# Consider Jesus, Your Merciful High Priest

**Hebrews Chapters 1-4** 

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# What kind of Biblical Literature is Hebrews? How do we know?

Heb. 13:22

Heb. 2:3-4

Heard about salvation from one who heard about it from Jesus Not directly from Jesus

### Paul?

Acts 9—Damascus
Customary salutation?

Others Luke Apollos Barnabas Silas

Philip Aquila, Priscilla

# Who wrote this letter of Hebrews? Divinely inspired

2 Tim. 3:16

Knew Old Testament
 Jewish believer?

# Who wrote this letter of Hebrews? Heb. 13:18-19, 22-25 Personal requests from the author

Restoration to recipients

# Who wrote this letter of Hebrews? Heb. 13:18-19, 22-25 Spoke of Timothy being released Sent greetings from the saints in Italy

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Hoped to go with Timothy to see the brothers he wrote

## Why did he write this letter?

It's an appeal to those he wrote to bear with his brief word of exhortation.

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He wrote to his brethren, believers.

Most likely Jewish believers Hence the title, "Hebrews."

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5:11-14

Became dull of hearing Ought to be teachers Still needed elementary teaching Need milk, not solid food Babes, not mature

6:9-10

Saved, beloved believers
Had evidence of salvation
Work and love in ministering to
the saints

10:32-34

Endured a great conflict of suffering after being saved Made a public spectacle through reproaches, tribulations

# Who were these people? 10:32-34

Sharers with those who were so treated

Sympathized with prisoners
Accepted joyfully the seizure of
their property

10:32-34

Knew they had a better possession An abiding one

12:4

Not yet resisted blood to the point of shedding blood

12:5

Have forgotten the exhortation about discipline for sons

13:9

Exposed to varied and strange teachings

Jesus our High Priest
Brought a better covenant 8:6
His blood cleansed our
conscience. 9:14

Brought eternal salvation
 9:15

Written a long time ago to a group of Jewish believers who:

Brought eternal salvation 9:15 Written a long time ago to a group of Jewish believers who: Had not matured as they should have

Suffered loss of some things
Took care of those in prison
Had need of endurance
This is a letter for believers now

# Can strengthen Offer hope to believers Can lead to spiritual maturity