





## The Good News

- **Hebrews 1:2** at the end of days he [God] has spoken to us in a Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup> And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.



## Our Charge

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 2:1** For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. <sup>2</sup> For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense, <sup>3</sup> how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? ...



## Our Hope

- <sup>NAS</sup> **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 author [captain] of their salvation through sufferings. ... <sup>17</sup> Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.



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## Our Positive Example: Jesus

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 3:1** Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession. <sup>2</sup> He was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was in all His house. <sup>3</sup> For He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house. <sup>4</sup> For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God. <sup>5</sup> Now Moses was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later; <sup>6</sup> but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house ...

➤ Moses is exalted, Jesus much more so.

## Our Negative Example: Israel

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 3:7** Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says, "Today if you hear His voice, <sup>8</sup> Do not harden your hearts as when they provoked Me, As in the day of trial in the wilderness, <sup>9</sup> Where your fathers tried Me by testing Me, And saw My works for forty years. <sup>10</sup> "Therefore I was angry with this generation, And said, 'They always go astray in their heart; And they did not know My ways'; <sup>11</sup> As I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.'"



## Our Negative Example: Israel

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 3:15** while it is said, "Today if you hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts, as when they provoked Me." <sup>16</sup> For who provoked Him when they had heard? Indeed, did not all those who came out of Egypt led by Moses? <sup>17</sup> And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? <sup>18</sup> And to whom did He swear that they should not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? <sup>19</sup> And so we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.





## Our Identity: The Description

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 3:1** Therefore, holy brethren ...
  - <sup>NAS</sup> **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 author of their salvation through sufferings. <sup>11</sup> For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,
  - <sup>NAS</sup> **Galatians 3:26** For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.
  - <sup>NAS</sup> **Colossians 3:12** And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved ...



## Our Identity: The Description

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 3:1** ... partakers of a heavenly calling
  - 1) Call *from* heaven
    - <sup>NAS</sup> **2 Timothy 1:9** who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,
    - <sup>NAS</sup> **Romans 1:6** among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; <sup>7</sup> to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints
  - 2) Call *to* heaven
    - <sup>NAS</sup> **Philippians 3:14** I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
    - <sup>ESV</sup> **1 Thessalonians 2:12** ...walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

## Our Identity: The Description

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 3:6** but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house whose house we are ...
- Household
  - <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Peter 2:5** you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ... <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession... <sup>10</sup> for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God
  - <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Timothy 3:15** ... I write so that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God ...



## Our Identity: The Description

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 3:6** but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house whose house we are ...
- House
  - <sup>NAS</sup> **Ephesians 2:21** in whom the whole building, being fitted together is growing into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.
  - <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Corinthians 3:16** Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?
  - <sup>NAS</sup> **2 Corinthians 6:16** Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them; And I will be their God, and they shall be My people.





## Our Identity: The Description

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 3:14** For we have become partakers of Christ
- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Corinthians 1:30** But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption,
- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Corinthians 10:17** Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread.
- <sup>ESV</sup> **Ephesians 3:6** This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **2 Peter 1:4** For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature



## Our Identity: The Proof

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 3:6** ... whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end.
  - <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 3:14** For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end;
- Perseverance to the end is the only sure proof that we are actually in Christ.



- <sup>NAS</sup> **Matthew 13:18** "Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup> "When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road. <sup>20</sup> "And the one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word, and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup> yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away. <sup>22</sup> "And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> "And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit, and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."



## Our Charge: Take Heed

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 3:12** Take care, brethren, lest there should be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart, in falling away from the living God.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Genesis 6:5** Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Mark 7:21** "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, <sup>22</sup> deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Galatians 6:7** Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. <sup>8</sup> For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life.





## Our Charge: Encourage One Another

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 3:13** But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Galatians 6:1** Brethren, even if a man is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **James 5:19** My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth, and one turns him back, <sup>20</sup> let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **2 Timothy 4:2** preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.



# Conclusion



## The Captain of Our Salvation

- <sup>NAS</sup> **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 author of their salvation through sufferings.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 6:37** "All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. <sup>38</sup> "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. <sup>39</sup> "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 10:27** "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; <sup>28</sup> and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand. <sup>29</sup> "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.



## Abiding Fruitful Faith

- <sup>NAS</sup> **James 2:18** But someone may well say, "You have faith, and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works... <sup>26</sup> For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.
- <sup>Lit</sup> **John 3:16** "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that each continually believing in Him one should never perish, but continually possess eternal life.
- <sup>Lit</sup> **Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is continually the power of God for salvation to each continuously believing one ...



## Hold Fast

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 3:12** Take care, brethren, lest there should be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart, in falling away from the living God. <sup>13</sup> But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup> For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end;