



### Big Photo:

Jesus is Superior and Ultimate

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### He Brews

Epistle of Fulfillment by Christ

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### Martin Story: The Gospel of Washing Your Hands



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### Date Written:

◆ Before 70 AD-- In 70, Jerusalem was destroyed, and the Jewish Temple was destroyed. These would have been mentioned by the author. Also, present tense for 9: 6-9 and others.

◆ 68 AD?

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### Author:

- ◆ 11:32 masculine form, author was a man
- ◆ 13:24 Those from \_\_\_\_\_ greet you
- ◆ Barnabas? Acts 13:1-4
- ◆ Apollos? I Corinthians 1:12; 3:4-6
- ◆ ?

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### Recipients:

- ◆ Christians who were Jewish; familiar with the Old Testament; being tempted to return to Judaism or to "Judaize" the gospel (Zondervan)

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### Key Verse:

- ◆ 11:39b-40, "And all these, though commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised. Since God provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect..."ESV

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### Key Chapter (Required Reading):

- ◆ 11
- ◆ "By Faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice..."

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## Purpose



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## Purpose:

- ◆ Show that Christianity is “better” than Judaism
- ◆ Jesus as absolutely supreme and sufficient-- he’s great, and he’s all that you need
- ◆ Follow Jesus--live for him, persevere through hard times for him

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## TCF #1

- ◆ Hebrews Chapter 11 is one of the Great chapters of the Bible
- ◆ Author shows how Old Testament Heroes acted BY FAITH; that they are part of God’s New Plan, not part of God’s Old Plan
- ◆ They don’t get to heaven on their own merit; they get there by faith.
- ◆ JoGoF in the Old Testament

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## Melchizedek

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## TCF #2

- ◆ Genesis 14: 18-20
- ◆ 18 Then Melchizedek **king** of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was **priest** of God Most High, **19** and he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. **20** And

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## TCF #2

- ◆ Psalm 110:4 "The Lord has sworn, and will not change his mind, 'You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek'"

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## TCF #2

- ◆ Hebrews 7:4, "See how great [Melchizedek] was" --priest and king ESV
- ◆ Hebrews 7:22 "This makes Jesus the guarantor of a BETTER covenant" ESV Better Priest, Better King!
- ◆ 7: 26-28, "He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily..." ESV (27)

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## TCF #3

- ◆ Jesus is BETTER than, SUPERIOR to Moses
- ◆ 3:3 "For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself" ESV
- ◆ Moses was a servant IN God's house

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## TCF #4

◆ 6:4-6 "For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit 5, and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding up to contempt."ESV

◆ and 10:26 " For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins..."ESV

◆ The point: You should show real repentance by not doing those same sins again; you should lose eternal life if you keep sinning; What about JOGOF?

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## TCF #5

◆ Often quoted verse: 12:1; "...and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us..." ESV

◆ Sound like Paul?

◆ Endure hardship as discipline, live your faith

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## TCF #6

◆ Lots of Old Testament quotes:

◆ 10:30 from Deuteronomy 32:36

◆ 4:3 = Psalm 95:11

◆ 9:12 = Jeremiah 31: 31-34

◆ 12:6 = Proverbs 3:11-12

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## TCF #6 Explained:

◆ The point of the OT quotes is not the quotes themselves, but the reason there are so many:

◆ The author is trying to show Jews, who know the OT inside and out, how their Religion continues in Christ. (Is replaced by Christ. Is renewed, is shattered, is reformed in Christ)

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## Also:

- ◆ The author of Hebrews is trying to show how this new Religion of Christianity is, in every way:
- ◆ 1. a continuation of God's Plan from the beginning
- ◆ 2. Better than Judaism

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## Also:

- ◆ And that Jesus Christ is:
- ◆ 1. God
- ◆ 2. Better than Moses, and any other OT figure
- ◆ 3. your way to salvation by grace through faith
- ◆ 4. The Promised Messiah

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## Activity to Remember

Shinkeisujaku

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## Life Lessons from Hebrews

- ◆ Why is the Old Testament important to our understanding of God?
- ◆ If we're saved through Jesus' death and resurrection, how were people of the Old Testament saved?
- ◆ What does Hebrews tell you about God's promises?
- ◆ What are some of God's promises to you, that you need to remember as you live your life?

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