

# SIMILARITIES BETWEEN COLOSSIANS AND HEBREWS

Colossians and Hebrews compare and contrast Christ the Lord in creation and redemption. In Colossians Paul argues the **supremacy** of Christ in the context of Gnosticism. The author of the book of Hebrews argues the **superiority** of the Son in the context of Judaism. Colossians dealt with the heresy of Jewish-Gnosticism and/or Jewish asceticism. Hebrews explains how Christ is superior to the whole Old Covenant. We must be on the guard to not diminish the centrality of Christ as Lord and Savior.

## Colossians 1 *The Supremacy of the Son*

## Hebrews 1 *The Superiority of the Son*

**The Son is the image of the invisible God (v.15)**

“Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature” (Cl.1:15)

**The Son is the exact representation of God’s being (v.3)**

“Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person...” (Hb.1:3)

**In the beginning, all things were created by the Son (v.16)**

“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him” (Cl.1:16)

**In the beginning, God made the universe through His Son (v.2)**

“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;” (Hb.1:2)

**In the present, all things hold together in the Son (v.17)**

“And he is before all things, and by him all things consist” (Cl.1:17)

**In the present, the Son sustains all things by His powerful word (v.3)**

“...and upholding all things by the word of his power...” (Hb.1:3)

**The Son is before all things; He is the head of the body, the church (v.17-18)**

“And he is the head of the body, the church...” (Cl.1:18)

**The Son is seated at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven (v.3)**

“sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high...” (Hb.1:3)

**God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in the Son (v.19)**

“For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell...” (Cl.1:19)

**The Son is the radiance of God’s glory (v.3)**

“Who being the brightness of his glory...” (Hb.1:3)

**God made peace through the blood of the Son, shed on the cross (v.20)**

“And, having made peace through the blood of his cross...” (Cl.1:20)

**The Son provided purification for sins (v.3)**

“when he had by himself purged our sins...” (Hb.1:3)

**In the end, God through the Son will reconcile to Himself all things (v.20)**

“by him to reconcile all things unto himself...” (Cl.1:20)

**In the end, the Son will become heir of all things (v.2)**

“whom he hath appointed heir of all things...” (Hb.1:2)