

# ***Forerunners for Christ Los Angeles***

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## ***The Supremacy of Jesus (Hebrews 1:1-3)***

### I. THE SUPREMACY OF JESUS: SEVEN FACETS OF HIS MAGNIFICENCE

Review: There is no aspect of God's grace that more powerfully transforms our emotions or satisfies our heart than when the Spirit reveals Jesus to us. Paul gladly gave up all when he saw the majesty of Jesus! If we can see what Paul saw, then we can live like he lived. The Spirit longs to escort us into the deep things of God's heart (Jn. 16:13-14; 1 Cor. 2:10-12). We need the Spirit's power and revelation of Jesus in order to be obsessed with Jesus' magnificence. The Spirit gives to us according to our hunger. He will not force the treasure of who Jesus is on us.

I count all things loss for the excellence [magnificence] of the knowledge of Christ Jesus... (Phil. 3:8)

Hebrews 1 is one of the great passages of Scripture about Jesus. It was written to equip the saints of that day to stand against heresies that denied Jesus' deity and against compromise especially in the face of persecution. Hebrews 1 sets forth Jesus' supremacy and preeminence over all. It brings together the truths of Jesus as the royal Son (Ps. 2), the royal Priest (Ps. 110), and the royal Bridegroom (Ps. 45). It highlights Jesus' pre-existence as God, His incarnation as a man, and His eternal exaltation. There was never a time when Jesus did not exist. As the Incarnate One, He experienced human limitations in being hungry, weary, and even tempted. He will be exalted forever as the God-Man who is King of kings over all the nations of the earth.

We note seven excellencies of Jesus: He is the heir of all, creator of the worlds, the radiance of God, the exact representation of the Father, and sustainer, redeemer, and ruler of the universe (Heb. 1). Each excellency illumines a different facet of the diamond of the splendor of Jesus.

1God...2has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom...He made the worlds; 3who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. (Heb. 1:1-3)

God spoke to us by His Son: Jesus is the full and final message to humanity about God. To know what God is saying, we must look to Jesus. To refuse to hear what God says in Jesus is to refuse God. All religions do not lead to God. Jesus died that we might have a relationship with God.

*Prayer:*

*Father help us to hear the voice of your Son Jesus... our Lord.. .help us receive His voice... what He says in the last days...*