

“How To Have A Bigger & Better House”
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. 3)

Message Emphasis: Many today think that their **religious efforts** put 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 may lead us to “Kingdom works” but our works are in no way better than or add any value to the salvation we have been granted in Christ ALONE.

Christ is the Head of every member individually, as he is the Head of the whole body collectively. Growth of the body, from babyhood to manhood, is the growth of individual members in the body. If, then, I am a member of the mystical body of Christ Jesus, I shall grow. My growth may be so slow and gradual as to be scarcely perceptible; but it will be growth still. ~~ JC Philpot

3.1) We Must Honor Christ As The Evidence Of Our Adoption

Our Text Says, **“For Jesus Has Been Counted Worthy** (Perf.Pas.Ind - much more value) **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.*

3.2) Our “Work” Is The Result Of Our Adoption; Not The Source

Our Text Says, **“The Builder** (Aor.Act.Part) **Has More Honor Than The House Itself” - 1)** *“you yourselves like **LIVING** stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 2) For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” (1 Peter 2:5–6, ESV)*

1. Your adoption means not what you do but what Christ does in you - *“So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building.” (1 Corinthians 3:7–9, ESV)*
2. Your adoption itself must be founded upon Christ; your works are for His benefit & glory - *“How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”” (Romans 10:14–15, ESV)*

Children of the heav'nly King, As ye journey, sweetly sing; Sing your Saviour's worthy praise, Glorious in his works and ways.

*****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’s adoption. *“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 “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”” (Romans 10:13, 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)**