

Christ is Greater

Hebrews 1 (Pg. 1,099)

The title refers to Jews who were familiar with the Old Testament. Hebrews connects the Old Testament and the New Testament.

In the Book of Hebrews, we see the supremacy of Christ in His person, priesthood, preeminence, and purpose.

A. **God's Final Word** 1:1-2

Dreams, visions and miracles were partial revelations of God's plan. In Christ, it all becomes clear.

The Old Testament is truth about God. Christ **is God!**
John 1:1

B. **Six Aspects of Jesus' Preeminence** 1:2-3

1. **Heir** of All Things. Revelation 5:1-9

Those who follow Christ as Lord will be fellow-heirs with Christ (Romans 8:16-17).

2. **Creator** of All Things. Colossians 1:16-18

3. **Radiance** of God's Glory.

Matthew 17:1-6
Revelation 21:23

4. Expression of God's **Nature**.

John 14:9
Colossians 1:15
-essence
-attributes
-character
Colossians 2:9

5. **Sustainer** of All Things.

"How does the universe stay in this kind of fantastically delicate balance? Jesus Christ sustains and monitors all its movements and inter-workings. Christ, the preeminent Power, maintains it all."

--MacArthur New Testament Commentary

6. **Redeemer**.

Christ gave Himself as a sacrifice for the purification of sin.

"Jesus is honored by our knowing and treasuring Him for who He really is. He is a real person. A fact. A fixed, unchanging reality in the universe, independent of our feelings. Our feelings about Him do not make Him what He is. ... And if our knowledge of Him is wrong, to that degree our enjoyment of Him will be no honor to the real Jesus. Our joy displays His glory when it's a reflex of seeing Him for who He really is."

— John Piper, *The Supremacy of Christ in a Postmodern World*

"Knowing that Christ is supreme, we can *trust Him as our Savior*. As God, He paid the price for our sins through His sacrifice and resurrection. We can *worship Him as our God*—He created all things and rules in heaven. And we can *serve Him as our Lord*. His power, authority, holiness, and love are worthy of all our worship and eternal devotion." -- Got Questions.org