

Hebrews

By

Duane L. Anderson

Hebrews

© Copyright 2002 Duane L. Anderson

American Indian Bible Institute
Box 511
Norwalk, California 90650

[Http://www.aibi.org](http://www.aibi.org)

Hebrews

I.	The Lord Jesus Christ is Greater than any other	1:1-4:13
A.	Christ has a better name than anyone else	1:1-3
B.	Christ has a better name than the angels	1:4-2:18
1.	the Son is superior to the angels	1:4-14
a.	the angels worship Christ	1:4-7
b.	the angels are spirits but Christ is the Son	1:8-10
c.	the angels do not sit at the right hand of the Father	1:11-14
2.	the Son offers salvation	2:1-4
3.	the Son is a Savior	2:5-18
a.	God put all things in subjection under Jesus	2:5-8
b.	God had Jesus taste death for every person	2:9-12
c.	God sent Jesus to deliver us from bondage	2:13-15
d.	God sent Jesus to reconcile us to Himself	2:16-18
C.	Christ has a better name than Moses	3:1-19
1.	Moses was a faithful servant but Christ was a faithful Son	3:1-6
2.	Moses was a faithful leader of a hard hearted people	3:7-19
a.	unbelief caused the people to harden their hearts	3:7-11
b.	unbelief causes people to depart from God	3:12-15
c.	unbelief keep people from entering God's rest	3:16-19
D.	Christ has provided a better rest	4:1-13
1.	the Father entered into a better rest	4:1-4
2.	the Father said others must enter that rest	4:5-8
3.	the Father has provided this rest for the people of God	4:9-12
II.	The Lord Jesus Christ has a Greater Priesthood	4:14-7:28
A.	Christ is a priest that is superior	4:14-5:10
1.	Jesus is our great high priest	4:14-16
2.	Jesus is able to show compassion to the ignorant	5:1-4
3.	Jesus is a priest like Melchizedek	5:5-10
B.	Christ is a priest who can bring believers to maturity	5:11-6:20
1.	God does not want Christians to remain as babes	5:11-14
2.	God does not want people to taste but not accept	6:1-5
3.	God does not want people to be rejected	6:6-8
4.	God wants to see the things that accompany salvation	6:9-12
5.	God swore by Himself with His promise to Abraham	6:13-16
6.	God wants us to have a hope that is an anchor to the soul	6:17-20
C.	Christ is a priest like Melchizedek	7:1-28
1.	God uses Melchizedek as an illustration of Christ	7:1-3
2.	God said Melchizedek was greater than Aaron	7:4-10
a.	Abraham gave tithes to Melchizedek	7:4-6
b.	Abraham gave tithes on behalf of his family	7:7-10
3.	God said a change in priests required a change in the law	7:11-13
4.	God made Christ a priest from the tribe of Judah	7:14-17

- 5. God brought a better hope through Christ 7:18-22
- 6. God said that Christ is able to save to the uttermost 7:23-25
- 7. God said that Christ is a holy high priest 7:26-28

III. The Lord Jesus Christ is a Greater Priest 8:1-10:18

- A. Christ is the mediator of a better covenant 8:1-13
 - 1. Jesus has a superior position 8:1-5
 - 2. Jesus mediates a new covenant 8:6-9
 - 3. Jesus said this new covenant includes Israel 8:10-13
- B. Christ is the sacrifice of a better covenant 9:1-28
 - 1. God spoke of the limitations of the old covenant 9:1-10
 - a. the old covenant had an earthly sanctuary 9:1-5
 - b. the old covenant required repeated sacrifices 9:6-10
 - 2. God provided a perfect new covenant 9:11-28
 - a. the new covenant was provided by the blood of Christ 9:11-14
 - b. the new covenant required death 9:15-18
 - c. the new covenant required the shedding of blood 9:19-22
 - d. the new covenant has a new sanctuary 9:23-26
 - e. the new covenant removes sin and provides salvation 9:27-28
- C. Christ is the eternal sacrifice of a better covenant 10:1-18
 - 1. God said the old covenant never made anyone perfect 10:1-4
 - 2. God sanctified us through Christ once for all 10:5-10
 - 3. God said that Christ has perfected us forever 10:11-14
 - 4. God will never again hold our sins against us 10:15-18

IV. The Lord Jesus Christ has called Believers to a Life of Faith 10:19-12:29

- A. Christ calls people to a life of faith 10:19-39
 - 1. the description of true saving faith 10:19-25
 - a. true faith brings us into the presence of God 10:19-22
 - b. true faith equips us to minister to one another 10:23-25
 - 2. the description of a false faith 10:26-39
 - a. false faith will bring eternal judgment 10:26-30
 - b. false faith was what the Jews had in the former days 10:30-35
 - c. false faith causes people to draw back from God 10:36-39
- B. Christ gives examples of Old Testament faith 11:1-40
 - 1. the description of faith 11:1-3
 - 2. the example of the faith of Abel 11:4
 - 3. the example of the faith of Enoch 11:5-6
 - 4. the example of the faith of Noah 11:7
 - 5. the example of the faith of Abraham and Sarah 11:8-19
 - 6. the example of the faith of Isaac 11:20
 - 7. the example of the faith of Jacob 11:21
 - 8. the example of the faith of Joseph 11:22

9.	the example of the faith of the parents of Moses	11:23
10.	the example of the faith of Moses	11:24-29
11.	the example of the faith of Joshua	11:30
12.	the example of the faith of Rahab	11:31
13.	the examples of many other heroes of faith	11:32-40
C.	Christ calls believers to live by faith	12:1-29
1.	faith causes us to look to Jesus	12:1-4
2.	faith causes us to accept discipline	12:5-13
a.	God disciplines out of love	12:5-8
b.	God disciplines us to produce the fruit of righteousness in us	12:9-13
3.	faith causes us to practice holy living	12:14-17
4.	faith is not received through the law	12:18-21
5.	faith is received through Jesus, our Mediator	12:22-24
6.	faith causes us to serve God with reverence and godly fear	12:25-29
V.	The Lord Jesus Christ has called Believers to a Walk in Faith	13:1-25
A.	Christ tells us how to walk in relation to others	13:1-3
B.	Christ tells us how to walk in our personal life	13:4-9
1.	this walk is a walk to please Christ	13:4-6
2.	this walk causes us to recognize godly leaders	13:7-8
3.	this walk causes us to avoid false teachings	13:9
C.	Christ tells us how to walk in relation to God	13:10-21
1.	this walk causes us to suffer with joy	13:10-14
2.	this walk causes us to offer the sacrifice of praise	13:15-16
3.	this walk causes us to submit to godly leaders	13:17
4.	this walk causes us to pray for one another	13:18-21
D.	Christ had the writer give personal instructions	13:22-25

Hebrews

I. The Lord Jesus Christ is Greater than any other - 1:1-4:13

A. Christ has a better name than anyone else - 1:1-3

1. God spoke to us in the past by the prophets - 1:1

God spoke at different times

the Old Testament was written over a period of as much as 1800 years
the Old Testament was written in different lands and different cultures

God spoke in different ways

God spoke directly in some cases - Genesis 3:8-21

God spoke in visions in some cases - Daniel 7:1-28

God even spoke through an animal - Numbers 22:28-30

2. God has spoken to us through His Son - 1:2

God has spoken in a different way in the last times

Christ came and lived among us - John 1:14

the only begotten Son has revealed the Father - John 1:17-18

God has spoken through His Son

the message of salvation was shared by Christ - Heb. 2:3

God said that He gave the throne to His Son - Heb. 1:8

God says the Son is heir of all things

we have become joints heirs with Christ - Rom. 8:17

all things were placed in subjection to Christ - Heb. 2:8

God made the worlds through His Son

all things were created by Christ - John 1:1-3; Col. 1:16

3. God describes the Son that has spoken to us - 1:3

the Son is the brightness of the glory of the Father

Jesus is the Light of the world - John 8:12

Jesus has given the light of the knowledge of the glory of God - II Cor. 4:6

the Son is the express image of the Father

Christ is the image of God - II Cor. 4:4

Christ is the image of the invisible God - Col. 1:15

the Son upholds all things by the Word of His power

by Him all things consist (are held together) - Col. 1:17

B. Christ has a better name than the angels - 1:4-2:18

1. the Son is superior to the angels - 1:4-14

a. the angels worship Christ - 1:4-7

1) Jesus has a more excellent name than the angels - 1:4

Jesus was so much better than the angels

Jesus became lower than the angels to die for us – Heb. 2:9

Jesus had received a more excellent inheritance

Jesus is able to make us heirs of God – Rom. 8:17

Jesus had a more excellent name than the angels

Jesus is the Son of God – Luke 1:32-35

2) Jesus is the only One that is called a Son - 1:5

The Father did not speak to the angels that way He spoke to Christ

Christ is the only One that is in the image of the Father – Col. 1:15, 19

The Father did not call any of the angels His Son

The Father did not say to any of the angels that He had begotten them

Jesus is the only begotten Son – Psalm 2:7

The Father did not say He would be a Father to the angels

Jesus has all of the glory of the Father – Rev. 1:7-18

The Father did not say that any angels would be a Son

This was only applied to Christ – John 1:18

3) Jesus is worshipped by the angels - 1:6

God spoke to the angels when Christ came into the world by human birth

God sent an angel to announce the birth of Jesus – Luke 1:26; 2:9-10

God told the angels to worship Christ at His birth

The angels gave praise at the birth of Christ – Luke 2:13-14

4) Jesus made the angels to be spirits - 1:7

God made the angels spirits

Christ showed He was not just a spirit – Luke 24:37

God made the angels a flame of fire

The angels took Elijah to heaven in a chariot of fire – I Kings 2:11

b. the angels are spirits but Christ is the Son 1:8-10

1) the Son has an eternal throne - 1:8

The Father spoke to the Son

The Father said that Christ is His Son – Ps. 2:7

The Father said the Son has a throne

The Father says that this throne is eternal – Ps. 45:6-7

The Father calls Christ God

Christ is our Great God and Savior – Titus 2:13

The Father said the throne of Christ is forever and ever

This throne is an everlasting throne – Is. 9:6-7

The Father said Christ has a scepter of righteousness

Christ will judge the people righteously – Ps. 67:4

The Father said that is the scepter of His kingdom

Christ will judge the living and the dead – II Tim. 4:1

2) the Son loves righteousness and hates iniquity - 1:9

The Son loves righteousness

The Son is holy and undefiled – Heb. 7:26

The Son hates iniquity

The Son calls us to abhor iniquity – Rom. 12:9

The Son has been anointed by the Father

The Father anointed Christ – Acts 10:38

The Son has been anointed with the oil of gladness

Christ had gladness and joy in the Spirit – Luke 10:21

The Son has a greater anointing than His companions

Christ was sent by God – John 3:34

3) the Son is the Creator of the universe - 1:10

The Father calls Christ Lord

The Father will cause every knee to bow to Him – Phil. 2:10

The Father said Christ laid the foundation of the earth

Christ laid the foundations of the earth – Is. 51:13

The Father said Christ created the heavens

The heavens declare the glory of Christ – Ps. 19:1

The Father said the heavens are the works of Christ's hands

Christ is the Creator of the heavens – Ps. 8:3-4

c. the angels do not sit at the right hand of the Father - 1:11-14

1) the Son will remain - 1:11

The creation will perish

This will involve both the earth and the heavens – Heb. 12:26-27

The creation will not remain but Christ will remain

The Lord will endure forever – Psalm 9:7

The creation will become old like a piece of clothing

The heavens and the earth will grow old like a garment – Is. 51:6

2) the Son is unchangeable - 1:12

The creation will be folded up like an old coat

The heavens and the earth will be dissolved – II Pet. 3:10-12

The creation will be changed

There will be a new heavens and anew earth– II Pet. 3:13

Christ will remain the same

Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever – Heb. 13:8

Christ will not have His years come to an end

Christ is the One that always exists – Ex. 3:14

3) the Son is seated at the right hand of the Father - 1:13

The Father did not give the angels a special invitation

The angels received no such invitation – Heb. 1:5

The Father did not invite the angels to sit at His right hand

This promise was only made to Christ – Psalm 110:1

The Father did not promise the angels to make His enemies their footstool

All things were placed under the feet of Christ – Psalm 8:6

4) the Son sends the angels to minister to the heirs of salvation - 1:14

The angels are ministering spirits

The angels serve with Christ – II Thess. 1:7-8

The angels are sent to minister

God sends the angels to carry out His work – Dan. 6:22

God sends angels to deliver some of His messages – Luke 1:26

The angels minister to the heirs of salvation

We are joint heirs with Christ – Rom. 8:14-17; Gal. 3:29

2. the Son offers salvation - 2:1-4

a. we are to pay attention to what we have heard - 2:1

We are to give serious thought to what we have heard
We are to listen when God speaks to us – Heb. 12:25-26
We are to pay attention to what we have heard
We are to hear and obey the Word – Luke 8:15
We are not to let the things we have heard slip away
We are not to become hardened through the deceitfulness of sin – Heb. 3 12-13

b. we realize that the word spoken by angels stood - 2:2

The word spoken by angels was true
The word spoke about every transgression
The word spoke about every disobedience
The word said these acts would receive a just reward

c. we will not escape if we neglect the salvation provided - 2:3

We will not escape if we neglect salvation
Those who reject will receive the vengeance of the Lord – Heb. 10:26-30
We had this salvation first introduced by Christ
Christ taught about His suffering and resurrection – Luke 24:26-27; 24:44-48
We had this salvation taught by those who heard Him
They spread the message everywhere – Acts 5:28; 17:6

d. we know that God confirmed the words of the apostles - 2:4

God gave witness to the words of the apostles
God backed their witness with signs – Acts 4:7-10
God gave the apostles signs as a witness
God gave the signs of an apostle to back their message – II Cor. 12:12
God gave the apostles wonders as a witness
Many signs and wonders were done by the apostles – Acts 5:12
God gave the apostles diverse miracles as a witness
God gave gifts of the Holy Spirit
Christ gave the gifts through the Spirit – Eph. 4:8-11; Rom. 12:3-6
God gave these according to His own will
God gives all gifts according to His will – I Cor. 12:4-11

3. the Son is a Savior - 2:5-18

a. God put all things in subjection under Jesus - 2:5-8

1) the Father did not cause the world to be in subjection to angels - 2:5

The Father did not give the angels authority
All authority has been given to Christ – Matt. 28:18
The Father did not place the world under them

