

Second Baptist Church Wed, Mar 11, 2026 Bible Study Rev Rhyne, Teacher

HEBREWS 3:1-6 CROSSING THE FINISH LINE

Jesus Christ is superior to all men. No matter who the person is, what title they have or position they ~~made~~ hold – Jesus Christ is superior – He is supreme – He is above all.

Moses is considered by the Jews and by many others to be one of the greatest men who has ever lived. He was the great emancipator of the Jewish people from Egyptian slavery and great leader who gave birth to the Jewish people as a nation. But as great as these feats were, he was above all else the great law-giver, not only to Israel, but to the world.

People and nations who have sought freedom have based their legal system upon the ten commandments and other laws given by Moses. However as great as Moses was, there is still One who is superior to Him – His name is Jesus.

The apostle Paul wrote the Ephesians that God the Father has given Jesus a position “far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name at is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under His feet....” (Eph. 1:21-22).

He wrote to the Philippian Christians, “Therefore, God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Phil. 2:9-11)

Peter wrote of Jesus “who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him” (1Pet 3:22)

Some suggestive things to know if we are to cross the finish line:

- 1. Consecrate ourselves – Consecration**

Verse 1a "Wherefore, holy brethren" – brethren not referring to brothers in the Lord, but this is to the entire Christian body

The word "holy" which means "holy, set apart, consecrated, devoted to God, and abstaining from the defilements of this world. If we are going to cross the finish line for Christ, we need to stay out of the mud puddles of perversity. Don't be caught up in this wickedness, evil doings, talking, and living. It is so important and vital that we keep ourselves spiritually clean. As Ephesians 5:27 states, "that He might present her to Himself as a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish." Our lives should be with such purity that no one can find fault in it.

Our problem is that we were born in Adam. And that's not a very good place to be. We need to get out of Adam and into Christ.x

2. Cooperative – Cooperation

Verse 1b "partakers of the heavenly calling"

If we are to cross our finish line, then we need to understand the importance of fellowship with other Christians. We are partakers, participants, and partners of a heavenly calling. The calling of God for salvation came from Heaven. That call is given to all men, but not all will respond. 2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

God's call speaks not only of its origin, but it speaks of our final destination. If we are going to race for the Lord and cross God's finish line for us, then we need the encouragement that we get from other believers.

Christians are ^{NOT} to be competing with each other, but we are to be complementing and lifting up one another. We are to hold up one another. We are to share with one another. If I have – you have – we have – all of God's children have.

We are not each other rival. Our greatest rivals in our race for Christ are the devil, yourself, or your flesh, NOT other believers. The Lord lifts us up and we are also to encourage one another. We are ^{NOT} to be cliquish nor show favoritism but love and support each other as one in the body of Christ.

3. Consideration of Jesus

Verse 1c “consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus.”
Some of the Jewish Christians were tempted to turn back to the rituals of the Judaism. The writer of Hebrews points them straight to the Lord. He tells them, you, and me to consider Jesus. Considering Jesus will help us to stay in our race for Christ and cross the finish line.

The word “consider” is a very powerful word for us to put into practice when we consider Jesus. It means “to focus, to fix one’s mind, attention, and eyes upon something. That something should be Jesus.

We are to gaze on Jesus and keeping gazing on Him.

That is the message here. We are to focus on the Lord and not get distracted. We are to consider the Lord and learn the lessons that He was trying to teach us with His Word and His actions. Get to know God!

Paul said in Philippians 3:10, “that I know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death.”

Jesus the Apostle – this word apostle means a person who is sent forth on a mission with an important message. In Luke 4:17-19: “And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah, He found in place where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”

Luke 19:10, “for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

John 10:10, “The thief does not come to except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”

Jesus our High Priest – Christ is the High Priest of our profession so let’s make that our confession. The High Priest, the Mediator for God’s people on the date of Atonement when a sacrifice and atonement was made for sins of the nation. Jesus offered His own life on the cross to atone for our sins.

4. Confidence in Christ

Verses 2-6, 14

An important principle in your race to cross the finish line is your confidence in Jesus Christ. Keep firm your faith in the Lord. Understand that doubt and unbelief are effective weapons in Satan's arsenal and he will do all that he can to get you to doubt God, His Word and promises. It is better to be faithful, than to be rich, famous, and popular.

Jesus our Savior was faithful. Jesus our Redeemer is faithful.

He was faithful in His determination to obey God the Father – John 15:10

He was faithful in deferring His desires to His Father's will – Matt 26:39

He was faithful in His duty to finish God's work – John 17:4

He was faithful in His Death on the Cross – Phil 2:8

Those who have been truly saved those who hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

Moses were in the house but Jesus is over the house.