

20221225 The cross of Christ is the way of God

Part 2 - The Magnificence of the Savior (Hebrews 1:1-3)

¹ In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways,

² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

The Wonder of Christmas!

Luke 2:10-14

¹⁰ The angels said to them: Do not be afraid. I bring you **good news** that will cause great joy for all the people.

¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Our God communicates.

Hebrews 1:1

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God's communication for the final revelation in the OT:

- The promises

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore **the Lord himself will give you a sign**: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Micah 5:2

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will **come for me**: one who will be ruler over Israel, **whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.**"

Jesus Christ, the Word of God

Hebrews 1:2

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The birth of the Savior at the First Christmas

- The fulfillment

Luke 1:35

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So **the holy one** to be born will be called the Son of God."

Matthew 2:4-6

When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where **the Messiah** was to be born. 'In **Bethlehem in Judea**,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet has written: "But you, **Bethlehem**, in **the land of Judah**, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come **a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel**."

Jesus brings God so real to us.

1. Jesus is the heir of all things.

Romans 8:17

¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

2. Jesus is the creator.

John 1:3

³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

Colossians 1:16

¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

3. Jesus is the radiance of God's glory.

John 1:14

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

4. Jesus is the exact representation of God's nature.

John 1:18

¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

5. Jesus holds everything together by His powerful Word.

Colossians 1:17

¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

6. He is our righteousness.

1 Corinthians 1:30

³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

7. He sat down at the right hand of God in heaven.

Hebrews 10:12-14

¹² But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,

¹³ and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool.

¹⁴ For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

APPLICATION: Come and adore the Savior!

Jesus is our great God and Savior (Titus 2:13).

God the Father says regarding Jesus, "Your throne, O God will last forever and ever" (Hebrews 1:8).