

# Jesus is Better – Hebrews

Hebrews 3:1-6

“Boasting in our Hope” – January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018



## Introduction

The confidence of the Christian is not in themselves, good deeds, hard work, or religious practices. The hope and confidence of the Christian is in Jesus Christ and what He's accomplished in His life, death and resurrection. Consequently, the Christian holds fast to Jesus, knowing every other option falls short. The challenge is in the waiting period. Holding fast our hope and confidence in Christ not only today, but every day until we see Him face to face can be challenging, but it is a necessity if we are to be a part of God's household ([Heb. 3:6](#)). To strengthen our grip, we must not 'look within ourselves' to find what it takes...we must look to Christ. We must consider who He is!

## Pray

Before you begin, take some time to ask God to help you understand His word, to reveal what needs to change in you, and for the grace to follow Him in response. To help, use [Psalm 119:17-24](#) as a prayer for God to open His word up to you.

## Sermon Outline

- I. Consider Jesus (3:1-2)
- II. He builds God's house (3:3-4)
- III. He is the faithful Son (3:5-6)

## Read & Discuss

- 1) Read [Hebrews 3:1-2](#)

The one command in Hebrews 3:1-6, is for us to *consider Jesus*. The first readers of Hebrews were tempted to go back to Judaism in the hopes of finding relief from the suffering they faced *because* of their Christian faith. What are some of the distractions and temptations your facing that serve as an alternative place to put your hope and confidence (other than Jesus)? How does considering Jesus help to strengthen our hope and confidence in Him? What does it mean that Jesus is our 'apostle'? What does He do as our great High Priest?

Additional reading: Hebrews 2:17, Romans 6:15-23, Philippians 4:8-9

- 2) Read [Hebrews 3:3-4](#)

Beginning with 'For,' Hebrews 3:3 gives us the *reason* why we should consider Jesus. As in v2, 'house' refers to the household or family of God. The house of God is the people of God whether we're thinking of Moses leading God's people in the Old Testament or

we're thinking about the church as God's people in the New Testament. Moses is part of the house (as a brick is one part of the house – [1 Peter 2:5](#)) but Jesus is the *builder* of the house. As a result, Jesus is superior and worthy of more glory. Jesus is the builder of God's house and He is the builder of *all* things because He is God. How does knowing this about Jesus help to strengthen our hope and confidence? If Jesus is the one who builds God's house, how does that shape the way we think about personal evangelism? The ministry of the church? Our endurance as believers?

Additional Reading: Philippians 1:6, Matthew 16:18

3) Read [Hebrews 3:5-6](#)

In these verses, the emphasis is on the different jobs of Moses and Jesus. Moses was faithful *in* God's house; Jesus is faithful *over* it. Moses was faithful as a *servant*, Jesus is faithful as a *Son*. As a servant, Moses served as a signpost pointing us forward to Jesus. That's what was meant in v5 in regard to 'the things that were to be spoken later.' Jesus, as God's better and final word (Heb. 1:2) is what was spoken later! Why would it be futile to leave Jesus to go back to Moses? In the same way, why would it be futile for us to leave Jesus, to become indifferent to Him for *anything* this world gives us to put our hope in instead of Him? How can we help each other avoid being deceived by such deception?

Additional Reading: Matthew 19:24-26, Luke 24:44, John 5:39

**Prayer of Response**

Spend time praying together in response to God's word for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to come.

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