

CHRIST IS SUPERIOR TO THE PROPHETS

Introduction: God has spoken to us by *His* Son. A son can reveal a father better than anyone else. God's Son has always been with Him and has known Him intimately, but prophets learned of Him after creation and have known Him imperfectly. His Son is divine; prophets are humans. His Son's revelation was final and complete, but the prophets' revelations were fragmentary and unfinished. His Son revealed His Father perfectly in word and deed; no one else could do this. Jesus is acknowledged as the Son of God at His birth (Mt 1:23; Lk 1:35); at His baptism (Mt 3:19); at His transfiguration (Mt 17:5); and at His resurrection (Act 13:33).

Aim of the Lesson: Knowing Jesus Christ will reveal God to believers.

Memory Verse: "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwells in me, he does the works" (Jn 14:10).

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer**SEVEN FACTS ABOUT GOD'S SON**

Put the following verses under the titles of Jesus Christ that support who He is. In some cases there will be more than one reference verse that fits under a title: 1 Jn 1:7; Ps 110:1; Ps 2:6-9; 2 Cor 4:4; Heb 10:12; Eph 1:20; Jn 5:19; Jn 1:14; Col 1:17; Jn 14:9-11; Jn 17:5; Jn 1:10; Col 2:9; Jn 1:29; Heb 9:26; Jn 1:3; 1 Pet 3:22; Phil 2:9-10; 1 Cor 15:25

1. **HEIR:** He has been appointed by His Father to be the heir of all things – 1:2
2. **CREATOR:** His Father instructed Him to make the world (the ages) – 1:2
3. **RADIANCE:** He is the radiance of His Father's glory – 1:3
4. **IMAGE OF GOD:** He is the exact expression of His Father – 1:3
5. **UPHOLDER:** He upholds all things and brings them forward to the goal of His Father – 1:3
6. **PURIFIER:** He did His Father's will when He died on the cross so believers can be purified of their sins – 1:3
7. **VICTOR:** He finished His work and is seated at the right hand of His Father with great authority – 1:3

Priests never sat down in the temple because their work was never finished. Jesus is our high priest and He sat down. What work did Jesus finish that allowed Him to sit down? (John 19:30; 2 Cor 5:21)

What did His finished work do for the whole world? (1 Jn 2:2)

What must sinners do to receive the benefits of His finished work? (2 Cor 5:18-20)

What work is He doing for believers now at the right hand of God? (Rom 8:34)

What work will He be doing for His Father in the future? (Dan 7:13-14; 1 Cor 15:25-28)

THE WORDS AND WORKS OF JESUS CHRIST REVEAL WHO HIS FATHER IS

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