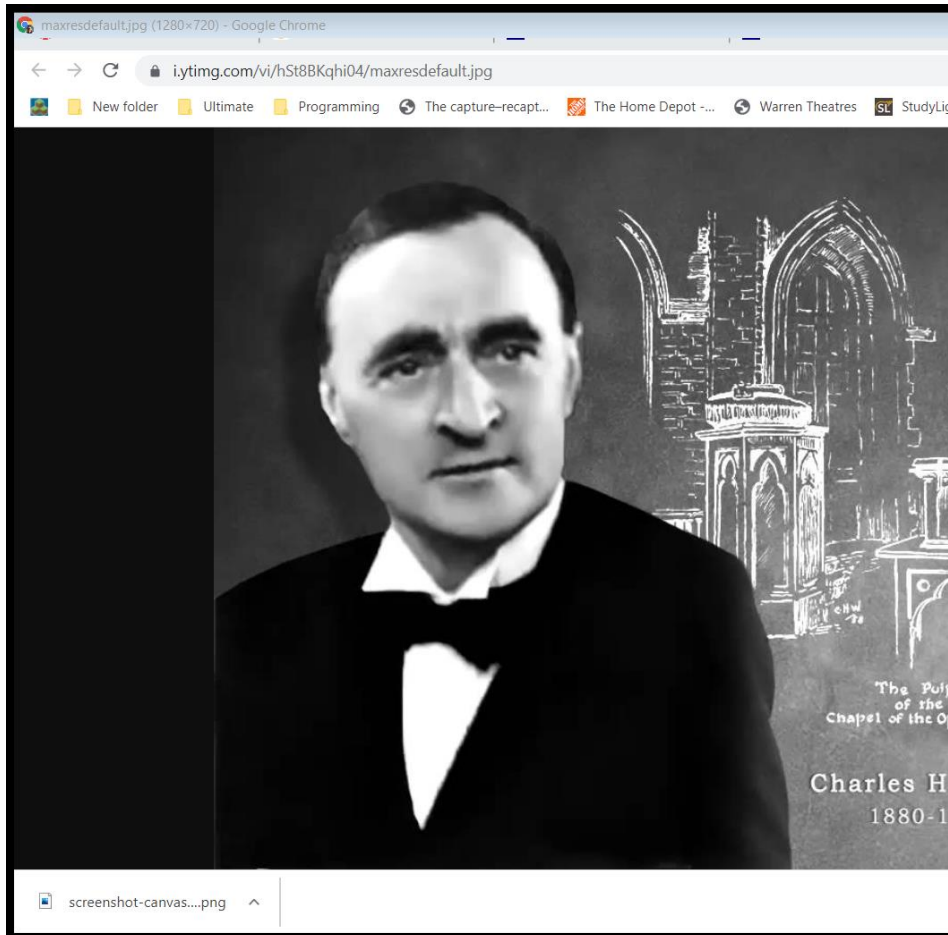


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Paul's Sign Manual.

One of the ways the enemy of truth was seeking to hinder the progress of the Gospel was by circulating spurious epistles purporting to come from the apostle:

‘Now we beseech you, brethren, ... that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, *neither by spirit*, nor by word, *nor by letter as from us*, as that the day of Christ (the Lord, revised text) is at hand’ (2 Thess. 2:1,2).

In order to guard against this, Paul decided to end all his letters in one special way, in his own handwriting:

‘The salutation of Paul *with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle: so I write*’ (2 Thess. 3:17), and then follows a reference to the *grace* of the Lord Jesus Christ, this, so fitting, coming from one who was predominantly the apostle of grace. This is the way that all the thirteen epistles associated with his name ends. Not one of the other epistles concludes in such a way, and it must surely be obvious that if anyone else used the same formula, its use as a guarantee of genuineness would have been null and void. *But the epistle to the Hebrews ends with it* and this is another definite link with the apostle Paul and his writings.

