

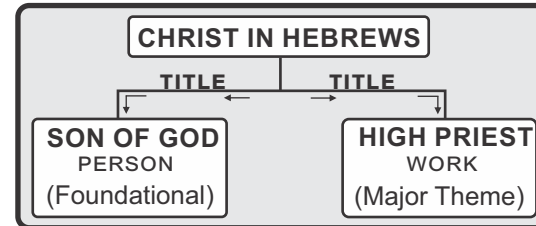
7 FACTS — DEITY OF CHRIST

Hebrews 1:2-3

These 7 facts stress the Son's unique greatness and the final character of His revelation. To the Jewish readers, the number 7 connoted a completed work of God. Each of these actions demonstrate the deity of Jesus Christ. The original Jewish audience faced, with the temptation to abandon discipleship of Jesus for return to Judaism, received this strong reminder of His deity. Thus, they would be leaving God Himself. The writer did not identify himself or his readers because he wanted to make Jesus Christ the primary thought for his readers.

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BIBLICAL TEXT



PERSON OF CHRIST

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| 1 | v.2, | “heir of all things” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All things will fall under His authority• The believer’s inheritance is a major theme in the book of Hebrews |
| 2 | v.2, | “made the worlds” (Gk. <i>aiones</i> , lit. “ages”) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• He created both matter and time (history).• The world has passed, is passing, and will pass, but Jesus will not. |
| 3 | v.3, | “brightness of his glory” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is what shines out from the source of light• The incarnation of Christ veiled the glory of God. The glory was always there. |
| 4 | v.3, | “express image of his person” (Gk. <i>charakter</i> representation of his nature) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Word only occurs here in the New Testament.• Jesus lets mankind know exactly what the nature of God is like. |
| 5 | v.3, | “upholding all things by the word of his power” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upholding all things - He carries all things forward on appointed course (Cl.1:17).• Word of His power - It is the greatest force in the universe (Ge.1:3). |
| 6 | v.3, | “by himself purged our sins” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• By Himself - Jesus Christ alone is uniquely qualified to purify us of sin.• Sin (Gk. <i>hamartia</i>) is a common word in Hebrews occurring 25 times.• The fundamental sin for Hebrews is that of unfaithfulness to God which appear as neglect or rebellion, and apostasy (2:1-4; 3:7-19; 6:4-6; 10:26-31). |
| 7 | v.3, | “sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is when He returned to heaven after His ascension.• This is the choice place of honor and authority in relation to God (Ep.4:10; Ph.2:9).• God became man. There is a man on the throne of God. Jesus became man forever. |