

“The Radiance Of His Glory”
God’s Covenantal Love Displayed
Hebrews 1: 1 – 4: 13
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God Has Revealed His Covenantal Love Through The Supremacy Of His Son Jesus Christ, (vs. 1: 2)

- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Spiritual Realm, (vs. 1: 1 – 2: 4)**

2. The Revelation Of Christ Is The Exact Representation Of God & His Redemptive Purposes, (vs. 3)

Current Emphasis: “Being Carried” is seen as weak and despised in our world, but we cannot come to God unless Christ carry us.

The two most precious things this side of the grave are our reputation and our life. But it is to be lamented that the most contemptible whisper may deprive us of the one, and the weakest weapon of the other. ~~Charles Caleb Colton

The law of the survival of the fittest led inevitably to the survival and predominance of the men who were effective in war and who loved it because they were effective. ~~Elihu Root

3.3) Is Christ Strong Enough To Carry Me?

- **“He Upholds** (Pres.Act.Part- bearing up / taken upon) **The Universe”**- not a static, dead weight but moving and living motion (1 Cor. 15: 45); a maintaining (1 Cor. 8: 6), a cohesion (Col. 1: 17), an order (1 Cor. 7: 17).

O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing His power and His love; Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

- **“By The Word** (ῥῆμα: a minimal unit of discourse, often a single word) **Of Power** (ability to affect change)”-

Such is the glory of this world, so fading and uncertain, admired awhile, but soon slighted. Let that therefore which will soon be contemptible in the eyes of others be always contemptible in our eyes in comparison with the more exceeding weight of glory... when all that great multitude is in a manner swept away, some by one judgment and some by another, and the little remnant that is left shall be very small and feeble, not able to bear up under their own griefs, much less to make head against their enemies’ insults? Let not therefore the strong glory in their strength nor the many in their numbers. ~~ Matthew Henry

What Do I Look For As Marks Of Being “Carried?”

a) “We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for b) your name is near. c) We recount your wondrous deeds. “At the set time that I appoint I will judge with equity. When the earth totters, and all its inhabitants, it is d) I who keep steady its pillars. Selah e) I say to the boastful, ‘Do not boast,’ and to the wicked, ‘Do not lift up your horn; do not lift up your horn on high, or speak with haughty neck.’ ” f) For not from the east or from the west and not from the wilderness comes lifting up, but it is God who executes judgment, putting down one and lifting up another.” (Psalm 75:1-7, ESV)

a) “We Give Thanks” - *We praise You O God our Redeemer, Creator. In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.*

b) “Your Name Is Near” - *“The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.” (Psalm 145:18, ESV)*

c) “We Recount Your Wondrous Deeds” - *Sing, O, Sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me. Sing it with the saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.*

d) “Keep Steady The Pillars” - *“and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.” (1 Corinthians 12:6, ESV)*

e) “Do Not Boast” -

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul; Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole. Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God; Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Your voice alone, O Lord, can speak to me of grace; Your power alone, O Son of God, can all my sin erase. No other work but Yours, no other blood will do; No strength but that which is divine can bear me safely through.

f) “God, Putting Down & Lifting Up” - *“For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.” (Romans 9:17-18, ESV)*

How Can I Make Sure That I Am “Carried By Christ?”

“In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it... He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,” (John 1:4-5 & 11-12, ESV)

Am I willing to be carried by Christ or follow the world in trying to do it myself and die?

3.4) "After Making (Aor.Mid.Part) Purification Of Sins" - *"But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God."* (Hebrews 9:11-14, ESV)

3.5) "Sat Down At The Right Hand Of Majesty" - *"Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."* (Romans 8:33-37, ESV)

3. Because Christ Is The Exact Representation Of God, He Is Much More Superior To The Spiritual Realm, (vs. 4)
4. Christ's Superiority Is Founded In The Fact That He Is The Very Begotten Son Of God, (vs. 5 - 6)
5. Christ's Superiority Is Demonstrated That He Rules All The Spiritual Realm, (vs. 7 - 9)
6. Christ's Superiority Is Exalted In That His Rule Will Endure Forever, (vs. 10 - 12)
7. Christ's Superiority Is Praised In That His Rule Is Absolutely Sovereign, (vs. 13 - 14)
8. The Revelation Of Christ's Supremacy Over The Spiritual Realm Calls Us To Pay Closer Attention, (vs. 2: 1)
9. If We Neglect The Revelation Of Christ's Supremacy, We Will Not Escape The Judgment Of God, (vs. 2 - 3a)
10. The Revelation Of Christ's Supremacy Has Every Tangible Proof That What God Has Said Is True, (vs. 3b - 4)

- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Earthly Realm, (vs. 2: 5 - 18)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Mosaic Law (vs. 3: 1 - 4: 13)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Mosaic Temple (vs. 4: 14 - 6: 12)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Abrahamic Identity, (vs. 6: 13 - 7: 10)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Aaronic Priesthood, (vs. 7: 11 - 28)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Old Covenant, (vs. 8: 1 - 10: 39)**

- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Has Been Demonstrated As Reliable, (vs. 11: 1 - 40)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Will Persevere Through Extreme Difficulty, (vs. 12: 1 - 29)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Changes The Entire Perspective Of The Believer, (vs. 13: 1 - 25)**