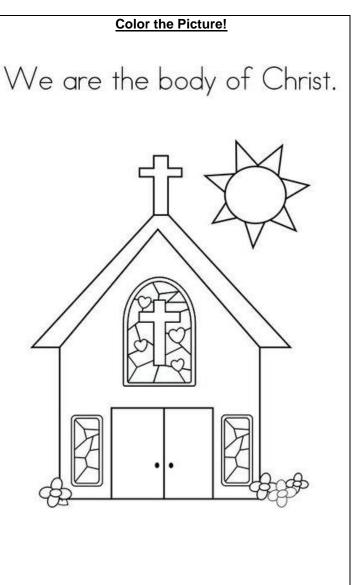


Calvary Reformation Youth Sermon Notes The Book of Hebrews 3:6_Members of God's Household!

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<u>Holy Text (KJV): Hebrews 3:1-6</u> Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; ² Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house. ³ For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house. ⁴ For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God. ⁵ And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; ⁶ But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

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Sermon Specific Questions

Question for Children: What did people do when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem during Palm Sunday? (<u>John 12:12-13</u>) **Question for Children**: Why is Jesus compared to a builder of a house in Hebrews 3:3-4?

Need Help Explain how Jesus is like someone who builds a strong house, making sure it's safe and sturdy, using the house as a metaphor for God's family.

Question for Children: How is following Jesus' teachings like building a house on a strong rock? (Matthew 7:24-27)



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Breaking Down the Verse

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- In the flow of thought in Hebrews so far:
 - Angels are servants in God's house. 1)
 - We are servants in God's house.
 - Abraham was a servant in God's house.
 - Moses was a servant in God's house.
 - "But Christ, as the Son, is in charge of God's entire house!" (v.6 NLT)
- Do you remember the Parable of the Wicked Tenants? (Matt 21:33-36; Luke 20:9-18) The "Householder" who planted the vineyard eventually sent his "Son." The Son has more authority than the previous servants; the Son is the heir!
- Point: The author does not want the Son put in the same category as the servants in the hearts and minds of the hearers. The Son deserves honor and reverence! (Matt 21:37)
- In a day where blasphemy is popular and heresy is all the rage, it is good to be reminded of the Person and Nature of Christ. He is:
 - God the Son, fully divine
 - John 1:1-3 (KJV) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
 - The Son of God, fully human 2)
 - Jesus has two natures in one person (called the Hypostatic Union). He is not half God, half man. He is fully God and fully man at the same time.
 - The only Savior from sin
 - Acts 4:11-12 (KJV) This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. 12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Over His own

Three truths to rejoice over: 1) The House belongs to God. 2) Christ has been given all things. 3) Christ, therefore, is Head of the house! 1 Timothy 3:15 (KJV) But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

We are His House!

- Although we don't deserve God's mercy and grace in Christ, we have been made sons and daughters! We are His children! We are joint-heirs with Christ! (Rom 8:17) We are members of the Household of God!
 - 1 Corinthians 3:9-11 (KJV) For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. 10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
- Christian, you are not a fatherless child! You have a Father. You have a family! You have a home! You have an important history and a spiritual lineage! You have brother and sisters, aunts and uncles, grandmothers and grandfathers in the faith!
- Point: Humbly, let us not "act out" as if these things aren't true. Know who you are and live accordingly! from the

If...a Conjunction that Separates the

- Whomever the author of Hebrews was, he was not a proponent of easy-believism! The 12 "if" here is a conjunction that links faith to obedience. It is an culturally uneasy qualifier because it calls us beyond confession to consecration. This is common in Hebrews:
- Hebrews 2:1 (KJV) Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. Like James, the LORD's brother, true faith had to be proved by perseverance and works.
- James 2:20-22 (KJV) But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? 22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?
- Point: True members of God's Household will hold on. Are you holding on?

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- Hold on to what? Our faith! Our confidence in Christ! This is the the focus of this particular "if."
- True members of God's House prove themselves by their perseverance. Of course, we can only persevere by God's power, but our lives, however mistake-prone, will show faith!
 - Hebrews 4:14 (KJV) Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.
- And beloved, we have come to believe that this is "a" motive of God for allowing trials. Not His only one of course, but "a" reason: to prove and test our faith. Why?
- James 1:2-4 (KJV) My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.
- Point: Some of what you are going through is a "hold fast" test. What grade are you getting?

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- I love the word "rejoicing" in the KJV, which is missing in most versions. It is the word kauchēma in Greek, which can mean "to boast" or "to glory in or rejoice." (Strong's)
- Most versions translate it as "confidence." Our confidence or boasting isn't prideful or based in human strength; it is based in Christ and what He has done!
- Therefore, the persevering saint lives a life filled with faith accompanied by rejoicing! Why? They have hope! They confidently celebrate and "count it all joy" regardless of what comes!
- Paul, from prison, exemplifies the right, confident, and joyful attitude. Are you rejoicing?
 - Philippians 1:18 (KJV) What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice

Firm until the

- Again, as members of God's Household, we are protected and held secure by Christ:
 - John 10:27-28 (KJV) My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.
- He is keeping us! Praise God!
- But the connotation in our verse is that the believer must desire to be steadfast and endeavor to do so. The transformed saint will hunger after righteousness and attempt to be faithful, to hold fast to God and His Word, and will strive to obey!
 - 1 Corinthians 15:58 (KJV) Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.
- Point: all this is by the Holy Spirit's power and flows from God's grace. But as our LORD sanctifies us, He changes our desires. Have your desires to be faithful increased?