GRACE COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

THANKSGIVING AND WORSHIP SERVICE

January 26, 2020

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast 10:00 a.m Scripture Reading:

Prayer for the Lost and the Persecuted

10:15 a.m. Worship in the Word

Songs of Praise, Worship and Thanksgiving

Our Great God He Leadeth Me Ancient Words The Heavenly Vision

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

Sermon: Hebrews 1:1-3

Introduction and Overview of Hebrews:

God Has Spoken to Us

The Lord's Supper

Prayer

If you have questions or comments about today's sermon, please feel free to contact me at 758-4400.

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Scripture References

Romans 1:1 Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God... 7 to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:1 Paul, called as an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, 2 To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God which is at Corinth with all the saints who are throughout Achaia: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Galatians 1:1 Paul, an apostle (not sent from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead), 2 and all the brethren who are with me, To the churches of Galatia: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

- 1 Timothy 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the commandment of God our Savior, and of Christ Jesus, who is our hope, 2 To Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
- 2 Timothy 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life in Christ Jesus, 2 To Timothy, my beloved son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
- A) 1:1-3 Christ is <u>superior</u> to the <u>Prophets</u>. 1:4-14 Christ <u>superior</u> to the <u>angels</u>. 2:1-4. Warning: 2:1 For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.
- B) The second section deals with the Incarnation of the Son. 2:10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings. . . . 17 Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things

pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

- C) 3:1-4:2 3:1-6 Christ is greater than Moses and Joshua.
- 3:7-19 Second Warning: "Don't be like the unbelieving Israelites in the Wilderness. When you hear Him speak, do not harden your heart. Do not be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin and unbelief, or you will fall away, as did the Israelites. They did not enter into His rest and if you do not continue in faith, you will not enter His rest. So let us fear, lest any one of you come short of it.
- D) 4:3-13. There is a Sabbath rest, for God's People.
- E) 4:14-8:5 Christ's priesthood is greater than the priesthood of Aaron.
- So: 4:16 Let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace. And,
- 6:1 Let us press on to maturity
- F) 8:6-10:18. Christ and the <u>New Covenant are superior to the Old Covenant</u>, given through Moses on Mt Sinai.
- 10:19-25 an exhortation and the <u>heart</u> of the writer's message: 10:19 Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; 24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, 25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.
- 10:26-31 a warning 10:26 For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES. 28 Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY." And again, "THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE." 31 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

- 10:32-36 encouragement 10:32 But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened, you endured a great conflict of sufferings, 33 partly by being made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulations, and partly by becoming sharers with those who were so treated. 34 For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one. 35 Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. 36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.
- G) chap 11 <u>Definition</u> of <u>faith</u> <u>history</u> of many of the <u>OT</u> faithful. And in 11:13-16, the writer sets forth the things that sustained them in the faith: 11:13 All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. 14 For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own. 15 And indeed if they had been thinking of that country from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, <u>they desire a better country</u>, <u>that is</u>, a <u>heavenly</u> one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.
- H) 12:1-3, the <u>exhortation</u> and <u>encouragement</u> that flows from the recounting of that history of the faithful. 12:1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has <u>sat down</u> at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider <u>Him</u> who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.
- I) 12:4-11 The blessing of God's discipline. 12:12-17 -Exhortation to righteous conduct. 12:18-24 The heavenly Mt Zion is better than the earthly Mt Sinai 12:25-29 A final Warning: 'Do not refuse Him who is speaking. . . 29 for our God is a consuming fire.'
- J) chap 13 Words of encouragement, instruction, praise of God, and greeting.
- Matthew 17:5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!"