

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

Sunday, November 9 / Wednesday, November 12

Class Topic and Date: Introduction and Chapter 1 (Sunday, November 9)

References: John 14: 7 – 10; Colossians 1: 15 – 18; Romans 8: 34;
Colossians 2: 18

- 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 ways has God chosen to communicate with people? How does God communicate with us today?
- Note the specific Old Testament references that are used in Chapter 1 to describe Christ's deity.
- Why do you think the author spends so much time explaining that Jesus is superior to the angels, and what evidence does he provide regarding this topic?
- How should our actions and lives change if we truly recognize and live by the fact that Jesus is supreme and over all things?

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Class Topic and Date: Chapter 2 (Wednesday, November 12)

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.
- From verses 3 – 4, how was the message of God “confirmed” to us?
- Where are verses 6 – 8 quoted from, and how does the author apply that reference in this passage? Who does the writer refer to in this passage?
- How is Jesus described in verse 9? What do we learn about the outcome of the sacrifice made by Christ?
- In verse 10, what does it mean that Christ was made “perfect” through suffering?
- From verses 14 – 15, what does Christ share with us, and what is the result?
- As referenced in verse 18, how can Christ’s experience with temptation help us?