

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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God Speaks Through His Son

Hebrews 1

Hebrews 1 is designed to cause us to understand the greatness of Jesus. He is the only one through whom God speaks today. God formerly spoke by the prophets. Now He has spoken by his Son. This epistle or letter is designed to keep people from turning from Christianity. In order to accomplish this goal the superiority of Jesus is shown. It is likewise clearly proven that Christianity is superior to the Mosaic system.

The entire purpose of Hebrews chapter one is to show the exalted nature of the Son of God. Jesus is addressed as God, and His throne is said to be for ever and ever. Jesus, the author of the Christian system, is greater than Moses and greater than angels.

The Christian system is superior to any other system because it centers on the one true God and His only begotten Son, Jesus the Christ. This Jesus is, (1) Prophet -- He serves as God's spokesman (Hebrews 1:1-2), (2) Priest -- He makes purification for sins (Hebrews 1:3), and (3) King -- sitting on the right hand of God (Hebrews 1:3). Let us learn of the superiority of Jesus.

God's word was spoken through His Son -- Hebrews 1:1-3: One major difference between the law and gospel has to do with the manner of their revelation. God's revelation of the law was at different times. God's revelation was given to Moses and the prophets.

God not only communicated the law at different times but also in different or diverse ways. He sometimes communicated His will by visions, sometimes by an audible voice, sometimes by legible characters written by His own hand, as when He wrote the Ten Commandments on tables of stone, sometimes by Urim and Thummim, and sometimes by signs from heaven.

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

**VISITORS,
WELCOME!**

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for
all ages & Pew Packers
each Sunday at 12:30

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In the last days God gave a perfect, and likewise a final revelation of His mind for a lost world. This revelation was given through His Son. He, "Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who 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 on the right hand of the Majesty on high" (Hebrews 1:2-3).

The New Testament is the revelation which God made by his Son. He is the most excellent messenger that was ever sent into the world, far superior to all the patriarchs, prophet and angels. The superiority of Jesus is seen in the fact that: (1) God appointed Him to be heir of all things. (2) By him God made the worlds, both visible and invisible, the heavens and the earth. (3) He upholds all things by the word of His power. He keeps the world from dissolving. It was written of Jesus that, "He is before all things, and by him all things consist" (Colossians 1:17).

God's Son is superior to the angels -- Hebrews 1:4-7: The Lord Jesus Christ is preeminent. He is superior to the prophets and to the angels. Peter wrote of Jesus that He, "is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him" (1 Peter 3:22). He has a more excellent name than angels. They are called ministering spirits or servants. He is called God's only begotten Son.

God demanded that even the angels worship Jesus. "And again, when he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him" (Hebrews 1:6). He is the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Mediator of the New Testament. In His own person Jesus is God for ever, the one that is worthy of our honor and worship. "Let all the angels of God worship him." Jesus is greater than the angels, and thus His word is what we are to obey.

God's Son is upon the established throne -- Hebrews 1:8-12: Observe what God said to His Son, Jesus, "But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom." (Hebrews 1:8) In Hebrews chapter one we are taught that Jesus should be on the throne because: (1) He is the "Son" of God (Hebrews 1:5), (2) He is the "firstbegotten" of God (Hebrews 1:6), (3) He is "God" (Hebrews 1:8-9) and (4) He is "Lord" of all (Hebrews 1:10).

Jesus should be on the throne because He is God. His part in the creation proves His Deity. "Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands" (Hebrews 1:10). The words of Hebrews 1:10-13 are taken from Psalm 102:25-27. To apply these words to Jesus which were spoken of Jehovah proves conclusively that Jesus is Divine.

God said, "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever." If God the Father declares Jesus to be God, He truly must be God. Earthly kings are often unrighteous and their thrones fall. The sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of Christ's kingdom. All the laws of the Son's kingdom are just, righteous and holy. Jesus is King of kings because of His love for righteousness and hatred of sin.

Christ's kingdom is not a future kingdom for God declares Him to have, (1) A throne, (2) A kingdom, and (3) A sceptre of that kingdom. This kingdom is forever. Christ Jesus did what He did for man with gladness and cheerfulness. These same attitudes must characterize our service to God!

We are better people if we follow the guidance of God's Son. We must follow Jesus as, (1) Our sympathizing "High Priest" (Hebrews 4:14-16), (2) The "Mediator" of the New Covenant (Hebrews 8:6), and (3) the "author and finisher" of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).

God's angels are servants, not sons -- Hebrews 1:13-14: The superiority of Christ over angels is seen in the fact that God never said to the angels what He said to Christ. He said to Jesus, "Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool" (Hebrews 1:13). He never said that to an angel. Angels are simply "ministering spirits, sent forth to minister" (Hebrews 1:14). Angels are servants to the church of Christ or to those who are heirs of salvation.

Christ Jesus has His enemies. There are those that are, (1) Enemies of God's supremacy, (2) Enemies to God's cause, (3) Enemies to His people, and (4) Enemies to His church. They will not have God to reign over them. Let us serve God faithful lest we also be made God's footstool.

