

HOLY LIFE

DWELLING ON THE SUPERIORITY OF CHRIST

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

PASTOR'S NOTES – 4. 2. 2017

***Superior Life in Christ – A Call to Spiritual Maturity* HEBREWS 5:11-6:3**

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

Week 7 – The believer has been granted a rest and peace here on this earth as well as in eternity.

Week 8 – Through the Great High Priest Jesus we have been given access to the Holiest of Holies. He has walked perfectly where we walk.

Week 9 – Christ submitted to His God-given calling to go to the cross and to be resurrected into glory, becoming the very source of our Salvation.

THIS WEEK'S OVERLYING PRINCIPLES

- *There is a process to the growth of believers.*
- *For those who have been in the church for a while, there should be evidences of growth. New believers should also be growing – but there is a “crawling” stage of faith.*
- *The recipients of this letter are being warned due to their LAZY FAITH and SLUGGISH SPIRITUAL RESPONSES.*
- *Weak understanding leads to failure in MORAL CHARACTER.*
- *The standard for superior spiritual maturity is in the person of Jesus Christ – as emphasized in the chapters gone before.*

On Towards Maturity!

I. Calling all lazy listeners.

- A great deal to say – references Great High Priest
- Lazy = Culpable Negligence

II. Back to the Basics (AGAIN)

- Ought to be teachers – steeped in truth for years

III. How did we Get here?

- Attitude Check

IV. What Maturity Looks Like & Why Do I Care?

- Jesus the Beautiful Example
- Run the Race to Win It!

DEFINITIONS:

LAZY – Slow, Sluggish, Languid or Culpably Negligent

INEXPERIENCED – Ignorant or Unskillfull

RIGHTEOUSNESS – Condition of being acceptable to God. Morally Pure

MATURE – Perfect. Brought to its end. Wanting nothing to completion.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. What did you learn about God in this passage?
2. What did you learn about yourself in this passage?
3. What do you sense is the calling God has upon your life?
4. What is your definition of spiritual maturity? Is it practical?
5. In what way does Christ's walk encourage you to maturity? Discourage you?
6. When have you ever portrayed poor attitudes toward spiritual maturity? “Been there, Done that” or others.
7. How do you deal with spiritual immaturity in your life when it is pointed out to you?
8. How can you deal better with spiritual immaturity when you see it play out in others?