2) the Father chose to think about mankind – 2:6

The Father spoke about His relationship to mankind and to Christ

Verses 6-8 are a quotation of Psalm 8:6-8

The Father knew that mankind are His created beings

God gave mankind the breath of life – Gen. 2:7

The Father chose to think about mankind

The Father chose to send the Son for mankind – Heb. 2:10-11

The Father chose to send His Son to visit mankind

Christ became a man and lived among us – John 1:14

3) the Father set Christ over the works of His hands - 2:7

The Father made Christ for a little while lower than the angels

Christ became a man obedient unto death – Phil. 2:5-8

The Father crowned Christ with glory

The Father then exalted Christ above every name – Phil. 2:9

The Father crowned Christ with honor

The Father will cause every tongue to confess that Jesus is Christ – Phil. 2:11

The Father set Christ over the works of His hands

Christ is the One that holds all things together – Col. 1:17

4) the Father put the earth in subjection to Christ - 2:8

The Father put all things in subjection to Christ

Christ is the One that created all things - John 1:3

The Father did not leave anything that was not subject to Christ

The day will come when all creation recognizes Christ – Rev. 5:13

The Father has not yet put all things under Christ

This will happen when every knee is forced to bow – Phil. 2:10-11

b. God had Jesus taste death for every person - 2:9-13

1) Jesus came to taste death for every man - 2:9

Jesus was made for a little time lower than the angels

Jesus experienced suffering and death

Christ came to offer Himself – Heb. 8:3; 10:5-10

Jesus was crowned with glory and honor

Jesus had this happen because of the grace of God

Christ came to show the grace of God – Titus 2:11

Jesus tasted death for every person

Christ came to die for all – II Cor. 5:14-15

2) Jesus experienced humiliation for our salvation - 2:10

Christ is the One for whom all things were created

Christ is the one by whom all things are created

Christ is the One that created all things – Col. 1:16

Christ died to bring many sons to glory

God called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus – I Pet. 5:10

Christ is the captain of our salvation

Christ became the author of eternal salvation – Heb. 5:9

Christ had His human nature perfected through suffering

Christ learned obedience through suffering – Heb. 5:8-9

3) Jesus sanctifies us and is not afraid to call us His brethren - 2:11

Christ is the One who sanctifies us

Christ offered Himself to purge us from dead works – Heb. 9:13-14

Christ makes us one with Him by this sanctification

Christ makes us one in Him – John 17:21-23

Christ is not ashamed to call us His brethren

Christ is the firstborn among many brethren – Rom. 8:29

4) Jesus called us His brethren after the resurrection - 2:12

Christ was able to call us brethren after the resurrection

Christ told Mary to go tell His brethren – John 20:17

Christ is the One to whom we now sing praise

This praise will one day come from every nation and kindred – Acts 5:9

5) Jesus showed His humanity by depending on the Father while on earth - 2:13

Jesus showed His trust in the Father

Christ chose to do the will of the Father – Matt. 26:39

Jesus came to do the will of the Father

Christ came to do the will of the Father – Heb. 10:7; John 6:38

Christ chose to do nothing of Himself – John 5:19

Christ chose to speak the doctrine of the Father – John 7:16

Jesus came for the children than the Father had given Him

Jesus said He would not cast out those the Father had given Him – John 6:37

c. God sent Jesus to deliver us from bondage - 2:13-15

1) Jesus took this humanity to defeat death - 2:14

Jesus created the people of this earth with flesh and blood

The life of the flesh is in the blood – Lev. 17:11

Jesus Himself became flesh and blood

Christ became flesh and lived among us – John 1:14

Christ had flesh and bones even after the resurrection – Luke 24:39

Jesus came to complete His work through death

Christ came to taste death for every person – Heb. 2:9

Jesus came to destroy the one who had the power of death

Christ came to crush the head of Satan – Gen. 3:15

Jesus came to defeat the devil

Christ came to destroy the works of the devil – I John 3:8-10

2) Jesus took this humanity to deliver us from bondage - 2:15

Jesus came to release those who were in bondage

Christ came to preach deliverance to the captives – Luke 4:18

Christ came to set us free – John 8:32, 36

Christ has given us liberty and has set us free – Gal. 5:1

Christ has given us liberty to serve one another in love – Gal. 5:13

Jesus knew people were in bondage because of the fear of death

Christ set us free from the sting of death – I Cor. 15:54-57

Christ sets us free from daily fears as we grow in love – I John 4:18

Jesus knew that people experienced this bondage throughout life

Jesus said people have bondage when the devil is their father – John 8:33-44

d. God sent Jesus to reconcile us to Himself - 2:16-18

1) Jesus took the seed of Abraham to reconcile us - 2:16

Jesus did not come to give aid to angels

The angels had no opportunity to repent – Jude 6

Jesus did come to give aid to the seed of Abraham

God made His promise to Abraham and His seed – Gal. 3:16

Christ made us the spiritual seed of Abraham – Gal. 3:29

2) Jesus satisfied the requirements of God for sin - 2:17

Jesus had to become like His brethren

Christ chose to become a man – John 1:14

Christ chose to take on a human nature – Heb. 2:9-14

Christ did this to become a merciful High Priest

Christ took our nature to be a merciful High Priest – Heb. 4:15

Christ is able to give us victory over temptation – I Cor. 10:12-13

Christ did this to become a faithful High Priest

Christ was faithful to God and our faithful High Priest – Heb. 3:1-2

Christ came to satisfy the holy requirements of God

Christ offered Himself without spot to the Father – Heb. 9:14

The Father was satisfied by blood of Christ – Rom 3:25

Christ came to make propitiation

Christ came to be the propitiation for our sins – I John 4:10

Christ came to make propitiation for the sins of the people

Christ is the propitiation for the sins of the whole world – I John 2:1-2

3) Jesus was willing to be tempted so He can help us - 2:18

Christ came and suffered

Christ was made a curse for us – Gal. 3:13

Christ cried out in prayer to the Father when He suffered – Heb. 5:7-9

Christ looked to the Father to glorify Him – John 17:2

Christ came and was tempted

Christ was tempted by the devil in the wilderness – Matt. 4:1-11

Christ was tempted by the devil in the garden – Matt. 26:37-39

Christ is able to help those who are tempted

Christ was tempted but did not sin – Heb. 4:15

Christ invites us to come to Him with boldness – Heb. 4:16

C. Christ has a better name than Moses - 3:1-19

1. Moses was a faithful servant but Christ was a faithful Son - 3:1-6

a. Jesus is the One who gives us our heavenly calling - 3:1

Christ has made us partakers of the heavenly calling
We have been made partakers of Christ – Heb. 3:14
Christ is the Apostle and High Priest of our calling
Christ is our High Priest to whom we can come boldly – Heb. 4:14-16

b. Jesus was faithful just as Moses was faithful - 3:2

Christ was faithful to the One who had called Him
Christ is faithful in all things pertaining to God – Heb. 2:17
Moses was faithful to the One who had called Him
God said that Moses was faithful – Num. 12:7

c. Jesus built the family of Moses as a part of His house - 3:3-4

Christ was more worthy of glory than Moses
Christ is the One who built the household of Moses
Christ is greater because He is the builder
Christ is greater even though every house is built by some person
Christ is the One that built all things
We are built into a holy temple in the Lord – Eph 2:19-22

d. Jesus saw that Moses and his household were faithful servants - 3:5

Moses and his whole house were faithful servants
Moses had a good testimony by all who lived after him
Moses had this testimony because he walked by faith – Heb. 11:24-29

e. Jesus makes all believers a part of His household - 3:6

Christ as a Son is over His own house
Christ says we are in His house as we hold fast
We are able to hold fast because Christ is our High Priest – Heb. 4:14
Christ gives us hope that is firm and causes us to rejoice
We can be confident because we will receive the promise – Heb. 10:35-36

2. Moses was a faithful leader of a hard hearted people - 3:7-19

a. unbelief caused the people to harden their hearts - 3:7-11

1) the Hebrews were warned to hear Christ today - 3:7

The Holy Spirit was speaking to the Hebrews
The Holy Spirit convicts people of sin – John 16:8-11
The Holy Spirit told them to hear the voice of Christ
The people are also to listen today – II Cor. 6:2

2) the Hebrews were reminded of the unbelief of their fathers - 3:8-9

The Hebrews were warned not to harden their hearts as their fathers did

The Hebrews were called not to harden their hearts – Heb. 4:7

The Hebrews hardened their hearts when they were in the wilderness

The Hebrews rebelled throughout the time in the wilderness – Deut. 9:7

The Hebrews put God to the test and tried Him

The Hebrews tested God for forty years in the wilderness – Psalm 95:9-10

The Hebrews saw the works of God for forty years

The Hebrews saw the great acts that God did – Deut. 11:7

3) the Hebrews in the wilderness did not believe from the heart - 3:10

The Hebrews of that generation experienced the anger of God

The Hebrews were worshipping many false gods – Acts 7:39-43

The Lord was ready to destroy the Hebrews – Num. 14:1-21

The Hebrews of that generation were always going astray in their hearts

The Hebrews of that generation were stubborn and rebellious – Psalm 78:7-8

The Hebrews of that generation did not know the ways of God

That generation was following idols in their heart – Ezek. 20:15-17

4) the Hebrews in the wilderness did not enter God's rest - 3:11

The Hebrews of that generation experienced the wrath of God

The people did not enter into the land because of unbelief – Num. 14:22-23

The Hebrews of that generation did not enter into God's rest

The people did not enter because of unbelief – Heb. 3:19; 4:6

People enter that rest by no longer depending on their own works – Heb. 4:10

People enter that rest by accepting the finished work of Christ – John 19:30

b. unbelief causes people to depart from God - 3:12-14

1) the Hebrews were urged to examine their hearts - 3:12

The Hebrews were warned to beware

The Hebrews were reminded to pay close attention – Heb. 2:1-3

The Hebrews were warned of an evil heart of unbelief

People can falsely claim to believe Christ – Matt. 7:21-23

The Hebrews were warned of the danger of departing from the living God

Those who draw back in unbelief will face judgment – Heb. 10:38-39

2) the Hebrews were urged to encourage one another - 3:13

The Hebrews were told to encourage one another daily

We are to encourage one another to love and good works – Heb. 10:24-25

The Hebrews were to do that while it is today

Daily encouragement was a part of the early church – Acts 2:46

The Hebrews were warned they could be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin

Eve was deceived by the deceitfulness of sin – Gen. 3:4-6

Hearts become hardened by the deceitfulness of sin – Heb. 4:7

3) the Hebrews were to remain steadfast in their confidence - 3:14

The Hebrews had become partakers of Christ

Christ wants us to be partakers of His holiness – Heb. 12:10

The Hebrews were to remain steadfast until the end

They were encouraged to be diligent unto the end – Heb. 6:11-12

c. unbelief keeps people from entering God's rest - 3:15-19

1) the Hebrews were warned not to harden their hearts - 3:15

The Hebrews were told to hear the voice of God

This is the second time they were told to hear His voice – Heb. 3:8

(The first time they were encouraged to hear today

This time they are encouraged to hear without rebellion)

The Hebrews were told not to harden their hearts

The people had rebelled in the wilderness – Num. 14:8-10

The Lord was ready to destroy them immediately – Num. 14:11-12

The Lord listened to the prayer of Moses for them – Num. 14:13-21

2) the people that came out of Egypt provoked God - 3:16

The people that had heard provoked God

Moses had to pray for God to spare the people – Deut. 9:19

Moses said they were rebellious from the time that He knew them – Deut. 9:24

The people included all those that came out of Egypt

The adults all died in the wilderness except Joshua and Caleb – Num. 26:64-65

The people included all those being led by Moses

God had said all would die except Joshua and Caleb – Num. 14:30

Caleb had a different spirit than the other people – Num. 14:24

3) the people who came out of Egypt died in the wilderness - 3:17

God was angry with the people for forty years

They offered false sacrifices for forty years – Acts 7:42

They sinned in many ways for forty years – I Cor. 10:1-10

God caused those who sinned to die in the wilderness

God said they would be consumed in the wilderness – Num. 14:35-36

God caused them to be judged in the wilderness – I Cor. 10:5

4) the people did not enter into the rest of God - 3:18

God swore that they would not enter into His rest

This rest was rejected due to unbelief – Deut 1:34-35

This rest must be received by faith – Heb. 4:2

God said they would not enter His rest to all that did not obey

This rest is for those who have believed – Heb. 4:3

This rest is only for those who cease from their own works – Heb. 4:9-10

5) the people did not enter because of unbelief - 3:19

The people could not enter into the land

The people first refused to enter the land – Num. 14:1-4

The people later were not allowed to enter the land – Num. 14:21-23

The people were told they would die in the wilderness – Num. 14:26-29

The people could not enter because of unbelief

They did not enter because of their unbelief – Heb. 4:6

The Lord destroyed them until they were consumed – Deut. 2:15

The Lord then brought in the next generation – Num. 14:30-31

D. Christ has provided a better rest - 4:1-13

1. the Father entered into a better rest - 4:1-4

a. we are warned not to come short of the rest of God - 4:1

God promises that there is still a rest

God says there is a rest for the people of God – Heb. 4:9

God is the One that we are to fear

People must not neglect the salvation Christ has provided – Heb. 2:1-3

God does not want people to come short of His rest

People need to learn from the consequences for Esau – Heb. 12:15-17

b. we are to hear the Word and place our faith in Christ - 4:2

God provided the Gospel to both the former and present generation

God said the Word did not profit the earlier generation

The people saw the works of God for forty years – Heb. 3:9

The people did not have faith during that forty years – Acts 13:18

God said that they did not have faith

The people worshipped idols throughout that time – Acts 7:42

c. we who have believed have entered into the rest of God - 4:3

God says those who believe have entered that rest

We are made partakers of Christ – Heb. 3:14

God said the earlier generation did not enter His rest

They did not enter because of unbelief – Heb. 3:18-19

God said His works were finished before the foundation of the world

God even chose us before the foundation of the world – Eph. 1:4

d. we see that God rested from all of His works - 4:4-5

God spoke in a certain place about the seventh day

God had finished His work of creation – Gen. 2:1-3

God said that He rested from all of His works

God rested from all of His works – Gen. 2:3

God said they did not enter His rest

The people had erred in their hearts – Psalm 95:10-11

2. the Father says others must enter that rest - 4:6-8

a. God says that some must enter His rest - 4:6

God says some must enter His rest

God has chosen many to believe in Christ – Acts 13:46-47

God says that those who first heard rejected that rest

God invited but many rejected his invitation – Psalm 95:7-11

God says that they were rejected because of unbelief

The people did not believe in the wilderness – Heb. 3:19

b. God has often reminded people not to harden their hearts - 4:7

God reminded them what David wrote

God had reminded them through David

David was the writer of Psalm 95

God encouraged them to hear His voice

God encouraged them to hear His voice today – Heb. 3:7

God encouraged them not to harden their hearts

God said this several times – Psalm 95:8; Heb. 3:8, 15

c. God showed that Joshua did not lead Israel into His rest - 4:8

God said the people did not receive rest under Joshua

The people only received physical rest from war – Josh. 22:4

God spoke afterward of another day

God still warns people not to harden their hearts – Heb. 3:15

3. the Father has provided this rest for the people of God - 4:9-13

a. God says we turn from works when we enter His rest - 4:9-10

God says there is a rest for the people of God

God promises an eternal rest – Rev. 21:4

God tells of those who have entered that rest

These have entered by grace through faith – Eph. 2:8

God says that they have ceased from depending on their own works

Those who enter into this rest do not depend on works – Titus 3:5

God says that He has also rested from His works

God has rested from His works – Heb. 4:4

b. God says we are not to fall as those who did not believe - 4:11

We are to be diligent to enter into that rest

We are to follow the example of others that have been diligent – Heb. 6:9-12

We are not to fall by following the wrong example

We are not to follow the example of those who did not believe – Heb. 3:12

We are not to follow the example of disobedience

We are not to follow the sons of disobedience – Eph. 5:6

c. God says that the Word examines our hearts - 4:12

God says that the Word is living

The Word of God will accomplish what He pleases – Is. 55:11

The Word of God is the power of God unto salvation – Rom. 1:16

The Word of God works effectively in those that believe – I Thess. 2:13

God says that the Word is powerful

The Word of God has the power to cast down strongholds – II Cor. 10:4-5

God says that the Word is sharper than a two-edged sword

The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit – Eph. 6:17

Christ has a sharp sword with two edges – Rev. 2:12

God says that the Word divides the soul and the spirit

The Word of God helps us know the things given to us by God – I Cor. 2:12-13

God says that the Word divides the joints and the marrow

The Word of God will accomplish what He pleases – Is. 55:11

God says that the Word discerns the thoughts

The thoughts of God are higher than the thoughts of man – Is. 55:8-10

God says that the Word discerns the intents of the heart

The intents of the heart are revealed by God – Jer. 17:9-10

d. God says we are personally accountable to Him - 4:13

God says no creature is hidden from His sight

We are all accountable to God – John 12:48

God says all things are clear to His eyes

God even knows our inner thoughts – Psalm 139:1-6

God says He is the One with whom we have to do

All Christians will give an account of their works – II Cor. 5:10

Some works will be rewarded – I Cor. 3:12-14

Some works will be burned up – I Cor. 3:15

All unbelievers will be judged by their works – Rev. 20:12-15

II. The Lord Jesus Christ has a Greater Priesthood - 4:14-7:28

A. Christ is a priest that is superior - 4:14-5:10

1. Jesus is our Great High Priest - 4:14-16

a. the Son of God is our Great High Priest - 4:14

Christ is our Great High Priest

Christ is a merciful and faithful high priest – Heb. 2:17

Christ is the apostle and High Priest of our profession – Heb. 3:1

Christ is a priest forever – Heb. 7:21

Christ is the High Priest over the house of God – Heb. 10:21

Christ has passed into the heavens

Christ is at the right hand of the Father – Acts 7:56

Christ is the Son of God

God spoke to us through His Son – Heb. 1:2

Christ calls us to hold fast our profession

Christ calls us to hold fast the profession of our faith – Heb. 10:23

b. the Son of God was tempted like us but did not sin - 4:15

We have a high priest that can sympathize with our weaknesses

Christ was made in the likeness of man – Phil. 2:7-8

Christ was wounded for our transgressions – Is. 53:3-5

We have a high priest that was tempted like we are

Christ was tempted so He can help those who are tempted – Heb. 2:17-18

We have a high priest that did not sin

Christ was separate from sin – Heb. 7:26

Christ became sin for us – II Cor. 5:21

c. the Son of God invites us to come boldly to the throne of grace - 4:16

Christ invites us to come boldly to the throne of grace

We can draw near to God through Christ – Heb. 7:19

We know that Christ is making intercession for us – Heb. 7:25

Christ says that we will obtain mercy

We have obtained mercy through Christ – I Pet. 2:10

Christ says that we will find grace to help

We know that Christ is our Helper – Heb. 13:6

2. Jesus is able to show compassion to the ignorant - 5:1-4

a. the former high priest was taken from among men - 5:1

The old high priests were taken from among men
The old high priests were appointed to represent men
The old high priests spoke to God for men
The old high priests offered both gifts and sacrifices for sin

