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The holy brethren are those that are set apart,

They are partakers of the “heavenly calling.” The word “partakers” means “to share with or to have with.”

Then author says to:

consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,

Christ Jesus is **the anointed one!**

He was sent to bring **the message of salvation.**

He presents those who place their trust and faith in Him before God,

- **and He offers Himself as the perfect sacrifice**

Heb 3:2

2 who (Jesus) was faithful to Him (the Father) who appointed Him (Jesus), as Moses also was faithful in all His (God's) house.

Jesus and Moses were similar in that they were both faithful.

Moses is undeniably a prominent name among the Jews and rightfully so.

- **As a child, Moses was placed in a basket and set in the Nile River**
- **and found by Pharaoh's daughter. (God's protection)**

That was God's plan, but it also required a measure of faith in God by Moses' mother.

Eventually Moses became the most influential person in all of Egypt.

Ironically, there were at least two attempts made on Moses' life.

It was most likely not the same Pharaoh who tried to kill Moses the first time.

But God spared Moses, why!

Ex 3:10

10 Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

Notice the comparison of:

John 3:14-18 to Exo 3:10

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

The bible is now constructing for us, especially for the Hebrew mind,

- that there is Moses and there is Jesus.

The Jew says, I've got Moses, and I'm sticking to him.

The Christian follows of Jesus.

So, God sent Moses to deliver His people out of Egypt.

And He sent Jesus to deliver

- every believer out of this world.

Jesus and Moses have some common ground between them.

Both fed throngs of people.

After Jesus multiplied the 5 loaves of bread and the 2 fish,

- the thoughts of the people immediately
- ran to Moses' prophecy in Deut 18:

Moses himself said:

Deut 18:15

15 "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—

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I believe Moses was prophesying of the Messiah. (Acts 3:22, Acts 7:37)

In John 6:14 after they saw what Jesus did, people began to say,

- "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."

Moses constantly interceded for his people, much like Jesus did and continues to do.

1 John 2:1

And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

We are to place our trust in Christ.

Eph 1:13-14

13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

14 (and) who is the (Creator? He's the) guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Paul warned about spiritual blindness:

Rom 10:1-13

1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. 2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. 4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

The law is fulfilled and completed

- once a person believes in Jesus
- then He imparts to an individual
- the fulfillment of the law.

It's called faith, salvation and redemption.

5 For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them."

In other words, if you're going to live by the law, then you have to abide by all of it, not just parts of it.

Gal 3:10

10 For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them."

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Paul continues in the next several verses by showing that true righteousness comes thru faith, not by trying to earn it thru works.

Rom 10:6-13

6 But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down from above) 7 or, "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." (Isa 28:16, Jer 17:7) 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Heb 1:3

3 (Jesus) who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

This was a one and done thing for us.

Heb 3:3

3 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.

The word "worthy" in this passage means "to be or become considered or thought of as worthwhile, honorable,

Jesus is superior to the greatest of the old covenant people,

Hebrews 8 contrasts the old covenant with the New.

Heb 8:6-9

6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. 8 Because finding fault with them, He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah — 9 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of

Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the Lord.

The first covenant referred to is the set of laws or commands

- that God gave to the Israelites
- after they were delivered from Egypt.

The law contained 3 main parts consisting of the moral law,

- the civil law and the ceremonial law.

The law revealed God's holiness, Lev 19:2.

And it also showed God's special relationship to His people of Israel.

Deut 7:6

6 "For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.

The law was good, but it didn't save a person.

- It didn't change the heart of an individual.

And since it didn't save a person,

- he continually had to offer sacrifices
- for his sin Heb 10:1-4.

Interestingly, this word "worthy, or counted worthy"

- as used to describe Jesus in verse 3
- as "worthwhile or honorable"
- is used only twice in the NT.

Once in a positive sense, the other in a negative sense.

The negative sense is in Hebrews 10:29

- when contrasting the old covenant's sacrificial system
- with the once and for all sacrifice of Jesus.

Heb 10:29

29 Just think how much worse the punishment will be for those who have trampled on the Son of God, and have treated the blood of the covenant, which made us holy, as if it were common and unholy, and have insulted and disdained the Holy Spirit who brings God's mercy to us.

