Jesus Christ
Our Great High Priest

The Brightness of God’s Glory

Hebrews 1:1-4
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The Book of Hebrews

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**DATE:** Late 60’s
- Timothy has been released from prison (13:23)
- The temple is still standing (10:1)

**AUDIENCE:** Jews
- In Italy? (13:24)
- Predominantly Christians mixed with some unbelievers
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PURPOSE:

- Exalt Christ (8:1)
- “bear with this word of exhortation” (13:22)
Outline of Hebrews

I. THE DOCTRINAL SECTION (1:1-10:18)
   A. The Theme (1:1-4)
   B. The Superiority of Jesus as a Person (1:5-4:16)
   C. The Superiority of Jesus in His Work (5:1-10:18)

II. THE PRACTICAL SECTION (10:19-13:25)
   A. Faith (11:1-12:2)
   B. Hope (12:3-24)
   C. Love (13:1-17)
I. God’s climactic revelation has come in the very person of His incarnate Son (1:1-2a)

4 points of contrast between vss 1-2

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Progressive Revelation

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Since Christ, who is the fulfillment and substance, has arrived, why would you ever return to the shadow?
I. God’s climactic revelation has come in the very person of His incarnate Son (1:1-2a)

II. God’s revelation culminates in His Son because Jesus is (1:2b-4):

A. Heir
B. Creator
C. King

1. Jesus is able to reign as King because:
   » Jesus made purification of sins
   » Jesus is the radiance of the Father’s glory
   » Jesus is the exact representation of the Father’s nature
   » Jesus sustains all things

2. Jesus is superior to the angels