

JESUS > PROPHETS & ANGELS

Hebrews 1:1-14

1) JESUS IS GOD'S APPOINTED HEIR

- “God has appointed Him heir of all things...” (Hebrews 1:2b)
- **As Christians we become co-heirs with Christ awaiting His second coming when we will inherit everlasting life.**
- “The Spirit himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God’s children, 17 and if children, also heirs—heirs of God and coheirs with Christ—if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.” (Romans 8:16-17)

2) JESUS IS THE “RADIANCE OF GOD’S GLORY”

- “The Son is the radiance of God’s glory...” (Hebrews 1:3a)
- **In the Old Testament God revealed Himself in a pillar of fire by day and a cloud of fire by night, but when Jesus appeared He became the Light that shined God’s glory for all to see.**

3) JESUS IS THE “EXACT EXPRESSION” OF GOD’S CHARACTER

- “The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact expression of His nature...” (Hebrews 1:3a)
- This term signifies an exact correspondence between the impression and the seal that made it. (i.e. a Roman coin)
- **We know God through knowing Jesus who is the exact “imprint” revealing God’s character.**

4) JESUS HOLDS ALL THINGS TOGETHER BY HIS WORD

- “...sustaining all things by His powerful word.” (Hebrews 1:3b)
- **The power of God’s word brought the world into existence (vs. 2), and that same power through Jesus’ word holds everything together until He returns.**

5) JESUS PROVIDED SALVATION FOR ALL WHO WOULD CALL ON HIS NAME

- “After making purification for sins...” (Hebrews 1:3c)
- **Jesus was the only One who could accomplish what was necessary for humanity to experience redemption from sin and adoption as sons and daughters of the Most High God.**
- “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our wrongdoings, according to the riches of His grace.” (Ephesians 1:7 NASB)

6) JESUS SITS IN THE POSITION OF HIGHEST AUTHORITY

- “He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.” (Hebrews 1:3d)

- **The supremacy of Jesus is on display for all to see as Jesus took His rightful place at the right hand of the Father.**

7) JESUS HAS THE NAME ABOVE EVERY NAME

- “So He became superior to the angels, just as the name He inherited is more excellent than theirs.” (Hebrews 1:4)
- **Jesus did not become greater than the angels by His name, but by who He is and has always been.**
- “For this reason God highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow—in heaven and on earth and under the earth—11 and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:9-11)
- **The name of Jesus is above every other name, including the angels, because it is through Jesus alone that salvation can be received.**
- “This Jesus is the stone rejected by you builders, which has become the cornerstone. 12 There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:11-12)

CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION

Observation

- Who wrote Hebrews? To whom was it written?
- What was the purpose of the letter to the Hebrews?
- According to the writer of Hebrews, what is the difference between Jesus and the angels?

Understanding

- In what ways is our context we live in today similar to the Christian Jews in the book of Hebrews?
- What does it mean that Jesus is the “radiance of God’s glory and the exact expression of His nature” in verse 3?
- Why is it important to distinguish that Jesus is above the prophets and angels?
- What resonates with you from Hebrews chapter 1 and why?
- How can we be certain that we are co-heirs with Jesus?

Loving Outward:

- Who do you need to share the gospel with this week?
- Who do you need to follow-up with regarding the gospel?
- Who are you bringing to church next Sunday?