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Christ Is God's Spokesman. *Hebrews 1:1-2*
"God, having of old time spoken unto the fathers in the prophets by divers portions and in divers manners, hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in (his) Son ..."

- ▶ Wisdom of God. 1 Corinthians 2:6-7; John 16:13

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Christ Is Conqueror. *Hebrews 1:2* "... whom he appointed heir of all things ..."

- ▶ He is living. Revelation 1:5
- ▶ He is a living ruler. Revelation 1:18
- ▶ Overcame death. Revelation 3:21; Hebrews 2:14

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Christ Is Creator and Sustainer

Hebrews 1:2 "... through whom also he made the worlds"
Hebrews 1:3 "... and upholding all things by the word of his power ..."
Hebrews 1:10 "... And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the works of thy hands."

- ▶ cf. John 1:1-3, 14; Colossians 1:17

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Christ Is Deity. *Hebrews 1:4-5* "... having become by so much better than the angels, as he hath inherited a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, **THOU ART MY SON, THIS DAY HAVE I BEGOTTEN THEE?** and again, **I WILL BE TO HIM A FATHER, AND HE SHALL BE TO ME A SON?**"

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Christ Is Deity. *Hebrews 1:3* Christ "... is the **radiance** of His glory and the **exact representation** of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power" (NASB).

Other renderings read: "who being the brightness of his glory and the **express image** of his person" (KJV)

John 1:1-2, 14

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Christ Is Deity.

- ▶ *cf. Muslims*: Ridicule the thought of God having a Son.
- ▶ *"They say: '(God) Most Gracious has begotten a son!' Indeed ye have put forth a thing most monstrous! At it the skies are ready to burst, the earth to split asunder, and the mountains fall down in utter ruin, that they should invoke a son for (God) Most Gracious. For it is not consonant with the majesty of (God) Most Gracious that He should beget a son" (Qur'an, Sura 19:88-92).*

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Christ Is Deity.

- ▶ *Jehovah's Witness*: Claim Christ is really Michael the archangel.
- ▶ *"Previous to the Son's coming to earth as a man he was not known in heaven as Jesus Christ, but as Michael; when we read in Jude 9 about Michael the archangel, we are to understand this expression as a designation of Jesus Christ in his prehuman state."* (New Heavens and a New Earth, pages 28-30, Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, Brooklyn, NY).

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Christ Is Priest. Hebrews 1:3 "he had made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high."

- ▶ The function of the priests in the Old Testament was to intercede with God on behalf of the people. cf. Hebrews 10:1-4
- ▶ NOTE: Hebrews 10:11-12 Jesus **SAT DOWN** ... Work was finished.

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Christ Is King. Hebrews 1:8 "but of the Son (he saith,) THY THRONE, O GOD, IS FOR EVER AND EVER; AND THE SCEPTRE OF UPRIGHTNESS IS THE SCEPTRE OF THY KINGDOM."

- ▶ Only ONE King. 1 Timothy 6:15-16
 - "possesses immortality" Jesus is not a created being!
- ▶ King AND Priest. Zechariah 6:12-13

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Christ Is Worshiped. Hebrews 1:6 "And when he again bringeth in the firstborn into the world he saith, And LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM."

- ▶ Angel rejected worship. Revelation 22:8-9
- ▶ Peter rejected worship. Acts 10:25-26
- ▶ Paul & Barnabas rejected worship. Acts 14:14-15
- ▶ Jesus accepted worship. John 20:27-28

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- ▶ He is God.
- ▶ He is Eternal.
- ▶ He is the only way we can have hope of salvation and eternal life.
- ▶ MAY WE EVER SERVE AND HONOR HIM!

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