



HEBREWS

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Hebrews

- Date – mid 60s
- Author – unknown; Paul, Apollos, Barnabas, Priscilla and Aquilla, Luke
- Audience – ‘the Hebrews;’ we will assume Jewish Christians (Jewish background Christians)
 - Situation – congregation is at risk of abandoning the Gospel
- Purpose – warning against abandoning the Gospel and encouragement to persevere/mature in faith
 - Letter or sermon? Opens like a sermon, closes like a letter





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- Key idea - God has spoken through His Son Jesus who is unique in His rank/status (superiority) in creation; this is seen in that He is:
 - Heir of all things – all of creation is the Son's; Ps 2.8
 - Instrument of creation – Father spoke creation into existence through Son (the Word); John 1.3, 10; Col 1.16
 - Radiance of God's glory – brightness of God's presence shining into our lives; Col 1.19
 - Exact representation of His being – embodiment of God/to bear the stamp of the Father's nature; John 14.9; Col 1.15
 - One who sustains creation – carries creation forward to its intended goal/end; Col 1.17
 - One who purifies us of our sin – Jesus' death cleanses us of our sin/guilt; Col 1.20
 - Seated at right hand of God – highest position possible; Phil 2.9





Pay most careful attention to Gospel – word was used to describe bringing a ship to land/anchoring a ship to the seabed

So we don't drift away – picture is being carried downstream past the landing spot and therefore being put at risk/missing chance for safety





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- Exalt Jesus as the Son of God
 - Meditate on the Mountaintops - John 1.1-18, Phil 2.5-11, Col 1.15-20, Heb 1.1-4
 - Worship – expression of the fear of the Lord; often physical element:
 - Biblical – Ps 134.2
 - Expression of surrender, dependence, celebration, receiving
- Pay attention to the Gospel given through Him
 - Are you drifting?
 - Increased anxiety – drifting from Prince of Peace leads to greater attempts to control circumstances and guarantee outcomes
 - Increased coarseness – less sensitivity to Spirit; speaking/acting more like world; less concern for others
 - Decreased time with Him – not necessarily desire, but actual time seeking Him

