

"By His Son"
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)

... there is such a brightness on the face of Christ glorified, and that happiness which in heaven saints shall have with him, as forbids us that dwell in mortal flesh to conceive of it aright, much more to express it. It is best going thither to be informed, and then we shall confess that we on earth heard not half of what, we there find, yea, that our present conceptions are no more like to that vision of glory we shall there have, than the sun in the painter's table is to the sun itself in the heavens. ~~ William Gurnall

3.1) You Must Consider Whether You Trust The Radiance Of Christ?

"He Is (Pres.Act.Part) The Radiance

Of The Glory Of God"- "Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves." (John 14:8-11, ESV)

We brought that creation into bondage, covering it with dishonour, and making it the prey of corruption. It now groans and travails under this sore bondage. But as it has shared our bondage, it is also to share our liberty; and that same glory which brings liberty to us shall introduce the oppressed and dishonoured creation into the same blessed freedom! O longed-for consummation! O joyful hope! O welcome day, when the Bringer of this glory shall arrive, and the voice be heard from heaven, "Behold, I make all things new." Nor is it liberty only which this glory contains in it, but power also, as it is written, "strengthened with all might according to the power of his glory" (Col 1:11). This glory has, even now, a power giving energy, whereby we are strengthened "to all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness." Thus "rejoicing in hope of the glory of God" (Rom 5:2), we are fitted for all manner of tribulation and endurance. Though still among the things "not seen," it not only flings forward a radiance which brightens our path, but sheds down a strength which enables us to "run with patience the race that is set before us." And so, in an unholy world, we "walk worthy of Him who hath called us unto his kingdom and glory" (1 Thess 2:12), having that prayer fulfilled in us, "The God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Jesus Christ, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you" (1 Peter 5:10). "Christ in you the hope of glory." An indwelling Christ is our earnest, our pledge, our hope of glory. Having Him, we have all that is his, whether present or to come. He is the link that binds together the here and the hereafter. ~~ Horatius Bonar

3.2) You Must Consider Whether You Will Trust The Revelation Of God In Christ?

"He Is (Pres.Act.Part) The

Exact Imprint Of His Nature"- "He **is (Prs.Act.Ind)** the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he **is** before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he **is** the head of the body, the church. He **is** the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross." (Colossians 1:15-20, ESV)

1) "And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, 2) who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants 3) for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." (2 Corinthians 4:3-6, ESV)

- 1) Why is it so hard to accept that some have been blinded to the glory of Christ?
- 2) Why is it so hard to accept that the only testimony worth giving is Christ as Lord?
- 3) Why is it so hard to accept that God has graciously revealed Himself in the person of Jesus Christ?

Could it be that you don't trust Jesus in every area of your life because you don't believe He is the image of God?

*In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime. ~~ John Bowring*

3.3) "He Upholds (Pres.Act.Part) The Universe By The Word Of Power"- "We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near. 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 I who keep steady its pillars. Selah 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.' " 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)

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)