

God has given us Christ—the better faith alternative.

1. Christ Is Better—than Prophets, Angels or Moses.

Heb. 1-3

- a. The Father has sent His Son Christ, superior to and over the Prophets and Angels (1).
- b. Christ is better in His Deity as God’s Son, and in His Humanity (2), and over Moses (3).
- c. Christ’s work of purification for sins and His person are better than those of Moses (3).

“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs,” ... “Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope,”
Heb. 1:1-4 ... 3:5-6

2. Christ is Better—His Priesthood, His Covenant and His Redemption.

Heb. 4-10

- a. In entering Christ’s promised rest, we have a Great High Priest and Sympathizer (4-5).
- b. He calls us to maturity, for full assurance (6). Christ’s Covenant is forever (7-8).
- c. The Old Covenant is an earthly holy place (9). Christ’s is once-for-all in faith (10).

“...since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near,” Heb. 10:19-25

3. Christ’s Gift of Faith is Better—With Assurance, Endurance, and Love.

Heb. 11-13

- a. Faith is our assurance of what we hope for, as demonstrated by the many prophets (11).
- b. Jesus founded and perfects our faith, and we are to endure and not grow weary (12).
- c. Jesus is our mediator of His New Covenant (12), the same yesterday, today, forever (13).

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.,” ... “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God,” Heb. 11:1-3 ... 12:1-2

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