

greatest messenger

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Seven Descriptions of The Son:

- Heir of all things
 - Echo of Colossians 1:15
- He created the world (*aion*)
 - Think “eons” – Jesus made more than the physical world; He also made the very ages – history itself is the creation of the son of God.
- He is the radiance of God’s glory
 - Think “ray of sun” – we have never seen the sun, only the rays of light as they reach us. In the same way, if you have seen the Son, you have seen the Father (John 14:9).
- He is the exact imprint of God’s nature
 - Think signet ring – Jesus is the exact representation of God to us
- He upholds the universe by the word of His power
 - He is actively sustaining all things and demonstrates power over His creation – to the stormy sea He says, “Peace, be still” (Mark 4:35-41).
- He paid for our sins
 - He who knew no sin became sin so that in Jesus, you and I might become the righteousness of God (2 Cor. 5:21).
- He sat down at the right hand of God
 - There were no chairs in the Temple because the work of the priests making sacrifices was never done. Jesus is seated because the work is finished. And where He is seated is a position of authority, honor, and glory.

Hebrews 1:1–4 (NIV) | Galatians 5:1–6 (NIV)

Better Promises | Jesus promises a future, a better country, and a new heaven and earth

Hebrews 11:13–16 (NIV) | 2 Corinthians 4:16–18 (NIV)

- A. The warning – anchor in – don’t drift – Jesus is greater than any other Jewish figure
- Nautical terms PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO...” (*prosechō*)
 - To tie something down, to grasp firmly, to anchor your mind to this, to give heed, to devote yourself to.
 - The word is used for a ship slowly slipping its mooring
 - DRIFT (*pararreō*)
 - Used only 1x in New Testament
 - To drift away, flow past, slip away, decline from steadfastness, slip through your fingertips
 - [Object Lesson: Dock cleat and rope] – The author is saying you know who Jesus is. We’ve been talking about it. So, don’t let who He is and what He wants to do in your life slip through your fingers! Don’t drift by. Don’t float away.
 - NEGLECT (*ameleo*)
 - To ignore, disregard, show no concern, or pay no attention to. To fail to care for properly.
 - The author includes himself in this (“We”).

- B. What you have heard from Jesus and His apostles – what we learned in Chapter One: but from salvation and righteousness
 - Jesus is the greater messenger from God, who actually is God, and who became human and died so that you could be made righteous in God's sight.
 - Not rebellious but slowly fading
 - Drifting from something great into something temporary and less than we were made for
 - The kinds of drifting we are warned about

Hebrews 2:1–4 (NIV) | 2 Timothy 3:14–17 (NIV)

The anchor for our souls

Hebrews 6:18–20 (NIV)

But if we are not anchored in we drift

Practical Examples of drifting:

- Prayer becomes optional
 - Not because you're angry with God. You're just busy. One day becomes two. Two becomes a week. Then months. No crisis. Just neglect.
- Church becomes optional instead of essential
 - "I'll come if I don't have anything else going on."
 - "We had a busy week; let's just watch online."
 - Kids' sports | Work | Need sleep
 - Nothing dramatic happened – you just drifted
- Bible reading becomes scrolling
 - I got up to spend time with Jesus and read His word, but a notification popped up, and before I knew it, I'd spent 30 minutes to an hour scrolling on Instagram.
 - You didn't wake up and decide, "I'm replacing scripture with Instagram!"
 - You just drifted.
- Worship becomes observation
 - You're physically present – but spiritually absent
 - You sing the words – but your heart is not engaged
- Your identity begins to shift
 - You become:
 - Your career
 - Your politics

Where are you at? Are you anchored?

2 Corinthians 13:5–6 (NIV) | 1 Corinthians 11:28–29 (NIV) | Revelation 2:4–5 (NIV)

