

Given our newly arrived self-awareness as a Child of God can we put a ‘handle on’ what the Holy Spirit is accomplishing with these two beginning paragraph revelations of the SON?

The beginning paragraphs of Hebrews offer a powerful revelation of Jesus Christ as the Son of God, highlighting his superiority over prophets and angels. This revelation is significant for those who have come to the self-awareness of being a Child of God.

- **God's Ultimate Revelation:** In the past, God spoke through prophets, but now he speaks through his Son, Jesus Christ. This signifies a shift in God's method of communication. Jesus, as the Son, embodies the fullness of God's revelation.
- **Jesus as Heir and Creator:** The Son is presented as the appointed heir of all things, emphasizing his supreme authority and inheritance. He is also identified as the agent of creation, highlighting his divine power and pre-existence. This means that he is not just a prophet or messenger, but the very source of creation itself.
- **Reflection of God's Glory:** Jesus reflects God's glory and bears the exact nature of God, demonstrating his perfect representation of the Father. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect imprint of God's nature. This divine nature is further emphasized by his role in sustaining the universe by his powerful word.
- **Superiority to Angels:** Hebrews contrasts Jesus's superiority to angels, beings often associated with divine messengers. He is not just another angel, but infinitely greater. His name, representing his essence and authority, is superior to any angelic being. The text poses rhetorical questions, highlighting the absurdity of comparing any angel to the Son. Angels are called to worship him, signifying his unparalleled position.
- **Eternal Kingship and Holiness:** Hebrews quotes from the Old Testament to further solidify Jesus's unique position. He is the eternal king, ruling with righteousness and justice. God has anointed him with the oil of gladness, indicating his appointment and empowering for a divine purpose.

For someone who identifies as a Child of God, understanding this revelation of Jesus is crucial.

- Firstly, it solidifies the foundation of their faith. It affirms that their faith is not based on human wisdom but on the revelation of God through his Son.
- Secondly, it brings assurance of salvation. Christ's purification for sins, his ascension to God's right hand, and his eternal kingship offer hope and confidence in God's promises.
- Lastly, it inspires a life of worship and obedience. Recognizing Jesus's supremacy motivates a believer to live a life that honors and glorifies him.

Therefore, these verses in Hebrews are not merely theological statements but a call to a deeper understanding of their identity in Christ and their responsibility as God's children.