

A Study of the Letter to the Hebrews: Introduction / Chapters 1 – 2

Sunday, July 4 / Wednesday, July 7

Class Topic and Date: Introduction and Chapter 1 (Sunday, July 4)

References: Colossians 1: 15 – 20; Romans 8: 34; Hebrews 13: 8

- Who wrote the Letter to the Hebrews, and who was the audience?
- What are the major themes of the letter?
- According to verses 1 and 2, in what different ways has God chosen to communicate to people? How does God communicate with us today?
- Why do you think the author spends so much time showing that Jesus is superior to the angels, and what proofs does the author provide regarding this topic?
- Note the specific Old Testament references that are used in Chapter 1 to reference to Christ's deity.
- How should our actions and lives change if we truly recognize and live by the fact that Jesus is supreme and over all things?

Class Topic and Date: Chapter 2 (Wednesday, July 7)

References: 2 Corinthians 12: 12; Psalm 8: 4 – 6; Philippians 2: 5 – 8

- In verse 1, explain the reference to “drifting away” and how it can occur.
- In verse 4, how was the message of God “confirmed” to us?
- Where is verse 6 quoted from, and how does the author apply it in this passage?
- What has been put under the control of Christ, and are there any exceptions? When will we see all things under His control (verse 8)?
- In verse 10, what does it mean that Christ was made “perfect” through suffering?
- In verses 14 and 15, what does Christ share with us, and what is the result?
- According to verse 18, how can Christ's experience with temptation help us?