

# BIBLEX

## Session 1: Superior

### Scripture questions:

Hebrews 1:1-3

**How does the writer speak about God's activity in both the past and present? Does he describe the past as bad? How does he contrast the present with the past?**

Hebrews 4:14-16

Hebrews 7:23-28

**How does the writer describe Christ? What does the writer compare/contrast Christ to?**

Hebrews 8:7-13

Hebrews 9:11-15

**What does the writer compare and contrast in these verses? Why is this new thing that Christ has done superior to the old covenant and the old priesthood?**

Hebrews 10:19-25

**How does this passage summarize the writer's points? What kind of actions should result from this passage?**

Hebrews 11:1-3

**In your own words, define faith. How does the writer define faith?**

Hebrews 11:5-31

**How is faith positively described here?**

Hebrews 11:32-40

**How is the discussion of the power of faith different here than in the previous passage?**

Hebrews 12:1-4

**What does the writer expect of the reader? Why do you think he refers to a great cloud of witnesses? How does the previous material guide his request?**

**The Catholic Epistles** (or General Epistles) include the books of Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2, & 3 John, and Jude. The term “catholic” does not refer to a specific denomination, but means “one” or “universal,” which simply means that these epistles can be read by many different people in many various settings.

## **The Superiority of Christ**

God was active in the past, through the prophets, the Mosaic covenant, and the system of sacrifice. **God is also active and present today through Christ.** The author in Hebrews compared our new high priest, Christ, with the old high priest. Christ is a high priest who is not overcome or burdened by sin, so He does not have to offer sacrifices for His own sins, but only for us. The old covenant was based on flawed and limited sacrifices given by flawed and limited people. The old covenant is not bad, but the new law is better.

**Hebrews describes faith not as hope, but as a sense of certainty.** Although we have no guarantee that God will be faithful, and have no way to prove what will happen in the future, we can live our lives in faith because of how we have seen God work in the past. Hebrews gives us examples of people who had such faith, both in good times and bad.

Knowing the superiority of Christ, and what faith is, **Hebrews calls us to have an unshakable faith in the superiority of Christ** in order to withstand persecution.

**Application Questions:**

**Why is it so important to affirm the supremacy of Christ? Do you think it is just about affirming the right idea, or do you think it has more practical implications?**

**Do you have faith or hope in God? What do you think has to happen in your life to encourage confidence in Christ the way Hebrews speaks of it?**

**Recalling Hebrews 11, why do you think it is easy to speak about great things that followers of God can accomplish through faith? Why do you think it is easy to avoid talking about how faith helps people who suffer and endure great persecution?**

**Most of us will never truly suffer for our faith because the reality of suffering and dying for being a Christian will not be part of our lives. How does knowing about the suffering of the early church and what they faced every day affect how you live out your faith?**

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