

**HEBREWS:
CHRIST IN ALL OF SCRIPTURE
AMEN BIBLE STUDY 2017-2018**

**This Is It!
Hebrews 1:1-3
September 14, 2017**

I. Five questions of background for Hebrews.

- Who
cf. 13:19, 23; 11:32; 2:3
- To whom
cf. 1:1; 13:24
- When
- Why
cf. 4:14; 10:19, 23
- How
 - A. This is it, so listen! Christ's person
cf. 2:1-4
 - B. This is it, so believe! Christ's work
cf. 4:14; 10:39
 - C. This is it, so endure! Our work
cf. 12:1-2

1:1-3 II. Three words of introduction for Hebrews.

- :1 A. Past – God spoke...
1. Long ago
 2. At many times
 3. In many ways
 4. To our fathers
 5. By the prophets
- :2a B. Last – but now God has spoken...
1. To us
 2. By his Son
- :2b-3 C. Unsurpassed – Who is...
1. Heir of all things
 2. Agent of creation
 3. Radiance of the glory of God
 4. Exact imprint of his nature
 5. Upholder of the universe
 6. Great high priest
 7. Reigning Lord

Discussion Questions

1. Does it matter to you who wrote the book of Hebrews? Why or why not? What is at stake in the question of authorship?

2. How do you understand Hebrews 13:24 about whether “those from Italy” refers to believers currently in Italy or believers who have left their Italian home of origin? How might your answer affect your understanding of the recipients of the letter?
3. Hebrews 10:19-25 is one long sentence in the original Greek of the letter, and it is perhaps the best summation of the whole book of Hebrews. What reasons (“since”) does the author give for his exhortations (“let us”) here?
4. Having laid out the finality of Christ’s person and work in chapter 1, the author of Hebrews moves to three great exhortations that flow from that finality: “Christ is God’s final word from God, final priest from God, and final sacrifice to God to accomplish once and for all God’s final salvation; *so* listen to his Word (chapters 1-4), believe in his work (chapters 5-10), and endure despite persecution and hardship (chapters 11-13). Which of these exhortations do you believe the church in Memphis most needs today—to listen, to believe, or to endure—and why? How about for you personally?
5. What do you think is the contrast the author is making between the past revelation from God and the last days revelation from God in 1:1-2 marked by “BUT”?
6. How many descriptions of the Lord Jesus Christ do you find in Hebrews 1:2-3? Which of them is the most meaningful to you today, and why?

Going Deeper

1. How do you compare and contrast God’s word through the prophets and God’s word through his son (Heb 1:1-2) in these two passages in Matthew 21:33-46 and Matt 23:29-39? On a scale of 1-10 where 1 is scorning God’s final word in Jesus and 10 is wholeheartedly embracing that word, where would you mark your present response to God’s final word in Jesus? Why did you give the answer that you did, and what should you do about that answer this week or semester in AMEN?
2. In question 3 above, which of the reasons or exhortations in Hebrews 10:19-25 most resonates with you today, and what action does it call for you to take?