

Week 2 Sermon, August 13, 2023 Hebrews 1:2b-3 – *Behold the Glory of Christ*

Discussion Questions

- 1. The sermon title and our text encourage us to behold the glory of Christ. What does it mean to *behold*? Read 2 Corinthians 3:18 and meditate on these beautiful words.
- 2. What is the difference between *intrinsic* glory and *ascribed* glory and how are they related? Have there been times you have taken glory for yourself? Confess these times to God and repent of having a low view of our Lord and of failing to lift Him up by setting your mind on things above. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you set your gaze on our Most High God.
- 3. Imagine a co-worker, friend, neighbor or child asking, "Who IS the God of the Bible?" What adjectives would you use to describe Him? What is/should be our proper response to Him? Recall Augustine's confession: "Christ is not valued at all, unless He is valued above all."
- 4. Our text, though less than two verses, describes a seven-fold glory of Jesus in created things, in His nature and in His finished work. Reread our passage and discuss these seven descriptions of our Lord.
- 5. Turn to Paul's sermon from his first missionary journey in Acts 13. Read verses 26-39, focusing particularly on verse 33 where Paul quotes from Psalm 2. How do his sermon and David's psalm connect to Hebrews?
- 6. In verse 3 of our text, the author of Hebrews states, ". . . He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high." What is the significance of this statement? (See Psalm 110:1, Luke 22:69 & Colossians 3:1-4 to enrich your response.) Christ finished the work He came to do once for all. He is simultaneously the Priest and the sacrifice. Praise Him for *all* that He accomplished on our behalf!

Close with singing a song of worship: <u>It Was Finished Upon That Cross</u> by CityAlight