



Identity Now, Proof Later

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 3:6** ... whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end.
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 3:14** For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end;
 - Being in Christ is a permanent state of existence.
 - Perseverance to the end is the only sure proof that we are actually in Christ.



Taking It Up a Notch

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 3:19** And so we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief. **4:1** Therefore, let us fear lest, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you should seem to have come short of it. ² For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard... ⁶ Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter because of disobedience ... ¹¹ Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall through following the same example of disobedience.



❖ Take Heed: Any professing Christian *can* fall permanently away, only those who have not become partakers of Christ *will* fall away.

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 3:14** For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end;
- ^{NAS} **1 John 2:19** They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, in order that it might be shown that they all are not of us.
- ^{NIV} **2 Timothy 3:2** People will be lovers of themselves ..., boastful, proud, ..., ³ without love, unforgiving, slanderous, ..., ⁴ ..., conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God-- ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power
- ^{ESV} **Jude 1:19** It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit.



Rest Starts Now For the Believing Ones

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 4:3** For we who have believed enter that rest ... ⁶ Since therefore it remains for some to enter it ... ¹⁰ For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His.
 - ^{Lit} **Hebrews 4:3** For we the believing ones enter the rest
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 4:11** Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall through following the same example of disobedience.
 - *The fruit of unbelief is disobedience.*
 - *The fruit of genuine faith is Christ-like love and conduct.*



Led Into Rest

- Moses Failed

➤^{NAS} **Hebrews 3:16** For who provoked Him when they had heard? Indeed, did not all those who came out of Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷ And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? → 0.0001% success

- Joshua Failed

➤^{NAS} **Hebrews 4:8** For if Joshua had given them rest, He would not have spoken of another day after that.

- Jesus Succeeded

➤^{NAS} **Hebrews 2:10** For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the captain of their salvation through sufferings.



He Has Said ...

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 4:3** For we who have believed enter that rest, just as He has said, "As I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter My rest," although His works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴ For He has thus said somewhere concerning the seventh day, "And God rested on the seventh day from all His works";
- *"It is important to note the way the pastor emphasizes the continuing validity of these verses as the word of God, the basis upon which he has associated them, and the tension that he has created between them. The perfect tense used in introducing these quotations affirms their continuing validity as divine address. Note "as he has said" (v. 3b) introducing Ps 95:11. Since all Scripture is God's word, Gen 2:2 can also be introduced with the solemn "he [God] has said" (v. 4)"*

- Cockerill



Rest is ...

- The Lord's presence.
- ^{ESV} **Psalm 132:7** "Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool!" ⁸ Arise, O LORD, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might... ¹³ For the LORD has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his dwelling place: ¹⁴ "This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
- ^{NIV} **2 Chronicles 6:41** "Now arise, O LORD God, and come to your resting place, you and the ark of your might. May your priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, may your saints rejoice in your goodness.
- ^{NAS} **Isaiah 11:10** Then it will come about in that day That the nations will resort to the root of Jesse, Who will stand as a signal for the peoples; And His resting place will be glorious.



Rest is ...

- The Lord's victory.
- **NIV 1 Chronicles 22:9** But you will have a son who will be a man of peace and rest, and I will give him rest from all his enemies on every side. His name will be Solomon, and I will grant Israel peace and quiet during his reign. ¹⁰ He is the one who will build a house for my Name. He will be my son, and I will be his father. And I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.' ... ¹⁸ ... "Is not the LORD your God with you? And has he not granted you rest on every side? For he has handed the inhabitants of the land over to me, and the land is subject to the LORD and to his people. ¹⁹ Now devote your heart and soul to seeking the LORD your God. Begin to build the sanctuary of the LORD God, so that you may bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD and the sacred articles belonging to God into the temple that will be built for the Name of the LORD."



Rest: Presence and Victory of God

1. Creation of the cosmos → Genesis 1-2
2. Construction of the tabernacle → Exodus 25-40
3. Construction of the temple → 2 Chronicles 2-5
4. Vision of end of days temple → Ezekiel 40-47
5. Arrival of eternal temple → Revelation 21-22

- *The Temple and the Church's Mission: A biblical theology of the dwelling place of God.*

