

**“Better Than Our Confession”**  
**Hebrews 3: 1 – 4: 13**  
**January 5, 2014**

**The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Mosaic Law (vs. 3: 1 – 4: 13)**

**1. The Believer’s Holiness & Calling Are A Divine Calling In Christ Alone With Nothing Added, (vs. 3: 1)**

**Message Emphasis:** Many today do not understand that the work of Jesus is better than any other thing that could be added to it. We must see that our redemption is the most important area of life in which we are utterly dependent upon Christ alone for our salvation.

*God has promised if Jesus dies there will be a people who will trust in His name and who will be waiting for Him when He comes. His death will not be in vain, it will not be barren, sterile or fruitless... This is our vast and endless assignment, loving Jesus in life, loving Jesus in age, loving Jesus in death, and praising Jesus through all eternity. Our church is built around the blessed Jesus, our prayers are offered in the name of the Lord Jesus, our preaching is centered in the glorious Gospel of the precious Saviour, and our songs and praises lift up His wonderful name. ~ W. A. Criswell*

1.1) We Must Take Care To Remember Who We Are In Jesus Christ

1.2) We Must Take Care To Remember The Message Brought To Us By Jesus Christ

**1.3) We Must Take Care To Remember The Redemption Provided By Jesus Christ**

**Our Text Says, “And High Priest Of Our Confession” - 1)** *“But when Christ [APPEARED] as a high priest of the good things that have [COME], 2) then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, 3) thus [SECURING] an eternal redemption.”* (Hebrews 9:11-12, ESV) *To begin to experience*

1. Know that Christ came to bring good things; things God has purposed for salvation – *“For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near.”* (Hebrews 10:1, ESV)
2. Know that Christ came to sanctify the sinner by His own blood – *“Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.”* (Acts 20:28, ESV)
3. Know that Christ came that we may experience redemption and experience it now – *“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”* (1 Corinthians 6:19-20, ESV)

*More about Jesus would I know, More of his grace to others show, More of his saving fullness see, More of his love who died for me.*

*“For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the [SPRINKLING] of [DEFILED PERSONS] with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the [LIVING] God.”* (Hebrews 9:13-14, ESV)

4. Know that anything added to Christ may be beneficial for the body but it is of no value to the soul – *“knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”* (1 Peter 1:18-19, ESV)
5. Know that ONLY Christ’s sacrifice cleanse you from a dead conscience – *“Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.”* (Hebrews 6:1-2, ESV)

*When clothed in his brightness, transported I rise To meet him in clouds of the sky, His perfect salvation, his wonderful love, I'll shout with the millions on high. He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock That shadows a dry, thirsty land; He hideth my life in the depths of his love, And covers me there with his hand.*

**\*\*\*What Must I Do To Be Saved?\*\*\***

**Message Directive:** Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul ONLY in Christ can you find salvation for your soul without the need for anything beside. *“Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! (Isaiah 45:22) “They called to the LORD, and he answered them.” (Psalm 99:6, ESV)*

*“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.”* (2 Peter 1:3-4, ESV)

2. The Believer's Calling In Christ Is Counted Worthy Of More Glory Than The Law, (vs. 2 - 3a)
3. The Believer's Calling Is Founded Upon Christ Who Gave The Law & Not The Law Itself, (vs. 3b - 4)
4. The Believer's Calling Cannot Be Found In The Law For The Law Spoke Of Christ, (vs. 5)
5. The Believer's Calling Is Proven True In Christ If We Hold To Christ & Not The Law, (vs. 6)

- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Mosaic Temple (vs. 4: 14 - 6: 12)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Abrahamic Identity, (vs. 6: 13 - 7: 10)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Aaronic Priesthood, (vs. 7: 11 - 28)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Old Covenant, (vs. 8: 1 - 10: 39)**
  
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Has Been Demonstrated As Reliable, (vs. 11: 1 - 40)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Will Persevere Through Extreme Difficulty, (vs. 12: 1 - 29)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Changes The Entire Perspective Of The Believer, (vs. 13: 1 - 25)**