

I. CONSIDER JESUS**A. Hebrews 3:1-6**

NKJV “Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, **consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus**, who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also *was faithful* in all His house. 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. For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things *is* God. And Moses indeed *was faithful* in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken *afterward*, 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.”

CEV “So, my brothers and sisters, those chosen by God to be his holy people, think about Jesus. He is the one we believe God sent to save us and to be our high priest. God made him our high priest, and he was faithful to God just as Moses was. He did everything God wanted him to do in God’s house. When someone builds a house, people will honor the builder more than the house. It is the same with Jesus. He should have more honor than Moses. Every house is built by someone, but God built everything. Moses was faithful as a servant in God’s whole house. He told people what God would say in the future. But Christ is faithful in ruling God’s house as the Son. And we are God’s house, if we remain confident of the great hope we are glad to say we have”

- The faithfulness of Jesus
- Consider Jesus (Christ)

B. “Consider” Defined

1. To perceive; to observe; to consider attentively; to **FIX** one’s eyes or mind upon.
2. The Greek word translated “consider” is *katanoēō* (κατανοέω). It means to observe carefully, perceive clearly, contemplate, give close attention to, or fix one’s mind upon something.

3. It carries the idea of directing your mind toward Him and studying Him attentively until you grasp the significance of who He is.
4. Keep directing the mind toward Him to continually give Him focused attention.

C. Hebrews 12:1-3

NKJV “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **looking unto Jesus**, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **For consider Him** who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.”

D. Hebrews 12:2

TPT “We look away from the natural realm and we focus our attention *and expectation* onto Jesus who birthed faith within us and who leads us forward into faith’s perfection.”

Other Translations “...fix our eyes on Jesus...”

AMP “...[looking away from all that will distract us and] focusing our eyes on Jesus, who is the Author and Perfector of faith.” Keeping our eyes on Jesus.

- Focus on Jesus.
- Fix our gaze upon Jesus.

PASTOR’S NOTE: *The message of these passages is that we need to ensure that our focus stays in the right place on the right things. JESUS is always the right place for our attention. As a believer, I need to intentionally choose to place my focus on JESUS.*

- Consider Him often, daily, continually.
- Lest I become weary and faint.

II. KEEP CONSIDERING HIM!

A. Consider His Example

1. The life of Jesus on earth demonstrates to us How God thinks and responds to specific things.
2. His *love* and *compassion* toward people are an example to us of how He loves us and is compassionate toward us.
3. His *healings* remind us that He desires to heal us, and the will of God is for us to be healed.
 - a. **Acts 10:38** "He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed of the devil."
4. His *forgiveness*: Jesus forgave sin. No sin was too great for Him to forgive.
5. His *provisions*: Jesus spoke of our Father providing good things for His children as compared to earthly fathers. He also provided for those who were hungry.

B. Consider His Death

1. The death of Jesus represents the sacrificial price that He was willing to give so that you and I could be saved and free from the penalty of sin and the curse of the Law.
2. As I consider His death, I am reminded that I died in Him!
3. As I consider His death, I also consider His blood.
4. **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**
NKJV "For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.' In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often

as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes."

PASTOR'S NOTE: *Every time believers receive Communion they are making a declaration: "Jesus died. His blood was shed. His sacrifice was sufficient. Redemption has been accomplished."*

5. As we consider the death of Jesus—and the price paid—we are considering that:
 - a. Our sins have been borne by Him.
 - b. Our redemption has been purchased by Him.
 - c. The curse has been dealt with for us.
 - d. The enemy has been defeated by Him.
 - e. We are members of the new covenant established in His blood.

C. Consider His Resurrection

1. 2 Timothy 2:8

NKJV "Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel."

2. Romans 6:8-11

NKJV "Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

3. Philippians 3:10

NKJV "...that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death."

4. Ephesians 2:6

KJV "And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:"

PASTOR'S NOTE: *He died—we died with Him. He was buried—we were buried with Him. He was raised—we were raised into newness of life.*

- *Made alive together.*
- *Raised together.*
- *Seated together.*

5. In considering His resurrection, I am considering:
 - a. What happened when God raised Him.
 - b. I am considering my resurrection with Him.
 - c. I consider what is true because I am in Him.
 - d. I consider where I am seated with Him.

D. Consider His Intercession

1. Romans 8:34

NKJV “Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.”

CEV “Or can anyone condemn them? No indeed! Christ died and was raised to life, and now he is at God's right side, speaking to him for us.”

Aramaic “Who is condemning? The Messiah has died and he is risen, and he is at the right hand of God and he prays for us.”

PASTOR'S NOTE: *Every believer has the benefit of Jesus' continual intercession on their behalf. His intercession cannot fail. As long as Jesus is representing me before the Father, I can live with confidence, knowing that His favor, blessing, and help are continually available to me. My confidence is not merely in my own ability to succeed, but in the unfailing ministry of Jesus on my behalf.*

E. Consider His Return

1. Hebrews 9:28

KJV “So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.”

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Midweek Message

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GWT “Likewise, Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of humanity, and after that he will appear a second time. This time he will not deal with sin, but he will save those who eagerly wait for him.”

2. Philippians 3:20-21

NKJV “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.”

3. Reasons to consider the coming of Jesus:

- a. It keeps an eternal perspective alive.
- b. It encourages us to guard our life against worldly influence.
- c. It gives us endurance through difficult times.
- d. It reminds us that we will be changed and have a new body.
- e. It reminds us of the resurrection of those who have died.
- f. It reminds us that we will be with the Lord forever.
- g. It reminds me that He is coming for me.