

Sermon Notes

December 20, 2015

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Why Jesus? | Hebrews 1

I. Because of _____.

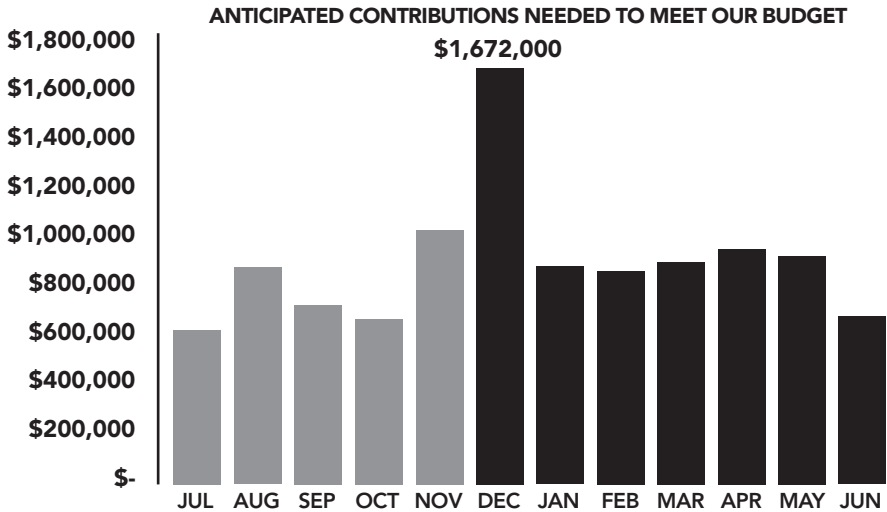
II. Because of _____.

¹ God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ² in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. ³ And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they. ⁵ For to which of the angels did He ever say, "YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU"? And again, "I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM AND HE SHALL BE A SON TO ME"? ⁶ And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says, "AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM." ⁷ And of the angels He says, "WHO MAKES HIS ANGELS WINDS, AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE." ⁸ But of the Son He says, "YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER, AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM. ⁹ YOU HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED LAWLESSNESS; THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS ABOVE YOUR COMPANIONS." ¹⁰ And, "YOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH, AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS; ¹¹ THEY WILL PERISH, BUT YOU REMAIN; AND THEY ALL WILL BECOME OLD LIKE A GARMENT, ¹² AND LIKE A MANTLE YOU WILL ROLL THEM UP; LIKE A GARMENT THEY WILL ALSO BE CHANGED. BUT YOU ARE THE SAME, AND YOUR YEARS WILL NOT COME TO AN END." ¹³ But to which of the angels has He ever said, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET"? ¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

DECEMBER GIVING

Scottsdale Bible is blessed to be a community of people who support its ministries through prayer, service, and financial giving. Your generosity is making a difference, allowing us to reach and serve many, all in the name of Jesus.

December is historically a season of increased giving to the church. In fact, as the following graph shows, we typically receive nearly 16% of annual contributions in December. To be wise stewards of the financial resources given, our budget has been shaped to reflect this trend.



The financial reporting you see in the weekly bulletin reflects this pattern of contributions. This week and next, you will notice an increase in the projected contributions (and accordingly, any shortfall). To stay on course for the year, we anticipate receipts of December tithes and offerings as shown above.

*We are also in the final phase of our **Compelled by Grace** initiative. If you can fulfill your pledge or give a one-time gift toward our year-end goal, it would be a great encouragement.*

As always, the leaders of this church are committed to not spend more than we receive in contributions. We trust God to work through you and others to meet the needs and opportunities of Scottsdale Bible Church. Thank you for your generous giving, your unwavering support, and your encouraging partnership in the ministry of this church.

Financial contributions for 2015 must be postmarked or dropped off at the church office no later than December 31. Although our office will be closed from December 28 through January 1, we have a secure drop box for donations located on the northeast corner of the Administrative Office building. As always, the Finance Office welcomes your questions or feedback and can be reached at 480.824.7296.

Thank you for everything you contribute to the life of Scottsdale Bible Church!