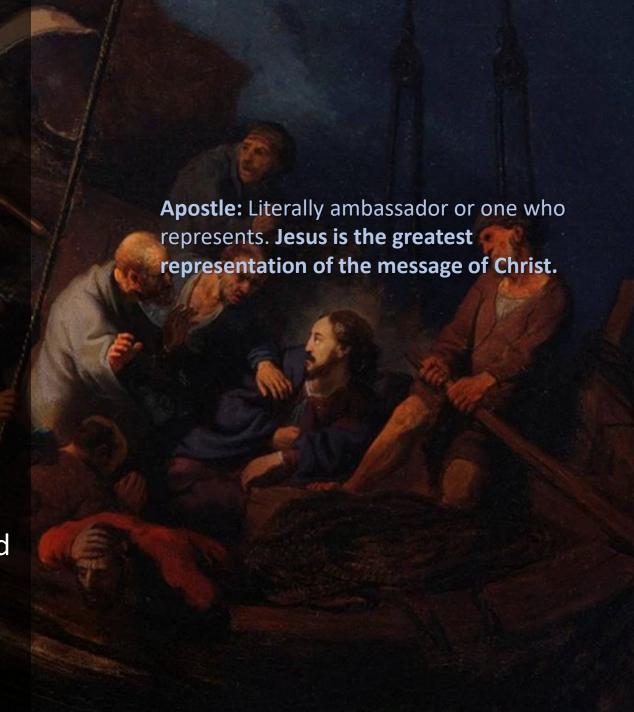


Wherefore...

- Heb 3:1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;
- Therefore (Wherefore) again...
 why should we do what we read
 next? Because Jesus > Death
- <u>Holy brethren</u> (Heb 2:11, ...He is not ashamed to call them brethren...)
- Heavenly or Holy Calling (Heb 2:10, ...for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.)



Heb 3:2-6 Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house. (3) For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house. (4) For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God. (5) And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; (6) But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

The Struggle

- Heb 3:2-6
- Jewish self induced infancy (Heb 5:11-13) For every one that useth milk *is* unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.
- The difference between Moses and Christ must be established.
 - They assumed Moses was law giver, Jesus was the executive office of that law on all nations (The saviour they wanted not the one they needed)
 - The truth God (Jesus) was architect, builder and executor of the law and Moses was the caregiver.
- Misplaced priorities?

The Spirit Speaks

- Have you ever wanted to hear the Spirit Speak? Then read this out loud...
- How about some poetry...
- What are we talking about?
 Numbers 20:1-13
 - God's People railing because of lack of water.
 - God instructs Moses, Moses gets ticked.
 - Nobody present enters Canaan.
- When we live in disobedience and rebellion, we live in only a portion of what God has for us.

Heb 3:7-11 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, (8) Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: (9) When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. (10) Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. (11) So I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)



Don't be like them...

Heb 3:12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

- Learning from the past is often hard.
 But learn we must.
- Trust God completely no matter how arid and barren the way may be.
- Depend on His word and be patient with one another.
- Do not let our own doubt and desires to fill us with unbelief.



- Exhort... Daily
 - Heb 3:13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.
 - Exhort- To call to one's side, call for or summon.
 - You have to be in the right place to summon to one's side. Exhortation is a call to all to be right with God.
 - Also admonish- Firm warning reprimand
 - Entreat- Beg or to implore
 - Console and encourage
 - Instruct or teach
 - Daily (This keeps hardness of heart through deceitfulness away)

For we have come...

- Heb 3:14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;
- Partakers- We Have come to share in what Christ has done. This is why we have come...
- Hold to the confidence you had at the beginning.
 - When we we first saved, the child like faith.
 - No doubt, no fear, no worry
- Stedfast- stable, firm, Holding Fast.
- The world and all of it's agency will try to beat down our faith.
 - Stress
 - Focus
 - Desire
- Do not be distracted, holdfast to the faith that you have forgotten. That faith you had from the beginning.





Don't be that person...

Heb 3:15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation (Rebellion).

- Like the Israelites in the wilderness
 - Unsatisfied, untrusting, easily swayed to return to slavery.
- Like Moses
 - Angry, frustrated, dissatisfied.
- Instead, rebel against this urge to rebel.
 - Be satisfied where God has brought you.
 - Trust that He knows what He is doing with your life.
 - Don't be swayed by every philosophy and imagination or desire.
 - Be patient
 - Be kind and forgiving
 - Follow God's plan by following His word.



