

"It Is Finished"
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)

Christ Calls Us To Trust In His Finished Work & Not Put Our Confidence In What Is Only A Hollow Profession, (vs. 2 – 5)

Message Emphasis: Many today think that all that is required for salvation is to hear a gospel presentation and make a profession of faith. Though on the surface this correct, what must be understood is that to make such a profession truly valid requires the change of nature that ONLY God can bring about; otherwise, the profession is hollow and of no benefit.

→ *Tell me the story of Jesus, Write on my heart every word. Tell me the story most precious, Sweetest that ever was heard.*

If any man thinks he can keep the Law of God and stand on his own record in the day of judgment – if he thinks he can be saved by his own character and conduct, then let him build his pyramid of air, let him build his house of bubbles, and he will find himself in Hell in spite of all his efforts. . . The other way to satisfy the Law is for the sinner's Surety and Saviour to satisfy it. This is what Christ has done for His people. Christ satisfied the Law by His obedience unto death, even the death of the cross. – C. D. Cole

2.1) Because God's Nature Never Changes, His Salvation Never Changes

"For Good News (Per.Pas.Part) Came To Us Just As To Them" – Didn't God deal with Israel differently than how He deals with the believer today?

"So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" (Acts 8:30–31, ESV)

- If God & His Message Never Changes, Why Do Some Not Receive The Message? – *The question is not whether they receive the Message but whether the Message is of a benefit to the hearer.*
"BUT The Message They Heard Did Not Benefit (Aor.Act.Ind) Them" – "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." (John 6:63, ESV)

- How Then Does The Message Become A Benefit To Someone?
"BECAUSE They Were Not United (Pres.Pas.Part) By Faith With Those Who Listened (Aor.Act.Part)" – "And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers." (1 Thessalonians 2:13, ESV)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

3.2) If You Are Unwilling To Accept This Truth, You Are In Danger Of Not Entering God's Eternal Rest – You are not in danger because you choose not to listen but because your unwillingness shows you have not been granted ears to listen

"For We Who Have Believed (Aor.Act.Part) Enter That Rest" – "Thus says the LORD: "Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'" (Jeremiah 6:16, ESV)

3.3) God's Work Of Salvation Is Finished. It Is Not In Question; It Only Requires A Heart Of Belief

"Although His Works Were Finished (Aor.Pas.Part) From The Foundation Of The World"

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

Message Directive: Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul ONLY in Christ will your heart be soften to obedience

"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)

- **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)**