



**HELD
FIRM
TO HOLD FAST**

Understanding Hebrews:

Audience:

- Jewish people
- Professing faith in Christ – 3:1
- Facing persecution – 12:3
- Under pressure to return to Judaism – 12:15
- Wavering faith



Understanding Hebrews:

See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness. We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end. Hebrews 3:12-14



Understanding Hebrews:

Author's Intention:

- To show that **Christ** is the ultimate fulfillment of Judaism and the only means of salvation.
- **Warning** professing believers about the danger of apostasy.
- To **challenge** believers to persevere in their faith in Christ.





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**He's No Angel: He's
God!**

Hebrews 1

GOD SPEAKS!

God spoke Creation into existence and He has been speaking ever since!

Humanity rejected God's first word and has had a rebellious heart ever since!



Jesus! The Ultimate Word of God!

- **Because He is God's Son! – v2, 5, 8**
- **Because everything belongs to Him! – v2, 6**
- **Because He created everything! – v2, 10**
- **Because He is Divine! – v3, 6**
- **Because He is in control of everything! – v3**
- **Because He provided cleansing for sin – v3**
- **Because He is ruler of all! – v3, 8-9, 13**



Angels?

- The recipients of Hebrews had a wrong and dangerous view about angels, but we don't know exactly what it was.
 - Jesus was an angel?
 - The role of angels (messengers) in the Old Testament was on par with the person and work of Christ?
 - A spiritual fad?



Angels?

- Angels are **spirit beings**, Jesus is fully human and fully divine!
- Angels are **servants** of God, Jesus is God! He created and rules over all things!



***Jesus is the Ultimate
Word from God...***

Is He Enough for You?



Is Jesus Enough?

*More than all I want more than all I need
You are more than enough for me*

Chris Tomlin

Your grace is enough

Matt Maher

*Christ is enough for me
Everything I need is in You*

Hillsong



Is Jesus Enough?

Angels?
Religion?
Good works?
Self-help?
Fulfillment?
Financial Security?
Pleasure?

