

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 2:4

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“HAVING THE BEST”

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, then Angels, then the law as being centrality of those ministries.

Part 9

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

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

Introduction to the Texts

The Book Written to the Hebrews

These “Hebrew” believers had come to the place of embracing the promises of the Old Testament Scriptures regarding - **who** the Messiah would be and **what** would He accomplish on behalf of the children of Israel, the offspring of Abraham.

Hebrews 2:1

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

“HAVING THE BEST”

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3.) Equips us with power and purpose vs. 4

Hebrews 2:4

God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

He confirmed the witness of His word by giving “**signs** and **wonders**” by the Holy Spirit - through those used by God.

Signs grk: semeion;
distinct or distinguishing markers,
(intended to arrest your attention - selah)

Wonders grk: teras;
marvels or wonders so as to cause awe and amazement - selah

He **also** confirmed the witness of His word by giving
“**miracles**, and **gifts**”

Miracles grk: dunamis;
supernatural strength, supernatural ability, supernatural purpose or meaning. To be supernatural used by the supernatural God for supernatural purposes.

Gifts grk: merismos as in the dividing up of, or the passing out of, or the distribution of gifts (spirituals) the spiritual gifts that “grace” the church with abilities to expend for Christ sake and glory.

How was (is) Jesus Christ Represented on Earth in Our Day and On Your Watch.

Acts 1:5

for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now....

Acts 1:8

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."

It is with strong exhortations that the author of the book of Hebrews encourages his readers, (those who had come out of human traditions and man-made ordinances of Judaism) to embrace the ancient - biblical doctrine of redemption – to trust fully in God and In His supply.

Gen. 22:6-8

So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. 7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" :8 And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering."

So the two of them went together.

Psa. 2:1-8

Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, 3 "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." 4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision. 5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: 6 "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion." 7 "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance.

Isaiah 53:5-6

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Proverbs 30:4

Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son's name, if you know?

AND OUT PURE EXCITEMENT – LET ME ADD THESE

Revelation 1:8

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 1:11

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,' and, What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches..."

Revelation 21:6

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End."

Revelation 22:13

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

Revelation 1:17

"And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, 'Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last..."

Revelation 1:18

"I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen."

Revelation 2:8

"And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, 'These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life:

And so we are making a special stop here at;

Hebrews 2:4

4 God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

Again - Note the **purpose and the effect** of the Holy Spirit.

Why are the Gifts of the Holy Spirit Important

The answer is twofold; (#1) to **edify** / build up everyone within **the church** and (#2) to **advance** the gospel out and into this world **with power**.

This is Critical and a Must in These Last Days;
The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are SO Important because they keep us from doing ministry in the power of human resources, human effort, human know-how.

1Peter 4:10

As each one has **received a gift**, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

So Let's Begin with the First Lists of Gifts

1Cor. 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 **(A1)** the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another

(A2) the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another

(A3) faith by (through) the same Spirit,

The First Grouping of Three

A1 The word of **Wisdom**,

1 Corinthians 12:8a

for to one is given the word of **wisdom** through the Spirit,
to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,

The fact that this gift is described as the “word” of wisdom indicates that it is one of the speaking gifts. This gift describes someone who can understand and speak forth biblical truth in such a way that the Bible (Truth) can be uniquely and skillfully apply it to life situations.

A2 Word of **Knowledge**,

1 Corinthians 12:8b

to another the word of **knowledge** through the same Spirit,

This is another speaking gift that involves understanding truth with an insight that only comes by revelation from God. Those with the gift of knowledge understand the deep things of God and the mysteries of His Word yet what is revealed to them will always be in perfect harmony with the Scriptures.

A3 **Faith**,

1 Corinthians 12:9a

to another **faith** by the same Spirit,

all believers possess faith in some measure because it is one of the gifts of the Spirit bestowed on all who come to Christ in faith. The spiritual gift of faith is exhibited by one with a strong and unshakeable confidence in God, His Word, His promises, and the power of prayer to effect miracles.

The Second Grouping of Three

1Cor. 12:9b-10

to another **(B1)** gifts of healings by the same Spirit, 10 to another **(B2)** the working of miracles, to another **(B3)** prophecy,

B1 **Healing**

1Cor. 12:9b-10

to another **(B1)** gifts of healings by the same Spirit,

The gift of healing is linked more to the ministry of missionary work but is not limited to. The leaders of a local church are called to pray for the sick - - such action implies that God will, according to His own will heal supernaturally.

B2 Miracles,

1 Corinthians 12:10 to another **(B2)** the working of miracles,

Separate from the miraculous gift of healing the gift, the working of miracles relates more to such acts as the casting out of demons (Acts 16), the striking of Elymas blind (Acts 13), and the raising of Tabitha from the dead (Acts 9) these are possible examples. Some in the early church, besides the apostles, who had the gift of miracles were Stephen and Philip. Today such a gift is reported to be more present in areas where the Gospel is still unfamiliar to the people group.