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- (1) Galatians
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- (1) Ephesians
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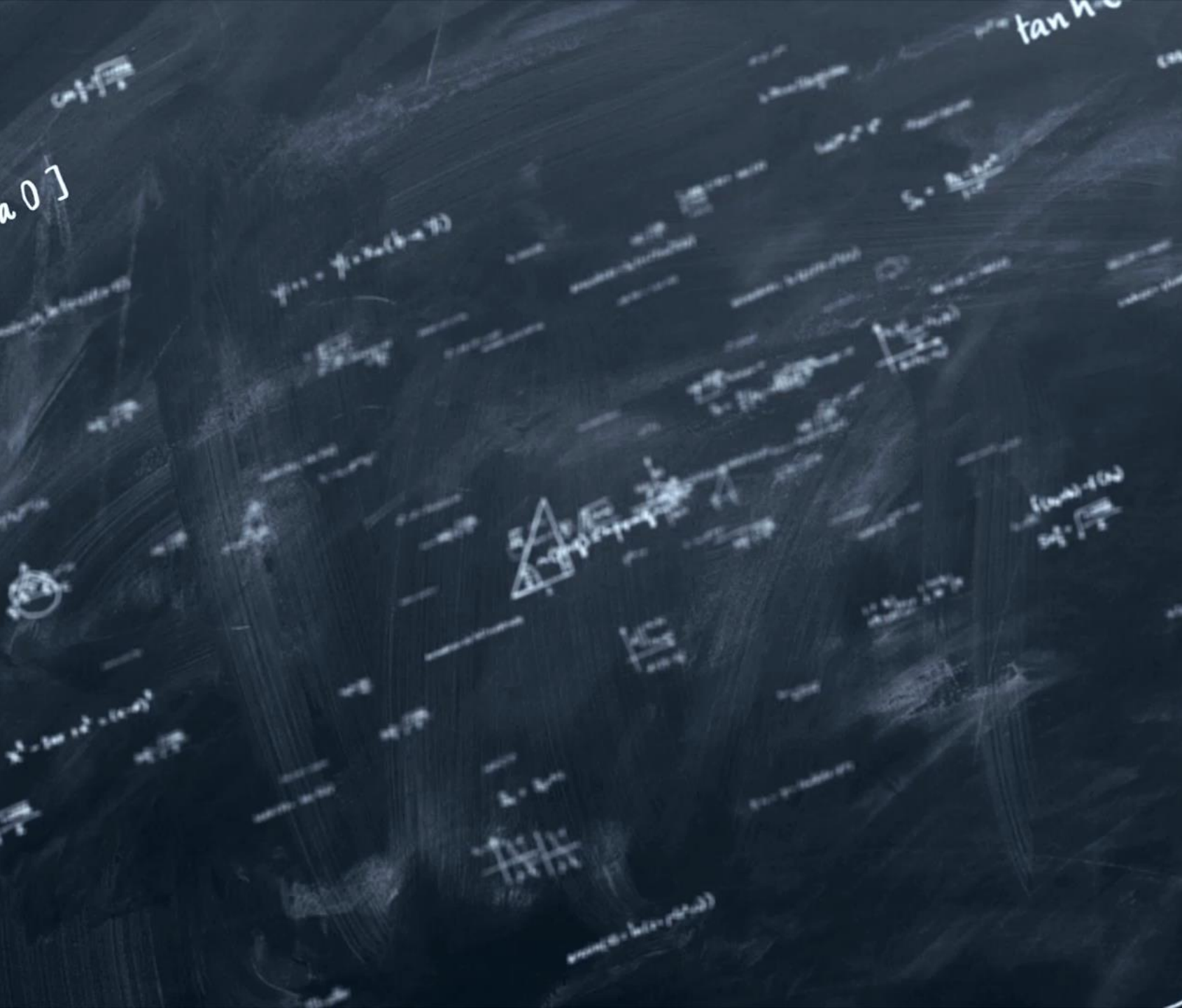
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HEBREWS		PHILIPPIANS	
Things accompanying salvation	6:9	Work out salvation	2:12
Heavenly city	11:10; 12:22	Citizenship in heaven	3:20
Reproach	11:26; 13:13	Fellowship of sufferings	3:10
Reward	10:35; 11:26	Prize	3:14
The race set before us	12:1	I press toward the mark	3:14
Leaving ... let us go on	6:1,2	Forgetting things behind	3:13
Obtain a better resurrection (condition attached)	11:35	Attain unto an out-resurrection (condition attached)	3:11
Power of His resurrection	13:20	Power of His resurrection	3:10
Work in ... His will	13:21	Work in ... His will	2:13
Christ the Image	1:3	Christ the Form	2:6
Angels worship Him	1:6	Every knee bow	2:10
Thou, Lord, in beginning	1:10	Jesus Christ is Lord	2:11
A little lower than angels	2:9	No reputation ... He humbled Himself	2:7,8
Cross endured for the joy and used as an example	12:1,2	Cross suffered ... wherefore ... exalted ... Let this mind be in you	2:5,9
Crucify to themselves afresh	6:6	Enemies of the cross of Christ	3:18

