

## The Incomparable Christ Hebrews 1:1-3

*“But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ” - Philippians 3:7-8*

### I. One of our greatest needs as believers is to grow in the knowledge of our Lord...

- a. In 2 Peter 3:18, Peter tells us, “But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen”
  - i. If there is one thing the Apostles had in common, it was this, they all had such a great hunger, passion, and desire to know their Savior (God)
  - ii. The Apostles didn't just want to read about Him, they didn't just want to hear about Him, however, they wanted to know Him (personally & intimately)
- b. And as believers, this should be our greatest desire and passion, to get to know the Lord Jesus Christ intimately, personally, and profoundly
  - i. Our desire should be that of the Greeks, who cried out, “*Sir, we wish to see Jesus*” – **John 12:21**
  - ii. Our desire should be to see the Lord “*high and lifted up, exalted*” as the prophet Isaiah saw Him in **Isaiah 6:1**
  - iii. Our desire should be to see the Lord “*glorified, exalted, and resurrected*” as the apostle John saw Him in **Revelation 1:12-16**
- c. And for this morning's study, we are going to simply spend a few moments growing in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ (We are going to See Jesus!)
  - i. This morning, we are going examine a beautiful portion of Scripture that gives us an amazing description of the Lord Jesus Christ...
- d. Turn with me to Hebrews 1:1-3 and we are going to look at “Seven Characteristics of the Incomparable Christ”...Let's get to know Him!

### II. Characteristic #1 – “He is the Revelation of all Things” (vs. 1-2a)

- a. The author of the Hebrews declares, “God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son...”
  - i. Therefore, the first characteristic we read of concerning the Incomparable Christ is that He is the *Revelation of all Things*
  - ii. The author of the Hebrews begins the chapter by telling us that in past times God spoke to His people through His prophets
  - iii. In **2 Peter 1:21**, the apostle Peter declared, “*For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit*” cf. Amos 3:7

- b. Therefore, we can clearly see that in times past God spoke to His people through His prophets
  - i. However, the message was incomplete, unfinished, and not whole
  - ii. Therefore, God sent His Son into the world who would be the final *Revelation of All Things...*
  - iii. In **John 1:14**, the apostle John declares, “*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory the glory as of the only begotten of the Father full of grace and truth*”
  - iv. The Lord Jesus came into the world and tabernacled/dwelt amongst us to communicate to us God’s plans and purposes for our lives
- c. Everything God desired to say to the world, He said in His Son Jesus Christ...
  - i. In **Revelation 19:14**, the apostle John tells us that the Lord Jesus Christ is the “*Word of God*”
  - ii. Christ is the perfect expression of the mind, heart, and will of God
- d. In John Chapter 4, we read of a Samaritan Woman who was a bit confused on how to properly worship God
  - i. Some had told her that God wanted to be worshiped in Samaria, but others had told her that God wanted to be worshipped in Jerusalem
  - ii. And in her confusion, she said this, “*I know that Messiah is coming and when He comes He will tell us all things*” – **John 4:25**
  - iii. And the Lord Jesus replied, “*I who speak to you am He*” – **John 4:26**
- e. The Lord came and told us everything we needed to know because He is the Revelation of all Things

### III. Characteristic #2 – “He is the Heir of all Things” (vs. 2b)

- a. The author of the Hebrews continues by declaring, “Whom He has appointed heir of all things...”
  - i. Therefore, the second characteristic we read of concerning the Incomparable Christ is that He is the *Heir of all Things*
  - ii. The Lord Jesus has been appointed Heir of all Things; The Father has given everything to Him
- b. In **John 3:35**, the Scripture declares, “The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand”
  - i. In **Mathew 11:27**, the Lord Jesus declared, “*All things have been delivered to Me by My Father...*”
  - ii. In **Mathew 28:18**, the Lord Jesus declared, “*All authority has been given to Me in heaven and earth*”
- c. This is why Revelations Chapter 5 is such an important chapter in the Bible because we finally see the Son receiving His inheritance...