b. the former high priest had his own sin - 5:2

The old high priests could have compassion
The old high priests could understand the ignorant
The old high priests could understand those going astray
The old high priests were also subject to weakness
The old priests had infirmity (sin) – Heb. 7:28

c. the former high priest had to offer sacrifices for himself - 5:3

The old high priests offered sacrifices for the people
The priests offered sacrifices daily for themselves and the people –Heb. 7:27
The old high priests offered sacrifices for themselves
The high priest had to offer a covering for his own sin – Heb. 9:7

d. the former high priests were called by God - 5:4

The old high priests did not appoint themselves
The old high priests were called by God
The original high priest, Aaron, was called by God

3. Jesus is a priest like Melchizedek - 5:5-10

a. Jesus was chosen by the Father - 5:5

Christ did not choose Himself to be high priest
The Father gave His own Son – John 3:16
Christ was chosen by the Father
God sent His own Son to pay for sin – Rom. 8:3
Christ was the Son begotten by the Father
Christ was the only begotten of the Father – John 1:18; Heb. 1:5

b. Jesus was called to be a priest forever - 5:6

God said that Christ was a priest forever

Christ has an unchangeable priesthood – Heb. 7:24

God said that Christ was like Melchizedek

Christ is a high priest after the order of Melchizedek – Heb. 6:20

c. Jesus offered up prayers and supplications - 5:7

Christ offered up prayers and supplications

Christ delighted to do the will of the Father – Psalm 40:1-8

Christ prayed with strong crying and tears

Christ was in great agony as He prayed – Luke 22:44

Christ prayed to the One who is able to save from death

Christ prayed to the One that brought Him back from death – Heb. 13:20

Christ was heard because He prayed with godly fear

Christ prayed to the One to whom He brought glory – John 17:4-5

d. Jesus learned obedience through suffering - 5:8

Christ was a Son

Christ was the Son that was sent – Heb. 1:2, 1:5, 1:8

Christ learned obedience through suffering

Christ was obedient unto death – Phil. 2:10

e. Jesus became the author of eternal salvation - 5:9

Christ had His human nature perfected

Christ was perfected through suffering – Heb. 2:10

Christ became the author of eternal salvation

Christ obtained eternal redemption for us – Heb. 9:12

Christ provided this salvation to all that obey Him

Christ provided salvation to all that look for Him – Heb. 9:28

f. Jesus was called after the order of Melchizedek - 5:10

Christ was called by God as High Priest

Christ did not make Himself a high priest – Heb. 5:5

Christ was called according to the order of Melchizedek

Jesus was called according to the order of Melchizedek – Heb. 6:20

B. Christ is a priest who can bring believers to maturity - 5:11-6:20

1. God does not want Christians to remain as babes - 5:11-14

a. immature Christians can become dull of hearing - 5:11

The writer had many things to say about Christ
The writer could not say those things to the Hebrews
The unstable have a hard time understanding and twist the truth – II Pet. 3:16
The writer said that they had become dull of hearing
They had become like those that were not even Christians – Matt. 13:15

b. immature Christians need to be retaught the basics - 5:12

The Hebrews had been Christians long enough to be teachers
We are all to grow so we can teach one another – Col. 3:16; Titus 2:3-4
The Hebrews needed someone to teach them the basics of Christianity
They were only being taught how to be saved – Heb. 6:1-2
The Hebrews needed the milk of the Word
They needed the milk of the Word to help them grow – I Pet. 2:2
The Hebrews were not mature enough to handle solid food
Immature Christians need spiritual understanding – Eph. 1:16-19

c. immature Christians are unskillful in the Word of righteousness - 5:13

The Hebrews were only taking the milk of the Word
This is a characteristic of a spiritually immature Christian – I Cor. 3:2
The Hebrews were unskillful in the Word of Righteousness
Immature Christians are tossed to and fro by false doctrines – Eph. 4:14
The Hebrews were still spiritual toddlers
Christians are to grow to spiritual maturity – I Cor. 14:20

d. immature Christians do not have their senses exercised to discern - 5:14

Solid spiritual food belongs to those that are mature
God wants every Christian to grow to spiritual maturity – Eph. 4:13
Solid spiritual food belongs to those that have developed their senses
Solid spiritual food helps us to become mature – II Tim. 3:16-17
Solid spiritual food belongs to those who recognize good and evil
Solid food helps us to recognize false teachings – Eph. 4:14-16

2. God does not want people to taste but not accept - 6:1-5

a. people can never get beyond the foundation - 6:1

The Hebrews needed to move forward in their spiritual growth

The Hebrew Christians were still spiritual toddlers – Heb. 5:11-14

The Hebrew Christians did not fully accept Paul – Acts 21:21-26

Paul chose to serve the Jews to help them grow – I Cor. 9:19-23

The Hebrews needed to go on to spiritual maturity

The Hebrews were still zealous for the Law – Acts 21:20

The Hebrews were teaching about repentance from dead works

The Hebrews were still teaching Old Testament repentance – Ezek. 18:4-9

The Hebrews were teaching about faith toward God

The Hebrews needed to focus on faith in Christ – Acts 4:12

b. people can never get beyond the basic doctrines - 6:2

The Hebrews were teaching about washings

These were Old Testament washings – Heb. 9:10; Ex. 30:18-21

The Hebrews were teaching about laying on of hands

This was how the Hebrews identified with their sacrifice – Lev. 1:4

The Hebrews were teaching about the resurrection

Even the Pharisees taught about the resurrection – Acts 23:6-8

The Hebrews were teaching about eternal judgment

The Hebrews understood when Christ talked about eternal judgment – Matt. 18:8

c. people can remain in their rejection of salvation - 6:3-5

The writer said it was time to move forward and grow

We are all to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Christ – II Pet. 3:18

The writer said enlightenment is not enough

The Jewish leaders had been enlightened about the Gospel – Acts 5:28

The writer said tasting the heavenly gift is not enough

The Jewish leaders had heard the message of eternal life – Acts 13:46

The writer said conviction by the Holy Spirit is not enough

The Jewish leaders had felt the conviction of the Holy Spirit – John 16:8-11

The writer said tasting the Word of God is not enough

The Jewish leaders had heard the Word of God – Acts 5:28

The writer said to know of the powers of the age to come is not enough

The Jewish leaders had tasted but rejected – Acts 4:13-16

3. God does not want people to be rejected - 6:6-8

a. people can turn away after tasting - 6:6

People can taste and then totally reject

This happened to the people in the wilderness – Heb. 3:10-11

People who did this will not repent

The people in the wilderness had an evil heart of unbelief – Heb. 3:12

People who do this are recrucifying Christ in their hearts

Jesus had those who followed for a time and totally rejected – John 6:66

People who do this are rejecting the Son of God again

God warned that some would choose to depart and reject – I Tim. 4:1

We are to continue to share the Word with such individuals – II Tim. 2:25-26

People who do this are putting Christ to open shame

These have rejected the sacrifice that Christ provided – Heb. 10:26

These have rejected the blood of the covenant – Heb. 10:29

Those who depart are antichrists – I John 2:18-19

b. people can accept and receive the blessing of the Lord - 6:7

People who hear are like the earth receiving rain

These people are like the good ground – Matt. 13:8-9

People who respond are like fruitful herbs

These people hear, understand and bear fruit – Matt 13:23

People who are like fruitful herbs are useful

These people become like a fruitful vine – John 15:2

People who are like fruitful herbs receive blessing from God

These people abide in the love of God – John 15:8-11

c. people can reject and be burned in the end - 6:8

People can also hear and be like thorns and briers

These people follow the example of Esau – Heb. 12:16

People who are like thorns and briers are those who reject

These people do not find a place of repentance – Heb. 12:17

People who are like thorns and briers are near to being cursed

These people need to examine themselves – II Cor. 13:5

People who are like thorns and briers will be judged

These people will face a fiery judgment – Heb. 10:27

This judgment will be with eternal fire – Rev. 20 :15

4. God wants to see the things that accompany salvation - 6:9-12

a. the writer said the believing Jews showed true faith - 6:9

The writer considered those to whom he was writing beloved
The writer viewed them as fellow workers for Christ – Heb. 10:34, 39
The writer was persuaded better things about those getting this letter
The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God – I Cor. 2:14
The writer felt that the readers had a true belief in Christ
The writer was speaking these things as a warning

b. the writer said they showed this by their love - 6:10

God would not be unjust so would not forget their work
God will reward all those who are faithful – II Tim. 4:7-8
God would not forget their labor of love
This is a characteristic of true believers – I Thess. 1:3
God had seen that they showed that love toward Him
God had seen that they showed that love to the saints
They were taking the opportunity to do good – Gal. 6:10
God had seen that they were continuing to show that love
The writer wanted this brotherly love to continue – Heb. 13:1

c. the writer wanted them to have the assurance of hope - 6:11

The writer desired that every one would have this true faith
God wants us to be steadfast and unmovable – I Cor. 15:58
The writer wanted all to show this same diligence
God wants us to give diligence to make our calling and election sure – II Pet. 1:5-11
The writer wanted all to have this same assurance and hope
We are to hold fast to this hope until the end – Heb. 3:6, 14

d. the writer encouraged them to follow those who had true faith - 6:12

The writer did not want them to become sluggish
He did not want them to remain dull of hearing – Heb. 5:11
The writer wanted them to imitate those who had true faith
We are to imitate others as they imitate Christ – I Cor 11:1
The writer wanted them to be those who inherited the promises
We are called to be heirs of salvation – Heb. 1:14

5. God swore by Himself in the promise to Abraham - 6:13-16

a. God made promises to Abraham and swore by Himself - 6:13

God made a promise to Abraham

God said He would bless Abraham – Gen. 22:17-18

God could not swear by anyone greater

There is no other God – I Cor. 8:4

It is impossible for God to lie – Heb. 6:18-19

God swore by Himself in His promise to Abraham

God said that by Himself he had sworn – Gen. 22:15-16

b. God promised to bless and multiply Abraham - 6:14

God said He would bless Abraham

God said He would bless Abraham – Gen. 12:1-3

God said He would multiply Abraham

God said He would multiply the descendants like the stars – Gen. 15:5-6

God said He would bless all nations through Abraham – Gen. 12:3

c. God allowed Abraham to patiently endure - 6:15

Abraham chose to patiently endure

Abraham looked for a city whose maker and builder is God – Heb. 11:10

Abraham looked for a heavenly city – Heb. 11:16

Abraham knew God could raise the dead – Heb. 11:17-19

Abraham obtained the promise

Abraham received what God promised him – Heb. 11:13

d. God swore by Himself because He is greater - 6:16

Men swear by the one who is greater

Abraham had his servant swear by God – Gen. 24:3

Joshua swore by the Lord God – Joshua 9:19-20

Paul called God as his witness – II Cor. 1:23

Men make an oath to confirm a promise

Jacob and Laban made an oath to confirm a promise – Gen. 31:44-53

Men make an oath to end all disputes

Abraham settled a dispute with an oath – Gen. 21:30-31

Isaac settled a dispute with an oath – Gen. 26:17-31

6. God wants us to have a hope that is an anchor for the soul - 6:17-20

a. the Father confirmed His promise with an oath - 6:17

God determined to confirm His promise

God does things according to His own will – Jam. 1:18

God had made this promise to the heirs of promise

This promise is through the righteousness of faith – Rom. 4:13, 16

God showed the unchangeableness of His counsel

God will carry out His Word – Is. 55:11

God confirmed His promise with an oath

b. the Father cannot lie about the hope He gives us - 6:18

There are two ways God showed He is unchangeable

God made His promise

God said His promises are everlasting – Gen. 9:16

God is One for whom it is impossible to lie

God is faithful and cannot deny Himself – II Tim. 2:13

God wanted to give us strong encouragement

God did this for those who fled to Him for refuge

God wants us to lay hold of the hope set before us

We have a hope firm unto the end – Heb. 3:6

c. the Father gives us hope as an anchor for the soul - 6:19

God gave this hope as an anchor for the soul

This hope is laid up for us in heaven – Col. 1:5

God said this hope is both sure and steadfast

This hope is based on what Christ did for us – Rom. 5:5-10

God made this hope sure by the One who entered the Holy of holies

Christ is that high priest that is separate from sin – Heb. 9:26-27

d. the Father accepted Christ as our priest - 6:20

God said Jesus was the One who entered into the Holy of holies

Christ entered once into the holy place – Heb. 9:12

God said Jesus has become our High Priest forever

Christ has an unchangeable priesthood – Heb. 7:24

God said Jesus is a priest after the order of Melchizedek

C. Christ is a priest like Melchizedek - 7:1-28

1. God uses Melchizedek as an illustration of Christ - 7:1-3

a. Melchizedek was a priest of the Most High God - 7:1

Melchizedek was the king of Salem
Salem became the city of Jerusalem
Melchizedek was a priest of the Most High God
Melchizedek was the priest of the most high God – Gen. 14:18
Melchizedek met with Abraham when he returned from defeating the kings
Abraham had rescued Lot and those with him – Gen. 14:13-20
Melchizedek blessed Abraham
Abraham was blessed by Melchizedek – Gen. 14:19-20

b. Melchizedek received a tithe of all from Abraham - 7:2

Melchizedek received a tenth of all from Abraham
Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils – Heb. 7:4
Melchizedek translated means king of righteousness
Christ is the One that is righteous – Is. 9:6-7; Rom. 3:26
Melchizedek was king of Salem (king of peace)
Christ is our peace – Eph. 2:11-18 esp.14

c. Melchizedek was a priest continually - 7:3

Melchizedek has no recorded father
Christ had no earthly father – Matt. 1:23
Melchizedek has no recorded mother
Christ became flesh and had a human mother – John 1:14; Luke 1:35
Melchizedek has no recorded genealogy
Christ has two recorded genealogies – Matt. 1:1-17; Luke 3:23-38
Melchizedek has no recorded beginning to his life
Christ was in the beginning with God – John 1:1-2
Melchizedek has no recorded ending to his life
Christ is the beginning and the end – Rev. 1:8
Melchizedek was made like the Son of God
Christ is the Son of God – John 11:4, 27; Heb. 5:5
Melchizedek remains a priest continually
Christ will be a priest forever – Heb. 5:6

