

Hebrews 3.1-2

Consider Jesus Christ...

Here the writer of Hebrews begins to unfold what will be the bulk of the letter. He begins to argue that Christ is greater than the whole Mosaic system given to Israel in the times past. This statement would surely cause the reader to draw back in wonder and fear, for it seems an attack on Moses. Remember the name of the letter, Hebrews, it is a letter to Jewish Christians. So as this "terrible idea" is slowly unfolded, we are asked to **CONSIDER JESUS**.

This is not a small matter. It is not only the heart of the Christian faith, but also the heart of all human existence. For every single man, woman and child who ever existed will be judged at the single bar of God's justice, and the person sitting on the seat is Jesus Christ. It will not be Moses, it will not be Buddha, it will not be the imaginary elevated human god of Mormonism, nor the misrepresentation followed by the Jehovah's Witnesses. Mary will not judge, not the thousand gods of the Hindi, nor the false god Allah. Neither will it be you, in all your spiritual elevation who

decides your eternal fate... it will be Jesus Christ, the God-Man, risen Savior, the second person of the Trinity, the very Logos of God who will judge all things and all people. This one exalted, perfect Messiah, who gave Himself in place of His own as a substitute for us. Jesus Christ, Redeemer King who has defeated death and holds the keys of hell. He alone is our judge, He alone is our hope. Therefore, let us consider Jesus Christ - Let us consider what He said, what He came to do, and what He accomplished. We will examine the 2 roles mentioned here as well as the results of His faithfulness...

I. CONSIDER

a. Thoughts occupied with our Savior

b. Purposeful

i. Conscious effort

ii. Eager interest

iii. Intensely interested

iv. Delightedly interested

c. Continuous

- i. The fabric of our mind's delight and pre-occupation
- ii. The theme to which we return over and over
- iii. The delight of our soul to reflect on Him and His work

d. Memorialized

Joshua 4.4-7

- i. Explored and understood
- ii. Marked out – commemorated
 - a. Spoken of
 - b. Celebrated about
 - c. Rejoiced in
- iii. Rehearsed and repeated to those who follow after

II. APOSTLE

a. Sent by God

i. All things are under His jurisdiction

Psalm 2.8

II. No one is exempt from His authority

Ephesians 2.17

iii. He was empowered and authorized by the Holy Spirit

Luke 3.21-22

iv. He taught with authority

Luke 4.31-32

v. He possessed authority over demons

Luke 4.33-35

vi. He possessed the authority to give gifts, and to delegate His own authority

John 20.21-23
Matthew 28.18-20

vii. Has the ultimate and only right of vengeance

1. Final

Matthew 25.31-46

ii. Filial

2 Thessalonians 1.3-10

3. Exclusive

Romans 12.17-19

b. Messenger

i. Willing

Philippians 2.5-11

b. Merciful

Hebrews 2.17

iii. Compassionate

James 5.10-11

iv. Understanding –

a) He possesses it

Colossians 2.1-3

b) He shares it with us

1 John 5.20

v. Wise

1 Corinthians 1.23-25

vi. Gentle

Isaiah 42.1-4

c. Faithful

- i. He completed every single task and responsibility that God gave Him
- ii. He completed all righteousness in accordance with God's law
 - a) Complete innocence in regards to evil
 - b) Absolute perfection in regards to obedience to God
- iii. He was obedient even unto death

d. Evangelist of the Kingdom priority

- i. He laid the very foundation of all Christian thought and practice
- ii. He is Himself the Chief Cornerstone
- iii. He, Himself is the truth that He preached

III. HIGH PRIEST

As apostle, He pleads God's case to us, as High Priest He pleads our case to God...

a. Intercedes for the people

1 Timothy 2.5-7

b. Offers sacrifice

Hebrews 10.11-14

c. Blesses the people

Ephesians 1.3-6
Revelation 22.6-17

d. Removes the stain of sin

1Cor 6.9-11
Ephesians 5.25-27

e. Pays the ransom for sin

Matthew 20.28

IV. Holy Brethren

a. United together

- i. Partakers of the same nature
- ii. Members of the same family
- iii. Concerned for one another in every way

b. Holy

- i. Dedicated to God
- ii. Set apart for His service
- iii. Purified in mind, body and soul

c. Partakers of a heavenly calling

- i. It is sent from heaven
- ii. To take us back TO heaven
- iii. It is given to us, not an inherent right of our nature, but rather as part of Christ's love-gift to the Father and the Father's love-gift to the Son.
- iv. It is also a manifestation of the undeserved love from God that we enjoy