**Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus: The Superiority of Christ In All Things**

**A Sermon Series Through the Book of Hebrews**

**“He Will Hold Me Fast”**

**Hebrews 10: 23**

**The letter to the Hebrews unfolds to us in a series of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ offering of Himself to God was so complete and final that it granted right standing, justification, forgiveness of sin, and a view of perfection in God’s eyes for the person who is repenting of sin and believing in Christ.**

**For the believer, Jesus’s work not only changes your stance before God but also begins to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *you* from the inside out so that your heart and life begin to bear fruit that aligns with your new identity and standing before God.**

**The great work of Christ in the Christian’s life pulls out from us a certain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - things that we must do, things we are commanded to do, and things that the new heart given to us will long to do.**

**Theology always drives action: what we really know and believe about God will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our lives.**

**The Greek word translate “hold fast” (κατέχω) is written in its present active tense, meaning that it is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, progressive, ongoing, persistent, and constant holding fast that the follower of Christ is being called to.**

**All of us have in us a bend in our flesh not toward God, but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from Him.**

**Christian, when you are tempted to think too low of how God views you in Christ, when your conscience accuses you and tells you there is no way that a person like you could ever really be loved by God - hold fast and remind yourself that your that I am right in God’s eyes because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are in Christ (Colossians 3:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 8:1).**

**Christian, when you’re tempted to think too highly of yourself and that you don’t perhaps need this gospel and this work of Christ quite like others do because you’re a good person - hold fast and remind yourself that there is no good, no not one, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (John 14:6; Ephesians 2: 1-9; Isaiah 53: 6; Ephesians 2: 11).**

**Christian, when you’re tempted to question God’s Word, its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over your life, and its right to tell you how to live - when Satan slithers up and whispers in your ear as he did Eve, “Did God really say that” – remind yourself and hold fast to John 14:15; 1 John 5:3; Colossians 3:5; and Ephesians 5: 22-24)=.**

**Christian, when you fear your faith will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when you have fallen into the sin that you so despise and so hate, remind yourself and hold fast to the truths of Philippians 1:6; 1 John 1:9; Exodus 34:5; Matthew 1:27; Psalm 32:5; Isaiah 43:5; and 2 Corinthians 5:21.**

**The great good miracle of the gospel is that it is still always \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who holds onto me.**

**Believer, your holding fast to Him is really evidence that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is holding on to you.**

**Your hope is Christ and all that He has done and the faith that holds you to Him is His own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to you.**

Blanks: exhortation & exposition; Jesus’s; change; response; affect; continual; away; you; all; authority; fail; God; He; faithfulness;

Congregational Reading Mark 4: 3-9; 13-20; Hebrews 6: 19-20

Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.”And he said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” And he said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? The sower sows the word. And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy. And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.

We have a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as forerunner on our behalf...