

God Speaks – Are You Listening?

We know there is One, Eternal, Almighty God who

- Created through the power of His spoken Word
- Then spoke to His creation
- And in speaking to His creation He has revealed truth about his character and attributes about His plan and purpose.

Seven Affirmations of the Supremacy of Christ

1 – The Appointed Heir

- v. 2b – “...who he appointed the heir of all things.”

2 – The Creator

- v. 2c – “...through whom he also created the world.”

-This is collaborated by the Apostle John in his gospel

- John 1:1-3 – “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.”

-Psalm 148:1-5

3 – The Radiance of God’s glory

- v. 3 – “He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature.”

-The word translated “radiance” is very interesting

-It was part of the Greek vocabulary but this is the only usage in the NT.

-It was used in one of two ways

-To radiate = Like the sun rays radiate the light and heat of the sun.

-To reflect = Like the sun shining off of something metallic.

-Both are true

-The Son radiates the glory of God just like the sun rays radiate the reality of the sun.

-But something else is true about the Son – and specifically Jesus!

-Jesus is an exact replica of the essence of God!

-Translation – “Who radiates God’s glory and is the exact representation of God’s being.”

-Paraphrase – “Jesus is just like what God really is.”

-John 1:18 – “No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.”

4 – The Sustainer of the universe

-v. 3c – “...and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.”

-Col. 1:17 – “He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”

5 – The Purification from our sins

-v. 3d – “After making purification for sins...”

-Sin is our biggest problem

-We need a solution for sin!

-The Son of God – Creator and Sustainer of all things – came to earth and became the man Jesus

-He lived the life we couldn't live

-He died the death we should have died

-In order that He might bring us to God!

6 – The Right hand of God

-v. 3e – “...he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

-This making purification for sins is the work of a priest

-But look at this priest – Jesus

-One who is the Highest and Greatest of High Priests

-What is He doing?

-Sitting down.

-Why is our priest sitting down?

-Because His work is finished!

-So, “after making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

-So He makes purification for sins at the cross

-He is both priest and sacrifice!

-He rose from the dead and ascended on high.

-If the sacrifice wasn't sufficient He would have more work to do...

7 – The Greater and Superior Name of God

-v. 4 – “Having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.”