

## Touch Points

### Hebrews

#### Selected Scriptures

- 1. Jesus Christ, God's Final Word** (Heb 1:1-4; 3:1-6)  
The Bible is God's inspired and progressive revelation of Himself and His plans and purposes for all of His creation (cf. 1 Pet 1:12). In this plan, Jesus Christ is, Himself, the culmination of God's self-revelation to mankind.
- 2. The Gospel of Jesus: A More Exacting Standard** (Heb 2:1-4; 3:12-4:3; 12:25)  
The occasion for this letter begins to be seen more clearly in this chapter. It was crucial that the audience understand the message of the cross of Christ was not less binding than that of Sinai, but more because of its finality and completeness.
- 3. The Incarnation of Jesus Christ** (Heb 2:9-11, 16-18; 4:14-16; 5:7-10)  
The incarnation of Jesus Christ is an indispensably important doctrine for the Christian faith. Hebrews details several important actions and details for why this is important.
- 4. The Danger of Falling Away After Believing** (Heb 6:1-8; 10:26-39)  
The New Testament clearly teaches that those people who Christ saves cannot and will not be lost (John 10:27-30; Rom 8:28-30). One of the difficulties with the book of Hebrews is that it speaks repeatedly about the danger of falling away where salvation would no longer be possible. The resolution to this apparent contradiction is found in a full understanding of what it means to be a Christian and what the Christian life looks like (cf. Luke 8:4ff; 1 John 2:17)
- 5. The Supremacy of Melchizedek Over Levi** (Heb 7:1-28)  
The establishment of the supremacy of Melchizedek's to Levi's priesthood is crucial to the entire argument of Hebrews. His priesthood is superior because of actions taken before there was a Levitical priesthood (v.10).
- 6. Jesus Christ, Our High Priest** (Heb 8:1-6; 9:11-28; cf. Heb 12:1-3)  
All of what has been said prior in this letter is making the important point that Jesus Christ is a superior High Priest of a superior covenant with better promises.
- 7. Jesus Christ – the One Sufficient Sacrifice for Sins** (Heb 9:24-10:25)  
The better High Priest has to only offer one sacrifice, not repeated sacrifices. This also clearly articulates yet another way in which the message of Jesus fulfills and eclipses that which had gone before it.
- 8. The Hall of Faith** (Heb 11:1-39)  
To reiterate the fact that faith, not works, is the issue, the author of Hebrews provides many examples of faith to encourage us.
- 9. The Goodness of Godly Discipline** (Heb 12:4-17)  
The presence of hardship and chastisement from God is not a sign that He does not love you, but it verifies just how much He loves you – that He is willing to work with you through your disobedience to bring you to faithful obedience.