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TITLE:

Who is Jesus Christ (Part 5)?

TEXT:

Hebrews 3:1-6

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.

REVIEW:

- Believers are holy (sacred, blameless, consecrated) in the sight of God because of the death of Jesus Christ on the cross.
- We are partakers of the heavenly calling.
- We need to consider ("to observe fully, to behold, to discover or to perceive") Jesus Christ as Apostle, High Priest, Christ and Jesus (Saviour).
- Jesus Christ "was faithful to him that appointed him".
- "Moses was faithful in all his house".

Jesus Christ was counted worthy of more glory than Moses

- "he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house." v.3-4
 - e.g. An architect has more honor than the building he designed. Juan Luna, who painted the famous Spoliarium, has more honor that his paintings.
- "Moses verily faithful in all his house for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after." v.5
 - "For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, " - Heb 10:1
 - The Law and Moses testify of Jesus Christ:
 - John 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.
 - John 5:46-47 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. [47] But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?
 - Jesus Christ "was counted worthy of more glory than Moses": v.3
 - Jesus "built all things"
 - He is the creator of all things.
 - "by whom also he made the worlds" Heb. 1:2
 - Jesus Christ was a maker of the house, Moses but a member in it.
 - Jesus Christ "is God".

Jesus Christ is faithful over His own house

- Jesus Christ is "faithful over his own house, whose house are we."
 - *Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*
 - Being dead in trespasses and sins.
 - Who walked according to the course of this world and according to the prince of the power of the air.
 - Being a child of disobedience.
 - Having a conversation (manner of life) in the lust of our flesh.
 - But God, who is rich in mercy and His great love saved us by His grace.
 - That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.
 - Jesus Christ is faithful over us.
 - As Saviour and Mediator

The evidence of salvation

- "If we hold fast (stayed, retained) the confidence (assurance) and the rejoicing (glorying) of the hope (expectation) firm (stedfast) unto the end."
 - This is not how a person can be saved. This is the evidence of one's salvation.
 - A believer is kept not by own work, the church or someone else. But by the power of God.
 - 1 Peter 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
 - Luke 22:31-32 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: [32] But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.
 - Similar to the people who followed Jesus Christ and went back and walked no more with Him.
 - John 6:66-69 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. [67] Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? [68] Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. [69] And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.