

## THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

4:1-13

Those who are entering that rest also rest from trying to do something to get there, and simply rest in the finished work of Christ. Vs 10 (God rested on the seventh day from His completed work)

- I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ's rest Vs 1-2
- A. As long as the promise \_\_\_\_\_, there is an opportunity to receive Christ by faith and be saved.
  - B. Christ's rest is the rest of \_\_\_\_\_ through His death, burial and resurrection Cf. 1 Cor 15:1-4
  - C. The promise is made to all who will receive it-"a promise being left us of entering into his rest" Vs 1
  - D. God's method of receiving the rest of Christ is by faith-" but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. For we which have believed do enter into rest" Vs 2b-3a
- II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ's rest Vs 2-7
- A. \_\_\_\_\_ in the finished work of Christ Vs 3a
    - 1. "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Hbs. 11:1 ESV
    - 2. The very faith we exercise when becoming a Christian and while living as a Christian is a gift from God Cf. Romans 12:3-*For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.*
  - B. Release and relief from the \_\_\_\_\_ of this life Vs 4
    - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ from the burden and pain of this sinful life on earth
    - 2. Relief from the constant \_\_\_\_\_ against sin and satan
- III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ's rest Vs 8-10
- A. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ rest out in eternity Vs 9
  - B. It is a rest for \_\_\_\_\_ people-those who know Christ as Savior
  - C. It is a rest \_\_\_\_\_ with the absence of satan's presence and sinfulness Cf Rev. 20:10-*and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. ESV*
- IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ's rest Vs 11-13
- A. Presuming that \_\_\_\_\_ will enter that rest is unscriptural. Vs 11
    - 1. The "labor" of Vs. 11 has nothing to do with man's saving \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2. The "labor" is the concept of remaining \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ and not become spiritually blinded by the sinfulness of the world
    - 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ way to enter Christ's rest is through Christ John 14:6-*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." ESV*

- B. The avenue through which one enters Christ's rest is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God Vs 12-13
1. Cf. Romans 10:5-17
  2. The Word of God is: Vs 12
    - a. Spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ - *For the word of God is quick (alive), and powerful (active)*
    - b. Spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ - *sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow*
    - c. Spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ - *and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart*
  3. The Scripture, since it is inspired by God, is the " \_\_\_\_\_ Book" having the power of God on it and in its pages. It causes us to see our spiritual condition before Christ, and \_\_\_\_\_ us as to the Biblical way to Christ.
  4. No one is \_\_\_\_\_ from the all piercing power of the Scripture, saved or unsaved, whether they be knowledgeable of the Scripture or not. Vs 13 Cf. Romans 1:16-20; 3:19-20

Concl: The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ can only be entered into by way of Christ, as one is drawn by the Holy Spirit to \_\_\_\_\_ and confession of sin and faith in the finished work of Christ. The challenge is that since satan has so counterfeited the Gospel so as to damn souls to hell, each \_\_\_\_\_ who believes they will go to heaven when they die must make sure their faith is resting \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ and nothing else. Once that matter is settled, the believer, resting in Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ to become more like Him as He develops the life of that believer through everyday \_\_\_\_\_ meant to draw that believer to Christ.