## The Christ of Christmas

1 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2but 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. 3The 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. Hebrews 1:1-3

#### 7 Phrases Describing the Son in Hebrews 1:2-3

- 1. "appointed heir of all things"
- 2. "Through whom he made the universe"
- 3. "the radiance of God's glory"
- 4. "the exact representation of his being"
- 5. "sustaining all things by his powerful word"
- 6. "provide purification for sins"
- 7 "sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven"

## 1. "appointed heir of all things"

10that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Phil 2:10-11)

...all things have been created through him and for him. (Col. 1:16).

#### 2. "Through whom he made the universe"

1Cor. 8:6 there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came;

Col. 1:16 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.

John 1:3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

#### 3. "the radiance of God's glory"

2 Cor. 4:6 "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ."

#### 4. "the exact representation of his being"





## 5. "sustaining all things by his powerful word"

Col. 1:17 in him all things hold together.

#### 6. "provide purification for sins"

"When Aaron has finished making atonement for the Most Holy Place, the Tent of Meeting and the altar, he shall bring forward the live goat. He is to lay both hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the wickedness and rebellion of the Israelites—all their sins—and put them on the goat's head. He shall send the goat away into the desert in the care of a man appointed for the task.

The goat will carry on itself all their sins to a solitary place; and the man shall release it in the desert. Then Aaron is to go into the Tent of Meeting and take off the linen garments he put on before he entered the Most Holy Place, and he is to leave them there. He shall bathe himself with water in a holy place and put on his regular garments." Leviticus 16:20-24

# 7. "sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven"

Ps. 110:1 The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

Ps 110:13 To which of the angels did God ever say, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?

#### 3 main Old Testament offices

- Prophet God has spoken by his Son, Jesus
- Priest Jesus has accomplished purification for sins
- King Jesus sits at God's right hand