

The Supreme Son

Jesus the faithful Son – Hebrews 3v1-6

The House

We love our homes! We sacrifice to get a mortgage; We save so we can renovate; We spend so we can upgrade. The House that we call *Home* is our prized possession.

The author of Hebrews is directing us to another kind of house – an **E**_____ House.

Who does the author say is the house? v6

The Church = *People who have trusted in Jesus and are now gathered together in local communities to worship and serve God.* The Church is God's prized possession, and we need to invest our lives in the church.

Why is the church so important?

Because the Church is God's means for **k**_____ us so that we do not fall away.

By investing our lives in the church we are preserving one **a**_____ for glory.

The Church is fixed on Jesus

The church is not some personal experience, where we relate to God in isolation.

(i) Holy brothers and sisters

What does it mean to be 'Holy' 2v11?

(ii) Share in the heavenly calling

What is our 'heavenly calling'? (Think back to last week!)

(iii) Thoughts on Jesus

How do we fix our thoughts on Jesus?

Keep **p**_____ Jesus out to each other.

R_____ each other of **w**_____ Jesus is and **w**_____ Jesus has done.

Remember: *By ourselves we go off track, we lose our way, we get lost. So invest your life, give of your life to the church so that together we reach glory.*

The Church is built by Jesus

As Christians when we face struggles and difficulties, the temptation is to turn away from Jesus. Instead of keeping on we turn back to our old way of living.

Who were the Hebrews looking back to? v2

Why do you think they were doing this?

(i) Moses prepared the way for Jesus

God used Moses in two great events, what were they?

E_____ = An act of Redemption.

S_____ = An act of Revelation.

What did these two events bring about?

Through Moses God redeemed a people for h_____ and gathered them together to h_____ God's word!

In verse 5 Moses was 'bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future.'

What was Moses looking forward to?

(ii) Jesus is the builder of the Church

How does Jesus build his church?

Through the work of Jesus, we are r_____ from our life of slavery to sin.

Through the work of Jesus, we are g_____ to be part of his new family to hear his word.

(iii) Jesus is the faithful Son

Turning away from Christ and his Church will always be turning away from what is beautiful and eternal.

Christ is the faithful Son over God's house.

He b_____ the Church; He r_____ the Church; He p_____ his Church.

The Church holds firmly to Jesus

We are God's church. He has built us together so that together we might hold firmly to Jesus.

(i) Hold firmly to our confidence

What is our confidence?

(ii) Hold firmly to our hope

What's our Hope?

How can we make sure we hold firmly to Jesus - What can I do to help someone to do this?

Something to think about:

'A Christian who is not involved in a ministry of the church, who does not pray regularly for the churches work, who is taking from but never giving to the church, should ask themselves if they really understand what this life is about and if they are living for the things of eternity.'