

THE PREMINENCE OF CHRIST
Hebrews 1:2b-3

- I. The Son Is HEIR of ALL THINGS (Heb. 1:2b)
 - A. Everything BELONGS to Him by right of SONSHIP
 - B. He has not yet FULLY TAKEN POSSESSION (Rev. 5:1 – 11:15)

- II. The Son Is the AGENT of CREATION (Heb. 1:2c)
 - A. He made the UNIVERSE and everything IN IT
 - B. He made the AGES and everything that OCCURS (Isa. 46:9-11)
 - 1. Implies that the UNIVERSE is TEMPORAL
 - 2. Indicates that TIME is FINITE and EVENTS are under His DIRECTION

- III. The Son Is the RADIANCE of GOD'S GLORY (Heb. 1:3a)
 - A. He is the SOURCE of DIVINE GLORY
 - B. He is the REVEALER of the INVISIBLE God

- IV. The Son Is the EXACT REPRESENTATION of GOD'S SUBSTANCE (Heb. 1:3b)
 - A. He SHARES the very ESSENCE of God

- B. He reveals EXACTLY God's NATURE
- V. The Son Is the SUSTAINER of ALL THINGS (Heb. 1:3c)
- A. He is MAINTAINING all of creation's EXISTENCE
 - B. He is CARRYING all of creation's OPERATIONS to their CONCLUSION
 - 1. By exercising HIS POWER
 - 2. By the SPEAKING of His COMMAND
- VI. The Son Has Made PURIFICATION of SINS (Heb. 1:3d)
- A. He has dealt with the very PERSONAL problem of SIN
 - B. He has provided a COMPLETE CLEANSING
 - C. He has FINISHED this work by a SINGLE ACT (9:12-14)
- VII. The Son Has Been EXALTED with GOD (Heb. 1:3e)
- A. He is now with GOD, called here "the MAJESTY ON HIGH"
 - B. He is SEATED at His RIGHT HAND
 - 1. Indicating His preeminent HONOR
 - 2. Indicating His work of PURIFICATION has been ACCEPTED as COMPLETE