

The Focus That Gets The Right Kind Of Growth

Communion Catalyst # 9

Hebrews 3:1-6

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Scripture Reading

- Hebrews 3:1-6 ¹ Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, ² who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also *was faithful* in all His house. ³ For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house. ⁴ For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things *is* God. ⁵ And Moses indeed *was* faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken *afterward*, ⁶ but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

Introduction

- The Text
 - Faith gets us into the promises of God.
 - Faithfulness gets us into the promise land.
 - Faithfulness gets down the road God would have us go.
- Questions
 - So, what is spiritual growth?
 - How do Christians go?
 - What does history teach us about a good start and a good finish?
 - Where do you begin to discuss spiritual growth?
- “Consider Jesus”

Main Idea

- Ongoing Christian Commitment is Founded on the Identity of the Believer...
 - The discussion of growth begins with who we are, not what we do.
 - Who we are in Christ, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling.
 - We are holy because of our union with Christ. He has separated us from the fallenness and brokenness of the world.
 - Our faithfulness and growth are an outgrowth of who we are in Christ.

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- ...Identity of the Believer...
 - And Is Fueled By A Focus on Christ
 - God is kindly telling us how to think.
 - Consider Jesus
 - Apostle & High Priest
 - ❖ An apostle(ambassador) proclaims the commands of a higher authority.
 - ❖ A high priest represents me to God.

Sermon in a Sentence

- Christian Growth is the byproduct of living out our new identity in Christ by focusing on Christ as our supreme authority and as the One who brings us to the Father.

CONCLUSION:

Every Sermon Should Have Something To

- ❖ Know/Understand ... Jesus is the authority in my life, I am not my own Authority. Everything in my life needs to be subservient to Jesus.
- ❖ Believe ... God tells me HOW to think so I get the right results in my life.
- ❖ Do ... I regard you as my “Holy Brethren” Brothers/Sisters.