

FALL

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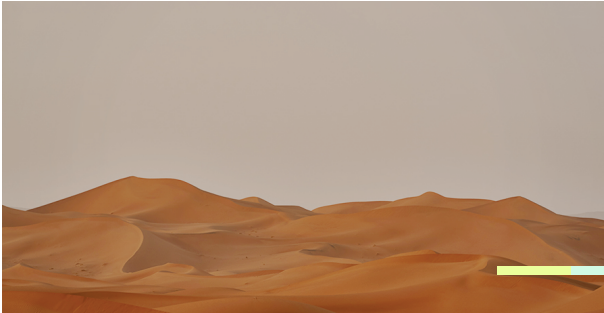
# HEBREWS

## NOVEMBER SYLLABUS // PART III

This Syllabus Belongs to:

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## Introduction



The epistle to the Hebrews is a unique book in the New Testament. It begins as an essay (Heb 1:1-2), progresses as a sermon (Heb 2:1-4), and ends as a letter (Heb 13:23-25). Its contents are deep and challenging. Many people find it difficult, some even equate its difficulty with the book of Revelation. As we study this letter as a church, we encourage you to take time to read and reflect at home.

As you read this letter you can expect to be reminded of:

- how blessed you are to trust in Christ
- the superiority of Christ and His New Covenant over Moses and the Old Covenant
- the danger of abandoning your Biblical beliefs
- the need for steadfastness in our faith

## History of Hebrews

There is uncertainty as to where the author and the recipients were at the time it was written. It is the primary belief that this letter was written to the Jewish Christians. Many believe the recipients were in Palestine, and the author in Rome. Others suggest the readers were in Rome and the author elsewhere based upon a possible implication made in Hebrews 13:24.

*“So also Jesus suffered and died outside the city gates to make his people holy by means of his own blood.”*

In any case, they were Jewish Christians whom the author knew personally (Hebrews 10:34; 13:19).

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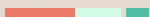
We know Hebrews was written prior to 96 A.D., because Clement of Rome quotes from Hebrews in his letter that was written at that time. There are certainly strong indications that it was written prior to 70 A.D.

- There is no mention of the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple
- The author writes as though priests were still offering sacrifices. (Hebrews 8:4; 10:11)

If the Jewish Christians were in Palestine, it was likely before or at the beginning of the Jewish Wars (66-70 A.D., reference Hebrews 12:4).

The time frame of 63-65 A.D. is often suggested.

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## Hebrews Chapter 9: The Old and The New

Hebrews 9 shows how worship in the Old Testament could not perfect the worshipper because it related only to food, drink, various washings and regulations for the body. However, when Christ appeared He entered into the heavenly tabernacle and poured out His own blood on the mercy seat. The blood of bulls and goats was never able to cleanse the conscience of the worshipper, but the blood of Christ is able to save completely as it cleansed us thoroughly and we are now without blemish or accusation before God. Christ appeared at the consummation of the ages to put away sin by His sacrifice.

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# Hebrews Chapter 10: Christ's Sacrifice Once for All



Hebrews 10 shows that the Law was never able to make perfect those who draw near because it was a shadow of the good things to come and not a reality in itself. Otherwise the sacrifices would have ceased to be offered. Instead they served as an annual reminder of sin. But when Jesus came He offered one sacrifice for sin for all time and then sat down at the right hand of the Father. Now we can draw near to God through the veil of Christ's body, having our hearts sprinkled clean and our conscience clear.

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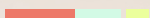
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## Hebrews Chapter 11: The Faith Hall of Fame

Hebrews 11 paints a wonderful picture of the men and women who triumphed by faith; people who believed God and pursued His promises even though many didn't see them come to pass in their lifetime. This chapter defines faith and shows that it pleases God. This is a great reminder for us as we navigate this life, clinging to the promises of God and looking forward to Jesus' return.

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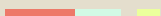
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## Hebrews Chapter 12: Jesus is Our Example



Hebrews 12 is a call to persevere looking to Christ as our example. He endured the shame of the cross to bring us into fellowship with God, in the same way we should keep our eyes on him as we run the race of life. We have received citizenship in an unshakable kingdom so let us show gratitude and offer our lives in acceptable service to Him.

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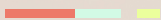
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## Hebrews Chapter 13: The Changeless Christ

Hebrews 13 is a mixture of warnings, requests and final exhortations. It is a reminder to the fellowship of Christ, to let love remain, show hospitality and honor each other. As well as remembering to pray for leaders in the church. This book ends on a wonderful note by reminding us that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever.

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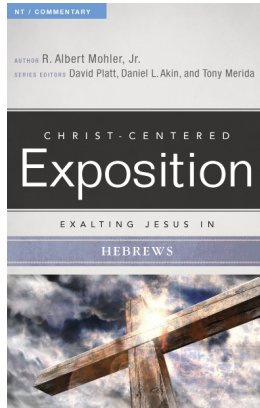
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## BOOK REFERENCE

### Read Exalting Jesus in Hebrews (Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary)



To dive deeper into the study of Hebrews we recommend reading this book. It is available online (Amazon, etc) or to purchase at the Connection Center.

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