Christmas in Hebrews

Who is the Son?

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers by the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ² in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world, ³ who being the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, upholding all things by the word of His power, having made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

(Hebrews 1:1-4)

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Who is the Son?

- 1. He is the eternal Son, the exact essence of God
 - "Son" designates His distinct mode of divine existence – He eternally exists as God distinct from the Father and the Spirit

Who is the Son?

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- 2. He is the exalted Son as High Priest and Messiah
 - "Son" also designates the office of messianic rule to which Jesus is appointed at his enthronement

The Son who became the Son!

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Who is the Son?

- 3. He is the incarnate, suffering Son
 - a) He took to Himself a human nature in order to identify with and represent humanity
 - Heb. 2:9; 2:14-18; 4:15

Who is the Son?

- 3. He is the incarnate, suffering Son
 - b) He had to be "perfected" through suffering and obedience to become our High Priest

- Heb. 5:7-10

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- 3. He is the incarnate, suffering Son
 - c) He came bodily to offer His obedient life to God as an all-sufficient sacrifice for our sin – through which He has perfected us
 - Heb. 10:5-10

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Who is He to you?

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