PERFECTION (6:1; 10:39)		or	PERDITION (3:12,19)	
Fight of afflictions (<i>athlesia</i>)	10:32	Strive together (<i>sunathleo</i>)	1:27; 4:3	
Discernment	5:14	Discernment ... differ	1:9,10	
Look diligently	12:15	Mark them that walk	3:17	
Esau ... for one morsel of meat sold his birthright	12:16	Whose God is their belly	3:19	
That generation - tempted God in the wilderness	3:7-10	Perverse generation ... without murmurings	2:14,15	
Be content with such as ye have	13:5	Whatsoever state ... content	4:11	
Communicate	13:16	Communicate	4:14,15	
With such sacrifices well-pleased	13:16	Sacrifice ... sweet smell ... well pleasing	4:18	
Fruit of righteousness	12:11	Fruit of righteousness	1:11	
Compassion in bonds	10:34	Partaker in bonds	1:7	
Whose faith follow (<i>mimsomai</i>)	13:7	Be followers together of me (<i>summimetes</i>)	3:17	
Ye took joyfully the spoiling of your goods	10:34	Let your moderation be known unto all men	4:5	
You have in heaven an enduring substance (<i>huparchonta</i>)	10:34	Our citizenship is in heaven (<i>huparcho</i>)	3:20	
Salutation from Italy	13:24	Salutation from Caesar's household	4:22	
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While we do not wish to imagine or invent sevens in the Scriptures, the employment of this number by God from the very beginning of creation (seven days), its reiteration in the economy of Israel (the Sabbath; seven weeks (Pentecost); seven years, (Sabbath of the land); (7 x 7 years to the Jubilee; 70 x 7 years of Daniel 9 and the seven times of Leviticus), and in addition the accumulation of sevens in the book of the Revelation and elsewhere show us that the purpose of the ages in Christ is divinely designed in sevens, and we therefore are not surprised to find the same feature in the epistles of the New Testament and we should not lightly set this aside.



KJV Lev. 4:6 And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the LORD, before the vail of the sanctuary.

KJV Lev. 4:17 And the priest shall dip his finger in some of the blood, and sprinkle it seven times before the LORD, even before the vail.

KJV Lev. 8:11 And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all his vessels, both the laver and his foot, to sanctify them.

KJV Lev. 14:7 And he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird loose into the open field.

KJV Lev. 14:16 And the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand, and shall sprinkle of the oil with his finger seven times before the LORD:

KJV Lev. 14:27 And the priest shall sprinkle with his right finger some of the oil that is in his left hand seven times before the LORD:

KJV Lev. 14:51 And he shall take the cedar wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times:

KJV Lev. 16:14 And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times.

