



## Hebrews 3

### A Careful Consideration of Christ

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**Hebrews 3:1** *Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,*

**Historically, Christians have** been deeply concerned about getting their view of Jesus accurate. Modern American Christianity doesn't seem worried about such a task. There isn't a sense that it is a life and death matter when dealing with deity. **There's a freedom and flexibility about the person of Jesus that is accepted and promoted in the average church.** Jesus is often portrayed as our buddy cheering for us as we pursue the American dream. We celebrate how Jesus accepts me just as I am and doesn't feel as if he has to interfere with my personal plans. He will never make unrealistic demands of me. **In many cases the church is nothing more than a self-help center with the name Jesus attached to their programs and teachings.**

**The Bible places various names on those who submit to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.**

1. "Believers" for their faith they placed in the person of Christ.
2. "Brethren" for their understanding they are a part of God's family.
3. "Christians" for their Christ-like behavior.
4. "Disciples" for their desire to grow in their knowledge of Christ and obedience to Christ.
5. "Saints" for their holiness in honor of Christ.
6. "Servants" for their works as an expression of their love for Christ.
7. "Pilgrims" for the fact that their affections were toward Heaven.

**Steps to a hard heart towards God:** (1) Selfishness - I want it my way. (2) Stubbornness - I won't stop until I get what I want. (3) Indifference - I don't care who it hurts. (4) Resistance - I refuse to listen to any godly advice. (5) Defiance - I don't care about the consequences.

**The DNA of Sin is to** seek and destroy our walk with Jesus Christ. Christ can forgive us from sin, but nothing changes the nature of sin. Sin has a single mission and that is to draw us away from our allegiance and devotion to Jesus Christ. The more subtle the drift the more effective the hardening of the heart becomes. Sin (1) deceives, (2) dishonors, (3) damages, (4) distorts, (5) divides, and (6) destroys. Sin dishonors God. If that is all we knew about sin, that should be enough to create a desire within us to obey God.

**Hebrews 3:2-6** *who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house. <sup>3</sup> For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house. <sup>4</sup> For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God. <sup>5</sup> And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, <sup>6</sup> but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, <sup>8</sup> Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness <sup>9</sup>Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years.*

*<sup>10</sup>Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, 'They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.' <sup>11</sup>So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.' "*

### **JC Ryle | *Thoughts for Young Men***

1. Leave nothing unsettled that is eternal. Run no risk when your soul is at stake.
2. Surely none are so mad as those who are content to live unprepared to die.
3. Young men, be not deceived. Think not you can, at will, serve lusts and pleasures in your beginning, and then go and serve God with ease at your latter end...believe me you will find no easy matter to turn to God just when you please.
4. **Every fresh act of sin lessens fear and remorse, hardens our hearts, and blunts the edge of our conscience.**
5. Satan will offer you everything just as he did Christ, if only you would serve him...He will even help you wear a form of religion.
6. Satan will tell you at the beginning of your lives, "It is too soon to serve God." He will tell you at the end, "It is too late."
7. You may be careless about your soul; Satan is not.
8. Be distrustful of your own opinion, when you find it contrary to that of older men than yourselves, and especially to that of your own parents.
9. Never make an intimate friend of anyone who is not a friend of God.
10. Oh, young men, learn to be thoughtful! Learn to consider what you are doing and whither you are going.

**1 John 2:19** They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but *they went out* that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

**Proverbs 4:23** *Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.*

**Psalms 119:10** *With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!*

**Hebrews 3:12-19** *Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; <sup>13</sup> but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup> For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, <sup>15</sup> while it is said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion." <sup>16</sup> For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? <sup>17</sup> Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? <sup>18</sup> And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? <sup>19</sup> So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.*

#### Two common responses to the disobedience of the Old Testament Jews:

1. Overwhelmed – "They saw all those miracles and still disobeyed. I don't have a chance"
2. Overconfident – "Those silly Jews. I would never treat God like that."

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