

“THE LAST WORD”

HEBREWS 1:1-4

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INTRO

Why is Christianity exclusive? Why is Jesus Christ the only Way and the only Truth and the only Life? Is it possible for another messenger to come along whose message could supersede Christ's message?

MESSAGE

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, the Second Person of the Trinity.
His message is complete and final. Therefore...
Believe in him! Follow Him! Don't turn back to Judaism!

I. God's past messengers were temporary spokesmen whose messages were partial and anticipatory. (1:1)

II. God's final messenger is God the Son whose message is complete and final. (1:2-3)

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1. "Whom He appointed heir of all things" - - - - - co-equal in ownership of all things.
2. "through whom also He made the world" - - - - - co-equal in creation.
3. "and He is the radiance of His glory" - - - - - co-equal in glory.
4. "and (He is) the exact representation of His nature" - - - - - co-equal in essence, or character.
5. "and (He) upholds all things by the word of His power" - - - - - co-equal in authority.
6. (and) "when He made purification for sins" - - - - - co-equal in the plan of redemption.
7. "He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on High" - - - - - co-equal in majesty.

III. God's final messenger, God the Son, has no competition for final truth. (1:4)

APPLICATION

Considering the strength of your commitment to Jesus Christ and consequently to His message - - -

1. How would you respond to someone who told you that they followed a prophet whom God raised up after Jesus Christ? (For example – Mary Baker Eddy of Christian Science; Charles Taze Russell of Jehovah's Witnesses; or Joseph Smith of Mormonism.)
2. How would you respond to someone who told you that they had an inspired revelation that either "adds to" or "supersedes" the revelation given in Jesus Christ? (Ex. Science and Health – CS; New World Translation – J.W.; Book of Mormon – M.)
3. Today, in addition to Scripture, do we need revelation, in dreams____? in visions____? in tongues____? through prophets____? through experiences____?
Are such revelations Biblical____? God-sent____?
4. Do you need a guru____? a Jim Jones____? an astroguide/horiscopist____? a priest____? a séance guide____? a palm reader____? a Rev. Moon____?

If you need anyone other than the Lord Jesus Christ and your Bible you might as well carry a wishbone and a horse chestnut!