

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 7

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?

***You have made us for yourself, O Lord,
and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.***

- Aurelius Augustinus Hipponensis (aka: Saint Augustine)

John 14:12,15-18

12 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father... :15 “If you love Me, keep My commandments... 16 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 will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

But Why Come To Me, Why to Us?

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. (them being the works)

(1) Your **life** has been predetermined, (2) Your **purpose** has been foreordained, and (3) Your **abilities** have been provided.

At the birthday celebration of the church, Pentecost Sunday,
2,000 years ago - - God the Father answered the Prayer of God the Son
to send forth God the Holy to the Church of His Believers,
and in doing so ignited the work of God on earth!

Acts 1:5-8

for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall receive (possessive) power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you (1) shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and (2) in all Judea and (3) Samaria, and (4) to the end of the earth."

Acts 2:1-4

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 4:31

And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Why are the Gifts of the Holy Spirit Important?

The answer is twofold; (#1) to understanding the nature of the gifts and (#2) is knowing the purpose of the gifts.

Ephesians 4:1-14

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. :7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." 9 (Now this, "He

ascended”—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) :11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers... 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine,

Let's Begin with the First List of Gifts, Not Rewards, Not Dividends

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one ^(us) for the profit of all: 8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9a to another faith by ^(through) the same Spirit, 9b to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

But (#1) the manifestation of the Spirit is (#2) given to each one

This is how the invisible Holy Spirit makes Himself seen in the world. It is through Him using these gifts in your life. Through the gifts, the Holy Spirit makes Himself known through the Christian.

given to each one (#3) for the profit of all:

A true New Testament Church / Christian will be that which serves one another for the welfare of the other.

(#1) The Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Invites God's sovereignty to be present in the Church.

It's Jesus' church, not ours. The working of the Gifts can only happen when God's sovereign ownership of the church is embraced.

(#2) The Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Elevates the Christian into a Realm that is Beyond Their Natural Ability.

Is the supernatural of God working in my life? Christianity is a Supernatural faith-based Relationship to the Supernatural God of the Bible.

(#3) The Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Confirm the Message of the Gospel and the Power of the Cross.

The lack of effect in this world by the church is due in-part because the Gospel is not being Proclaimed in its entirety.

1 Corinthians 1:4-8

I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, 5 that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, 6 even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, 7 so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Verses 7 and 8 have driven many Bible teachers nigh unto crazy. The reason is because these two verses imply that {all of the gifts} will be operational until Jesus Christ comes back to receive His church.

(#4) The Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Unites the Church in the Work of the Local Ministry.

The individual giftings of each Christian, acts as a uniting force for the whole of the body. We, the Real Christians are the most united relationship on earth. If we are not – then we are out of step with the Lord.

1 Corinthians 14:26

How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.

1 Corinthians 2:1-4

And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. 3 I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

1.) The Revelation Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

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8 for to one is given (1) the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another
the word of (2) knowledge through the same Spirit, 9a to another
(3) faith by ^(through) the same Spirit,

the word of **wisdom** & the word of **knowledge** are closely associated with one another which is why the gift of Faith makes up the trio of the “Revelation Type” gifts.

It’s been well said that; “Wisdom is the proper application of knowledge” – *that is certainly true in this world, it is even more so in the spiritual world.*

Proverbs 15:2

The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly,

So then,

The gift of **wisdom** is directive, and the gift of **knowledge** is informative
the purpose of **wisdom** is to have the right insight or
line of sight, direction.

Ecclesiastes 10:10

If the ax blade is dull, and one does not sharpen the edge,
then he must use more strength; but wisdom brings success.

(so sharpen your ax)

Luke 21:14-15

Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; 15 for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.

Those who have the gift of wisdom will have keen, often profoundly simple answer (direction) as how to deal, cope or remedy a situation.

Those of you among us, who have the supernatural gift of wisdom are needed to help the church mature.

**Regarding Gentiles being Saved...
After much debate and contention, the answer came to James**

Acts 15:19-20, 22, 25, 28

19 Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God, 20 but that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood. :22 Then it pleased the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, 25 It seemed good to us, being assembled with one accord, 28 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us,

Where the Gift of Wisdom is Present, the Result will be Unity.

Philippians 2:5

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

A personal example of what I have now come to believe was a Word of Wisdom given to me early on Sunday morning, April 26th, 2020

Revelation 3:8

“I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

Hebrews 10:25

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together (physically being the church), as is the manner of some, (physically stopped being the church) but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Now you might say, “So what. That’s your situation” but let me remind you that this was at the outset of the COVID caper, we had all been told that we’d see dead people in the streets – morgues would overflow and it would become so bad that President Trump ordered the United States Navy

ship the USS Mercy with its 1,000 beds. After seeing less than 33 Covid related illness in 7 weeks' time, the USS Mercy Medical staff served 77 people total, some being homeless individuals in need medical care.

"We were able to be a relief valve in anticipation of something that didn't get as bad as everybody thought that it might,"
Capt. John Rotruck told the Los Angeles Times"

There is a general wisdom that is given to us as followers of Jesus – It is the wisdom that is available to all of us...

have you noticed the lack of wisdom in this day and age among God's people? It doesn't have to be this way.

Psalm 86:11

Teach me Your way (wisdom), O LORD; I will walk in Your truth;
unite my heart to fear Your name.

James 3:17 NLT

But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere.

James 1:2-5 NLT

Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. 3 For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. 4 So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. :5 If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.

End of Study

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