

2011-2012 Class Year

Dear CBS-er:

Welcome to our Community Bible Study (CBS) class!

Over the years I have found that the growth in my Christian life has been directly related to whether I am studying the Bible. I also have learned that this is not a coincidence: God has decided that the Bible is the principal way that He communicates who He is, what has done, and what He wants me to do.

I expect that something special will happen in your life this year as you study Hebrews, Job and Galatians with us.

If this is your first time in CBS, you are in for a real treat. I started in CBS well over a decade ago, and I quickly found that I could not imagine not being part of a class. It truly is a study for individuals of all church backgrounds and all levels of Bible knowledge. If you have been part of CBS previously, welcome back; you understand what I am describing.

Your primary contact with the CBS leadership is your core leader. Get to know him. He is a special guy.

I also want you to know that you are welcome to talk with me at any time. My contact information is:

- Home phone number: 636-256-7757
- Work phone number: 636-736-7537
- Email: ahobbs@rgare.com

Remember that you can find at our class website - <http://stlouismen.cbsclass.org/> - you will find lectures, the class schedule and contact information.

As we begin our year in the book of Hebrews, I would expect that you may be like the believers receiving this letter – facing a whole series of life challenges, ones that test your faith. Read the words of Steve Cole as he provides background on Hebrews.

The author knew that the only way his readers would stand firm even to the point of death was to have the proper view of Jesus Christ in all His glory, and to understand how Jesus is the fulfillment of all that the Old Testament pointed toward. Staying focused on the glory of Christ's person and His priesthood would give them the strength to endure any persecution by faith.

May you and I have the proper view of Jesus Christ in all His glory as a result of studying His Word together this year.

Best wishes,

Alan Hobbs  
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