



**Gospel memory Verse 1: Romans 6:23** *"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."* (All people have an unsolvable sin problem)

**Gospel memory Verse 2: John 3:16-18** *16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. 18 Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God."* (Jesus is God's loving solution)

**Gospel memory Verse 3: Acts 3:19** *"Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out"* (Repent; turn from sin to God's forgiveness)

**Gospel memory Verse 4: Romans 10:9** *"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."* (Believe and confess Jesus as your Lord)

**Gospel memory Verse 5: Ephesians 2:8-10** *"8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."* (Faith by grace alone)

**Gospel memory Verse 6: 2 Corinthians 5:17** *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."* (New Life)

**Gospel memory Verse 7: John 14:3** *"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also."* (Eternal Life)

**Series: Jesus is Better (00)**

**Title: Jesus is Better**

**Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-4; Hebrews 13:17-21**

Why should we study Hebrews? **Hebrews 1:1-4**

- Because JESUS is better than everything and Hebrews tells us who, what, when, where, and why Jesus is better!

**Questions that are essential to ask/answer when working with any book of the Bible:**

**To whom was it written?** The church of Christ (the early church and the modern church)

**Who wrote the book of Hebrews?** The answer is the Holy Spirit.

- We do not know the human author. Some say Paul, Apollos, Luke, Phillip the Evangelist, Mark, and Priscilla & Aquilla.

**For what purpose was the book of Hebrews written?** Hebrews 6:1; Hebrews 13:22

There are two key words in Hebrews:

1. “**better**” (vs. 1:4; 6:9; 7:7, 19, 22; 8:6; 9:23; 10:34; 11:16, 35, 40; 12:24)
2. “**perfect**” (vs. 2:10; 5:9, 14; 6:1; 7:11, 19, 28; 9:9, 11; 10:1, 14; 11:40; 12:2, 23)

**Since Jesus is better, then we must be perfected to be like Jesus. Heb. 12:1-2**

**SO WHAT? WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME? FOR PARKWAY?**

1. **Pay close attention to the Word of God (Jesus & the Bible) or you will drift. (Heb. 2:1-4)**
  - a. PLAN - Bible Reading Plan. Accountability.
2. **Hold your original confidence in Christ firm to the end or you will doubt. (Heb. 3:7, 12-14, 19)**
3. **Start serving and sharing Christ or you will grow dull and carnal. (Heb. 5:11-6:1)**
4. **Press into authentically studying God’s Word and sharing your life with the body of Christ or you will shrink into isolation and sin. (Heb. 10:26-36)**
  - a. **Our vision statement:** *We are real people walking with Christ, inviting others, and serving together to reach our neighbors and the nations with the gospel of Jesus Christ.*
  - b. Practical mission for Parkway: **Our mission** is to be healthy church members who are...
    - i. **Gathered** (gathering together corporately in large group worship/word/prayer/fellowship)
    - ii. **Grouped** (gathering in small groups in our community, in homes where possible, as lighthouses to grow in loving God, connecting with other believer in fellowship, being grounded in the Word of God, and Missionally engaging the community and world as small groups)
    - iii. **Growing** (a gathering and groups church will grow Spiritually and engage the world effectively)
    - iv. **Going** (we are commissioned to go and the church is God’s plan for missions everywhere)
5. **Strive for peace, give abundant grace, and run away from sin or you will grow a root of bitterness. (Heb. 12:14-19)**

