

Jesus Christ
Our Great High Priest

The Brightness of God's Glory

Hebrews 1:1-4
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The Book of Hebrews

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- Paul? Barnabas? Luke?

DATE: Late 60's

- Timothy has been released from prison (13:23)
- The temple is still standing (10:1)

AUDIENCE: Jews

- In Italy? (13:24)
- Predominantly Christians mixed with some unbelievers

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PURPOSE:

- Exalt Christ (8:1)
- “bear with this word of exhortation” (13:22)

Outline of Hebrews

- I. THE DOCTRINAL SECTION (1:1-10:18)**
 - A. The Theme (1:1-4)**
 - B. The Superiority of Jesus as a Person (1:5-4:16)**
 - C. The Superiority of Jesus in His Work (5:1-10:18)**
- II. THE PRACTICAL SECTION (10:19-13:25)**
 - A. Faith (11:1-12:2)**
 - B. Hope (12:3-24)**
 - C. Love (13:1-17)**

I. God's climactic revelation has come in the very person of His incarnate Son (1:1-2a)

4 points of contrast between vss 1-2		
Time of revelation	Long ago	These last days
Agent of revelation	Prophets	Son
Recipients of revelation	Fathers	Us
Unity of revelation	Many parts/ways	Son

Progressive Revelation

OT	NT
Promise	Fulfillment
Shadow	Substance
Since Christ, who is the fulfillment and substance, has arrived, why would you ever return to the shadow?	

- I. God's climactic revelation has come in the very person of His incarnate Son (1:1-2a)**
- II. God's revelation culminates in His Son because Jesus is (1:2b-4):**
 - A. Heir**
 - B. Creator**
 - C. King**
 - 1. Jesus is able to reign as King because:**
 - » Jesus made purification of sins
 - » Jesus is the radiance of the Father's glory
 - » Jesus is the exact representation of the Father's nature
 - » Jesus sustains all things
 - 2. Jesus is superior to the angels**