

**"I Can't See Why I Should Trust Christ"**  
**Hebrews 2: 5 - 9**  
**September 22, 2013**

**The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Sets Right Again All The Earthly Realm, (vs. 2: 5 - 18)**

**Though I Do Not See The Promised Results, I Can Trust That Christ Is Faithful To Deliver Me, (vs. 8b)**

**Message Emphasis:** Many do not see God at work in this fallen world; they believe they must "experience" God. We must trust that God is in fact at work though we may not see the results at the present time.

*"The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."* (John 3:8, ESV)

**8.1) I Must First Trust That Christ Is Sovereign**

*...many doubt Christ's exaltation ...Christ's sovereignty ... Christ's confession*

Our Text Says, **"Now In Putting" - 1)** *"Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 2) so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 3) and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."* (Philippians 2:9-11, ESV)

- 1) **Apply:** Christ is exalted above all other things *...not physicality alone; how is Christ exalted in my significance also?*
- 2) **Apply:** Christ is sovereign Head over all things material & immaterial *...trees, rocks, angels, demons ...where not in my?*
- 3) **Apply:** Christ will be confessed by every last person to God's glory *...not only submit; confess ...for God's glory, intellect?*

*Simply trusting ev'ry day, Trusting through a stormy way; Even when my faith is small, Trusting Jesus, that is all.*

**8.2) Then I Must Trust That Christ Is Able**

Our Text Says, **"Everything In Subjection (Pres.Act.Inf) To Him" - 1)** *"...as an appeal to God for a good conscience, 2) through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him. 3) Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, 4) so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God."* (1 Peter 3:21-4:2, ESV)

- 1) **Accept:** Trusting Christ is a gift from God *...Maybe you don't see because you are unwilling to receive grace? ...Ask God for the gift.*
- 2) **Accept:** Trusting Christ is verified by the resurrection, ascension & exaltation *...witnesses have given testimony*
- 3) **Accept:** Trusting Christ is demonstrated in accepting suffering *...why is suffering OK for Christ but not for me?*
- 4) **Accept:** Trusting Christ is confirmed in genuine repentance *...there is proof of whether you trust Christ or not; ...don't be afraid*

Our Text Emphasizes, **"He Left (Aor.Act.Ind) Nothing Outside His Control"** *...This means you too!*

*"And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."* (Hebrews 11:6, ESV)

*Saviour, thy dying love Thou gavest me, Nor should I aught withhold, Dear Lord, from thee: In love my soul would bow, My heart fulfil its vow, Some off'ring bring thee now, Something for thee.*

**8.3) Then I Must Also Trust That Christ Is Faithful**

Our Text Says, **"At Present We Do Not See Everything In Subjection (Pres.Pas.Part)" - "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. (1 Corinthians 15:20-25, ESV)**

**\*\*\* The Question Is Not What Must I Do? Rather, What Must I Do To Be Saved? \*\*\***

**Message Directive:** Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul and receive the grace to trust the promises of God to accomplish your salvation through Christ our Lord. **"Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! (Isaiah 45:22, ESV)**

*"If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you."* (Romans 8:11, ESV)

3. God's Purpose For Setting All Things Right Again Is Accomplished In Christ's Condescension, (vs. 9)

- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Mosaic Law (vs. 3: 1 - 4: 13)**
- **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)**