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**Week 1 Sermon, August 6, 2023**  
**Hebrews 1:1-2 – *God Has Spoken***

**Discussion Questions**

1. The Epistle to the Hebrews is an “invaluable treasure in the Church,” according to John Calvin. Every chapter has quotes from or allusions to the Old Testament, all pointing to what theme? Though the author is disputed by scholars, who can we know for certain wrote this book of Scripture (2 *Peter* 1:21)? What is the occasion/purpose for this letter? Why is it important to understand the background of a letter before beginning study?
  2. Both *doctrine* and *exhortation* are interspersed through the 13 chapters of this book. Review the meaning of these two words and find examples of each. What verses could you use to help a believer who is struggling? See Hebrews 10:23 as an example.
  3. How would you defend the idea of absolute truth? Why is it important in our age of relativism? What did Jesus say about Himself in John 14? What is the result of a society that cannot answer the question Pilate asked in John 18:37-38? What evidence do we have in Hebrews 6:18 that we can trust God?
  4. We can look at Pilate and think, “How did he miss the truth when it/He was literally staring him in the face?” Spend some time in quiet confession and prayer for the multitude of times you have ignored the conviction of the Holy Spirit and turned away from what you know is true. Seek prayer support if this is a habit in your life in some area.
  5. Who is the subject in the first 2 verses of Chapter one? How does that set the tone for our reading of this letter? Discuss the contrasts in verses 1-2a about timing, recipients, agents, and manner and consider the following verses to help: Hebrews 9:26, John 3:31-34, Luke 24:21. Feel free to share any others that you can find/come to mind.
  6. Why is it important that it is God who has spoken and that He has spoken to us by His Son? Read John 1: 1, 14, 16. Jesus the Christ is God’s final revelation; we await no new revelation. He is the fullness and completion. What is the significance of living on this side of the Cross? Thank Him for the time in history that you have been born and how you might bring Him glory in your life this week.
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