*Introduction*

Within the Christian Church today we have, in many cases, a different Jesus being preached to that in the Bible.

The message of the Gospel is the same, that is, Jesus is the only way to the Father, That He took our punishment on the cross, but when you accept this Jesus, you are accepting someone different.

This different Jesus is one that all people will like:

These are some of His attributes:

He will allow everyone into heaven

He came to bring peace, instead of division

He doesn't require obedience

He doesn't require holiness

He only preaches love

He never says anything offensive

He never tells anyone they are wicked

He doesn't require repentance

He calls everyone his children

He will not send anyone to hell

He wants you to do your own will

His commandments are just suggestions.

This Jesus is not the real Jesus but a satanic means to take you away from the real Jesus.

But the real Jesus

Warns of sin and judgement

Gives you salvation, hope and joy

He is hated and despised by all

He hates sin and reveals the truth

Commands with authority

Offends the world with truth

Preaches Gods righteousness

Brings division

Exalts the Fathers will

Warns of false signs and wonders

Commands you to deny yourself

What is your Jesus like? because according to the Bible he is not a baby in a manger, he is not meek and mild.

He IS the most important person in the history of mankind - this Jesus will blow your mind, this Jesus IS the FINAL WORD on all things.

**Let us read Hebrews 1**

The fist thing the writer to the Hebrews wants us to know is this:

**1. God has been communicating with us by many people in various ways.**

***In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways***,

Right from the beginning God has been speaking to us. He has used events like the flood, to show the world that he was not pleased, and right up until the day the flood came, men had opportunity to repent.

Pharogh in Egypt was given signs and wonders, then there were the Prophets - Isaiah, Ezekiel, Hosea, Joel and the rest all came with the Word of the Lord.

But no one listened.

He used armies to carry off the Jews because of their disobedience. He used visions.

But none of these methods got Gods message through - why? because we are all disobedient and do not want to hear the message.

**2. But now the final word is here.**

***but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,***

God has spoken through His one and only Son. He is His final Word, He is salvation, He is our Messiah.

But who is the Son? well in the next few verses the writer explains that Jesus is not just a lowly man who did not sin, who went to the cross........but so very much more.

He is the one :

a. ***whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.***

When we read Genesis 1:1 It is not just God the Father who is in creation, but the whole of the Godhead.

When we read that God spoke the world into existence - It was Jesus, because he is the Word.

***John 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was with God in the beginning. 3Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.***

b***. 3The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.***

If you hold to a PC Jesus, one who never upsets, never offends, then you do not understand the love of God, you do not understand who Jesus really is.

Jesus Christ is the EXACT representation of God the Father, and HE sustains ALL things by HIS powerful WORD.

The reason your body holds together is because of Jesus.

The reason your heart is beating is because of Jesus.

The reason you do not float away from this planet is because Jesus commands gravity, which he made to keep our feet firmly on the ground.

c. ***After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. 4 So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.***

Jesus is also the one that, through his death and resurrection, has provided our salvation. He has made it possible for us to be forgiven, to be made new.

And now he is sitting at the right hand of the Father - interceding for US.

HE is above all things,

But then the writer goes on to make a comparison between the Lord Jesus and the angels!!

He says ***For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father"?***

Angels are just servants

***But about the Son he says,***

***“Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a sceptre of justice will be the sceptre of your kingdom. 9You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions  by anointing you with the oil of joy.”***

We have not seen the last of Jesus either, for he is the one who will return for those who are His, he is the one who will reign for a thousand years with a rod of iron - a sceptre.

This wonderful picture is brought out by John in the book of Revelation and chapter 4.

John is taken up in to heaven where he witnesses an amazing scene, but as you read chapter 4, notice this - the whole of the God head is there and Jesus is at the very centre.

***4:2 At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it.***

As we look at the description that follows, this is clearly a reference to God the Father.

***5:6Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.***

This is Jesus right at the centre of heaven on the throne, with the Holy Spirit.

This same Jesus, who became one of us, who walked amongst us is at the centre of the Kingdom of God.

But the writer to the Hebrews is not finished with his description of Jesus:

***10He also says,***

***“In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. 11They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. 12You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end.”***

*Conclusion*

The writer of the Hebrews wants us to grasp the vastness, the greatness, the all encompassing Almightiness of Jesus.

He wants us to understand that Jesus is so much more than just a man, He is God Himself, he is the maker and sustainer of heaven and earth, He is our Salvation, He is eternal, He is unchanging.

But why does the writer wants us to know all this?

Because when we go over into chapter 2 we read:

***2 :1We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away***

What is the writer talking about here? what should we pay careful attention to?

As we read chapter 2 we see that he is talking about - it is the message of Salvation! spoken of by our Lord Jesus Christ, the one who IS salvation.

In these first 4 verses of chapter 2 we have a warning to PAY ATTENTION!, that is pay attention to who Jesus is and His message of salvation.

He then goes on to tell us more about Jesus, in:

Chapter 2 - Jesus is fully human

Chapter 3 - Greater than Moses

Chapter 4 - our Great High Priest

Chapter 5 - Another warning about falling away.....

There are many out there that will preach to you another Jesus, one that will make you feel good, one that will always let you do what you want regardless, one that will give you everything you want, one that will let you live how you want and still let you into heaven.

But that is not the Jesus of the Bible.

The Jesus of the Bible loves you so much, so very much, that he demands a lifestyle that is honouring to Him, that is a witness to Him and obedient to Him.

The Jesus of the Bible is the one who has carried out the act of Salvation and is Salvation. He was slain for us, He arose for us and he sits at the Fathers right hand for us! He knows what is best for us.

But the Jesus of the Bible will also chastise us, correct us, rebuke us, if we need it.

Do not allow familiarity breed contempt for who he really is, treat Him as He deserves, be obedient in your life, for He IS God Almighty, He is the King of kings and The Lord of lords, He is unchanging, He holds the keys to Heaven and hell.

As you go into a new week, DV, follow and serve the true Jesus with all of your heart.

Amen.