Instead of counting Jesus worthy, they've trampled on Him.

To trample the Son of God underfoot is “to insult; to treat with contempt and disdain;

- to consider unimportant or worthless.”

What we see in this verse is a warning against a deliberate

- and continuous lifestyle of sin,
- especially of those rejecting Christ (blasphemy).

So, verse 3 of Hebrews 3 tells us who Jesus is

- and gives us reason to worship Him
- and verse 29 of Hebrews 10 speaks of
- the severe ramifications of those rejecting Jesus.

Jesus Himself said, “whoever is not with me is against me.”

The author of Hebrews says that people will count Him worthy

- or they’ll trample on Him.

Heb 3:4

4 For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God.

The bible is all about God, it’s all about Jesus.

Col 1:16

16 For by Him (Jesus) all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him (Jesus) and for Him (Jesus).

A couple of weeks ago I mentioned the 4 living creatures in Rev 4:8

I spoke about the repetitiveness.

Why there are 4 gospels,

- Matthew, Mark, Luke and John?

It was to give four perspectives of the one message of glad tidings.

Luke 2:10

10 Then the angel said to them (shepherds), "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

Rom 10:15b

15 "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

So we have 4 perspectives of one message:

	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
Jesus as:	King of Israel	Servant of the Lord	Son of Man	Son of God
Reader:	Jew	Roman	Greek	World
Prominent ideas:	Law	Power	Grace	Glory

The gospel of Matthew shows Jesus as King of the promised kingdom.

The gospel of Mark is the shortest of the 4 gospels,

- yet, he records more miracles than the others.

The purpose of Mark's gospel was to show Jesus as a servant

- living and working among men.

Mark 10:45

45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

The gospel of Luke records Jesus as the Son of Man. The audience reading the gospel of Luke in the first century were mainly Greek.

Luke 19:10

10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

And John tells us in chapter 20 why the gospel was written.

John 20:30-31

30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Ezekiel wrote about his vision of God.

In that vision he describes 4 living creatures

- having the likeness of a man
- each having 4 faces.

When he describes the 4 faces,

- he describes one as that of a lion,
- one of an ox,
- one of an eagle
- and one of a man.

So why would they have four faces, (four gospels.) How are they connected?

Matthew presents Jesus as King.

Revelation 5:5 refers to Jesus as the Lion of the tribe of Judah. Matt 1 speaks of the lineage of Jesus being from the tribe of Judah.

The imagery of a lion and Judah come from Gen 49 when Jacob blesses his sons.

Mark presents Jesus as a servant, what does the ox do?

- It serves, it goes where you direct it to go.

Luke presents Jesus as the Son of Man.

- One of the faces Ezekiel mentions is that of a man.

And John presents Jesus as God.

- Gen 1:1, In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Jn 1:1 says, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Heb 3:5-6

5 And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, 6 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.

Moses was a servant but not in the sense that we think of servant.

- It's not the typical term "doulos"
- as used elsewhere but the Greek word "therapōn."

The word "therapōn" occurs only here

- and refers to a 'personal service freely rendered'.

What were the things to be spoken afterwards as the author says?

- It all points to the gospel
- which Jesus proclaimed as the Son of God.

The old Levitical system of sacrifice, the ceremonies, the priesthood

- were all a testimony
- of what would be said
- in the future in Christ.

Heb 10:1

1 The old system under the law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves. The sacrifices under that system

were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship.

The only way for a perfect cleansing is thru the blood of Christ.

John 5:46

46 For if you (Jews) believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.

Luke tells us that while walking on the road to Emmaus,

- Jesus conversed with two disciples
- and expounded to them in all the Scriptures
- the things concerning Himself.

So verse 5 says that Moses was faithful in all His house as a servant,

- and he was great,
- but Jesus has the greater glory and authority.

Why? Because He's the owner of the house as a Son.

The house refers to His people, the spiritual household.

How do we know who the followers of Christ are?

- Those who persevere to the end
- are the followers of Christ.