

Aim & method -

To prevent his readers from abandoning their faith in Christ -

He sets forth the incomparable glory of the Son of God - His person & work -

He wants them to appreciate their privileges -

Christianity is the perfect & final religion because it is the religion of free & unrestricted access to God - made

possible by the atoning death of Christ -

Through Him men can draw near & enjoy peace & pardon & fellowship with God

a continual contrast between the old & new

General outline - 3 sections -

1:1-10:18 Doctrinal instruction -

10:19-13:17 Practical exhortations -

13:18-25 Personal messages -

The person & work of Christ - a PRIEST.

superior to prophets - to MOSES - to Aaron -

To the Hebrews -

Single theme -

Free & unrestricted access to God -

He rebukes - he encourages - He warns - He pleads
The author - Paul? Apollos? - Bernabae? -
nowhere does the name appear -
style unlike Paul -

~~Forerunner~~ - Luke, Silas, Peter, Philip -

Aquila & Priscilla? "God only knows"

The Holy Spirit

Destination - To the Hebrews

Christians -

Converts of long standing -

their faith inspired by men personally acquainted with Jesus -

Their leaders had fallen as martyrs -

"spiritual life was stagnant -

They still believed in Christ as Son of God - still "holy brethren" -

Immature - making no progress -

neglecting worship services -

Soaring heart -

Weariness of their conflict with sin -

In peril of apostasy - & turning back to Judaism -

To our own day -