

### Questions

- When you think of Jesus what is the first image that comes to mind?
- What is the aspect of who Jesus is that you most quickly think about?

### Review

- As you reflected on Hebrews 1:1-4
  - What aspect of Christ (person/essence and activity) struck you?
  - How were you impressed by Jesus this week?

### Review

- Intimate connection between the Father and the Son
  - The ultimate revelation
  - Equality and distinction maintain

### Questions

- Do you ever have to "learn" the same thing more than once?
- Do you ever doubt what you know or believe?

### Introduction

- What is the problem the author is addressing?
- What words in the text reveal the flow or development of the argument?

### Hebrews—Captivated by Jesus

- The approach to our study
  - Help us engage actively in reading and study
  - Help us see the text
  - Help us prepare to hear and respond to the message (in the text and sermons delivered)

### Hebrews—Captivated by Jesus

**Challenge**

- Spend time in Hebrews each week
  - Read
  - Observe
  - Ask question
- Key questions
  - What do I see?
  - What do I see about Jesus?

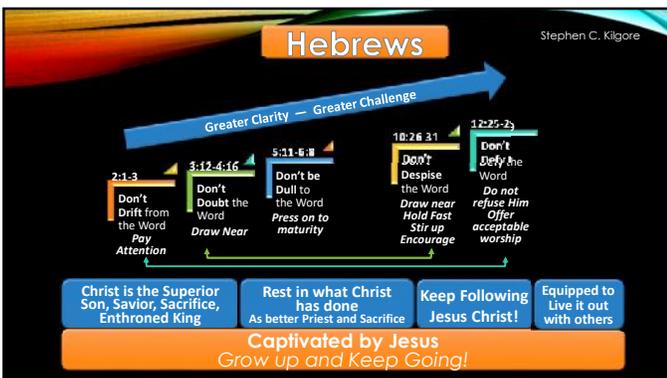
### Help for reading/studying Hebrews

- **See** Hebrews more as a sermon than letter or book
- **See** the basic flow or structure (read larger sections)
- **See** the text before seeking to “fit it into” your theological system (don’t expect it to sound like Paul, or Calvin, Luther or Wesley)
- Hebrews is not about “how to be saved” but how to live as saved people

### Goal

The goal of the book of Hebrews is not to convince people about who Jesus is but to cause them to be **captivated** by Him, resulting in...

- to persevere in Christ
- through the Word of God
- and with the people of God



### Hebrews 1:1-4

- Hebrews 1:1-4 **Who Jesus is**
  - The ultimate revelation of God
    - Superior to prophets and angels
  - Person
    - Heir of all things
    - Fully God—radiant glory, exact imprint of God
  - Work
    - Agent of creation
    - Upholder (sustainer) of the universe
    - Made purification for sin
  - Currently seated at the right hand of the Majesty on High

### Hebrews 1:5-14

- Jesus is superior to angels by...
  - Inherited Name 1:4
  - Relationship—Son 1:5
  - Position—to be worshiped 1:6
  - Position—enthroned eternally 1:8-9, 13-14
    - all subjugated to Him
  - Position—superior to others
    - by power 1:10
    - by eternity 1:11
    - by immutability 1:12

### The Son

- Powerful
- Divine
- Savior
- Enthroned
  - **Unparalleled honor**
  - **Universal authority**

### Application

- Stand firm don't drift — Pay attention to the Word!
- Keep paying attention—prioritizing the message of and through the Son
- Don't take it for granted
- Don't let familiarity or apathy distract

### Assignment

- Read Hebrews
- Read Hebrews 3:1-5:10
  - Read Psalm 95
- Look for the exhortation or challenges