2. God said Melchizedek was great than Aaron - 7:4-10

a. Abraham gave tithes to Melchizedek - 7:4-6

1) Abraham gave Melchizedek a tenth of the spoils - 7:4

We are to consider the greatness of Melchizedek
Abraham recognized Melchizedek as priest of the most high God – Gen. 14:18
We are to recognize his relationship to Abraham
Abraham received a blessing from Melchizedek – Gen. 14:19
We are to recognize that Abraham gave him a tenth of the spoils
Abraham gave Melchizedek tithes of all – Gen. 14:20

2) Abraham had those who later became priests come from him - 7:5

The sons of Levi later became the priests
God made it clear that He chose the tribe of Levi – Num. 17:3-10
The sons of Levi received this priesthood from God
Aaron was called of God as high priest – Ex. 28:1-2; Heb. 5:4
The sons of Levi were to receive a tithe from the people
The people were to give the Levites a tithe – Num. 18:26
The sons of Levi received tithes according to the Law
The people were to give a tithe of all – Lev. 27:30
The people were to give these tithes to the Levites – Num. 18:26
The sons of Levi were brethren of the other Jews
Levi was one of the sons of Jacob – Gen. 35:23-26
The sons of Levi had also come from Abraham
Abraham was the great grandfather of all of Jacob's sons – Matt. 1:2

3) Abraham gave tithes on behalf of those who would come from him - 7:6

Melchizedek was not from the genealogy of Abraham
Melchizedek had no given genealogy – Heb. 7:3
Melchizedek was the one who blessed Abraham
Melchizedek gave a blessing to Abraham – Gen. 14:19
Melchizedek blessed the one that had the promises
Abraham had been given the promises – Gen. 12:1-3
Abraham had these promises repeated – Gen. 15:5-6; 17:1-8
Isaac later received these promises – Gen. 26:2-5
Jacob later received these promises – Gen. 28:3-4

b. Abraham gave tithes on behalf of his family - 7:7-10

1) God says the less is blessed by the greater - 7:7

God says the one who blesses is the greater
God spoke of His blessing of Melchizedek – Psalm 110:4
God said Jesus was after the order of Melchizedek – Heb. 6:20
God says the lesser was blessed by the greater
God had blessed Melchizedek – Heb. 7:17

2) God allowed men who die to receive tithes - 7:8

God said that men that die receive tithes
Aaron and all his descendants died – Num. 20:28
God said that Melchizedek received tithes
Abraham gave tithes to Melchizedek – Gen. 14:20
God gives witness that the priesthood of Melchizedek lives
There is no record of his death – Heb. 7:3
Christ is a priest after the order of Melchizedek – Heb. 7:21
Christ has been promised an eternal kingdom – Is. 9:6-7
Christ will reign forever and ever – Rev. 11:15
Christ will also be a priest forever – Heb. 5:6
Christ ministers right now as our high priest – Heb. 4:15-16
Christ has obtained eternal redemption for us – Heb. 7:12

3) God said Levi paid tithes through Abraham - 7:9

Levi received tithes from the other tribes
The other tribes gave tithes to Levi – Num. 18:26
Levi gave tithes to Melchizedek through Abraham
Abraham gave tithes to Melchizedek – Heb. 7:4

4) God said Levi paid these through Abraham - 7:10

Levi was not yet born when Abraham gave tithes
Abraham met Melchizedek before he had any children – Gen. 14:18-20
Levi was still in the loins of Abraham when Melchizedek met him
Isaac was born to Abraham many years later – Gen. 17:19; 21:1-5
Isaac gave birth to Jacob after many more years – Gen. 25:26
Levi was born to Jacob many more years later – Gen. 29:34

3. God said a change in priests required a change in the law - 7:11-13

a. Christ made a change in the priesthood - 7:11

The people had the Levitical priesthood

This priesthood had an earthly sanctuary and service – Heb. 9:1-6

The people received the Law under this priesthood

This priesthood had to continually offer sacrifices – Heb. 9:7

The people still needed a greater priest

The blood of bulls and goats could not take away sin – Heb. 10:4

The people received a priest after the order of Melchizedek

This priest came to do the will of God – Heb. 10:7-12

This priest came to perfect us forever – Heb. 10:14

This priest brought forgiveness of sins – Heb. 10:18

The people did not receive another priest after the order of Aaron

The priests from the order of Aaron had to offer for themselves – Heb. 9:7

b. Christ made a change in the law necessary - 7:12

Christ changed the priesthood

Christ came to destroy him that had the power of death – Heb. 2:14-15

Christ made a change in the law necessary

The law was the schoolmaster to bring us to God – Gal. 3:24

The law was no longer needed after Christ came – Gal. 3:25

The law was not needed because we became sons by faith – Gal. 3:26-29

Christ said that faith works by love – Gal. 5:6

Christ said that we are now free to serve one another in love – Gal. 5:13

Christ said that Christians are under a new commandment – John 13:34-35

c. Christ came from a different tribe - 7:13

Christ had many things spoken of Him

Christ is the mediator of a new covenant – Heb. 9:15

Christ was not from the tribe of Levi

Moses said nothing about a priest coming from Judah – Heb. 7:14

Christ was from the tribe of Judah

Christ was a descendant of Judah – Luke 3:23, 33

Christ is the Lion of the tribe of Judah – Rev. 5:5

Christ did not come from a tribe that had served as priests

Christ became a high priest of good things to come – Heb. 9:11

4. God made Christ a priest from the tribe of Judah - 7:14-17

a. Christ came from the tribe of Judah - 7:14

Christ came from the tribe of Judah

This fulfills the blessing of Jacob – Gen. 49:8-11

Moses said nothing about a priest coming from Judah

Moses spoke only of the tribe of Levi – Num. 3:5-8

b. Christ was a priest like Melchizedek - 7:15

Christ was clearly a different type of priest

Christ offered Himself without spot to God – Heb. 9:14

Christ was similar to Melchizedek

Melchizedek was different than the Levitical priests – Heb. 7:2-3

Christ was different than the Levitical priests

Christ came to offer Himself once – Heb. 7:25-27

Christ came to do the will of the Father – Heb. 10:7

Christ has perfected us forever – Heb. 10:14

c. Christ had the power of an endless life - 7:16

Christ was not made according to the Law

The law was only until the time of reformation – Heb. 9:10

Christ was not from the fleshly commandment

The law only provided a temporary covering for sin – Heb. 10:4

Christ came to take away sin – John 1:29

Christ came with power

Christ came to take away the first and establish the second – Heb. 10:9

Christ came with an endless life

Christ abides as a priest continually – Heb. 7:3

Christ has an unchangeable priesthood – Heb. 7:21

Christ is consecrated forevermore – Heb. 7:28

d. Christ was made a priest forever - 7:17

Christ is a priest forever

Christ is a priest forever – Heb. 5:6

Christ is a priest after the order of Melchizedek

Christ is the author of eternal salvation – Heb. 5:9-10

5. God brought a better hope through Christ - 7:18-22

a. Christ replaced the weakness of the law - 7:18

The former commandments had to be annulled

They had to be replaced by a new covenant – Heb. 8:7-13

The former commandments could not put away sin – Heb. 9:26

The former commandments came from weakness

The former commandments were only to bring us to God – Gal. 3:24

The former commandments came from unprofitableness

The former commandments did not profit – Heb. 13:9

b. Christ brought in a better hope - 7:19

Christ came because the law made nothing perfect

Christ did what the law could not do – Rom. 8:3

Christ brought in a better hope

We have that hope as an anchor of the soul – Heb. 6:19

Christ made it possible for us to draw near to God

We can come to God with boldness – Heb. 4:16

c. Christ was confirmed as a priest by an oath - 7:20-21

Christ was made a priest with an oath

God confirmed His ministry with an oath – Heb. 6:17

Christ received this oath from the one who sent Him

God sent Christ to provide us a certain hope – Heb. 6:18-20

God said that He had made a promise

God made this promise much earlier – Psalm 110:4

God said that He would not relent

God said this in Psalm 110:4

God said that Christ is a priest forever

God said that Christ is a priest according to the order of Melchizedek

d. Christ was the guarantee for a better covenant - 7:22

Christ Himself became the guarantee

The heavenly sacrifice was better than the earthly – Heb. 9:15-23

Christ was the guarantee of a better covenant

Jesus was the mediator of a new covenant – Heb. 12:24

6. God said that Christ is able to save to the uttermost - 7:23-25

a. Christ is a continuing priest - 7:23

There had been many priests

We are given a list of the earlier high priests – I Chron. 6:3-14

We also have a list of later priests – Neh. 12:10-11

These priest could only serve for a period of time

The process of transition was even explained – Ex. 29:29-30

These priests were to offer a covering for sin – Lev. 16:32-33

These priests had their priesthood ended by death

Aaron, the first priest, died at Mount Hor – Num. 20:23-29

b. Christ has an unchangeable priesthood - 7:24

Christ continues as a priest forever

Christ has the power of an endless life – Heb. 7:16

Christ offered one sacrifice for sins forever – Heb. 10:12

The people knew from the law that Christ would abide forever – John 12:34

Christ defeated death and it has no more effect on Him – Rom. 6:9

Christ is alive for evermore – Rev. 1:18

Christ has an unchangeable priesthood

Christ was appointed high priest by the Father – Heb. 5:5-6

Christ even answered Moses and Aaron – Psalm 99:5-9

Christ is the same forever – Heb. 13:8

c. Christ is able to save to the uttermost - 7:25

Christ is able to save to the uttermost

Jesus will raise all that come to Him – John 6:37-39

Christ is able to save those who come to God through Him

Christ is the only way we can come to the Father – John 14:6

We come through Christ by grace through faith – Eph. 2:8-9

We can only please God by faith – Heb. 11:6

Christ is a priest that always lives

Christ is the One that lives – Heb. 7:8

Christ is able to make intercession for those who came to God

We have a high priest that is passed into the heavens – Heb. 4:14-16

We have a high priest that is sitting at the right hand of God – Heb. 10:12

We have an advocate with the Father – I John 2:1-2

7. God said that Christ is a holy high priest - 7:26-28

a. Christ was undefiled - 7:26

Christ is a High Priest that is fitting for us

Christ became like us to be a faithful high priest – Heb. 2:17

Christ is holy

Christ was tempted but did not sin – Heb. 4:15

Christ is harmless

Christ is just and lowly – Zech. 9:9

Christ is undefiled

Christ committed no sin – Is. 53:9

Christ is separate from sinners

Christ did not commit sin – I Pet. 2:22

Christ has become higher than the heavens

Christ ascended up far above all heavens – Eph. 4:8-10

Christ has gone into heaven – I Pet. 3:22

b. Christ did not need to offer sacrifices for His own sins - 7:27

Christ did not offer sacrifices daily like the high priests

Christ offered Himself once – Heb. 10:12

Christ did not have to offer sacrifices for Himself

The earlier priests had to offer for themselves – Heb. 9:7

Christ did not continue to offer sacrifices for the people

Christ offered Himself a sacrifice just once – Heb. 9:12

Christ offered a sacrifice that was once for all

Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many – Heb. 9:28

Christ did this when He offered up Himself

Christ offered Himself once to God – Heb. 9:12

c. Christ is the One who is perfected forever - 7:28

Christ is greater than the law that appoints men with weaknesses

The priests had to offer sacrifices for themselves – Heb. 9:7

Christ was appointed with an oath from the Father

The Father spoke with an oath – Psalm 110:4

Christ was appointed as a Son that is perfected forever

Christ spoke to us as the Son of the Father – Heb. 1:2

Christ is the perfect and eternal author of salvation – Heb. 5:9

III. The Lord Jesus Christ is a Greater Priest - 8:1-10:18

A. Christ is the mediator of a better covenant - 8:1-13

1. Jesus has a superior position - 8:1-5

a. Christ is at the right hand of the Father - 8:1

We have a High Priest that has taken His seat
We have a High Priest seated at the right hand of the Majesty
We have a High Priest that is seated in the heavens
Christ has passed into the heavens – Heb. 4:14-16

b. Christ is the minister of the true tabernacle - 8:2

Christ is the minister of the sanctuary
Christ is the minister of the true tabernacle
Christ has entered into heaven itself – Heb. 9:24
Christ is the minister of the tabernacle the Lord erected

c. Christ had something to offer - 8:3

Every high priest offered gifts and sacrifices
They had to offer these sacrifices continually – Heb. 9:6-7
Christ also had something to offer
Christ offered up Himself once – Heb. 7:27; 8:14

d. Christ did not offer gifts according to the law - 8:4

Christ was not an earthly priest offering gifts
Christ changed the priesthood – Heb. 7:11-15
Christ was not a priest that offered gifts according to the law

e. Christ was the genuine while the law was the shadow - 8:5

The gifts serve as a shadow of the heavenly things
The law was just the shadow and not the image of things to come – Heb. 10:1
The gifts for the tabernacle were given to Moses by divine instruction
The gifts were for a tabernacle built according to the pattern shown to Moses
Moses was told to make certain that he followed the pattern – Ex. 25:40

2. Jesus mediates a new covenant - 8:6-9

a. Christ is the Mediator of a better covenant - 8:6

Christ has obtained a more excellent ministry
Christ has a much more excellent name – Heb. 1:4
Christ is the Mediator of a better covenant
Christ is the Mediator of the new covenant – Heb. 12:24
Christ was the Mediator of a covenant based on better promises
The new covenant promises an eternal inheritance – Heb. 9:15

b. Christ came to bring in a new covenant - 8:7

The first covenant was not faultless
The first covenant had weakness – Heb. 7:11, 18
The first covenant showed a better covenant was needed
The law could never provide righteousness – Gal. 3:19-25

c. Christ came to provide a new covenant for Israel - 8:8

The Lord found fault with the first covenant
The sacrifices could never give a clear conscience – Heb. 9:9
The Lord said that better days were coming
God said He would put His laws in their hearts – Heb. 10:16-17
The Lord said He would make a new covenant with the house of Israel
God said this new covenant would bring forgiveness of sins – Rom. 11:26-27
The Lord said He would make a new covenant with the house of Judah
God said He would make a new covenant with Israel and Judah – Jer. 31:31-34

d. Christ did not provide a covenant like the old covenant - 8:9

The Lord said this covenant would not be like the covenant in the wilderness
The covenant in the wilderness was made with the blood of animals – Heb. 9:18-22
The covenant Christ made was with His own blood – Heb. 9:12
The covenant that Christ made is able to purge our conscience – Heb. 9:4
The Lord said the Hebrews did not continue in His covenant
The people in the wilderness worshipped the whole host of heaven – Acts 7:42-43
The people did the same when they came into the land – Judges 2:20-21
The Lord said that was why He disregarded them
God said He would no longer regard their sacrifices – Amos 5:22

