

COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM
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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth
1 Thessalonians 1:8

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Jesus Is Greater

- Edd Sterchi

The theme to the book of Hebrews seems to be “better.” In a stark contrast to the Old Covenant, we see that the New Covenant of God has a better Prophet and Priest who brings better promises. Of course, we know this to be in reference to Jesus Christ.

One such contrast alluded to is in chapter 3. In verses 1 and 2, we see that Jesus was faithful to the Father just as Moses was, but in verse 3, we see that Jesus “has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses.” Jesus is worthy of more glory than Moses because He is greater and had done greater things. Let us consider how great Moses was, and how much greater Jesus is:

* Moses was the Lawgiver (Deut. 33:4), but Jesus is the Grace giver (John 1:17).

* Moses wrote the first five books of the Old Testament (Deut. 31:24), but Jesus (being God) inspired the writing of the whole Bible (John 16:13-15; 2 Tim. 3:16).

* Moses lifted the bronze serpent in the wilderness to bring about physical healing (Num. 21:4-9), but Jesus lifted Himself on the cross to bring about spiritual healing (John 3:14-15).

* Moses was the deliverer of the Israelite people out of slavery (Acts 7:35), but Jesus is the deliverer of all people out of the slavery of sin (1 John 2:2; 4:14).

Certainly we could go on and on, but I’m sure you get the idea. Without a doubt, Jesus is greater! Because of this, He can sympathize with us, bring help to us, and intercede for us in the presence of the Father (Heb. 2:17-18; 4:15). And because of that, He is worthy of more glory from us.

And now a question for you to consider: Is Jesus greater than anyone or anything in your life? “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.” (Matt. 10:37-38)

- Edd Sterchi preaches for the Broadway Church of Christ in Campbellsville, KY. - Article obtained from www.bulletingold.com

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2024 Theme:

The Gospel Is for All

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Spiritual Blessings

Ephesians 1:13-14

I. The Source- v. 3

- A. The Father- John 5:19,30, 8:28, 1 Corinthians 11:3, 15:27, John 1:1, Hebrews 1:8
- B. The Son- 1 Timothy 2:5, 1 John 2:1, Colossians 1:19, Galatians 3:27, 1 Corinthians 12:13, Ephesians 1:22-23
 - 1. "In him", "In Christ" etc.- 11 times.

II. The Plan- v. 4-5,9-10

- A. The plan was predetermined- v. 4, Revelation 13:8, Acts 10:34-35, Hebrews 5:9, 1 John 1:7, 2 Thessalonians 2:14
- B. The plan was rooted in love- v. 4-5, John 3:16, 1 Timothy 2:4, 2 Peter 3:9
- C. The plan was accomplished in God's time- v. 10, Galatians 4:4, 3:24, Deuteronomy 29:29

III. The Praise- v. 6

- A. God's grace, love, and mercy revealed- Ephesians 2:4, Titus 2:11, Romans 5:2,8
 - 1. "Appeared" (Titus 2:11)- become visible or made known.
- B. The believer is moved to praise God- Luke 13:10-13, Acts 3:8-9, 11:18

Worship Service

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Song: 404 Looking to Thee (vs. 3)

Prayer

Ephesians 1:3-6

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Ephesians 1:3-6 (NKJV)

- ³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,
- ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,
- ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,
- ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

Why Worship?

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23