



The Camden Companion

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

THE GREATNESS OF CHRIST PART 3

Jesus Christ has preeminence over all things yet so many have trouble putting Him first in their lives. Remembering His greatness can get us closer to where he wants us to be. We noticed His great character and love in the last issue of this little paper. Now we examine His great power.

Jesus claimed to be more than a mere man - -He claimed to be the son of God (John 3:16; 1:1-14.) On one occasion He said, "*Before Abraham was, I am*" (John 8:58) and the Jews considered His repeated claims that He came from heaven to be blasphemy. But consider this: the Bible says that the "*heavens declare the glory of God*" (Psalms 19:1) but John reminds us that "*all things were made through Him*" (John 1:3.) Every time we look at the stars, moon and sun of our sky we do see the glory of God but we should also see the great power of Christ as He made them.

While on the earth, Jesus performed so many miracles that the world could not contain all the books that could be written (Jn 21:25.) But of all the miracles he did, His resurrection from the dead tops them all. By His resurrection He is "*declared to be the son of God with power*" (Rom. 1:4.) He did what no one else could do in breaking Satan's greatest power - death. Yes Jesus had great power and no one has ever had as much on this earth.

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Part 4

Let us make one more point about the greatness of Christ. We can see His greatness in His character, His power, and also His work.

Has anyone who ever walked the earth had more important work to do? He came to a world full of sin and offered Himself as a sacrifice for those sins. Man was selfish - His was a life lived unselfishly. Man was separated from God because of sin but Jesus died so that we could be reconciled to God. He came to seek and save the lost world. The son of God became the son of Man that He might act for man toward God and act for God in dealing with man.

God did not have to love us that much. Nor did the son of God for that matter. We were lost. We were unlovable. We were without hope and miserable. We were separated from God and He could have left us that way - - lost forever.

But when we were so far away the Lord pursued right after us. He reconciled us back to God. He gave us hope. He saved us and made us loveable again. He took the misery away and brought us peace.

In short, He stretched out His arms and died on a cross. He was buried in a tomb and on the third day He raised from the dead (1 Cor.15:1-3.) Truly, "no greater love" could ever be seen.

Today, God speaks to us through His son (Heb. 1:1-2.) His words must guide us to the Father as He is the truth and way (John 14:6.) Are you listening?

May we all see the greatness of Jesus and put Him first.