3. Jesus said this new covenant includes Israel - 8:10-13

a. Christ promises to write His law in the hearts of Israel - 8:10

The Lord said this is the covenant that He would make with Israel

The Lord said He would put His laws in their mind

The Lord said He would write His laws in their heart

The Lord will write His laws in their hearts and minds – Heb. 10:16-17

The Lord said that He would be their God

The Lord said that they would be His people

The Lord will refine Israel and they will become His people – Zech. 13:9

b. Christ says that all Israel will one day know Him - 8:11

The Lord said they would no longer need to teach their neighbor

The Lord said they would no longer need to teach their brother

The Lord said they would all know Him

God said all Israel would be saved – Rom. 11:26

The Lord said this was true from the least to the greatest

God said the earth would be filled with the knowledge of the Lord – Hab. 2:14

c. Christ says He will remember their sin no more - 8:12

The Lord said He would be merciful to their unrighteousness

God would be merciful and take away their sins – Rom. 11:27-32

The Lord said He would remember their sins no more

God told Israel He would blot out their transgressions – Is. 43:25

The Lord said He would remember their lawless deeds no more

God said that He would restore Israel and hear them – Zech. 10:6

d. Christ says He made the old covenant obsolete - 8:13

The Lord said He would make a new covenant

God said He would make a new covenant with Israel and Judah – Heb. 8:8

The Lord said this would make the first covenant obsolete

It was necessary for God to make a change in the law – Heb. 7:11-12, 18-19

The Lord said the first covenant was becoming old

The law was only until the time of reformation – Heb. 9:9-10

The Lord said the first covenant was ready to vanish away

We are no longer under the law – Gal. 3:24-25

B. Christ is the sacrifice of a better covenant - 9:1-28

1. God spoke of the limitations of the old covenant - 9:1-10

a. the old covenant had an earthly sanctuary - 9:1-5

1) the first covenant had the divine service – 9:1

This included ordinances of divine service
God gave Israel an earthly service – Rom. 9:4
This included an earthly sanctuary
God gave Israel an earthly sanctuary – Ex. 25:8-9

2) the first covenant had a tabernacle with furniture – 9:2

The first part of the tabernacle included the lampstand
The various pieces of furniture all represent Christ – John 8:12
The first part included the table
The first part included the showbread

3) the first covenant had a tabernacle with two parts – 9:3

The tabernacle also had a second part
The tabernacle had a part called the Holiest of All
This was where the high priest went once a year – Heb. 9:7

4) the first covenant had a place where sin was covered – 9:4

The Holiest of All had the golden censer
The Holiest of All had the ark of the covenant
the mercy seat was on top of the ark of the covenant – Ex. 25:18-22
The ark had a pot of manna in it
The ark had Aaron’s rod that budded
The ark had the ten commandments
The mercy seat only provided a covering for the law – Heb. 9:9-10

5) the first covenant had a mercy seat – 9:5

The ark had the cherubim overshadowing the mercy seat
This was the place where the blood was placed – Heb. 7:9

b. the old covenant required repeated sacrifices - 9:6-10

1) the first covenant had divine services – 9:6

The holy place had the furniture placed in it
The holy place had a priest come into it each morning and evening
The holy place was where the priest carried out the service of God
This was what Zacharias was doing – Luke 1:5-22

2) the first covenant required blood as a covering for sin – 9:7

The high priest went alone into the Holy of holies
The high priest went there only one day each year
The high priest went into the Holy of holies with blood
The high priest first took blood to cover his own sin
The high priests had to offer sacrifices for their own sins – Heb. 7:27-28
The high priest then took blood to cover the sins of the people

3) the first covenant showed that it was not complete – 9:8

The Holy Spirit was showing that the way to God was not yet revealed
Christ entered into heaven itself to put away sin – Heb. 9:24-26
The Holy Spirit could not reveal the way while the tabernacle remained
Christ established a better covenant with better promises – Heb. 8:6

4) the first covenant required both gifts and sacrifices – 9:9

The offerings were an illustration of what would come
Christ would bring His offering to heaven itself – Heb. 9:24
The offerings included both gifts and sacrifices
The offerings could not make the priest perfect
The offerings could not give the priest a clear conscience
Christ is able to cleanse our conscience – Heb. 9:14; 10:22

5) the first covenant was imposed until the time of reformation – 9:10

The offerings included various foods and drinks
The offerings included washings and ordinances
The offerings were only until the time of reformation
These things were only temporary until Christ made a new covenant – Heb. 8:7-9

2. God provided a perfect new covenant - 9:11-28

a. the new covenant was provided by the blood of Christ - 9:11-14

1) Christ entered the tabernacle not made with hands – 9:11

Christ came as High Priest of good things to come

Christ came to save us to the uttermost – Heb. 7:25

Christ has a greater and more perfect tabernacle

Christ entered into heaven itself – Heb. 9:24

Christ has a tabernacle not made with hands

Christ is the minister of the true tabernacle – Heb. 8:2

2) Christ entered that tabernacle with His own blood – 9:12

Christ did not come with the blood of goats and calves

Christ came with His own blood

Christ sanctified us with His own blood – Heb. 13:12

Christ entered the Most Holy Place once for all

Christ entered into the presence of God – Heb. 9:24-26

Christ obtained eternal redemption

Christ completed His work by one offering – Heb. 10:14

3) Christ did what other sacrifices could not do – 9:13

Blood was used to purify the flesh

Ashes were used to purify the flesh

4) Christ offered a sacrifice that is able to cleanse our conscience – 9:14

Christ came to offer His blood

The blood of Christ cleanses us from all sin – I John 1:7

Christ offered Himself through the eternal Spirit

Christ was offered to bear the sins of many – Heb. 9:28

Christ offered Himself without spot to God

Christ was without blemish or spot – Heb. 1:19

Christ is able to purge our conscience from dead works

Christ cleanses us from an evil conscience – Heb. 10:22

Christ is able to equip us to serve the living God

Christ equips us to serve God effectively – Heb. 12:28

b. the new covenant required death - 9:15-18

1) Christ made this new covenant by His death – 9:15

Christ is the Mediator of the new covenant

Christ became the Mediator of a better covenant – Heb. 8:6

Christ did this by means of His death

Christ through death destroyed him that had the power of death –Heb. 2:14

Christ did this to provide redemption from the sins of the first covenant

By the law is the knowledge of sin – Rom. 3:20

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law – Gal. 3:13

Christ did this both to be just and to be our justifier – Rom. 3:24-26

Christ did this so that we can receive the promise of the eternal inheritance

Christ came to make available the gift of eternal life –Rom. 6:23

We have a house not made with hands eternal in the heavens – II Cor. 5:1

2) Christ had to die to provide a new covenant – 9:16

A testament has no effect without death

Death is what brings the promises of a will into effect – Heb. 9:20

Christ said His blood was the blood of a new testament – Matt. 26:28

Christ said this shedding of blood provides forgiveness of sins – Heb. 9:22

A testament goes into effect at the death of the testator

Christ says we are to remember His death and shed blood – I Cor. 11:25-26

3) Christ put this covenant into force by His death – 9:17

A testament is in force after people have died

Christ had to die for the new covenant to take effect – Gal. 3:13-15

A testament has no force while the testator lives

Jacob said he had to die for the testament to take effect – Gen. 48:21-22

4) Christ replaced the first covenant – 9:18

The first testament was dedicated with blood

Moses dedicated the first covenant with blood –Ex.. 24:6-8

Moses dedicated it with the blood of animals – Ex. 24:3

The new testament (covenant) was also dedicated with blood

Christ dedicated the new covenant with His blood – Heb. 9:14

Christ obtained eternal redemption through his blood – Heb. 9:12

c. the old covenant required the shedding of blood - 9:19-22

1) the law required the shedding of blood – 9:19

Moses gave all of the commandments of God

Moses came and told the people all that God commanded – Ex. 24:3-4

Moses then took the blood of calves and goats with water

Moses sprinkled half of the blood on the altar – Ex. 24:6

However that blood could not take away sin– Heb. 10:4

Moses sprinkled both the book and the people with blood

Moses took the blood with water and sprinkled it on the people – Ex. 24:8

2) the law required blood because of the command of the Father – 9:20

Moses said that was the blood of the covenant

Those who rejected the blood faced judgment – Heb. 10:28-30

Isaiah predicted that the blood of Christ would be sprinkled – Is. 52:13-15

Peter said that many nations have been sprinkled with the blood – I Pet. 1:1-2

Moses did what God had commanded

Moses carried out the command of God – Ex. 24:8

3) the law required the sprinkling of blood on the tabernacle – 9:21

Moses sprinkled the tabernacle with blood

Moses sprinkled the tabernacle with blood – Ex. 29:10-15, 21, 36-37

Christ shed His blood for an everlasting covenant – Heb. 13:20

Moses sprinkled the blood on all of the pieces of furniture

Moses put the blood on the horns of the altar – Ex. 29:12

Moses also put blood on Aaron and his son – Ex. 29:20-21

4) the law required blood sacrifices –9:22

The shedding of blood was required by the law

The blood of the trespass offering was applied to the person – Lev. 14:14, 25

The blood was necessary to provide a covering

The blood provided protection in Egypt – Ex. 12:13

The blood of Christ made forgiveness possible

Christ came as the Lamb of God – John 1:29: 3:14-17

We have redemption and forgiveness through His blood – Eph. 1:7

The blood of Christ now cleanses us of all sin – I John 1:7

d. the new covenant has a new sanctuary - 9:23-26

1) Christ as a heavenly sacrifice was greater than an earthly sacrifice - 9:23

These things were copies of the things in the heavens

The old tabernacle provided a shadow of heavenly things – Heb. 8:5

The observances of the law were a shadow of things to come – Col. 2:17

These things had to be purified on the earth

Almost all things are by the law purged with blood – Heb. 9:22

The heavenly things also needed to be purified

Christ perfected us forever with His offering – Heb. 10:14

The heavenly things needed a better sacrifice

We had to be purified by the precious blood of Christ – I Pet. 1:17-19

2) Christ entered into the presence of the Father for us - 9:24

Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands

Christ entered the tabernacle not made with hands – Heb. 9:11

Christ did not enter a place that was a copy of the true

Moses had prepared the tabernacle that was the pattern – Heb. 8:5

Christ entered into heaven itself

Christ entered the tabernacle that the Lord pitched – Heb. 8:2

Christ entered to appear in the presence of the Father

Christ passed into the heavens – Heb. 4:4

Christ entered to present His blood for us

Christ entered heaven and sat down at the right hand of God – Heb. 10:12

3) Christ did not have to offer Himself often - 9:25

Christ did not have to offer Himself often

The priests had to offer the same sacrifices many times – Heb. 10:11

Christ offered His body one for all – Heb. 10:10

Christ did not have to follow the example of the high priest

Christ offered Himself without spot to God – Heb. 9:14

Christ perfected us forever with His sacrifice – Heb. 10:14

Christ did not have to offer a yearly sacrifice

The high priest went alone every year – Heb. 9:7

Christ offered Himself once for all – Heb. 10:10

Christ did not have to bring the blood of another

Christ entered into heaven for us with His own blood – Heb. 9:12

4) Christ put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself - 9:26

Christ would have had to suffer often to offer a yearly sacrifice

Christ did not need to offer Himself frequently – Heb. 9:11-12

Christ would have had to suffer often from the foundation of the world

Christ planned for our rest before the foundation of the world – Heb. 4:3

Christ came to offer Himself once

Christ offered one sacrifice for sins forever – Heb. 10:12

Christ came to do this in the end of the ages

Christ came in these last days – Heb. 1:2

Christ came to put away sin

Christ came to put away sin to make many righteous – Rom. 5:19

Christ came to do this by the sacrifice of Himself

Christ suffered so He could sanctify us with His own blood – Heb. 13:12

d. the new covenant removes sin and provides salvation - 9:27-28

1) death is appointed for every person - 9:27

People have an appointment with death

Adam was told that if he sinned he would die – Gen. 2:17

People will die a physical death once

Death passed on all people because of sin – Rom. 5:12

People will then face the judgment

Christians will be judged for rewards – II Cor. 5:10; I Cor 3:13-15

Unbelievers will be judged for their sins – Rev. 20:12-15

2) death was met by Christ for us - 9:28

Christ also chose to die once

Christ died for the sins of the whole world – I John 2:2

Christ also did this to purge our conscience – Heb. 9:14

Christ did this to bear the sins of many

Christ became like His brethren to be a faithful high priest – Heb. 2:17-18

Christ has a promise for those who eagerly wait for Him

Christ will take all Christians to heaven at the rapture – I Thess. 4:16-17

Christ will appear a second time apart from sin

Christ completed His work and cannot be touched with sin – Heb. 4:15

Christ will appear a second time for salvation

Christ said He would come again – John 14:3

C. Christ is the eternal sacrifice of a better covenant - 10:1-18

1. God said the old covenant never made anyone perfect - 10:1-4

a. the sacrifices did not make anyone perfect - 10:1

The law was a shadow of good things to come

The things on earth are only a shadow of the heavenly – Heb. 8:5

The law was not the very image of those things

Christ is the only One that is the image – Heb. 10:11-15

The law can never be completed with sacrifices

The sacrifices did not even make the priest perfect – Heb. 9:9

The law and the sacrifices will never make anyone perfect

The Law could not make anyone perfect – Heb. 9:6-8

b. the sacrifices did not remove sin from the conscience - 10:2

If sacrifices made people perfect they would cease to be offered

The one offering of Christ is the only offering that could do this – Heb. 10:12

If sacrifices made people perfect, they would be purged of their sins

The blood of Christ is what purges our conscience – Heb. 9:14

If sacrifices made people perfect, they would have no more consciousness of sins

The sacrifices did not even make the one that offered them perfect – Heb. 9:9

c. the sacrifices were a continuing reminder of sin - 10:3

The sacrifices forced people to remember

The people were continually reminded of sin – Heb. 9:6-7

The sacrifices reminded people of their sins

The sacrifices did not purge the conscience – Heb. 9:14

The sacrifices reminded them every year

The people had this reminder every year – Heb. 9:7

d. the sacrifices could not take away sin - 10:4

The sacrifices included both bulls and goats

The priests offered both bulls and goats as sacrifices – Heb. 9:12

The sacrifices could not take away sin

The sacrifices could never take away sin – Heb. 10:11

Christ is the Lamb of God that takes away sin – John 1:29

2. God sanctified us through Christ once for all - 10:5-10

a. Christ knew the Father had prepared a body for Him - 10:5-6

Christ said what the Father desired when he came into the world

Christ spoke the doctrine of the One that sent Him – John 7:16

Christ said that the Father did not want sacrifices and offerings

The sacrifices were only until the time of reformation – Heb. 9:10

Christ said that the Father had prepared a body for Him

Christ came to redeem us from the curse of the law – Gal. 4:4

Christ knew the Father could not be satisfied with sacrifices

Christ came to be the sacrifice that the Father could accept – Heb. 9:11-15

b. Christ came to do the will of the Father - 10:7

**Christ explained why He came
Christ came to do the will of the Father**

c. Christ knew the Father wanted more than the law required - 10:8

The Father did not want sacrifices and offerings

True sacrifices are offered with a contrite heart – Psalm 51:17

The Father did not have pleasure in sacrifices and offerings

God did not want their empty sacrifices – Is. 1:11-15

The Father required those because of the law

Sacrifices were necessary until the coming of Christ – Heb. 9:11

d. Christ chose to come to establish the way to the Father - 10:9

Christ came to do the will of the Father

Christ came to do the will of the Father – Psalm 40:6-9

Christ came to take away the first and establish the second

Christ brought in a better hope so that we can draw near to God – Heb. 7:18-19

e. Christ offered Himself once for all - 10:10

Christ has sanctified us through the offering of His body

Christ perfected us forever by His offering – Heb. 10:14

Christ has done this once for all

Christ appeared once to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself – Heb. 9:26

