

2 Peter 1:5-13

*"⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷ and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸ For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having **forgotten** that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election... ¹² Therefore I intend always to **remind** you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. ¹³ I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of **reminder**."*

Today: March 12, 2023

Today's Order:

- Welcome & Reading; 2 Peter 1:5-13
- Let Your Kingdom Come
- PRAYER: Sixth Day Evening
- A Christian's Hope Can Never Fail
- Holy Spirit

Teaching of the WORD:

Foundations: Hebrews 3:1-6

Worship through Giving

- Our Great God
- Christ is All
- Benediction Song: Now to Him – Jude 24

Upcoming Sermon Topics and Events:

**Fellowship Dinners

March 12:** Jesus is Supreme, Hebrews 3:1-6

March 19: Jesus is Supreme, Hebrews 3:7-19

March 26:** Jesus is Supreme, Hebrews 4:1-13

April 2: The Disciples Passover

April 9: 10am Resurrection Sunday: Jesus is Supreme, Hebrews 6 (no Fellowship Dinner)

April 19th – Vine & Branch Family Meeting. If you officially call Vine & Branch your church family, we will be having a membership meeting Wednesday 7pm (location TBD).

Please check out <https://vineandbranch.family/> for a more detailed calendar of events and to access previous sermons.

THE WORKSHOP: Men's Bible and Character Study. This is an ongoing study that will meet the FIRST Sunday morning of every month at 7:30 a.m. Meeting location is at Robb Besosa's woodshop located at 460 Salt Creek Road. Next Meeting: April 2nd 7:30am.

GROWTH GROUPS: Growth Groups are starting up next week for this year! for the year. If you have not signed up, it is not too late! Just let one of the elders know and we can get you into a group. We will be using "That The World May Know" on-site Biblical teaching videos with Ray Vanderlann. Most Groups will meet every other Wednesday night at 7pm in the home of one of your fellow Growth Group members. Your group leaders will be contacting you soon to let you know which group you will be in.

2 Peter 1:12; ¹² *Therefore I intend always to **remind** you of these qualities... to stir you up by way of **reminder**.*"

- "The eight laws of learning are explanation, demonstration, imitation, repetition, repetition, repetition, repetition, repetition." – John Wooden
- "Repetition is the mother of all learning" – Greek Proverb
- "Repetition creates the master" – Cesar Millan
- "Confidence is anchored on two rocks, Truth and Repetition"

The Author of Hebrews is **repeating**; what is he **repeating**?

- Jesus is Supreme; He is creator, He uphold the universe.
- He is better messenger than the angels or the prophets. Supreme King, Savior (Captain) Brother
- 2:1, Pay close attention; 3:1- Consider Him; 3:12 - Take care

(3:1) "Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, **CONSIDER Jesus...**"

- In this case of "therefore" the author is pulling on the strands of truth which he had laid out in chapter 1 and 2.
- "Jesus calls us BROTHERS. He unashamedly speaks our name, trusts us, and affiliates with us as His siblings!" (2:11, 12, 17, 3:1)
- "Consider" means far more than to causally "give it some thought." **Consider** = fixed attention and scrutiny. It carries the idea of a **fastened gaze** of **awakened interest** and **steady contemplation**. Keep Superior Jesus at the forefront of our **repetitious** thinking, and **repetitious** organizing, and **repetitious** living

Repetition: Jesus is Supreme, He has made you brothers and sisters → **CONSIDER HIM**.

- 2:1 "Pay much closer attention, lest you drift."
- 3:6 "Hold Fast"
- 3:12 (next week) "Take Care, lest you fall away"

We are to be like little children, gathered around cheering their older mature Brother; the Captain of an army who has returned to secure our freedom from fear, death, and slavery!

Moses was a faithful servant he was part of the house.

Jesus is a faithful Son; he is the builder of the house.

Jesus is Supreme, he is the builder of all things, he is God (v.4)

Application: To be of God's House; Consider Jesus

1. HOLD FAST to Jesus – No one masters anything without repetition.

- Have a routine of looking to Jesus, considering your identity, how you live, and what you will sacrifice to live for Him.

2. Put your CONFIDENCE in JESUS

- Not good works alone, or Biblical knowledge alone, but by knowing, rejoicing in and living out Truth

3. BOAST in Jesus.

- Glorifying in, rejoicing in, proclaiming with enthusiasm and vigor.

1Pet. 2:9 *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*