest Gift Hebrews 1

Hebrews 1:1-6 (HCSB)

Long ago God spoke to the fathers by the prophets at different times and in different ways. In these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things and through whom He made the universe. He is the radiance of His glory, the exact expression of His nature, and He sustains all things by His powerful word. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. So He became higher in rank than the angels, just as the name He inherited is superior to theirs. For to which of the angels did He ever say, You are My Son; today I have become Your Father, or again, I will be His Father, and He will be My Son? When He again brings His firstborn into the world, He says, And all God's angels must worship Him.

I. Jesus is the Greatest Revelation – I must Trust Him!

Verses 1-2 – Long ago God spoke to the fathers by the prophets at different times and in different ways. In these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

John 7:45-46 (NIV)

Finally the temple guards went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, "Why didn't you bring him in?" "No one ever spoke the way this man does," the guards declared.

II. Jesus is the Greatest Representation - I must Worship Him!

- He is the Son and the Heir of All things

Verses 4-5

So He became higher in rank than the angels, just as the name He inherited is superior to theirs. For to which of the angels did He ever say, You are My Son; today I have become Your Father, or again, I will be His Father, and He will be My Son?

- He is the Radiance and Image of the Father

Verse 3 - He is the radiance of His glory, the exact expression of His nature...

- He is the Creator and Sustainer of the Universe

Verses 2,3

He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things and through whom He made the universe. He sustains all things by His powerful word.

- He is the Supreme Sacrifice for Sin

Verse 3 - After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Hebrews 7:25-27 (NIV)

He is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Such a high priest meets our need — one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

III. Jesus is the Greatest Ruler – I must Obey Him!

Verse 3 – ...He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Verses 8-11

...But about the Son: Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the scepter of Your kingdom is a scepter of justice....In the beginning, Lord, You established the earth, and the heavens are the works of Your hands; they will perish, but You remain. They will all wear out like clothing; You will roll them up like a cloak, and they will be changed like a robe. But You are the same, and Your years will never end.