

Message Notes

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*The Supremacy of Jesus
A Study in Hebrews*
Jesus: Our Firm Foundation (Ch. 3)
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The Problem

- ◆ We all have a tendency _____. (Ps. 95; Rom. 7:15-24)
- ◆ We will struggle with wandering because of _____. (2 Cor. 4:8-9; 10:3-5)

The Remedy

Fix your thoughts of Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. (Hebrews 3:1)

- ◆ Fix your thoughts = _____ attention; continuously _____; press into. (1 Cor. 4:18; Col. 3:2; Heb. 12:1-2)
- ◆ Our faith is based on a _____ – Jesus Christ, not our _____. (Mt. 7:24-27; 1 Cor. 3:11; Eph. 2:20; 1 Pet. 2:6)
- ◆ Apostle = _____ one from God. (John 6:38; Phil. 2:6-11)
- ◆ High Priest = _____ between God and people. (Hebrews 2:17; 3:1; 4:14-15; 7; 8:1)

The Warning

But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are His house, IF indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory. (Hebrews 3:6)

- ◆ Continuing is the _____ of reality & the _____ of real faith. (Jn. 6:37-40; 10:27-30; Eph. 1:13-14; Phil. 1:6)
- ◆ The lesson of Psalm 95: it is possible to _____ well & _____ poorly. (Numbers 10-16)

See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily; as long as it is called, "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. (Hebrews 3:12-13)

- ◆ Progression of wandering: ⇒ deceived by sin ⇒ hardened heart ⇒ unbelief ⇒ falling away = false conversion.
- ◆ We need _____ to help turn us away from sin & focus on Jesus.

The Question

- ◆ Will I _____ Jesus as the firm foundation of my faith?

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Self-Assessing Assurance Questions

By their fruit you will recognize them. (Matthew 7:16)

#1 Have you admitted you're a sinful person before a holy God?

If we claim to be without sin, we deceived ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His word has no place in our lives. (1 John 5:8-10)

#2 Can you point to specific examples of obedience because Christ is changing you? Do you desire to read and obey God's Word?

We know that we have come to know Him if we obey His commands. (1 John 2:3)

This is love for God: to obey His commands. (1 John 5:3)

#3 How loosely do you hold the things of this world?

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in Him. (1 John 2:15-17)

#4 To what extent has your faith in Christ caused you to show His love to others?

We love God because He first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And He has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother. (1 John 4:19-21)

#5 How openly do you confess Jesus to others?

No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also. (1 John 2:23)