3. God said that Christ has perfected us forever - 10:11-14

a. Christ knew the sacrifices could never take away sin - 10:11

The priests ministered daily

The priests offered up sacrifices daily – Heb. 7:27

The priests offered the same sacrifices repeatedly

The priests had to offer sacrifices day by day continually – Ex. 29:38-39

The priests offered sacrifices that could never take away sin

These sacrifices could not make anyone perfect – Heb. 9:9

Christ is the Lamb of God that takes away sin – John 1:29

b. Christ offered one sacrifice for sins forever - 10:12

Christ offered one sacrifice for sins

Christ gave Himself for us – Titus 2:14

Christ offered one sacrifice forever

Christ obtained eternal redemption – Heb. 9:12

Christ sat down at the right hand of God

Christ sat down at the right hand of the Father – Acts 2:29-35

Christ is seated on the right hand of the Majesty in the heavens – Heb. 8:1

c. Christ is waiting for His enemies to become His footstool - 10:13

Christ is waiting for the judgment of His enemies

Christ will subdue all things under His feet – I Cor. 15:25-28

Christ knows that His enemies will become His footstool

The Father promised the enemies would become a footstool – Psalm 110:1

Christ will make His enemies His footstool – Heb. 1:13

d. Christ has perfected us forever - 10:14

Christ perfected us with one offering forever

Christ offered Himself once to redeem us – Heb. 9:12

Christ died for us to justify us by His blood – Rom. 5:8-9

Christ perfected all those who are being sanctified

The sacrifices of the priests could not perfect anyone – Heb. 10:1

The sacrifice of Christ perfected us once for all – Heb. 7:25

The sacrifice of Christ made it possible to draw near to God – Heb. 7:19

The sacrifice of Christ made it possible for us to come with boldness – Heb. 4:14-16

4. God will never again hold our sins against us - 10:15-18

a. the Holy Spirit witnesses to us - 10:15

The Holy Spirit witnesses through the Word

The Holy Spirit confirmed the message of the apostles – Heb. 2:3-4
The Holy Spirit spoke to Israel about the time in the wilderness – Heb. 3:7-11
The Holy Spirit showed that Israel could not yet enter the holiest – Heb. 9:8

The Holy Spirit witnesses to us through the Word

The Holy Spirit moved men to give us the Word of God – II Pet. 1:19-21
The Holy Spirit teaches us through the Word – John 14:26
The Holy Spirit gives us spiritual understanding – I Cor. 2:14
The Holy Spirit testified about the sufferings of Christ – I Pet. 1:11-12

b. the Holy Spirit is writing Christ's laws in our hearts - 10:16

Christ said He would make a new covenant

This covenant was explained by Jeremiah – Jer. 31:31-34
This covenant was received through Christ – Heb. 8:8-12
The covenant will be fulfilled in the future – Rom. 11:26-32

Christ said He would write His laws in our hearts

God told Israel He would write His laws in their hearts – Jer. 31:33

Christ said He will write His laws in our minds

God said He would put His laws in the minds of Israel – Heb. 8:10

c. the Holy Spirit reminds us our sins are no longer held against us - 10:17

Christ takes care of our sins and lawless deeds

Christ casts all of our sins into the depths of the sea – Micah 7:19

Christ says that He will remember them no more

God promised Israel He would remember their sins no more – Jer. 31:34
Christ says He will remember our sins no more – Heb. 8:12

d. the Holy Spirit reminds us we do not need another offering for sin - 10:18

Christ says that there is forgiveness of sins

Repentance results in the forgiveness of sins – Acts 2:38
Christ says that sins forgiven no longer need an offering
Sins that are purged are removed – Heb. 10:2
Christ perfected us forever by His one offering – Heb. 10:14

IV. The Lord Jesus Christ has called Believers to a Life of Faith - 10:19-12:29

A. Christ calls people to a life of faith - 10:10-39

1. the description of true saving faith - 10:19-25

a. true faith brings us into the presence of God - 10:19-22

1) Christ has given us boldness to enter the Holiest - 10:19

Christ has given us boldness

We are able to come boldly to the throne of grace – Heb. 4:16

Christ has made it possible for us to enter the Holiest

Christ entered the Holiest to speak to God for us – Heb. 9:23-25

We now have access by the Spirit to the Father – Eph. 2:18

Christ has done this by His blood

Christ presented his own blood to the Father – Heb. 9:12

2) Christ has provided a new and living way - 10:20

Christ has brought us through the veil of separation

Christ made it possible for us to enter within the veil – Heb. 6:19

Christ has done this by His flesh

The veil of the temple was ripped from top to bottom – Matt. 27:51

3) Christ is a High Priest over the house of God - 10:21

We have a High Priest

We have a High Priest that is over the house of God

4) Christ wants us to draw near in faith - 10:22

We are to draw near with a true heart

Christ gave us a better hope by which we can draw near – Heb. 7:19

We are to draw near in full assurance of faith

God wants us to draw near with a full assurance of faith – Heb. 6:11

We are to realize our hearts have been sprinkled from an evil conscience

Christ washed us and the Holy Spirit is renewing us – Titus 3:5-6

We are to realize our bodies have been washed with pure water

We are to cleanse ourselves from all filthiness – II Cor. 7:1

b. true faith equips us to minister to one another - 10:23-25

1) Christ wants us to hold fast to our hope - 10:23

We are to hold fast the confession of our hope

We are to hold fast and rejoice in this hope – Heb. 3:6

We are to realize this hope is an anchor for our soul – Heb. 6:19

We are not to waver

We are not to waver when temptation comes – I Cor. 10:13

We are not to waver when persecution comes – II Tim. 3:12

We are to realize that the One who promised us is faithful

The One that called us is faithful – I Thess. 5:24

2) Christ wants us to stir one another up to love and good works - 10:24

We are to consider one another

We are to encourage one another daily – Heb. 3:13

We are not to cause a brother to stumble – I Cor. 8:12-13

We are to stir up love

We are to love one another fervently with a pure heart – I Pet. 1:22

We are to show our love by ministering to one another – Heb. 6:10-11

We are to stir up good works

We are to let our light shine by our good works – Matt. 5:16

We are to look for opportunities to do good – Gal. 6:10

3) Christ wants to get together and encourage one another - 10:25

We are to assemble ourselves together

We are to meet together as a church – Acts 11:25

We are to learn to function as a body – Eph. 4:15-16

We are not to follow the bad example of some

Such individuals do not grow together – Eph. 2:21-22

We are to encourage one another

We are to continue to encourage one another – Heb. 3:12-14

We are to do even more

We are to get together for fellowship and Bible study – Acts 2:42

We to encourage and build up one another – I Thess. 5:11

We are to look forward to the day that is approaching

We are to be looking for the coming of the Lord – I Thess. 4:13-18

We look for the day when Christ will be glorified with His saints – II Thess. 1:10

2. the description of a false faith - 10:26-39

a. false faith will bring eternal judgment - 10:26-29

1) the Hebrews are warned of the danger of continually rejecting - 10:26

We are not to willfully continue to live in sin

Those who sinned willfully in the Old Testament were to be cut off – Num. 15:27-31

Those who sinned willfully were judged – Deut. 17:12

We have received the knowledge of the truth

Those who heard and rejected had received knowledge – II Pet. 2:20-21

We have no other sacrifice if we reject Christ

There is no other sacrifice for those that reject Christ – Heb. 6:4-6

2) the Hebrews are warned to fear eternal judgment - 10:27

We will have a certain fearful expectation of judgment

There is no escape for those that neglect salvation – Heb. 2:3; 12:25

We will have a certain fearful expectation of fiery indignation

There is a fiery judgment for the ungodly – II Pet. 3:7; Rev. 20:15

We know this judgment will devour the adversaries

They will experience the wrath of God – I Thess. 2:14-16

3) the Hebrews have seen the results of rejection in the past - 10:28

Those who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy

Those who rejected were to be put to death – Deut. 17:2-5

Those who rejected must have two or three witnesses

There were to be two or three witnesses – Deut. 17:6-7

4) the Hebrews who reject Christ will face great judgment - 10:29

Those who reject Christ will have a worse punishment

Those who reject Him that spoke from heaven face greater judgment – Heb. 12:25

Those who reject Christ are trampling the Son of God under foot

Those put Christ to open shame – Heb. 6:6

Those who reject Christ have said His blood is nothing

Those reject the blood of Christ's covenant – Heb. 9:12, 20

Those who reject Christ have insulted the Spirit of grace

Those have rejected the ministry of the Holy Spirit – John 16:8-11

b. false faith was what the Jews had in former days - 10:30-35

1) the Hebrews are warned that God will judge His people - 10:30-31

Those who reject Christ will experience God's vengeance

God says vengeance is His and He will repay – Rom. 12:19

Those who reject Christ will be judged by God

God will judge all that reject Christ – Rev. 21:8

Those who reject Christ fall into the hands of the living God

Those who reject can expect fiery judgment – Heb. 10:27

2) the Hebrews are reminded of the former days - 10:32-33

The people were to remember how they learned the truth

The early believers had all started in the Spirit – Gal. 3:3-4

The people had then endured great suffering

The early believers had endured great persecution - Acts 8:1-3

The people had been wrongly treated themselves

They had suffered themselves – I Thess. 2:14

The people had seen others wrongly treated

People had shared in the afflictions of others – Phil. 4:14

3) the Hebrews had shown compassion to the writer - 10:34

The Hebrews had compassion on the writer

The Hebrews were encouraged to have compassion for others in bonds – Heb. 13:3

The Hebrews had accepted joyfully the plundering of their goods

The Hebrews had faced many trials – Acts 5:41; Jam. 1:2

The Hebrews knew that they had a better possession

We can look forward to an incorruptible inheritance – I Pet. 1:4

The Hebrews knew that they had an enduring possession

We are all encouraged to lay up treasure in heaven – Matt. 6:19-20

4) the Hebrews are warned not to cast away what they had - 10:35

The Hebrews were told not to cast away their confidence

The Hebrews had boldness in Christ – Heb. 10:19

The Hebrews could look forward to great reward

The Lord has a great reward for those who follow Him – Heb. 11:26

The Lord has a great reward for those that are faithful – II Tim. 4:7-8

c. false faith causes people to draw back from God - 10:36-39

1) the Hebrews are to remember the promise - 10:36

The Hebrews needed endurance

We are told to run the race with patience – Heb. 12:1-2

The Hebrews are encouraged to continue to do the will of God

We are to follow the example of Christ and do the will of the Father – John 6:38

We are to follow the example of Christ and do the work of the Father – John 17:4

The Hebrews could know they would receive the promise

We can look forward to the promise of an eternal inheritance – Heb. 9:15

2) the Hebrews are reminded that the Lord will come - 10:37

The Hebrews were reminded that there was only a little while

The Lord keeps time differently than we keep time – II Pet. 3:9

The Lord says that He is coming quickly – Rev. 22:20

The Hebrews were reminded that the Lord is coming

The day when the Lord is coming is approaching – Heb. 10:25

The Hebrews were reminded that the Lord will not wait

Christ said that He is coming quickly – Rev. 21:12

3) the Hebrews are warned not to draw back - 10:38

The Hebrews were reminded that the just shall live by faith

The just live by faith – Hab. 2:4

The Hebrews were encouraged not to draw back

Those who draw back have no other sacrifice – Heb. 10:26

The Hebrews were reminded the Lord has no pleasure in those that draw back

Those who draw back have no other way to be saved – Heb. 6:4-6

4) the Hebrews had been given an example of those that believe - 10:39

The writer said they were not of those that draw back to perdition

The writer was persuaded better things of the Hebrews – Heb. 6:9

The writer said they were those that believe to the saving of the soul

Christ would perform what He had begun in them – Phil. 1:6

Those who believe have the Holy Spirit within them – I John 2:24

Those who come to Christ will not be rejected – John 6:37

Those who believe will never be separated from the love of Christ – Rom. 8:38-39

B. Christ gives examples of Old Testament faith - 11:1-40

1. the description of faith - 11:1-3

a. faith is knowing that God will keep His promises - 11:1

Faith is the exact image of things hoped for
Faith is the persuasion that God will do as He says – Heb. 11:13
Faith is the evidence of things not yet seen
Faith is the gift of God based of His promise – Eph. 2:8

b. faith resulted in witness about the elders - 11:2

Faith worked in the lives of those in the past
Some of the elders are listed in this chapter – Heb. 11:4-39
Faith caused them to receive a good testimony
These all believed by faith even though they had not seen the promises – Heb. 11:29

c. faith causes us to understand how God formed the creation - 11:3

We understand the way that the worlds were formed by faith
Christ made all things that the Father desired – John 1:3
We understand that the worlds were framed by God
God made the worlds complete to fulfill His purpose – Heb. 13:21
We understand that the worlds were formed by His Word
God spoke and it happened – Gen. 1:3, 6, 9, 14, 20, 24, 26
We understand that the world is made of things not seen
God calls things that are not as though they were – Rom. 4:17
We understand that the world is made of things that do not appear

2. the example of the faith of Abel - 11:4

Abel showed faith by a more excellent sacrifice
Christ speaks of even better things than Abel – Heb. 12:24
Abel received witness that he was righteous
Abel had his works declared righteous – I John 3:11-12
Abel had his gift accepted by God
Abel brought a gift of the firstlings of the flock – Gen. 4:4
Abel had a faith that still speaks even though he is dead
People continue to hear of the faith of Abel – Gen. 4:1-9

3. the example of the faith of Enoch - 11:5-6

a. faith caused Enoch to go to heaven without dying - 11:5

Enoch had faith and was taken to heaven

Enoch walked with God – Gen. 5:22

Enoch did not experience death

Enoch also spoke for God – Jude 14

Enoch was taken by God

Enoch was taken by God – Gen. 5:24

Enoch had the testimony that he pleased God

Enoch gave us an example by pleasing God – Heb. 13:21

b. faith is the only thing that will please God - 11:6

We cannot please God without faith

People cannot enter God's rest without faith – Heb. 3:18-19

We must come to God

We can only come to God through Christ – John 14:6

We must believe that God is

We must worship Him in spirit and in truth – John 4:24

We must believe that God rewards people

We see that God rewards faith – Heb. 11:26

We must believe that God rewards those that diligently seek Him

We will be rewarded if we seek God and His righteousness – Matt. 6:33

4. the example of the faith of Noah - 11:7

Noah was warned about something that had not happened

Noah acted in faith when God spoke – Gen. 6:13-22

Noah was moved with fear when God warned him

Noah did all that God commanded him – Gen. 6:22

None of the others listened to the warning of God – Matt. 24:37-38

Noah built an ark that saved his family

God waited until Noah finished the ark – I Pet. 3:20

Noah built an ark that condemned the world

God gave a final seven days for men to repent – Gen. 7:10

God destroyed all when He brought judgment – Luke 17:26-27

Noah became an heir of righteousness

Noah was a preacher of righteousness – II Pet. 2:5

5. the example of the faith of Abraham and Sarah - 11:8-19

a. Abraham and Sarah showed faith by looking for a better city - 11:8-10

1) Abraham went to a new land by faith - 11:8

Abraham was called to leave his home

Abraham obeyed when God told him to leave his country – Acts 7:2-4

Abraham was called to go to a place he would receive as an inheritance

Abraham believed the promises of God – Heb. 6:13

Abraham obeyed and went

Abraham went to the land that God had promised him – Gen. 12:6-8

Abraham did not know where he was going

Abraham expected God to show him that land by faith – Acts 7:3

2) Abraham lived in tents by faith - 11:9

Abraham lived in the land of promise

Abraham received an oath from God – Luke 1:73; Gen. 15: 1-21

Abraham was living as in a foreign country

Abraham had not received the inheritance – Acts 7:5

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob lived in tents

They all lived in tents – Gen. 18:9; 26:17; 35:21

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob all received the same promise

