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What Child is this? Hebrews 1:1-4

¹In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. ³The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

Three Realities about the Christ Child

1. The Christ Child created and controls the universe.
2. The Christ Child is God.
3. The Christ Child is salvation for all mankind.

Three offices of the Christ Child

1. Jesus Christ is a prophet.
2. Jesus Christ is a priest.
3. Jesus Christ is a king.

Small Groups and Personal Bible Study – Week of 12/3 “Living for Christ”

This Weeks Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:9

So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

Daily Reading Schedule:

- Day 1 - 2 Corinthians 5:1-10
- Day 2 - 2 Corinthians 5:11-21
- Day 3 - 2 Corinthians 6:1-18
- Day 4 - 2 Corinthians 7:1-16
- Day 5 - 2 Corinthians 8:1-24

Small Group Study: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

¹⁴For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. ¹⁶So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

1. In your own words, describe what moves us to please Christ.
2. Our memory verse says, "...we make it our goal to please him." How do you please Christ with your life?
3. What is our ministry calling according to our study text found in 2 Corinthians 5:14-21?
4. What does it mean to be an ambassador of Christ?

Knowing we are Christ's ambassadors changes the way we view our life in this world. We are in the world but we are not of the world. We are here for a reason. A good friend of mine once said, "There are only two things you can't do in heaven that you can do on earth, one is to sin and the other is to tell people about Jesus! Which thing do you think He left you here to do?"