

“More Than Rules ”
Hebrews 3: 1 – 4: 13
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The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Of Greater Value To The Believer Than Keeping The Mosaic Law (3: 1 – 4: 13)

2. The Believer’s Calling In Christ Is Counted Worthy Of More Glory Than The Law, (vs. 2 – 3a)

Message Emphasis: Many today think that their keeping the rules puts them in a better place with God. We must see that our lives have been appointed to us by Christ for His own glory and that this appointment is more than just keeping rules. Right standing with God is granted to us by Christ and not earned by us in Moses.

Jesus is the Lord of Glory, and surely it is due the dignity and majesty of His person that this be recognized and owned, even in our references to Him in common speech. Those who despise and reject the Saviour speak of Him as "The carpenter," "The Nazarene," as "Jesus." But should those who have been given an "understanding [of] Him that is true" ignore His Lordship? In a word, can we who have been redeemed by His precious blood do less than confess Him as the "Lord Jesus Christ?" ~ A.W. Pink

2.1) We Must 1st See That Christ’s Nature Of Faithfulness Has Been Given To Us

Our Text Says, **“Who Was (Pres.Act.Part) Faithful To Him Who Appointed (Aor.Act.Part) Him” - 1)** *“If anyone’s will is to do God’s will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. 2) The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood.” (John 7:17–18, ESV)*

1. Being faithful to Christ’s appointment means knowing what His directives are – *“So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,” (John 8:31, ESV)*
2. Being faithful to Christ’s appointment means it is not about you; it is about the glory of Christ in you – *“just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.” (1 Corinthians 10:33, ESV)*

2.2) We Must 2nd Understand The True Testimony That Moses Gave About Christ

Our Text Says, **“Just As Moses Was Faithful In All God’s House” - 1)** *“Has not Moses given you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law... Moses gave you circumcision... and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. 2) If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I made a man’s whole body well? 3) Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.”” (John 7:19–24, ESV)*

1. Being faithful to Christ’s appointment means there is more than keeping rules – *“For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.” (John 1:17, ESV)*
2. Being faithful to Christ’s appointment means the goal is eternal restoration; not just temporal – *“And he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.” (Mark 2:27, ESV)*
3. Being faithful to Christ’s appointment means walking by faith, not by sight – *“So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.” (2 Corinthians 5:6–10, ESV)*

Beautiful Savior, King of Creation Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I’d love Thee, truly I’d serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

3.3) We Must 3rd Honor Christ As The Evidence Of Our Adoption In Christ

Our Text Says, **“For Jesus Has Been Counted Worthy (Perf.Pas.Ind) Of More Glory” - 1)** *“And here he is, speaking openly, and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ? 2) But we know where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from.” 3) So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, “You know me, and you know where I come from. But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know.” (John 7:26–28, ESV)*

1. Being faithful to Christ’s appointment places you out in the open – *“Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret.” (John 18:20, ESV)*
2. Being faithful to Christ’s appointment will be denied by many for worldly reasons – *“They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” (John 6:42, ESV)*
3. Being faithful to Christ’s appointment is evidence of your adoption by God – *“For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?” (John 5:46–47, ESV)*

*Behold th’ amazing gift of love The Father hath bestowed On us, the sinful sons of men, To call us sons of God!
Concealed as yet this honor lies, By this dark world unknown, A world that knew not when He came, Even God’s eternal Son.*

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

Message Directive: Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul ONLY in Christ can you truly honor God.

“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)

“For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” (John 6:38–40, ESV)

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)**