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**Deals with at least these three questions:**

- 1) Where did we come from and why are we here?
- 2) What is wrong with the world?
- 3) How can we fix it?

# Hebrews Main Idea

**Jesus is Better Than!**

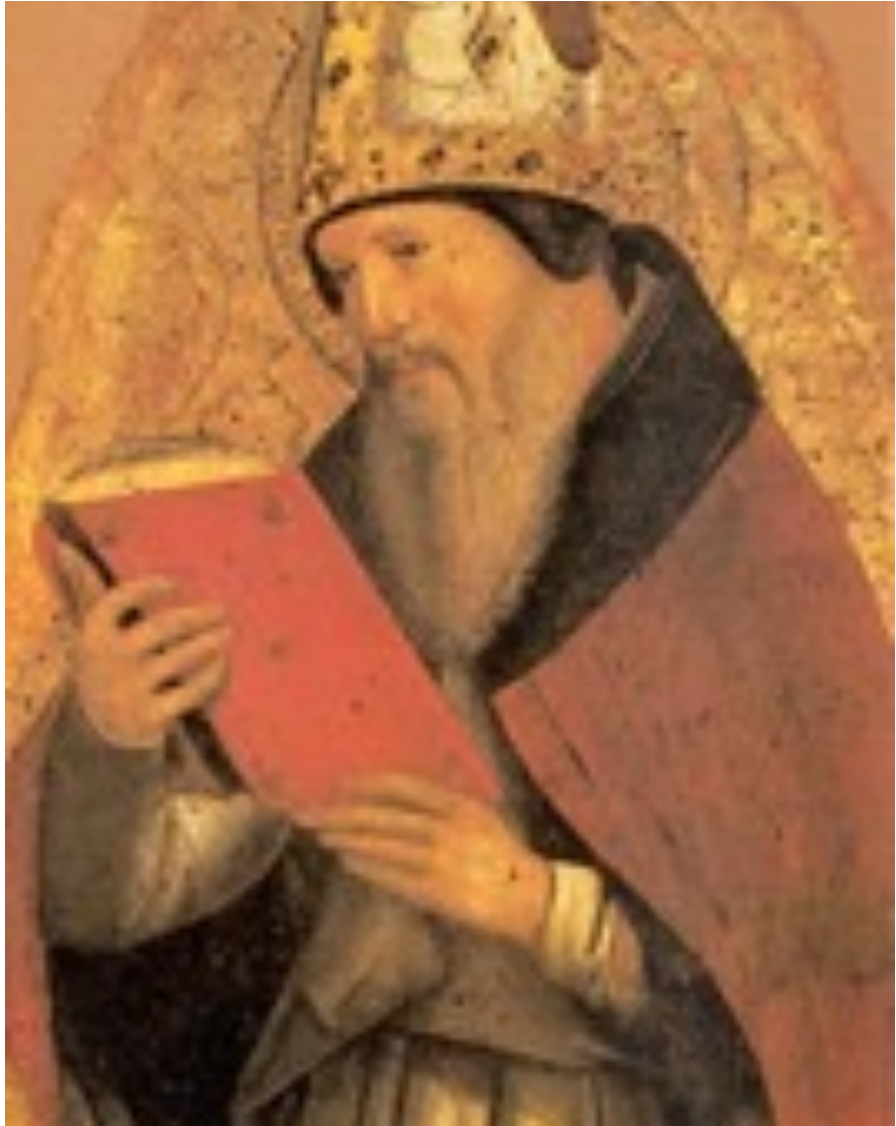
**So, don't quit—persevere—don't fall short of our confession,  
hold fast to it by faith, listen to God,  
and rest in Jesus, our great high priest.**

# God's Promised Rest

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# Rest Defined

- God's blessings of safety, security, and salvation
- Rest is a place of God's design
- We enter his rest when we live in line with God's will for our lives



## — Augustine of Hippo, Confessions

- “Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee.”

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# Enter God's Rest Through Faith!

- **Faith** is not simply just hearing the gospel;  
it's "**the attitude of trusting God wholeheartedly.**"
- "Wholeheartedly" = **belief plus trust**



—Wholehearted devotion to God—

The Bible message has always been the same;  
it has always been about faith

# Enter With Urgency... Today!

<sup>3</sup> For we who have believed enter the rest, in keeping with what he has said, So I swore in my anger, "They will not enter my rest," even though his works have been finished since the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup> For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in this way: And on the seventh day God rested from all his works. <sup>5</sup> Again, in that passage he says, They will never enter my rest. <sup>6</sup> Therefore, since it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news did not enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup> he again specifies a certain day—today. He specified this speaking through David after such a long time: Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts. <sup>8</sup> For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. <sup>9</sup> Therefore, a Sabbath rest remains for God's people. <sup>10</sup> For the person who has entered his rest has rested from his own works, just as God did from his. (Hebrews 4:3-9)

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**We enter God's Rest Through faith,  
with Urgency, and the Word of God.**

**<sup>11</sup> Let us, then, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall into the same pattern of disobedience. <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**

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(Hebrews 4:11-13)**

"Grace is not opposed to effort,  
it is opposed to earning.  
Earning is an attitude.  
Effort is an action."

We're not to take our salvation for granted;  
but rather, every day we're given,  
we choose to draw closer to Christ.

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# Our great High Priest is no other than Jesus!

**<sup>14</sup> Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens—Jesus the Son of God—let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need. (Hebrews 4:14-16)**

Make every effort to lean into Christ  
Enter God's rest by faith,  
Hold fast to our great high priest, Jesus.

## **Application Points**

- Examine Yourself
  - Place Your faith in Christ
    - Don't Drift
  - Listen to the Holy Spirit's Voice
    - Run to Jesus and Rest in Him
- Receive His Mercy and Grace in Times of Need