



# **The Camden Companion**

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*"Come let us reason together says the Lord" (Isaiah 1:18)*

## **THE GREATNESS OF CHRIST PART I**

***"And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning ,  
the Firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the  
preeminence..." Col. 1:18-20***

**There have been many great people down through the centuries but there have been none greater than our Lord. No matter what standard or measure is used, the life of Jesus is the greatest life that was ever lived. His life has had more impact on human history than any other. His life far exceeds the rule of any king who has ever sat on a throne. His life has changed nations more than any army that has ever marched.**

**Yet one wonders whether people really understand just how great Jesus is. Do Christians stop to appreciate that the Lord should occupy the top spot in their hearts? Paul said in the above passage that Jesus has preeminence. In other words, there is none greater than Jesus Christ. He is at the top of any list but sadly He occupies only an honorable mention in the hearts of so many.**

**An understanding and appreciation of the greatness of the Lord will help us put Him first in our lives and over the next few issues we will examine this vitally important subject.**

# THE GREATNESS OF CHRIST

## Part 2

One of the examples of just how great Jesus is can be found in His character. Character is the measure of any person and we see the character of people displayed in front of us daily. Some are of low character while others display extremely high and noble character. Yet none can compare with Jesus Christ.

We read in Heb. 4:15 that Jesus was *"tempted in all points like we are , yet without sin."* When we consider our own lives we understand how sinful we are. *"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God"* (Rom.3:23.) It is hard to imagine that one could live in such a sinful world but in all of humanity there has been only ONE who did no sin. That's right - Jesus. His character is the greatest ever see in this world.

The son of God lived by it. Even when on the cross, he did no sin (1 Peter 2:22-23.) He did not shrink to the level of the shameful humanity that had been treating Him so cruelly - not even one word.

His life was one of obedience as He was about doing the Father's will. He learned *"obedience by the things He suffered"* (Heb. 5:8-9) and was obedient to the death of the cross (Phil. 2:8.) One of the best examples of His obedient attitude is found in the garden as He, in the shadow of the cross, prayed *"not my will, but yours be done"* (Luke 22:42.) These were not just words in a prayer: that was the way He lived.

But perhaps the greatest part of His character is His great love seen not only in the ways he cared for others (Matt. 9:36: John 11:35) but in His death on the cross for our sins not His (Rom. 5:6-8.)