

# DO YOU KNOW CHRIST?

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If asked, "Who is Jesus Christ?" many would say: He is the Son of God; the Messiah; the Christ; Savior of the world; God who dwelt among men. While all of these answers, besides a multitude of others are correct, they do not tell the whole story.

My next question would be, "Do you Know Christ?" Now, this is a more difficult question than the first, but just as important. Let me allow the Scriptures to introduce Him to you.

The writer of the book of Hebrews had a message for those Jewish converts to Christ, who were considering a move back to Judaism. Bad choice! Why? What they had in Christ was far superior to those things which they had under the Old Law. This book is written to show why Christ is "exceedingly better" and must continue to be followed.

"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, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds." {Hebrews 1:1,2} Yes, in times past God spoke to the fathers by the prophets, but not now. In the "last days", He speaks through His Son. If one desires to know what God says, he must listen to the Son! Read carefully the description given of the Son.

**"...appointed heir of all things..."** According to the words of Christ Himself all power and authority reside in Him, Matthew 28:18.

**"...through whom also He made the worlds."** Christ was there from the beginning. God created the whole world by His Son, John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16,17.

**"...who being the brightness of His glory..."** The Son is the fullness of the Godhead bodily, Colossians 2:9. God's glory is seen through the Son!

**"...the express image of His person..."** When men look upon Christ, they have seen the essence of God! John 10:30; 14:9; 1 Timothy 3:16.

**"...upholding all things by the word of His power..."** His very words are powerful, Psalm 33:6,9. According to the scriptures, all will come forth from the grave at His word! John 5:28

**"...when He had by Himself purged our sins..."** Christ took our sins to the cross. He is our propitiation for sin. He gave men redemption, Hebrews 2:17; 1 Peter 2:22-24; Ephesians 1:7.

**"...sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high."** A phrase denoting the highest honor and authority, at the right hand of God! Psalm 110:1; 80:17; Philippians 2:9-11.

Now who can compare with the resume' which Christ can present? The writer continues his point by comparing Him to angels. Does the Son of God rate higher than the angels?

"To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven; things which angels desire to look into." {1Peter 1:12} Angels desire to look into the gospel!

"But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: 'Let all the angels of God worship Him.'" {Hebrews 1:6} The angels worship Him! Surely, this makes Him better than the angels! He is deserving of their worship.

Which person under the Old Law can compare to Christ? Abraham? Moses? David? All of these men played major roles in God's plan, but not like Christ's role. No one had the credentials of Christ!

One who really "knew" Christ, would they truly go back? Who or what could be worth leaving the Lord? How could one ever give Him up and think they could be in a better position – spiritually speaking? Dear reader, if you know Christ would you ever leave Him? \*\*\*