

# Sermon Study Guide – December 25th, 2022

*Today's Focus: "The Only Gift We Really Need"*

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ How excited are you to receive gifts every passing Christmas or birthday? How many gifts do you really need?
- ◆ What gift does God give to us at Christmas? How is it “the only gift we really need”? Do we ever allow things to get in the way of this gift, that we think we need instead?

2) Today's Message: Hebrews 9:1-9

*In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. <sup>3</sup> The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. <sup>4</sup> So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.*

*<sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? <sup>6</sup> And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." <sup>7</sup> In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire." <sup>8</sup> But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. <sup>9</sup> You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy."*

3) What does God want you to know today?

*Throughout the sermon, consider...*

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:



*Answer the following questions as you follow the sermon...*

1. What *hadn't* the writer/audience of Hebrews experienced in their faith? Yet, what "gift" does the writer still say they have?
2. Why are Christ and his Word the "only gift really needed"?
3. What "gift" do we have that folks in the Old Testament didn't?
4. What happens after you have all the gifts you really "need"? How do you look at other gifts from God?

#### 4) Taking it Home:

*Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week's truths:*

**Monday:** *review* Is. 9:1-7, Jn 1:1-5,9-14

**Thursday:** Hebrews 3

**Tuesday:** *review* Hebrews 1:1-9

**Friday:** Hebrews 4

**Wednesday:** Hebrews 1:10-2:18

**Saturday:** Hebrews 5:1-6:3