- i. If you recall, in Revelation 5 the apostle John finds Himself in Heaven
- ii. In Heaven, John tells us that he saw a scroll written on the inside and on the back sealed with 7-seals in the right hand of the Father
- iii. This scroll represented the title deed of the earth; the inheritance that was given to Adam but was lost because of his transgression
- iv. As John was looking at this scroll, he began to hear an Angel proclaim with a loud voice, “*Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals*”
- v. However, nobody was found worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals, therefore, John began to weep bitterly
- vi. However, as John was weeping an elder approached him and said, “*Do not weep, behold the Lion of the Tribe of Judah has prevailed...*”
- vii. John looked up and saw a Lamb as though it had been slain...
- d. The Lamb of God took the scroll and opened its Seals...
  - i. The Lord Jesus Christ took possession of His inheritance because He is the *Heir of all Things* – Everything belongs to Him including ‘*Yourself*’

#### IV. Characteristic #3 – “He is the Creator of all Things” (vs. 2c)

- a. The author of the Hebrews continues by declaring, “Through whom also He made the worlds...”
  - i. Therefore, the third characteristic we read of concerning the Incomparable Christ is that He is the *Creator of all Things*
  - ii. The Lord Jesus Christ is not only the Heir of all things, but He is also the Creator of all things
  - iii. Everything in the world, everything that exists, all the parameters, concepts, and boundaries of Creation was created through Christ Jesus
- b. In Colossians 1:16, the apostle Paul declares, “For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him”
  - i. In **John 1:3**, the apostle John declared, “*All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made*”
  - ii. All things were created by Christ, through Christ, for Christ for He is the Creator of all Things...
- c. Do you want to know why you were created? The purpose of life?
  - i. The answer is simple, you were created for “*Jesus Christ...*”
  - ii. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only one who can bring purpose, value, and meaning to your life; He is the reason for your existence...
  - iii. **Revelation 4:11** declares, “*You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.*” – Amen, I am not an accident...

V. **Characteristic #4 – “He is the Revealer of all Things” (vs. 3a)**

- a. The author of the Hebrews continues by declaring, “Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person”
  - i. Therefore, the fourth characteristic we read of concerning the Incomparable Christ is that He is the *Revealer of all Things*
  - ii. The Lord Jesus is the Revealer of the Father; He is the “*express image*” of the Father
  - iii. Now, this word “*Express Image*” is a very interesting word in the Greek language for it is the word “*Charakter*”
  - iv. In Ancient days to make a coin the coin-maker would take a piece of metal and pound it against a pattern or stamp of a symbol (the head of Caesar)
  - v. They would pound the piece of metal until it produced the “*express image*” or “*exact copy*” of the stamp or pattern
- b. In the same way, the Lord Jesus is the “Express Image” or “Exact Copy” of the Father
  - i. In **John 14:9**, the Lord Jesus declared, “*He who has seen Me has seen the Father*”
  - ii. In **Colossians 1:15**, the apostle Paul declared concerning Christ, “*He is the image of the invisible God...*”
- c. Why is the Lord Jesus the perfect Revealer of God? Because He is God...
  - i. The Lord Jesus is the most accurate and perfect representation of God that you will ever find
  - ii. If you want to know what God is like, study the life of Jesus Christ for He is the Revealer of all Things

VI. **Characteristic #5 – “He is the Sustainer of all Things” (vs. 3b)**

- a. The author of the Hebrews continues by declaring, “And upholding all things by the word of His power”
  - i. Therefore, the fifth characteristic we read of concerning the Incomparable Christ is that He is the *Sustainer of all Things*
  - ii. The Lord Jesus is the upholder, sustainer, and maintainer of all things...
  - iii. Everything in the Universe, from the smallest to the biggest, is sustained by the power of His Word
  - iv. In **Acts 17:28**, the apostle Paul tells us “*In Him we live and move and have our being*”
  - v. In **Colossians 1:17**, the apostle Paul tells us that “*Christ is before all things, and in Him all things consist*”
- b. In Christ, everything is being held together and sustained
  - i. Let me give you a brief example of this, science tells us that all matter in this universe is made up of atoms