Abraham was promised the land – Gen. 15:18

Isaac was promised the land – Gen. 26:3

Jacob was promised the land – Gen. 28:13

3) Abraham looked for a heavenly city - 11:10

Abraham looked for a different kind of city

Abraham was looking for the heavenly Jerusalem – Heb. 12:22

Abraham looked for a kingdom that could not be moved – Heb. 12:28

Abraham looked for a city with different foundations

Abraham looked for a city where God provided the foundations – Rev. 21:14

Abraham looked for a city whose builder was God

Abraham looked for a place prepared by God – John 14:2

Abraham looked for a city whose maker was God

Abraham looked for an eternal city – II Cor. 5:1

Abraham looked for a city that came from God – Rev. 21:2, 10

b. Abraham and Sarah showed faith by having a son - 11:11-14

1) Abraham received Isaac by faith - 11:11

Abraham saw Sarah receive strength to conceive a child

Sarah received strength to conceive – Gen. 21:2

Abraham saw Sarah give birth to a child

Sarah gave birth at ninety – Gen. 21:6

Abraham saw this happen after childbearing age

Abraham was 100 and Sarah was 90 – Gen. 17:17-19

Abraham believed that God was faithful to His promise

Abraham believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness – Rom. 4:3

2) Abraham had many descendants by faith - 11:12

Abraham saw many come from that one

Abraham had descendants like the stars of the sky

Abraham was promised descendants in number like the stars – Gen. 22:17

Abraham had descendants like the sand on the seashore

3) Abraham had many follow that had his faith - 11:13

Abraham and his family died in faith

They believed the promises – Gen. 48:21; 50:24-26

Abraham and his family had not yet received the promises

Abraham and his family had only seen the promises afar off

They receive witness but not the promises – Heb. 11:39-40

Abraham and his family were assured of the promises

Abraham believed what God had said – Acts 7:5

Abraham and his family embraced the promises

They believed the promises by faith – Gen. 21:1-6

Abraham and his family saw themselves as strangers and pilgrims

We are strangers on earth but saints in the household of God – Eph. 2:19

4) Abraham had descendants that looked for a heavenly city - 11:14

Abraham and his family showed faith by their actions

We also wait with patience for the hope that we have – Rom. 8:23-25

Abraham and his family looked for a homeland

We also seek the city to come – Heb. 13:14

c. Abraham showed faith when he was tested - 11:15-19

1) Abraham chose to remain in the new land by faith - 11:15

Abraham could have thought about the land from which he came
Abraham did not think about Ur when famine came – Gen. 12:10
Abraham could have looked for an opportunity to return
Abraham did not even give Isaac an opportunity to return – Gen. 24:6-8

2) Abraham and his descendants have a city prepared for them – 11:16

Abraham desired a better country
Abraham was looking for the homeland that God promised – Heb. 11:14
Abraham desired a heavenly country
Abraham was looking for the city of the living God – Heb. 12:22
Abraham was recognized by God
Abraham was given a great promise by God – Gen. 22:16-18
Abraham had a city prepared for him
God has provided better promises – Heb. 11:35, 40

3) Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice by faith - 11:17

Abraham was tested by God
God tested the faith of Abraham – Gen. 22:1-2
Abraham offered up Isaac
Abraham placed his son on the altar – Gen. 22:9
Abraham had received the promises of God
God said He would establish His covenant with Isaac – Gen. 17:19
Abraham offered his son

4) Abraham believed in the resurrection by faith - 11:18-19

Abraham knew what God had promised
Abraham knew that Isaac would come back with him – Gen. 22:5
Abraham knew that the promises would be fulfilled in Isaac
God said the promises would be fulfilled in Isaac – Gen. 17:19
Abraham knew that God could raise Isaac from the dead
Abraham had seen God work in the past – Heb. 11:11
Abraham received back Isaac as from the dead
Abraham was provided with another sacrifice by God – Gen. 22:10-14

6. the example of the faith of Isaac - 11:20

Isaac blessed Jacob about things to come

Isaac gave Jacob the blessing – Gen. 27:27-29; 28:1-4

Isaac blessed Esau about things to come

Isaac gave Esau a blessing that told of his future – 27:38-41

7. the example of the faith of Jacob - 11:21

Jacob gave a blessing when he was dying

Jacob gave a blessing to each of his sons – Gen. 49:1-27

Jacob blessed both of the sons of Joseph

Jacob gave a blessing to both sons – Gen. 48:13-22

Jacob worshipped God as he was dying

Jacob looked to the promises God had given – Gen. 47:29-30

Jacob worshipped God leaning on his staff

This happened as he spoke to Joseph – Gen. 47:31

8. the example of faith of Joseph - 11:22

Joseph showed his faith both in life and at death

Joseph showed his faith during his life – Gen. 50:15-21

Joseph showed his faith at his death – Gen. 50:24-25

Joseph spoke of the time when Israel would leave Egypt

Joseph said God would visit Israel – Gen. 50:25

Joseph gave commandment concerning his bones

The people obeyed this commandment – Josh. 24:32

9. the example of faith of the parents of Moses - 11:23

The parents of Moses had faith when Moses was born

The parents looked to the Lord as their helper – Heb. 13:6

The parents of Moses hid him for three months

Moses was hidden by his parents for three months – Acts 7:20

The parents of Moses saw he was a beautiful child

Moses was recognized as a beautiful child by his parents – Ex. 2:2

The parents of Moses were not afraid of the commandment of the king

The king commanded that all Hebrew boys should be killed – Ex. 1:16-22

The parent made a plan to save Moses – Ex. 2:3-10

The Lord preserved Moses through that plan – Acts 7:21

10. the example of the faith of Moses - 11:24-29

a. Moses refused to be called the grandson of Pharoah by faith - 11:24

Moses came to the age of maturity
Moses refused to be called the son of Pharoah's daughter
Moses chose to identify with Israel – Acts 7:21-25

b. Moses chose to suffer by faith - 11:25-26

Moses chose to suffer affliction with the people of God
Moses was forced to flee because of his choice – Ex. 2:11-15
Moses chose to reject the pleasures of sin that last only for a season
Moses chose the reproach of Christ
Moses felt pleasing Christ was better than riches
Moses was obedient to God – Acts 7:33-37
Moses was looking to the future reward

c. Moses saw Him that is invisible by faith - 11:27

Moses left Egypt by faith
Moses was trusting God as he left Egypt – Ex. 12:31-37
Moses did not fear the anger of the king
Moses was obedient to God – Ex. 10:28-29
Moses endured because he saw Him that is invisible
God is the One that is invisible – Col. 1:15

d. Moses kept the Passover by faith - 11:28

Moses kept the Passover by faith
Moses kept the Passover as God commanded – Ex. 12:3-14
Moses put blood on the doors by faith
Moses spoke and told the people what God would do – Ex. 12:21-28

e. Moses crossed the Red Sea by faith - 11:29

Moses passed through the Red Sea by faith
Moses led the people through the Red Sea by faith – Ex. 14:13-22
Moses saw the Egyptians destroyed by faith
Moses saw the Egyptians destroyed by God – Ex. 14:23-31

11. the example of the faith of Joshua - 11:30

Joshua walked around the walls of Jericho by faith
Joshua saw God give victory over Jericho – Josh. 6:1-24
Joshua saw the wall fall on the seventh day

12. the example of the faith of Rahab - 11:31

Rahab was a harlot
Rahab did not perish with those that did not believe
Rahab saved her family by faith – Josh. 2:1-22; 6:25
Rahab had received the spies by faith

13. the example of many other heroes of faith - 11:32-40

a. many heroes were made strong in weakness - 11:32-34

1) the Lord lists many heroes of faith - 11:32

The Lord speaks of the faith of Gideon – Judges 6:1-8:32
The Lord speaks of the faith of Barak – Judges 4:1-5:31
The Lord speaks of the faith of Samson – Judges 13:1-16:31
The Lord speaks of the faith of Jephthah – Judges 11:1-12:7
The Lord speaks of the faith of David – I Sam. 16:12-I Kings 2:11
The Lord speaks of the faith of Samuel – I Sam. 1:9-25:1
The Lord speaks of the faith of the prophets

2) the Lord tells how they showed faith - 11:33-34

These subdued kingdoms through faith
These worked righteousness through faith
These obtained promises through faith
These stopped the mouths of lions through faith
God shut the mouths of the lions – Dan. 6:4-23
These quenched the violence of fire through faith
Christ was with the friends of Daniel – Dan. 3:1-28
These escaped the edge of the sword through faith
These were made strong in weakness
These became valiant in fight
These turned to flight the armies of aliens

b. many heroes suffered greatly - 11:35-37

1) many were tortured and killed - 11:35

**Some had their dead raised back to life
Some were tortured without accepting deliverance
Some looked forward to a better resurrection**

2) many experienced suffering and bondage - 11:36

**Some were tried and scourged
Some received bonds and imprisonment**

3) many suffered in other ways - 11:37

**Some were stoned
Some were sawed in two
Some were killed with the sword
Some wandered around in sheep or goat skins
Some had nothing
Some were afflicted and tormented**

c. many heroes could only wait in faith - 11:38-40

1) these received the promise by faith - 11:38-39

**The world was not worthy of these heroes of faith
Some wandered in the deserts and the mountains
Some lived in dens and caves of the earth
These all received witness of their faith
God has given witness of their faith – Heb. 11:1-40
These all had faith although they had not received the promises
These were all seeking the heavenly Jerusalem – Hebrews 12:22-24**

2) these did not see the result of their faith - 11:40

**God has provided an even greater reward for us
All who are saved after the resurrection have a greater privilege – Luke 7:28
God said they could not be made perfect apart from us
They had to wait until Christ took away sin – John 1:29**

C. Christ calls believers to live by faith - 12:1-29

1. faith causes us to look to Jesus - 12:1-4

a. faith equips us to run the race - 12:1

We have a great cloud of witness

Some of these witness are listed for us – Heb. 11:1-40

We are to lay aside every weight

We are to cast off the works of darkness – Rom. 13:11-14

We are to lay aside the sin that easily ensnares us

We can easily be deceived if we allow unbelief to control – Heb. 3:12

We are to run the race with patience

We are to follow the example of Paul – I Cor. 9:1-27

We each have a race set before us

b. faith causes us to look to Jesus - 12:2

We are to look to Jesus

We know Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith

Christ made it possible for us to draw near to God – Heb. 7:19

We know that for joy Christ endured the cross

Christ chose to endure the cross for us – Heb. 10:5-12

We know that Christ despised the shame

Christ committed Himself to Him that judges righteously – I Pet. 2:23

We know that Christ is sitting at the right hand of the throne of God

c. faith causes us to follow the example of Christ in suffering - 12:3

They were to look at the example of Christ who endured hostility for us

Christ was obedient even to death on a cross – Phil. 2:5-8

They were not to become weary or faint in our minds

We are not to be weary with well doing – Gal. 6:9

d. faith had not yet caused those who read this letter to die - 12:4

They had not yet shed our blood for Christ

They had not suffered like the Old Testament people of faith – Heb. 11:33-37

They were to strive (fight) against sin

They were to earnestly contend for the faith – Jude 3-4

2. faith causes us to accept discipline - 12:5-13

a. God disciplines out of love - 12:5-8

1) the Lord may discipline us at times - 12:5

We are to remember the exhortation that God has given us

We realize the Lord loves us when He corrects us – Prov. 3:11-12

We are not to despise the chastening of the Lord

We are chastened by the Lord so we will not be condemned – I Cor. 11:32

We are not to get discouraged when we are rebuked by Him

We are to realize the grace of the Lord is sufficient – II Cor 9:11-12

2) the Lord will discipline us in love - 12:6

The Lord loves those that He disciplines

God will discipline sin but He will not depart – II Sam. 7:14

The Lord loves those that He chastens

God chastens us as a loving father – Deut. 8:5

The Lord scourges every son that He receives

David was miserable until he confessed his sin – Ps. 32:1-5

3) the Lord disciplines us to strengthen us - 12:7

God is dealing with us as sons when He disciplines us

The father disciplines his son while there is hope – Prov. 19:18

God is like a father concerned enough to discipline his son

The father that loves disciplines his son – Prov. 13:24

4) the Lord does not discipline those who are not sons - 12:8

Some do not receive discipline

People that seek to follow the law cannot be justified – Gal. 2:16

Some have not experienced what we have experienced

Those under the law face judgment not discipline – Gal. 3:10

Some are being treated like illegitimate sons rather than sons

Hagar was chased away when Ishmael was conceived – Gen. 16:6-8

Hagar and Ishmael were later cast out – Gen. 21:9-21

God said Hagar pictured those who are still under the law – Gal. 4:21-31

Those who follow the law will be judged by their works – Rev. 20:12-13

b. God disciplines us to produce the fruit of righteousness in us - 12:9-13

1) the Father desires our submission - 12:9

We had human fathers that corrected us
They disciplined us because they were our fathers – Heb. 12:7
We paid respect to these human fathers
We are to be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live

2) the Father disciplines us for our own profit - 12:10

Human fathers gave the discipline that seemed the best to them
Fathers are not to provoke their children to wrath – Eph. 6:4
God disciplines us for our own benefit
God disciplines us in love – Heb. 12:5-6
God does this so we can be partakers of His holiness
God wants to produce godly living – II Cor. 1:12

3) the Father produces righteousness through discipline - 12:11

Discipline is not joyful at the present moment
The Lord disciplines us so that we can live – Psalm 118:17-18
Discipline is painful when it happens
Discipline is grievous to those that forsake the way – Prov. 15:10
Discipline produces the fruit of righteousness
The fruit of righteousness is the result of godly wisdom – Jam. 3:17-18
Discipline trains those who receive it
We are to learn to discern good and evil – Heb. 5:14

4) the Father encourages us to lift up our hands - 12:12

We are to strengthen our hands that hang down
We are to strengthen our feeble knees

5) the Father encourages us to endure - 12:13

We are to make straight paths for our feet
We do not want what is lame to be dislocated
We want it to be healed instead
We are to restore one another – Gal. 6:1

