

Hebrews 4.14-16

Our Great High Priest

Because of who Jesus is, and because of the nature of His great work, we MUST hold fast to our confession. This means that before we stand firm and hold fast, we must draw close and press in... the effectiveness of our lives for Christ are directly related to the depth of our understanding of who He is and what He has done. So much of the Christian life is centered around this simple fact, we cannot hold to the promises of the Lord if we are not holding also to the Lord who gave them. So a wrong understanding of just who Jesus IS, will inevitably lead to a misapprehension of what He has done and what He has promised. Right believing begins with right understanding.

I. NOT LIMITING

- a. Does not mean that you must understand everything
- b. Does not mean that you must 100% correctly understand anything –

every time I come to the word I learn something. That means that even the things I think I understand, I lack in. This concept is so important for us to get, because the temptation is to consider the gospel as if its power is for others. Like we have mastered that and no longer need to dwell on its richness. We will spend all of eternity plumbing the depths of the glory and power of the gospel and NEVER get to the bottom of it... you will always be learning why and how to love Him more.

c. Does mean that you must fight for and strive for a right understanding of everything

d. Does mean that you should always be pressing in to understand more and more, and that it be rooted and grounded in that which is truth. (found ONLY in the Word of God) –

2 Tim 3:15-17

II. THIS HONORS THE GREATNESS OF OUR HIGH PRIEST

a. Singular intercessor

1 Timothy 2.5 -7

b. No other priest needed

Galatians 2.6

c. No additional work can be done, should be attempted or commanded

Galatians 2.15-16

d. His work is complete

Galatians 2.17 – 21

e. Sufficient

2 Corinthians 3.4-6

f. Efficient

John 6.37-40

g. Available

Romans 10.9-13

h. Accessible

Matthew 11:28-30

III. HE ALONE IS OUR ACCESS TO WHAT WE NEED.

a. Seeing then that we have what God requires should change our attention and our focus

b. Let us

i. Hold fast

2 Timothy 1:13–14 (NKJV)

13 Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. 14 That good thing which was

committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

ii. Believe

Acts 16:31 (NKJV)

31 So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

1 John 2.18-19

iii. Cling to -

iv. Serve

John 12:26 (NKJV)

²⁶ If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him *My* Father will honor.

v. Remember

John 14:26 (NKJV)

26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

vi. Honor

John 5.22-23