- ii. An atom is composed of three parts: proton, electron, and neutron
- iii. Now, the question that scientist have tried to answer for years is this, “***What holds an Atom Together?***”
- iv. Scientist have never been able to figure out or solve what is holding an atom together
- v. It would seem that there is an invisible force that is holding every atom in the universe together (keeping them from exploding)
- vi. And the Bible tell us that this force is the “***Word***” of the Lord Jesus
- c. Who or what is going to hold your marriage together, your children, your family, your home, or your business from falling apart?
  - i. The Lord Jesus Christ for He is the Sustainer of all Things...
  - ii. If the Lord Jesus can hold the universe together, don't you think He can hold you together?

VII. **Characteristic #6 – “He is the Cleanser of all Things” (vs. 3c)**

- a. The author of the Hebrews continues by declaring, “When He had by Himself purged our sins”
  - i. Therefore, the sixth characteristic we read of concerning the Incomparable Christ is that He is the *Cleanser of all Things*
  - ii. By His precious blood, the Lord Jesus has cleansed us and washed us from all our sins
  - iii. In **Revelations 1:5**, the apostle John declared concerning Christ, “***To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood***”
  - iv. In **1 John 1:7**, the apostle John declares, “***The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin***”
  - v. In **Isaiah 1:18**, the Lord declares through the prophet Isaiah, “***Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool***”
- b. The blood of Jesus washes us and cleanses us and purifies us from all our sins – “The blood of Jesus flowed from Seven Places...He has us covered”
  - i. The blood that flowed from His head covers us and cleanses from the impure thoughts which have entered our head
  - ii. The blood that flowed from His back covers us and cleanses us from the times we have turned our back on the Lord
  - iii. The blood that flowed from His hands covers us and cleanses us from the times we have touched things we were not suppose to touch
  - iv. The blood that flowed from His side covers us and cleanses us from the times we have felt anger, bitterness, and hatred towards others
  - v. The blood that flowed from His feet covers us and cleanses us from the times we have walked into places that we should have not walked

- c. Therefore, we can see that the blood of Jesus cleanses us and washes us from all sins because He is the *Cleanser of all Things*
  - i. The old hymn says it all, “*What can wash away my sin, nothing but the blood of Jesus, what can make me whole again, nothing but the blood of Jesus, O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow, no other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus...*”

VIII. **Characteristic #7 – “He is the Ruler of all Things” (vs. 3d)**

- a. The author of the Hebrews continues by declaring, “Sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...”
  - i. Therefore, the seventh and final characteristic we read of concerning the Incomparable Christ is that He is the *Ruler of all Things*
  - ii. After the Lord Jesus accomplished the work of Redemption, He ascended back to heaven and sat down at the right hand of the Father
  - iii. Presently, He is establishing His Kingdom in the hearts of mankind, but one day He will return to set up a physical Kingdom upon earth
- b. In Revelation 19:16, the apostle John tells us concerning Christ’s return, “And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: King of Kings and Lord of Lords”
  - i. In 1 Timothy 6:15, the apostle Paul tells us that Christ is “*the King of Kings and Lord of Lords*”
  - ii. In 1 Timothy 1:17, the apostle Paul tells us concerning Christ, “*Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen*”
- c. Jesus Christ alone is worthy of all the power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessings forever and ever because He is the Ruler of all Things

IX. **Therefore, we see “Seven Characteristics” of the Incomparable Christ...**

- a. He is the Revelation, the Heir, the Creator, the Revealer, the Sustainer, the Cleanser, and Ruler of all Things...
  - i. I challenge you to take these “*Seven Characteristics*” of the Lord Jesus Christ and put them up against anybody
  - ii. See if anybody can be compared with the Lord Jesus Christ; See if anybody is worthy to be mentioned in the same breath as Jesus Christ
- b. And the question I end with is this, “Do you know Him” – I pray that you do