3. faith causes us to practice holy living - 12:14-17

a. we are to be holy in our living - 12:14

We are to pursue peace with all people

We are to love one another as Christ has loved us – John 13:34-35

We are to do good to all men– Gal. 6:10

We are to pursue holiness so we can see God

We are to be holy in every part of our lives – I Pet. 1:15-16

b. we are not to allow a root of bitterness to spring up - 12:15

We are to pay close attention

We are to be vigilant because we have an adversary – I Pet. 5:8-9

We are to make sure we do not fall short of the grace of God

We do not want to come short of the rest of God – Heb. 4:1

We are not to let a root of bitterness spring us in our lives

We are to put away all bitterness and anger – Eph. 4:30-32

We are not to let a root of bitterness cause trouble

Bitterness is earthly, sensual and demonical – Jam. 3:13-14

We are not to defile others with our bitterness

Bitterness causes people to speak words that destroy – Rom. 3:14

c. we are not to follow the values of Esau - 12:16

Esau is called a fornicator

Fornicators will be judged by God – Heb. 13:4

Esau is called a profane person

The law shows that a profane person is condemned – I Tim. 1:9-10

Esau sold his birthright for a piece of food

Esau sold his birthright (spiritual leadership) for a bowl of stew – Gen. 25:27-34

d. we are to seek the blessing of God - 12:17

Esau later wanted to inherit the blessing

Esau wanted the blessing with its earthly benefits – Gen. 27:31-41

Esau never reached a point of repentance

Esau never recovered himself out of the snare of the devil – II Tim. 25-26

Esau tried to repent in his own way with tears

Esau wanted his father to bless him also – Gen. 27:38

4. faith is not received through the law - 12;18-21

a. God told Israel in the wilderness not to touch the mountain - 12:18

We are not coming to the mountain that was not to be touched

The people were not to touch the mountain while the law was given – Ex. 19:12-13

We are not coming to the mountain that burned with fire

The people saw the mountain filled with smoke – Ex. 19:14-19

We are not coming to the mountain that had blackness, darkness and tempest

The people moved from the mountain and saw the blackness – Ex. 20:18-21

b. God spoke to Israel so that they heard Him - 12:19

We are not coming to the mountain where the trumpet was heard

The people heard the sound of a loud trumpet – Ex. 19:16

We are not coming to the mountain where the people heard the voice of God

God spoke and gave the Ten Commandments – Ex. 20:1-17

We are not coming to the mountain where the people no longer wanted to hear

The people did not want to hear God speak – Deut. 5:24-27

c. God said any who touched the mountain would be killed - 12:20

Those people could not endure what was commanded

There was not one person that kept the law – Rom. 3:19-20

No person can be justified by the works of the law – Gal. 2:10

All those that follow the law are cursed – Gal. 3:10

Those people were told what to do if even an animal touched the mountain

They were to be put to death – Ex. 19:12

Those people were to stone or shoot the animal with an arrow

They were to be stoned or shot through – Ex. 19:13

d. God even caused Moses to have a great fear - 12:21

Moses saw the mountain as a terrifying sight

The voice was exceedingly loud and the people were terrified – Ex. 19:16, 19

Moses stood between God and the people – Deut. 5:4-5

Moses was filled with fear and trembling

Moses said he was afraid of the anger of the Lord – Deut. 9:19

The judgments of God bring fear – Psalm 119:120

The holiness of God brings fear – Is. 6:3-5; Rev. 1:17

5. faith is received through Jesus, our Mediator - 12:22-24

a. we are to come to the heavenly Jerusalem - 12:22

We are to come to Mount Zion

Christ will be the king on Mount Zion – Psalm 2:6

We are to come to the city of the living God

God is the Maker of this city – Heb. 11:10

We are to come to the heavenly Jerusalem

This is the Jerusalem that is above – Gal. 4:26

We are to come to the city with innumerable angels

There will be an innumerable number of angels – Rev. 5:11-12

b. we can look forward to a great gathering - 12:23

We are to come to the general assembly

Christ has made us a glorious church – Eph. 5:24-27

We are to come to the church of the firstborn

God begot us with the word of truth – Jam. 1:16-18

We are to be among those registered in heaven

Only those in the book of life will enter heaven – Rev. 21:27

We are to come to God who is the Judge of all

God is the Judge of all the earth – Gen. 18:25

We are to come to the One that makes just spirits perfect

We are made the righteousness of God in Christ – II Cor. 5:21

c. we have a mediator of a new covenant - 12:24

We are to come to Jesus

Christ has become the surety of a better covenant – Heb. 7:22

We are to recognize that Jesus is the Mediator of the new covenant

Christ is the only Mediator between God and man – I Tim. 2:5

Christ is the Mediator of a better covenant – Heb. 8:6

Christ came to be the Mediator of a new covenant – Heb. 8:8

Christ came to be Mediator to give us an eternal inheritance Heb. 9:15

We are to come to the blood that He sprinkled

Christ sanctified the people with His own blood – Heb. 13:12

We are to come to the blood that speaks better than the blood of Abel

Abel offered an excellent sacrifice – Heb. 11:4

Christ offered the blood of an everlasting covenant – Heb. 13:20

6. faith causes us to serve God with reverence and godly fear - 12:25-29

a. we are not to turn away from God when He speaks - 12:25

God is not to be rejected when he speaks

The Word of God lives and abides forever – I Pet. 1:22

God brought judgment to those that rejected Him when He spoke of earth

Israel did not want to hear God speak any more – Heb. 12:19

God will bring greater judgment

This judgment will come on all that depart from the living God – Heb. 3:12

God will bring this judgment to all who reject when He speaks from heaven

People cannot escape if they neglect the salvation provided by Christ – Heb. 2:1-3

b. we serve one whose voice will shake the earth and heavens - 12:26

The voice of God shook the earth in the Old Testament

The earth shook at Sinai – Psalm 68:8

The voice of God will again shake the earth

God will shake the earth – Is. 2:19-21

The voice of God will also shake the heaven

The powers of the heavens shall be shaken – Matt. 24:29

c. we serve a God that will preserve all that is eternal - 12:27

God is going to remove the things that are shaken

God is going to remove the things that are made

God will dissolve the things that are made – II Pet. 3:10-12

God says the things not shaken will remain

We are looking for the new heavens and the new earth – II Pet. 3:13

d. we are to serve God in reverence and fear - 12:28-29

We are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken

God will set up a kingdom that will stand forever – Dan. 2:44

We are to have grace

We are come to the throne of God with confidence – Heb. 4:16

We are to serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear

God is pleased with such sacrifices – Heb. 13:16

We are to realize our God is a consuming fire

God will bring judgment and fiery indignation – Heb. 10:27

V. The Lord Jesus Christ has called Believers to a Walk in Faith - 13:1-25

A. Christ tells us how to walk in relation to others - 13:1-3

1. we are to walk in brotherly love - 13:1

We are to walk in brotherly love

We are to be devoted to one another in brotherly love – Rom. 12:10

We are taught of God to practice brotherly love – I Thess. 4:9

We are to love one another as brothers – I Pet. 3:8

We are to practice brotherly love continually

We are to continue to show love – Heb. 6:10

We are to stimulate one another to love and good works – Heb. 10:24

2. we are to entertain strangers - 13:2

We are not to forget to entertain strangers

We are to serve those that are taking the Word of God to others – III John 5-8

Others have entertained strangers

Abraham entertained strangers – Gen. 18:2-10

The parents of Samson entertained strangers – Judges 13:15-21

Others later learned that they entertained angels

Lot entertained strangers that were angels – Gen. 19:1-3

3. we are to remember those who are suffering - 13:3

We are to remember the prisoners

The Hebrews had shown kindness to the writer – Heb. 10:34

The Philippians shared in the affliction of Paul – Phil. 4:14-19

We are to be as if we were chained to them

We are to weep with those that weep – Rom. 12:15

Onesiphorus was like one that was chained to Paul – II Tim. 1:16-18

We are to realize they may be mistreated

Many servants of God have been mistreated – Heb. 11:37

Paul spoke of the way he had been mistreated – II Cor. 11:23-25

They are following the example of Christ when they suffer – I Pet. 2:20-24

We are to remember that we are in the body also

When one part suffers we all suffer – I Cor. 12:26

Nehemiah gave an example of suffering with his people – Neh. 1:3-4

We are to bear one another's burdens – Gal. 6:2

B. Christ tells us how to walk in our personal life - 13:4-9

1. this walk is a walk to please Christ - 13:4-6

a. we are to walk to please Christ in our marriage - 13:4

God says that marriage is honorable

God is the One that instituted marriage – Gen. 2:21-24

God says that the marriage bed is undefiled

God said to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth – Gen. 1:27-28

God will judge fornicators

Fornicators will have their part in the lake of fire and brimstone – Rev. 21:8

God will judge adulterers

Adulterers will not inherit the kingdom of God – I Cor. 6:9

Those that are not Christians God judges – I Cor. 5:13

b. we are to walk to please Christ in our daily lives - 13:5

We are to have godly actions

We are to fight the good fight of faith – I Tim. 6:11-12

We are not to be covetous in our actions

We are not to have a love of money – I Tim. 6:9-10

We are to be content with the things that we have

We are to be content with what God gives us – I Tim. 6:6-8

We can learn to be content in any situation – Phil. 4:11

We can know that Christ will not leave us

Christ said He would not leave us comfortless – John 14:18

Christ lives in us – John 17:23-24; Gal. 2:20

We can know that Christ will not forsake us

God will not forsake those that follow Him – Josh. 1:5, 8-9

Christ gave us the Comforter to abide with us forever – John 14:16-18

c. we are to walk in the strength of the Lord - 13:6

We can know that the Lord is our helper

We know that we will obtain help from God – Acts 26:22

We can know that we do not need to fear

We know that the Lord will stand with us in times of trial – Acts 27:23-25

We do not need to fear what others might do to us

We do not need to fear those that kill the body – Luke 12:4-5

2. this walk causes us to recognize godly leaders - 13:7-8

a. we will recognize those that Christ has placed over us - 13:7

We are to remember our spiritual leaders
They have to give an account to God – Heb. 13:17
We are to remember that they spoke the Word of God to us
We are to follow their faith
We are to follow those that walk in faith and patience – Heb. 6:12
We are to consider the outcome of their actions
They lead us by the way they follow Christ – I Cor. 11:1

b. we will recognized that Christ is unchangeable - 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same in the past
Christ is always the same – Heb. 1:12
Jesus Christ is the same in the present
Christ is the “I am” - John 8:58
Jesus Christ is the same forever
Christ is the Alpha and Omega – Rev. 1:8, 11,17-18

3. this walk causes us to avoid false teachings - 13:9

We are not to be deceived by various doctrines
We are not to be deceived by strange doctrines
We are to have our heart established by grace
We are to stand firm in the confidence that we have – Heb. 10:35
We are not to focus on various foods
We are not to become occupied with food restrictions

C. Christ tells us how to walk in relation to God - 13:10-21

1. this walk causes us to suffer with joy - 13:10-14

a. we have an altar that is different from the Old Testament - 13:10

We have a different altar and sacrifice
Christ is our sacrifice – John 8:54-55; I Cor. 11:23-26
We have an altar that those following the law cannot share
Israel or the world cannot partake of this altar– I Cor. 10:17-21

b. we have a sacrifice that is different than the Old Testament - 13:11

We do not sacrifice the bodies of animals
Christ became our sacrifice for sin – Rom. 8:3
We do not bring their blood as a covering for sin
We have One that took away sin – John 1:29
We do not burn their bodies outside the camp
The bulls were burned outside the camp – Ex. 29:14

c. we have a sacrifice that suffered outside the city - 13:12

Jesus died to sanctify us
Christ put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself– Heb. 9:26
Jesus sanctified us with His own blood
Christ purged our conscience from dead works by His blood – Heb. 9:14
Jesus suffered outside the gate
Christ was crucified at a place called Calvary (the skull) - Luke 23:33

d. we are to go forth with Christ and bear His reproach - 13:13

We are to go forth to Christ
Jesus was led away to be crucified – John 19:16-17
We are to go outside the camp
We want to live for Him that died for us – II Cor. 5:15
We are to bear His reproach
Christ was willing to endure the cross despising the shame – Heb. 12:2
We are also to accept the reproach of Christ – Heb. 11:26
We can expect to have people speak evil of us – I Pet. 4:4
We can expect to be cast out – John 9:22, 34

e. we are looking for a greater city to come - 13:14

We do not have a continuing city here
The Old Testament saints knew they were strangers and pilgrims – Heb. 11:13
We are also strangers and pilgrims – I Pet. 2:11
We look for a kingdom that cannot be moved – Heb. 12:28
We seek a city to come
Abraham looked for a better city – Heb. 11:16
We look for a city whose builder and maker is God – Heb. 11:10
We are looking for the heavenly Jerusalem – Heb. 12:22

2. this walk causes us to offer the sacrifice of praise - 13:15-16

a. we are able to offer sacrifices of praise to God - 13:15

We have a sacrifice to offer

We are able to offer up spiritual sacrifices – I Pet. 2:5

We are to offer a sacrifice of praise

We are able to give thanks always for all things – Eph. 5:20

We are to offer this praise as the fruit of our lips

We have an example given to us by Paul and Silas – Acts 16:25

We are to give thanks in His name

We are able to give thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ – Col. 3:17

b. we are able to offer sacrifices of service to God - 13:16

We are not to forget to do good

We are to do good to all men – Gal. 6:10

We are not to forget to share

We are to share with him that needs – Eph. 4:28

We know that God is well pleased with such sacrifices

Such service is acceptable to God – Heb. 12:28

God matures us so that we are able to do His will – Heb. 13:20-21

God matures us to do good works through His Word – II Tim. 3:16-17

3. this walk causes us to submit to godly leaders - 13:17

We are to obey those who rule over us

We are to remember them and follow their faith – Heb. 13:7

We are to be submissive to them

We are to submit to those that are serving the saints – I Cor. 16:15-16

We know that they watch out for our souls

They feed us and lead us by their example – I Pet. 5:2-3

We know they must give an account to God

We will all give an account to God – II Cor. 5:10-11

We want them to be to do that with joy

Those they serve are their crown and joy – I Thess 2:19-20

We do not want them to have to do that with grief

They are praying for us night and day – I Thess. 3:8-10

We know that would be unprofitable for us

They are warning us – Acts 20:31; Gal. 4:8-11

4. this walk causes us to pray for one another - 13:18-21

a. we are to pray for those who are serving the Lord - 13:18-19

The writer asked others to pray for him

We are to pray that others will be able to speak with boldness – Eph. 6:19-20

The writer said that he had a good conscience

We are all to live with a good conscience before God – I Pet. 3:16

Paul gives us an example of living with a good conscience before God – Acts 23:1

The writer wanted to live honorably

We all are to live and walk honestly – Rom. 12:17; 13:13

The writer especially asked them to pray for him

Paul asked the Romans to pray for deliverance for him – Rom. 16:30-33

The writer hoped to be restored to them sooner

Paul asked Philemon to pray for his release – Philemon 1:22

b. we are to recognize we serve the God of peace - 13:20

We serve the God of peace

We have the God of peace with us – Phil. 4 6-9

We serve the God that brought our Lord Jesus from the dead

God raised Christ from the dead – I Pet. 1:21

We recognize that Christ is the Great Shepherd of the sheep

He is the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls – I Pet. 2:25

We realize that His blood was an everlasting covenant

With His blood Christ obtained eternal redemption for us – Heb. 9:12

c. we are to realize Christ is working in us - 13:21

We realize the Lord can make us complete in every good work

The Lord makes us complete in every good word and work – I Thess. 2:16-17

We realize the Lord is working to do His will in us

We are learning to serve God acceptably – Heb. 12:28

We realize the Lord is working to do what is well pleasing in His sight

God is well pleased when we do good and share – Heb. 13:16

We realize He is doing this through Jesus Christ

We are being transformed through Christ – Rom. 12:1-2; 14:17-18

We realize the glory belongs to Him forever

God will get glory when every tongue confesses Christ – Phil. 2:9-11

God is to receive glory throughout all ages – Eph. 3:20-21

D. Christ had the writer give personal instructions - 13:22-25

1. the writer asked us to receive this word - 13:22

The writer made a request to the readers

Paul would beseech people for love's sake – Philemon 1:9

The writer asked them to receive his word of exhortation

The writer told them to exhort one another daily – Heb. 3:12-13

The writer said he had written in few words

This book was shorter than the OT prophets – Isaiah; Jeremiah; Ezekiel

2. the writer said that Timothy had been set free - 13:23

The writer reminded them of Timothy

Timothy was well known in the early church – I Tim. 1:2-3

The writer told them that Timothy had been set free

Timothy was with Paul in prison – Philemon 1:1

The writer said Timothy would be coming to see them

Timothy frequently traveled with Paul – Acts 16:1-3

Timothy often served as a messenger for Paul – I Thess. 3:2

The writer said that he hoped to come with Timothy

Paul had said a similar thing to Philemon – Philemon 1:22

3. the writer told them to greet one another - 13:24

The writer told them to greet their leaders

Paul had greeted many saints in Rome – Rom. 16:1-16

The writer told them to greet all of the saints

Paul frequently told Christians to greet each other – I Cor. 16:20

The writer said that those in Italy sent greetings

The saints in Italy had given greetings through Paul – Phil. 4:22

4. the writer told them to experience the grace of God - 13:25

The writer wanted them to experience grace

We are to grow in grace and the knowledge of Christ – II Pet. 3:18

The writer wanted this for all of the Hebrews

Paul often asked God's grace to be on people – Rom. 1:7;
I Cor. 1:3; Gal. 1:3; Eph. 1:2; Phil. 1:2; Col. 1:2; I Thess. 1:1;
Rom. 16:20, 24; Eph. 6:24; Col. 4:18, II Tim. 4:22; Titus 3:15