Heirs of salvation have God's word in their heart. They have obeyed and are obeying His will. They have Heard the gospel (John 6:44-45), Believed in Jesus (John 8:24), Repented of sins (Luke 13:1-5), Confessed Christ as Lord (Matthew 10:32-33), and been Baptized (Mark 16:15-16). Those who are heirs of salvation have stayed faithful to God (Matthew 10:22).

—edited and adapted from <http://www.walnutstreetchurchofChrist.org>

Sermon Review

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

1. August 29: Fifth Friday Youth Devo
@Andy & Molly's House
2. September 20: Bible Bowl -- 4 PM
3. September 27: Memphis Zoo Trip
For all ages!
4. October 11: Trade Days Booth
Also for all ages!

"LORD, MAKE ME A SERVANT"

(Matthew 20:20-28; Matthew 25:31-46)

- I. **Because Serving is the Greatest Thing I Can Do in THIS Life.**
- II. **Because Serving is the Greatest Thing I Can Do in View of ETERNAL Life.**

When the Lord Became a Servant

(John 13:1-17)

- I. **Jesus' Motivation** (v. 1-3)
- II. **Jesus' Model** (v. 4-11)
- III. **Jesus' Message** (v. 12-17)

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Wiley Tuggle, to have outpatient surgery tomorrow, Aug 25 at Baptist Desoto; **Georgia Bayless**, recovering from pneumonia; **Payton Jackson**, away at college; **Seth Daniel**, taking medication equivalent to chemo, which causes great fatigue and sickness; **Betty Tuggle**; **Helen Bowman**.

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Family & Friends

Family of Howard Boling, Ruth's cousin, passed last week, funeral was Thursday. **Janet Colvett**, will have to have complete round of chemo treatment again during month of September; **Dean Bland**, Billy's brother, had a procedure done and had complications; **Terry Adams Parrish**, suffered major injuries from a fall from horseback; **Sherry Hillam**, Betty Duke's daughter, doing better after having to return to hospital again; **Family of Charlie Daniel**; **Ray Hendrix**, lymphoma; **Carole Livsey**, Clifton's aunt, lymphoma; **Charles Savage**, recovering from cancer treatment; **Trent Childers**; **Amanda Cummings**, young mother with cancer; **Danielle Key**, young mother with cancer; **Andy's grandmother**; **Carla Carlson**, cancer, continuously receiving chemo; **Janie Brister**; **Ava Roten**, **Brett Rutherford**, **Jason Spencer**; **Frankie Burfield**, cancer; **Jack Higginbotham**; **Tasha Higginbotham**, on donor list for kidney transplant; **Lauren Harrell**, breast cancer; **James Cooper**, Jan's brother, cancer; **Marie Sims**; **Renee Loya**, Parkinson's, MS, & dystonia; **Eli Williams**, cancer returned, receiving treatments; **Ray Maples**; **John & Anita Simpson**; **Martha Hatfield**, Lynn's grandmother, stage 4 cancer; **Virginia Johnson**, stage 4 lung cancer; **Joy Angel**, various health problems; **Linda Perkins**, leukemia; **Mac Owen**; **Bob Spurlin**; **Ally Jo Kelly**; **Brad & Sheri Daniel**.

Birthdays

8/10	Larry Campbell	8/21	Sue Cobern
8/15	Carolyn Davis	8/25	Addi Bayless
8/16	Clifton Angel	8/26	Jim Jackson
8/19	Helen Bowman	8/28	Jerry Davis
8/19	Ron Johnson		

Anniversaries

8/2	Jared & Rebecca Brown
8/5	Tren & Toranda House
8/6	Tim II & Rachel Wilkes
8/18	Ron & Anna Johnson

Get Involved!

Ferrell's House Warming -- TODAY
3 pm – 5 pm, open house
Direct any ?'s to Molly, Leigh Anne, or Rebecca

Coldwater Singing -- Aug 27 -- 7 PM

Fifth Friday Youth Devo -- Aug 29 -- 6 PM
@ the house of Andy & Molly

5th Sunday Services -- Aug 31
Chris Herd, preacher from Australia, to preach AM & present about his work in PM

Bible Bowl -- Sep 20 -- 4 PM
Genesis 34 – 36

Coldwater Gospel Meeting -- Oct 19 – 22
Wayne Rodgers preaching
Theme: "His Grace Reaches Me"

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, August 24

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Billy Bland
Announcements	Jared Brown
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Joe Owen

Assist	Jeffrey Ferrell
	Daniel Owen
Opening Prayer	Dalton Owen
Sermon	Jason Bayless
Closing Prayer	Clifton Angel
	Chris Martin

Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Jim Jackson
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Joe Owen
	Dalton Owen
Closing Prayer	Jerry Davis

Wednesday, August 27

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Tim Wilkes, II
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Johnny Bayless