

Good morning! How are you doing today?

Let's continue discussing The-Jesus-Who-Is. Today we look at Hebrews 1:1-3 NIV:

¹ In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ^{2a} but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son...

The Christian faith is based on revelation. By that I mean we can only know the invisible God if he chooses to reveal himself to us. And he has chosen to reveal himself because he wants us to know him. So he has revealed himself to us in many ways.

GENERAL REVELATION – God reveals himself through the wonder of creation, through the moral nature of man who is created in God's image, through evil which comes from a non-physical dimension, and through man's universal yearning for eternal life (life beyond the physical world).

SPECIAL REVELATION – Includes God's actions in human life and history such as his mighty acts in history (e.g. Noah's Flood, the Hebrews exodus from Egypt, and the conquering of Canaan to establish the nation of Israel), angelic visitations, miracles, mighty kings, powerful prophets, judgments against wicked nations, and God's written Word.

But nothing equals this latest revelation – the revelation of the Son of God who has come to us in the person of Jesus of Nazareth! God's Son who made the universe and everything in it and who is the heir of everything that has been made:

...^{2b} he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

Before Jesus came we caught glimpses of God. But now in Jesus something very different is happening – now we can see God clearly and know him personally:

^{3a} The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

At the Last Supper Philip asked Jesus to reveal the Father to the disciples:

⁸ Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." ⁹ Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me.... John 14:8-11 NIV

Jesus is more than a prophet. More than a holy man. More than a great teacher. He is God come to live among us. So to know Son Jesus is to know the invisible Father.

Jesus has done for us what we cannot do for ourselves: he has purified us from our sin and rescued us from death by his own death on the cross and his resurrection by the power of the Holy Spirit.

^{3b} After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Now we can see God -- know God – worship God – serve the Father, and the Son who rules over the universe at the right hand of the Father.

Now and forever!

NEXT WEEK: More about the Jesus-Who-Is.

Blessings to you in Christ-

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas". The script is cursive and fluid, with the 'D' being particularly large and stylized.

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