

THE HEART OF HEBREWS

- You may have read this week in the news ...

A. The BACKGROUND to HEBREWS You Need to Know.

1. The *writer* of Hebrews is _____, though ultimately it was the _____.

- Who are the suggested options?
- What is very clear about the writer?

2. The *recipients* of Hebrews were _____, not the _____.

- How do we know this?
- Does this conclusion also apply to the ‘warning’ passages?
- Why is this important to properly discern?

3. The *date* of Hebrews is approximately _____, while the _____, and defunct _____ and _____ were still in existence.

- How do we know this?

4. The *theme* of Hebrews is _____. (1:1-3)

- How many times is the word “better” found?
- Observe this truth in the introduction to this epistle (1:1-3)

a) Jesus Christ is the _____ of God. (1:1-2a)

b) Jesus Christ is _____ over the universe due to Him being... (1:2b-3)

1) _____.

2) _____ ... “*through whom also He made the worlds*”

3) _____ ... “who being the brightness of God’s glory”

4) _____ ... “the express image of His person”

5) _____ ... “upholding all things by the word of His power”

6) _____ ... “when He had by Himself purged our sins”

7) _____
... “sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

5. The *problem* being addressed in Hebrews is centered on significant _____ directed to these believers by the Jewish community and the imminent danger of their _____ to _____. (Hebrews 10:32-39; 13:7-14)

- Is this a problem today among believers today?

6. The *warnings* and *exhortations* in Hebrews are saying in essence:

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

f. _____

g. _____

7. The *heart* of Hebrews is not a message of eternal salvation for sinners, but a significant explanation of the _____ with serious exhortations for believers “to _____, and the _____ which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with _____ the race that is set before us, _____ the author and finisher of our _____” as it is worth it now by way of _____ and for all eternity by way of _____. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

- How does this all apply to you?