



# CHRIST

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## Consider Christ

Hebrews 3:1

‘Study to show thyself approved unto God...’ – 2 Timothy 2:15  
The importance of reading and learning God’s word is a vital part of both growing and also experiencing the blessing of belonging to God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.

This truth is one of the purposes why we wish to offer you these sermon notes which are to be used while listening to the sermon.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Today we will be introduced to a new section of Hebrews and unpack v.1 that serves as the doorway into that new section.

**Old Covenant** – An interconnected system of covenantal arrangements that God utilized for the purpose of pointing His people toward the promised Messiah (Gen.3:15) and the New & Better Covenantal arrangement which this Messiah would establish by the sacrifice of His own life. (Jer.31:31-34).

**Aaronic Priesthood/Sacrificial System's Purpose:** serving as a type/example of sacrifice for sin and a priestly Messiah that someday would be raised up by God to remove the iniquities of His people once and for all.

**The Covenant of Grace** - God the Father COVENANTED/AGREED with God the Son that by the Son's righteous life and obedience, even unto death, that the Son would satisfy the justice of God against sinners and thereby rescue those who God eternally elected to save from eternal punishment. (Eph.1:3-5; Rom.8:29-30, etc.)

**COG & OC** - the entire Old Covenant system was subservient to and distinct from the Covenant of Grace.

## **HOW THEN ARE WE GOING TO CONSIDER THIS TEXT?**

Three Main Headings: (1) The Dual Description (2) The Central Admonition to Consider (3) The Object of our Consideration

### **I. THE DUAL DESCRIPTION**

a) Holy Brethren

b) Not a Naïve Assumption

**HEB.6:9** “But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.”

c) Partakers of the Heavenly Calling

(calling) **Strong's G2821: κλήσις klēsis** can refer to a ‘designation’ or an ‘invitation’ that is why in the Bible we find translated

(1x) as the word ‘vocation’ as in Eph.4:1 and the word ‘calling’ (10x) as it is here in our text and various other places.

## **II. THE CENTRAL ADMONITION – CONSIDER**

- (a) **(Consider) Strong's G2657: κατανοέω katanoéō** – signifies to apply one’s mind diligently to something, to weigh it carefully, to reflect deeply upon it. **HEB.10:24** “And let us **consider** one another to provoke unto love and to good works:”

**HEB.5:12-14** “For when the time ye **ought to be teachers**, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

**ACTS 17:11** “...were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, **and searched the scriptures daily**, whether those things were so.”

**Mr. By-Ends** “...I am for religion in what, and so far as the times and my safety will bear it. Others are for religion even if it demands rags and contempt; but I am for religion when he walks in silver slippers and in the sunshine, and with much applause.”

**2 Cor.10:12** “...but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, *and* are not wise.”

## **III. CHRIST, the OBJECT of our CONSIDERATION**

**(profession) Strong's G3671: ὁμολογία hom-ol-og-eh'-o**

A. “subjectively: whom we profess to be ours” B. “objectively: profession [confession] i.e. what one professes [confesses]”

**1 Tim.6:12-13** “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate

witnessed a good confession; That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:”

**APPLICATION:**

By focusing upon these two important and functional offices during the Old Covenant, the writer will begin to compare them to Jesus and convincingly demonstrate to these early Christians who came out of Judaism that through Christ and His fulfilling of the Covenant of Grace the former Old Covenant economy is no longer in effect and indeed is passing away.