

Christ Alone

#5 Blast from the Past— Echoes of the Reformation

Hebrews 1:1 – 2:3a

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What Jesus Christ alone provides - Hebrews 1:1-2a

Why Jesus Christ alone provides these things - Hebrews 1:2b-14

How do we experience what Jesus Christ alone provides? - Hebrews 2:1-3a

REFLECTION AND APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Monday: Read Hebrews 1:1–2:3a.

Q: Is the beginning of Heb 2 connected to Heb 1? How do you know?

A: Yes. Chapter 2, v. 1 begins with “for this reason.” Thus, the author of Hebrews is drawing an inference from what has previously been said (in this case, likely all of chapter 1).

Q: In Heb 2:1 the author says, “For this reason, we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard. . . .” We know from v. 3 that what was heard involves “so great a salvation.” Putting this all together, the content of chapter 1 means “we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard,” about “so great a salvation.” What is the content of chapter 1 and how does it speak of salvation?

A: The content of chapter 1 is Jesus, and His superiority. Around the middle of Heb 1:3 it states that Jesus “made purification of sins.” If Jesus is superior to all, purified us of our sins, and hearing of Him is to hear of “so great a salvation,” then Jesus = salvation. Please take some time to think about this message, and how to properly respond to it.

Tuesday–Friday

Read and meditate on the following verses that speak of salvation in Christ alone: 1 Timothy 2:5–6; Acts 4:12; John 3:16–18; Heb 1, 8–9

Saturday

In preparation for tomorrow’s message on the glory of God alone, read and meditate on Isaiah 6. Think of one way you can bring glory to God tomorrow morning, and one friend you can bring to Cherrydale!

For Further Reading

Grace Alone: Salvation as a Gift of God by Carl Trueman

The Bondage of the Will by Martin Luther (Translated by J.I. Packer and O.R. Johnston)

Church History in Plain Language by Bruce L. Shelley

Google: Five Important Women of the Reformation and Influential Women of the Reformation