

The author of the book of Hebrews remains anonymous because the letter itself does not explicitly name the writer (Hebrews 1:1). However, careful study of the text suggests that the Apostle Paul is a strong candidate. The author mentions Timothy, who was Paul's close companion and co-worker (Hebrews 13:23):

*“Know that our brother Timothy has been released, with whom I shall see you if he comes shortly.”*

Also, the closing blessing, “Grace be with you all” (Hebrews 13:25), is a hallmark of Paul's letters, reinforcing this possibility.

Some scholars suggest alternatives like Apollos, Barnabas, or Silas due to differences in writing style. Ultimately, the message, not the author's identity, is the heart of the book.

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## What Is the Book of Hebrews About?

Hebrews is a pastoral letter addressed primarily to Jewish

Christians familiar with Jewish customs, rituals, and the Old Testament Scriptures (Hebrews 2:1):

*"Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away."*

The main theological theme is the supremacy and sufficiency of Jesus Christ as the perfect revelation of God and mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 1:3)

*"Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power... sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high."*

Key points include:

- Christ's superiority over the prophets: God once spoke through prophets, but now speaks definitively through His Son (Hebrews 1:1-2).
- Christ's superiority over angels: Unlike angels, Jesus has an eternal throne and authority (Hebrews 1:13-14).
- Christ's superiority over Moses and the Levitical priesthood: Jesus is the ultimate

high priest in the order of Melchizedek (Hebrews 3:1-6; 7:1-28 NKJV), surpassing the old covenant mediators.

- Christ's once-for-all sacrifice: Unlike repeated animal sacrifices, Jesus' sacrifice cleanses sin completely and eternally (Hebrews 10:11-14 ).

*"But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God." (Hebrews 10:12)*

This theology confirms Jesus as the mediator of a new and better covenant (Hebrews 8:6), fulfilling and surpassing the old covenant's shadows (Hebrews 10:1).

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### A Warning and Encouragement to Persevere

Hebrews also serves as a powerful exhortation for believers to remain faithful amid trials and persecution (Hebrews 12:1-3):

*"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight... and run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto*

*Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith..."*

This call reflects the theology of perseverance—believers are encouraged to endure hardships by focusing on Christ's example of suffering and victory.

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