

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

JESUS CHRIST - THE ONE AND ONLY

THE SUPREMACY AND SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS CHRIST.

A THEOLOGY OF REDEMPTION, ATONEMENT AND MINISTRY OF THE MESSIAH

HEBREWS 2:1-4

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“HAVING THE BEST” – PART 3

In everything, the book of Hebrews presents Jesus Christ as the all-sufficient and eternal priesthood. In all things Jesus Christ is better than Moses, than Angels, than the law as being centrality of those ministries.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

The better sacrifice, atonement, salvation, redemption, sanctification, justification.

Hebrews 2:1-4

Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. 2 For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, 3 how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, 4 God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

**In Our Last Time Together, We Began to Open Up chapter 2 with
What was a powerful exhortation from the writer of Hebrews.**

“HAVING THE BEST”

1.) Demands our full attention

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Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.

give	grk: dei; of the highest need, primary, the most needed thing.
earnest	grk: perissos; to the full or excessive attention, full devotion.
heed	grk: prosecho; to hold on to, to be addicted to, to guard or grasp with all vigilance.
heard	grk: akouo; in the hearing of or that which you listened to, that which has come into your ears

drift grk: pararrhueo;
to drift by or away from you, to flow by, to carelessly allow to pass
by or slip out of hand.

"So here is what matters most - we must make sure we prioritize the doctrines of the Bible and hang on to them with laser-like attention. Grab on to His word like your very life depends upon it. Protect His word that is in you at all costs, Listen with intensity, over and over again. Never allow yourself to wander off this course."

Here is where we left off in our study.

Turn in your Bibles to Philippians chapter 2

Philippians 2:12

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

This we know scripturally - is what the apostle is not saying;
He is not saying *'I'm to do my part and God is to do His part and together we save me'*.
There could be nothing more false and yet so prevalent in our religious world today.

This "working out" is a Remarkable and Perpetual reality for the Christian - - it demands that we live, love, serve, and care for one another in the context of Christian fellowship = Which is Called "The Church"

(That means that we're to place ourselves,
present ourselves to the hands of The Holy Spirit)

And so we come to this conclusion,
That those who have invested in the fact of their own salvation -
have become bold and confident in sharing that salvation with others.

Here, Between these two verses is the "Sweet Connect"

(1) The follower / believer cannot become "acceptable to God"
by or through himself (2) nor will Jesus Christ live His life through
an unyielded vessel. He inhabits our "nothingness" of self.

God is at work where He is invited.

Philippians 2:12

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

Meaning: *you do not need pastor jack or anyone to hold your hand through this – hold His hand. I will be walking with you, going through the same experiences with you – I'm here to encourage you, and you're here to encourage me!*

Throw yourself fully into the pursuit of knowing God

Matthew Henry wrote;

“This godly fear is a great guard and preservative against doing evil. We work outwardly our salvation because God has worked it into us spiritually and does work into us until that Day.”

Psalm 63:1-5

O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. 2 So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory. 3 Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips shall praise You.

4 Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. 5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips.

Matthew 6:33-34

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things.

But Wait - There's More

Philippians 2:13

For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

Colossians 1:26-27

The mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. 27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Jude 1:24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

Philippians 2:13

For IT IS God

“There can be no salvation without God, but what God offers, man must receive. It is never God who withholds salvation; it is always man who deprives himself of it.” - William Barkley

Hebrews 6:1-3 NLT

So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don't need to start again with the fundamental importance of (1) repenting from evil deeds and placing our faith in God. :2 (2) You don't need further instruction about baptisms, (3) the laying on of hands, (4) the resurrection of the dead, and (5) eternal judgment. 3 And so, God willing, we will move forward to further (or deeper) understanding.

Hebrews 10:22-23

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

Psalm 100:3

Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

1 John 5:13

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may (continue to believe) in the name of the Son of God.

1 John 5:20

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

Jonathan Edwards

For it is God - God alone, who is with you, He who is in you, that worketh in you according to what pleases Him - Not by any merit of yours does He. Yet His influences are not to supersede us, but to encourage us in our personal efforts. Work out your own salvation is our duty to cooperate with His ongoing work in us. For it is God that worketh in you - Here is our encouragement. And O, what a glorious encouragement it is, to have the arm of Omnipotence stretched out for our support and our comfort!

Philippians 2:13

For it is God who works

Works

grk: ejnerge

meaning; the energy - - to be active, to be fervent, tireless, enduring, - never giving up.

John 5:17

But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working **en'erg'e'o** until now, and I have been **en'erg'e'o** working."

It Is God Works

God the **Source**, God The **Originator**, God The **Cause**

“Just like electricity runs through and/or around the wire,”
So the power of God runs through and/or around the believer.

It's not by our sweat, but by His work. We are to yield to His work and surrender.

Titus 3:5

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, BUT according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

Regeneration grk: paliggenesia,
to birth again or rebirth in spirit or a spiritual awakening.
the life of being born-again or from above.

Renewing grk: anakainosis,
the renovating-renovation. The transforming-transformation.

Ephesians 1:19b-20

(to know) what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead

Acts 1:8

But you shall receive power (not the power of self but) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; (result) and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Philippians 2:13

For it is God who works IN YOU

This “In You” is the total you. It means the non-physical part of you that is comprised of your intellect, emotions, your will.

In grk: ejn;
the primary preposition denoting, being fixed within, firmly positioned to in both place and time within a person. an anchor placed inside of you

This word also appears in its technical form - indicating separation, direction, action – from the Greco-Roman understanding of “Elliptical” meaning something hard to understand but easily seen or observed. an ongoing orbit or circular action within a course or track.

(God in me ; God at work)

“En”

Noah Webster's 1828 - Greek **EN'THUS'IASM**, the infuse of the Divine Spirit. To be Inspired.
To be influenced, controlled or possessed by (a) passion or (the) passion to animate.

EN'

That which is Indwelling or internal

THUS'

God or a god(s)

IASM

action, activity, energy, passion, motivation, cause

in our modern-day vernacular

**“what causes you to get up in the morning
and go about doing what you do – that is your god.”**

1 Corinthians 10:31

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit

is the action by which God takes up permanent residence in the body of a
believer in Jesus Christ while in this world.

**(it's something unique to the church. Hard to understand but
easy to observe)**

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

John 14:16-18

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever - -
17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him;
but you know Him, for He dwells with you and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans;
I will come to you.

why is this doctrine so important?

(the Holy Spirit's presence in the life of the believer is the confirmation, stamp, seal of God's ownership. Every true-heaven-bound-believer is the dwelling place of God the Holy Spirit.)

what are the reasons for this indwelling?

For power over temptation. For the operation of your spiritual gift(s). For the effective engagement of the world (witness) and for living out the Christian life with boldness until the day of redemption.

The Holy Spirit Inside the Believer Is God's lay-away-plan

Psalm 27:4

One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek:

- (1) That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life,
- (2) To behold the beauty of the LORD, (3) And to inquire in His temple.

2 Peter 1:5-8

But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

_____ *End of Study* _____

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