

NOTHING BUT THE BEST, GUARANTEED

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Week of March 9, 2025

Christ's _____ Brings _____ (11-12)

1. Thinking back on this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. 2 Tim 3:16-17 teaches that all Scripture is useful for training us up in righteousness. We should not walk away from a study of any passage of Scripture without it impacting our lives in some way. What is one thing you are (or will be) applying to your life as a result of studying this passage?

3. The word translated "guarantee" in verse 22 (NASB) is unique in the New Testament – this verse is the only place it's used. Grab a study Bible or online resource and do a quick word study – what is the meaning of the term in this context? And what is the significance of the truth that Jesus being our guarantee?

Christ's _____ Fulfills _____ (13-17)

4. One disadvantage a church like ours can have with passages like this one is our relative unfamiliarity with the Mosaic Law. The original audience would have immediately understood many of the implications of this passage that can sometimes slip past us. Do a quick study on the Law – how are we to think about it today? What significance does it have for gentile believers living in 2025?

a. Some references to get started: Matthew 5:17-20, Psalm 119:131 and 143, Romans 3:20, Romans 7:7-12, Galatians 3:21-25

5. In verses 18-19, we see that it is through "a better hope" (the hope which is superior to the Law) that we draw near to God. Christ is certainly the reason we are able to draw near to God – but how are we to go about drawing near to God, practically? If one of your children, or a friend new in the faith, were to ask "how do I draw near to God?" what would you say? Use scripture to explain your answer!

Christ's _____ Guarantees _____ (18-22)

6. Much of this chapter (and indeed, of Hebrews as a whole) is spent developing a theological case for the superiority of Christ to the Mosaic Law. While this would have been critical for the early, mostly Jewish church to understand, it might seem less relevant to us today. However, the principle that "Jesus is better than any other way of trying to please God" is still quite relevant. What are some ways a people attending a church like ours might slip into legalistic thinking (aka, trying to please God with our performance)?

7. Building off of question 6, make it personal: What are some ways YOU are tempted to try living in your own strength? How has God taught you that it is better to rely on him instead?