B3 Prophecy,

1 Corinthians 12:10
to another **(B3)** prophecy,

1 Corinthians 12:28

And God has appointed these in the church:
first apostles, second prophets, third teachers,

The Greek word translated "prophecy or prophet" in both passages properly means "a speaking forth." According to Thayer's Greek Lexicon, the word refers to "discourse emanating from divine inspiration and declaring the purposes of God, whether by reproof and admonishing the wicked, or comforting the afflicted, or revealing things hidden; the application of God's word in a "forth-telling" manner." To prophesy is to declare the divine will, to interpret the purposes of God, or to make known in any way the truth of God that is designed to influence people toward righteousness.

The Third Grouping of Three

to another **C1** discerning of spirits, to another different **C2** kinds of tongues, to another **C2** the interpretation of tongues.

“**so why care** about any of this **stuff**?
because its “**this stuff**” that **UNITES US.**“

1 Corinthians 12:11

But one and the same Spirit works all these things,
distributing to each one individually **as He wills.**

(#1) The **Operation** of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Invites God’s sovereignty to be present within the local 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 **Use** of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Advances the Christian into a Realm that is **Beyond** Our Natural Ability.

Is the supernatural-miraculous of God at work in my life? Christainity is a Supernatural-miraculous faith-based Relationship with the Supernatural-miraculous God of the Bible.

(#3) The **Power** of 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 it’s entirety.

1Thessalonians 1:5

For our gospel did not come to you **in word** only, but also **in power**, and **in the Holy Spirit** and in much **assurance** (*divine-centered confidence*), as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.

1Cor. 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, act as a bonding agent for the whole of the body. Real Christianity is to be the most united relationship on earth. If we are not – then we are disjointed & out of step with the Lord.

The Verbal or Speaking Gifts

Apostles / **Missionary** Ephesians 4:11 & Matthew 28:18-20

The ministry **may** have transitioned from the ministry of the twelve to those who are called to pioneer church planting and missionary outreaches to unreached people groups. *“Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.*

Evangelist, Ephesians 4:11

There is a multi-functional view to this gifting. (1) Those who have the gift of an evangelist are not only able to effectively share the power of the Gospel, they are also (2) able to powerfully share their own testimony for Jesus Christ. (3)

They are able to instruct other believers in how to discover if they too share in the same gift. *(2Timothy 4:5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.)*

Pastor, Ephesians 4:11, 1Peter 5:2 , Acts 20:28

The ministry ability to tend to, care for and watch over the flock (church) for their own growth and development. To administer care and instruction for the betterment of the church.

Teacher, Ephesians 4:11 This gift involves the study of, the analysis of and the proclamation of the Word of God. The explaining of the meaning, context and application to the Christians life. The gift of teacher exhibits a unique ability to instruct and communicate knowledge, specifically the doctrines of the faith.

Encouragement / Exhortation, Romans 12:8

This gift is evident in those who consistently call upon others to heed and follow God's truth, which may involve correction or building others up by strengthening weak faith or comforting ones faith in times of trial.

The Revelation (Insightful) Gifts

Discernment, 1 Corinthians 12:10

A unique ability to determine the true message of God from that of the deceiver, Satan, whose methods include deception, false doctrine. Jesus said *many would come in His name and would deceive many but the gift of discerning spirits is given to the Church to protect it.*

Speaking in Tongues, 1Corinthians 14:2

A verbal manifestation of praise to God. "For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

Interpretation of Tongues, 1 Corinthians 14

A person with the gift of interpreting tongues will understand what is being uttered by the gift of tongues. The interpreter would then communicate the

word of praise and glory to everyone else, so all could understand and the edified.

The Serving Gifts

Service, Romans 12:7 **Serving** – Also referred to as “ministering,” the Greek word here is where we get the English word “deacon,” meaning service of any kind, the broad application of practical help to those in need.

Mercy, Romans 12:8

Closely linked with the gift of encouragement, the gift of mercy is obvious in those who are abundantly compassionate toward others who are in distress, showing sympathy and sensitivity - coupled with a desire and or the resources to lessen their suffering in a kind and cheerful manner.

Helps 1Corinthians 12:28

Closely related to the gift of mercy is the gift of helps. Those with the gift of helps are those who can aid or render assistance to others in the church with compassion and grace. This has a broad range of application. Most importantly, this is the unique ability to identify those who are struggling with needs.

Giving, Romans 12:8

a gifted giver are those who joyfully share what they have with others, whether it is financial, material, or the giving of personal time. The giver is concerned for the needs of others and seeks opportunities to share goods, money, and time with them as needs arise.

Leadership, Romans 12:8

Is one who rules, presides over, or tends to the management of other people in the church. The word literally means “guide” and carries with it the idea of one who “steers a ship”. One with the gift of leadership rules with wisdom and grace and exhibits the fruit of the Spirit in their lives as they lead by example.

Administration, 1 Corinthians 12:28

Like all of the gifts, it is the Holy Spirit who gives what cannot be volunteered for or appointed to by man. The ministry gift of Administration is the ability to order, direct, organize and advance the church and or church leaders toward the goal.

Philippians 2:13

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

“so why care about any of this **stuff?**
because its **“this stuff” that** will **transform**
your Christian experience“

discovering your gift – **#1 pray** and ask the Lord to show you a need. **#2 look** around and ask yourself what you see. **#3 take** action to address the issue / need / void.

Luke 11:9-13

“So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

End of Study

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