

Hebrews—Study Questions

Chapter 1:1-3

1. How are the 3 basic elements of the Essential Gospel expressed here (IYOW)?
2. Who is Jesus declared to be superior to and how does it show Him as greater?
3. What specific things are expressed in declaring who He (Jesus) is?

Chapters 1:4–Ch 2

1. How are the references to Christ's deity and humanity related in comparison to angels?
2. Note the OT quotes, does their original context seem to support the interpretation given here?
3. Who is this second group of persons Christ is declared to be greater than?
4. How is the warning in Ch 2 related with Christ's superiority to the angels and prophets? IYOW!
5. **Why** is Christ's Deity and Humanity so important to us in our understanding of Soteriology?
6. **IYOW!**— Define Soteriology & Christology

Chapter 3

1. What are the characteristics or earmarks of an “unbelieving heart”? (*be specific / IYOW!*)
2. How does sin harden our hearts? What kind of things harden our hearts and in what ways?
Why do we allow ourselves to be deceived by sin? (see Rom 1 & Jam 1:13-15)
3. What is the remedy or cure for an unbelieving heart? (*IYOW!*) Define— *unbelief* (*IYOW*)
4. Read all the “ifs” in Ch 3— What are the conditions these “ifs” speak about? What are the consequences of these “ifs”?

Chapter 4

1. Explain the “Rest or Sabbath-rest of God”? (*IYOW!*)
2. How is Jesus greater than Joshua? How does this relate to our salvation?
3. Why can we approach God’s throne with confidence? (*be specific— IYOW!!!*)
4. How is Christ compared to other high priests & shown to be a high priest? (*be specific— IYOW*)
5. How do vss 12-13 fit in or relate to the context of Chap 4 the progressive argument?

Chapter 5

1. How did Christ learn obedience? Why was this necessary?
2. How was Christ made perfect? Why was this necessary, wasn’t He already perfect?
3. What is “meat or solid food” as expressed here? (*be specific, IYOW!!!*)
4. How can we “train” ourselves to discern good from evil?

Chapter 6

1. What is this “impossibility” and why is it “impossible”? (*be specific, IYOW!!!*)
2. Is there a risk of losing our salvation in Christ? What assurances do we have about it? (*IYOW!*)
3. What are the key verses which put this warning in perspective?
4. What is the “solution” to their “problem” as expressed in this passage? (*be specific*)
5. What 2 “unchangeable things” are we to be “greatly encouraged” by?
6. What do vss 19-20 tell us of our “hope” in Jesus? (*be specific and IYOW*)

Chapter 7

1. What are the specific details regarding Christ's superiority as represented in Melchizedek?
2. What is the result of Christ's ministry as a high priest in the "order of Melchizedek"?
3. Why is this chapter so important for our study of Christology? (*explain IYOW with X-refs*)

Chapter 8

1. What is the relationship of this chapter with those before it and with Chaps 9–10?
2. Why is this chapter so important to the overall "argument" being made in this epistle?
3. What are 4 Types and "Trues" (Anti-Types) found in this chapter? (*be specific and IYOW*)
4. IYOW— What is *new* about the New Covenant?

Chapter 9

1. What is the centrally most important phrase found in this section? Why is it so important?
2. How would you explain the "Blood of Christ" and its importance to an unbeliever? (*IYOW!*)
3. What are the direct comparisons between the Earthly high priest and the Heavenly One?
4. What are details of comparison (specific qualities and benefits) between the Old Covenant blood sacrifices and Christ's Atoning Blood? (*make a list with vs refs*)
5. There are at least 5 Types and Trues in this section, what are they? (*be specific and IYOW*)
6. How would you summarize all the differences between the Old and New Covenants?
7. IYOW— *Using the text of 9:23–10:18*— how would you explain *how and why* Christ's work on the Cross is sufficient and our salvation is complete in Him?—
 - ▶ how would you explain this to someone in a cult (RC/INC/LDS/JW)?
 - ▶ *have a systematic, clear and simple explanation IYOW!*

Chapter 10

1. Explain vss 10 and 14 of Ch 10 (*IYOW*)— How do these 2 verses relate? Is there any contradiction?
2. What is the meaning, significance and relationship of all the descriptive phrases in the exhortations of 10:19–25? (*there's at least 14 phrases!*)
3. What are the key verses and main issue in Warning #4— words of warning? words of encouragement?
4. How would you explain (*IYOW*) the text of 10:26–39— to a believer who thinks they've fallen away forever? to a believer who thinks they can never fall away?

Chapter 11

1. What are the primary elements of faith as expressed in Ch 11?
2. What phrase is repeated throughout Ch 11? What does it mean (*IYOW*)?

Chapter 12

1. What are the exhortations beginning with "let us" and "consider"?— Explain (*IYOW*) what we are to do and how we're to do it (*be specific*)
2. How does the text in 12:1–13 relate to the previous teaching on Christology and to the previous warnings? (*explain what links them together specifically*)
3. What are some of the ways God disciplines us (*IYOW*)? *be specific!*
4. What is the meaning and relationship between the figurative language in 12:14–24 and the final warning? How is the final exhortation and warning different than the previous ones?

Chapter 13

1. How many different subjects are mentioned in the exhortations of 13:1-13? What are they?
(specifically list and describe IYOW)
 2. Explain *(IYOW)* the text of 13:9-14— What is the literal meaning of this figurative language?
 3. What specific things in the blessing of 13:20-21 are related directly to the teaching & warnings of Chs 1–12? *(give vs refs and explain IYOW)*
- ◆ **Review of Hebrews**— *what you should be able to recognize and remember after a thorough study of the Book of Hebrews*
- ▶ **Be able to summarize each section of the text of Chs 1–8 using 1 complete sentence for each Section of your outline— be clear, specific, complete, but brief**
 - ▶ **Be able to show the relationship (connection) between the Christological truths and the 5 Warnings and Exhortations in Hebrews— be clear, specific and complete**
 - ▶ **Be able to summarize each section of Hebrews (1–1:1-3 / 1:4–2 / 3:1–4:13 / 4:14–5:10 / 5:11–6:12 / 6:13–7:28 / Ch 8 / 9:1–10:18 / 10:19–11 / Ch 12 / Ch 13) using 1 complete sentence for each section— be clear, specific, complete, but brief**
 - ▶ **Be able to take 1 Type (major) and 1 Warning (from #1-5) and explain them in relationship to the whole book (its importance and place in the overall argument)**
 - ▶ **Be able to relate 5 of the Titles or Descriptions of Christ— showing his humanity and deity— and explain the Christological truths they express (IYOW)**