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<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. —Hebrews 12:1-2

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LOOKING UNTO *Jesus*

He is Our Founder... Everything We Believe Begins with Him

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LOOKING UNTO *Jesus*

He is Our Perfecter... Everything We Need is Found in Him

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LOOKING UNTO *Jesus*

He is Our Ruler... Everything We Hope For is Fulfilled in Him

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Archegon— "...first in order, honor, rank; the starting point, absolute beginning, first cause; ruler, leader, pioneer, therefore, one with authority."

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Jesus is the Founder of Our Faith

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<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. —John 1:1-4

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<sup>1</sup>Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup>He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high... —Hebrews 1:1-3

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Jesus is the Author of Our Salvation

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Books Written to...

- Reveal the Thoughts of the Author

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<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. —Colossians 1:15-17

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### Books Written to...

- **Reveal the Thoughts of the Author**
- **Relate to or Identify with the Needs of the Reader**

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<sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. —Hebrews 4:15-16

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### Books Written to...

- **Reveal the Thoughts of the Author**
- **Relate to or Identify with the Needs of the Reader**
- **Record and Pass Along a Message**

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<sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. —Colossians 1:19-20

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Jesus is the Pioneer of Our Future

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For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.  
—Hebrews 2:10

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What does "looking unto Jesus" mean today?

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Christmastime is...  
The Time to Refocus my Attention on Jesus

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Christmastime is...  
A Call to Rekindle My Affection for Jesus

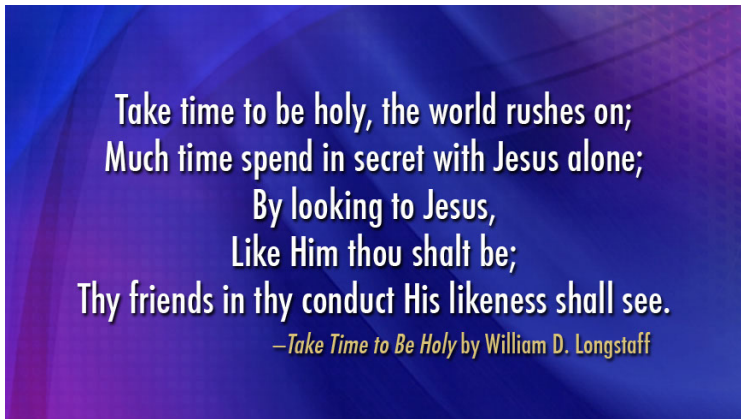
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Christmastime is...  
A Rebuke to the Indulgence of a Self-Focused Life

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Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;  
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.  
Make friends of God's children;  
Help those who are weak;  
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

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Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;  
Much time spend in secret with Jesus alone;  
By looking to Jesus,  
Like Him thou shalt be;  
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

*—Take Time to Be Holy by William D. Longstaff*

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