

INTRODUCTION

- * Two weeks ago, we concluded our 72 week study of the birth, life, ministry, death, burial, resurrection and ascension of Christ!
- * Today, we begin a new journey in which we will consider the eternal impact of what we just studied. Why did Jesus come to earth? What was, and is, the impact of His death, burial and resurrection?
- * Today, we begin a study of the Book of Hebrews. In this treatise, the author reveals how Jesus fulfilled the ultimate sin sacrifice - that offered on behalf of the priest, and then the nation, on Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement). In the book of Hebrews, the "New and Living Way" found in the New Covenant, and established by Jesus the Messiah, is declared to a primarily Jewish audience who are struggling with the trappings of the Old Covenant and false rabbinic teachings.
- * Today, we will consider an overview of this very important book.

INSTRUCTION

I. THE AUTHOR

A. P _____

1. ARGUMENTS _____

- a. The Absence _____
- b. The Author _____ (cf. Heb 2:1-4; Galatians 1:11-12)
- c. The Reference _____
- d. The Style _____
- e. The Statement _____ (cf. 13:22)

2. ARGUMENTS _____

- a. The Declaration _____ (cf. Heb 10:32-35)
 - * cf. Eph 3:1; 4:1; 6:20; Phil 1:7,13-16; Col 4:3-18; 2 Tim 1:16; 2:9; Philemon 1:1,8-10
 - * cf. 1 Corinthians 4:9
- b. The Closing _____ (cf. Hebrews 13:20-25)
 - i. v. 20 "The God of Peace" (cf. Romans 15:33; 16:20; 2 Corinthians 13:11; Philippians 4:9; 1 Thess 5:23)
 - ii. v. 21 "make you complete ... working in you what is well-pleasing in His sight."
 - * "Make you ... working in you" (cf. Philippians 2:13)
 - * ευαρεστος (well-pleased) only used by Paul (cf. Rom 12:1,2; 14:18; 2 Cor 5:9; Eph 5:10; Phil 4:18; Col 3:20; Titus 2:9)
 - iii. v. 23 Timothy - Only Paul refers to Timothy in Biblical writings (outside of Acts) ... 18x
 - * ... as a beloved "Son" (cf. 1 Corinthians 4:17; 1 Tim 1:2, 18; 2 Tim 1:12)
 - * ... as "our brother" (cf. 2 Corinthians 1:1; Colossians 1:1; 1 Thess 3:2,6; Philemon 1)
 - * ... as a fellow-worker (cf. Romans 16:21; 1 Corinthians 16:10; Philippians 1:1; 2:19; 1 Thess 1:1; 2:3,6)
 - iv. v. 24
 - * All the Saints (cf. Romans 16:15; 2 Cor 1:1; 13:13; Eph 1:15; 3:8,18; 6:18; Phil 1:1; 4:22; Col 1:4; Philemon 1:5)
 - * Those from Italy greet you (cf. Romans 16:3-16,21-23; 2 Timothy 4:19; Ephesians 4:21)
 - v. v. 25 "Grace be with you all" (cf. Galatians 6:18; 1 Timothy 6:12; 2 Timothy 4:22-23; Philemon 4:25; 1 Corinthians 16:23-24)
- c. The Testimony _____
 - * Clement of Alexandria (c. 150-215 AD)
 - * Tertullian (ca. AD 155-220)
 - * Origen (ca. AD 185-253)
- d. The Use _____ (cf. Romans 16:22)

B. G _____ (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

II. THE AUDIENCE

A. They Were B _____ (cf. Hebrews 2:3; 3:1,6, 12; 4:14; 5:12; 6; 10:19-25; 12:1-4)

B. They Were D _____

C. They Were P _____ (cf. Hebrews 10:32-33)

D. They Were K _____ (cf. Hebrews 10: 32-34)

E. They Were L _____

III. THE THEME:

A. An Outline of the Book

The Book of Hebrews THE NEW AND LIVING WAY!													
The Perfect Sacrifice						The Perfect Result							
HIS PERSON				HIS PRIESTHOOD			HIS PROPITIATION			OUR CONFIDENCE	OUR HOPE	OUR PURSUIT	OUR PRACTICE
His Incarnation				His Intercession 4:14 – 5:3	His Order 5:4 – 7:28	His Covenant 8:1 – 9:21	The Payment 9:22-28	The Perfection 10:1-18	10:19 – 39 Positional Sanctification Access through the Veil	11:1-40 Perfect Sanctification Rest in the Presence of YHWH!	12:1-29	13:1-25	
1-2	2	3:1-6	3:7 – 4:13										
More Than an Angel		More Than a Prophet											
His Sonship	His Salvation	His Realm	His Rest										

B. An Overview of the Book

INTROSPECTION

- * How important is the Word of God to you?
- * How easily distracted and dissuaded are you by false, or extraneous, teaching?
- * Have you accepted God's plan of salvation - according to His "New and Living Way"?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * What are some doctrinal areas in which Christians are being led astray by non-Biblical teaching?
- * The Book of Hebrews is a presentation of the defense of the Gospel to a predominantly Jewish audience. How do we "tailor" the Gospel message to different audiences in our culture - or should we?
- * What place do Jewish (Old Testament) feasts and traditions have in the church today?