➤ G.K. Beale



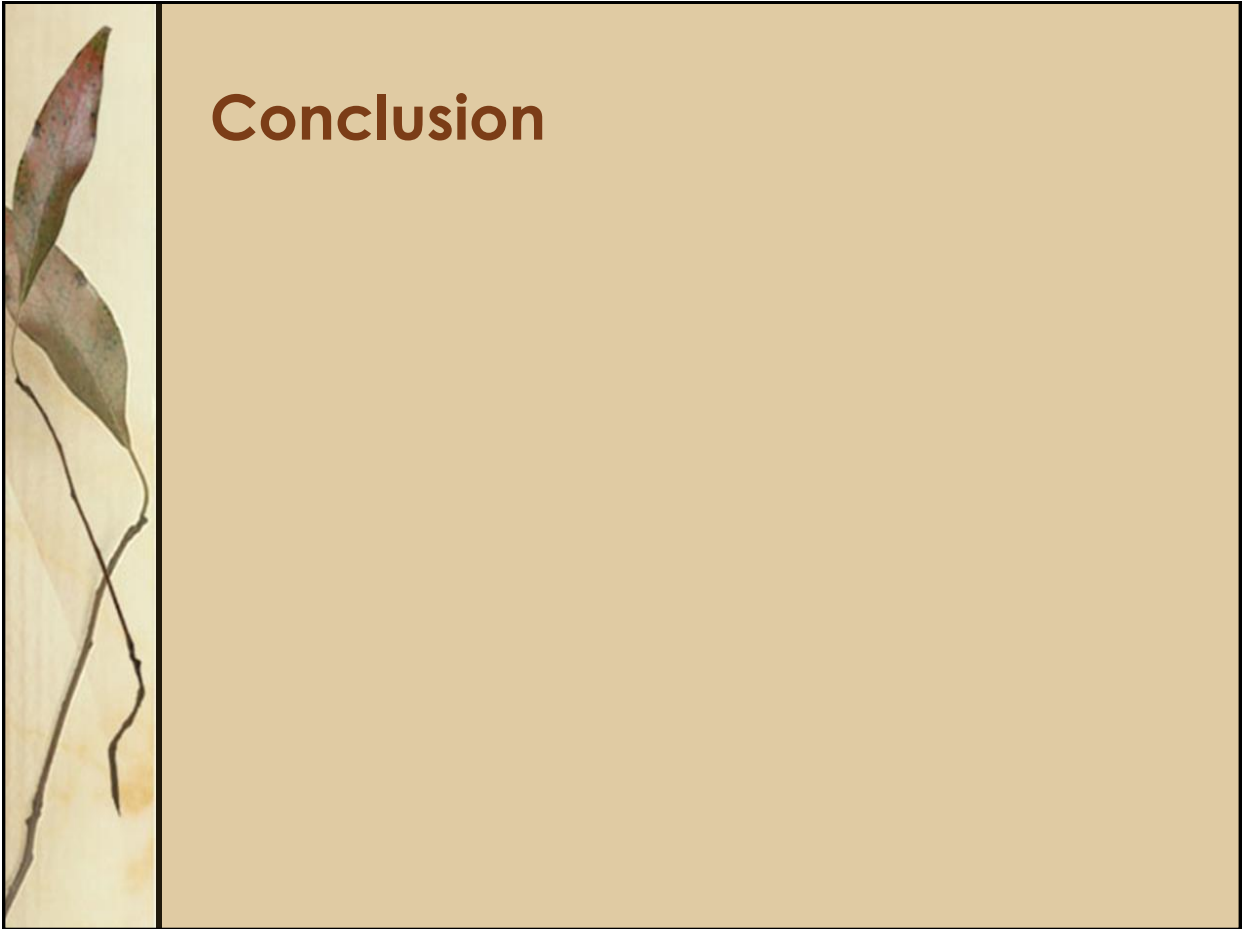
How to Be Diligent

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 4:11** Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall through following the same example of disobedience. ¹² For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.



How to Experience Rest

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 4:14** Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.



Conclusion



Rest: Presence and Victory in Christ

- ^{NAS} **Ephesians 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ... ⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace ...¹³ In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation-- having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

➤ *Heeding the word of truth and believing ones.*



A Glimpse of Rest

- ^{NAS} **Isaiah 60:15** "... I will make you an everlasting pride, A joy from generation to generation. ¹⁶ "... Then you will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior, And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob... ¹⁹ "No longer will you have the sun for light by day, Nor for brightness will the moon give you light; But you will have the LORD for an everlasting light, And your God for your glory. ²⁰ "Your sun will set no more, Neither will your moon wane; For you will have the LORD for an everlasting light, And the days of your mourning will be finished. ²¹ "Then all your people will be righteous; They will possess the land forever, The branch of My planting, The work of My hands, That I may be glorified.



Be Diligent

- ^{NAS} **1 Corinthians 9:26** Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; ²⁷ but I buffet my body and make it my slave, lest possibly, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified.
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 4:11** Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall through following the same example of disobedience.