

HOLY LIFE

DWELLING ON THE SUPERIORITY OF CHRIST

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

PASTOR'S NOTES – 3. 5. 2017

Superior Covenant –

Come To The Lord's Rest HEBREWS 4

As we lift up the Person of Christ in all His identity and character (doctrine), let us be exhorted to a deepening worship and practice of His ways, thoughts and intentions (discipleship/ sanctification).

REVIEW

Week 1 – Jesus the superior One in every way, is the exact expression of God and divine in every way and serves as the ultimate communication/ revelation of God.

Week 2 – Not only is He divine, he is also elevated to the position of Yahweh – the One and Only God – The Great I Am.

Week 3 – In light of His true Identity as Sovereign God, we ought to take greater heed of what He is communicating about God. To neglect this communication/ revelation leads to drifting away from the Truth which leads to Holy Life.

Week 4 – All things are Subjected under the Son though we do not yet see the reality of all things subject on this Earth.

Week 5 – The humanity of Christ was necessary for Him to be the perfect and superior High Priest and redeemer of mankind.

Week 6 – Fix your eyes upon the person of Jesus Christ

THIS WEEK'S OVERLYING PRINCIPLES

- There is a promised Rest for all those who truly put their Trust in Christ Jesus.

- A stern warning is necessary to convey the seriousness in hearing with your ears the Gospel message and refusing to make it a transforming element in your life .

- The rest spoken of is both temporal – here and now on this earthly walk, and is eternal – speaking of our heavenly final rest.

- The Word of God is powerful to discern inner obedience and trust from false or hypocritical and inactive expressions of faith.

Come to Your Rest

I. The Promise Remains

- Let us beware – Some may not yet believe
- Hearer and Believers

II. The Rest of God

- Canaan, Heaven and “Today”
- The Sabbath Rest – 7th day and cessation from wk

III. Our Works and Our Faith - Exposed to the All-knowing

DEFINITIONS:

THEREFORE – Accordingly, consequently. Consider what was previously stated.

BE CAREFUL – Let us (reverently) fear...

DISOBEDIENCE – Obstinacy, opposition, unbelief

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. What did you learn about God in this passage?
2. What did you learn about people in this text?
3. What action does this truth spur you to this week?
4. What did you like or not like about the passage?
5. In what way do you feel you are living in the REST of God here on this earth? In what ways do you feel like life continues to be great effort?
6. When was it that you first sensed the peace and REST that is spoken of here in Hebrews?
7. How are you comforted in this text today? How are you challenged?