KIV Lev. 16:19 And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times and cleanse it and hallow it from the

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Galatians

AMANUENSIS (ROM. 16:22)



THE SCOPE OF THE EPISTLE



Hebrews as a Whole

A	1:2.	THE WORD SPOKEN	Thou <i>remainest</i> . Thou art the <i>same</i> . How escape? Bring the First-begotten.
B	3-6.	ON TO PERFECTION	Let us come boldly. Examples of unbelief. Perfect v. Babes. No renewal unto repentance. Senses exercised. Crucify afresh the Son of God.
C	7-10:18.	PERFECTION WHERE FOUND	<i>But this Man</i> . No perfection in priesthood, law, ordinances, sacrifices. <i>But this Man</i> .
B	10:19 to 12:24.	BACK TO PERDITION	Let us draw near. Examples of faith. Sons v. Firstborn. No place for repentance. Discipline exercised. Tread under foot the Son of God.
A	12:25 to 13.	HIM THAT SPEAKETH	Things that <i>remain</i> . The <i>same</i> . Not escape. Brought from the dead.

HEB 6:1, 10:39

- English “perfect” per = `through`, facio = `to do` Making a doctrinal idea an experimental fact.

TBT **Hebrews 6:1** Διό, ἀφέντες **τὸν τῆς ἀρχῆς τοῦ Χριστοῦ λόγον**, ἐπὶ τὴν **τελειότητα** φερώμεθα, μὴ πάλιν θεμέλιον καταβαλλόμενοι μετανοίας ἀπὸ νεκρῶν ἔργων, καὶ πίστεως ἐπὶ Θεόν,

KJV **Hebrews 6:1** Therefore leaving **the principles of the doctrine of Christ**, let us go on unto **perfection**; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,¹

HEB 6:1, 10:39

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TBT Hebrews 10:39 ἡμεῖς δὲ οὐκ ἐσμέν ὑποστολῆς εἰς ἀπώλειαν, ἀλλὰ πίστεως εἰς περιποίησιν ψυχῆς.

KJV Hebrews 10:39 But we are not of them who draw back **unto** **perdition**; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

IN SON

A In sundry times (i.e. in earlier dispensations).

B Unto the fathers.

C By the prophets.

A In these last days (i.e. in the opening of the New Testament).

B Unto us (The Hebrews).

C By His Son.

HEBREWS CHAPTER 1

- TBT Hebrews 1:1 Πολυμερῶς καὶ πολυτρόπως πάλαι ὁ Θεὸς λαλήσας τοῖς πατράσιν **ἐν τοῖς προφήταις,**
- KJV Hebrews 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers **by the prophets,**

Friberg: ἐν preposition with the dative; the primary idea is *within, in, withinness*, denoting static position or time, but the many and varied uses can be **determined only by the context**; ...

- TBT Hebrews 1:2 ἐπ' ἐσχάτων τῶν ἡμερῶν τούτων ἐλάλησεν ἡμῖν **ἐν υἱῷ**, ὃν ἔθηκε κληρονόμον πάντων, δι' οὗ καὶ τοὺς αἰῶνας ἐποίησεν,
- KJV Hebrews 1:2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us **by his Son**, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

“LAST” NOT “FIRST”

- TBT Matthew 21:37 ὕστερον δὲ ἀπέστειλε πρὸς αὐτοὺς τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ, λέγων, Ἐντραπήσονται τὸν υἱόν μου.
- KJV Matthew 21:37 But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son.

ב “BETH” “IN”

- KJV Exodus 6:3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, **by the name of God Almighty**, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them. (Exod. 6:3 KJV)

▪ **Exodus 6:3** ^{WTT} וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־אַבְרָהָם אֶל־יִצְחָק וְאֶל־יַעֲקֹב בְּאֵל שַׁדַּי וְשִׁמִּי יְהוָה לֹא נִודַעְתִּי לָהֶם:

▪ (Exod. 6:3 WTT)

HEIR OF ALL THINGS

- Matt. 21:38; Mk. 12:7; Lk. 20:14; Rom. 4:13-14; 8:17; Gal. 3:29; 4:1, 7; Tit. 3:7; Heb. 1:2; 6:17; 11:7; Jas. 2:5
- TBT Hebrews 1:2 ἐπ' ἐσχάτων τῶν ἡμερῶν τούτων ἐλάλησεν ἡμῖν ἐν υἱῷ, ὃν ἔθηκε **κληρονόμον** πάντων, δι' οὗ καὶ τοὺς αἰῶνας ἐποίησεν,
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