**SERMON SHEET 5/7/23**

**Study of Hebrews #13**

**“Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of Our Confession”**

**Text: Hebrews 3:1**

I. Introduction & review

* We have been called **before** the creation of the world (an eternal call).
* We have been called **from** the world & sinful desire (a redeeming call).
* We have been called **to** holiness (a sanctifying call).
* We have been called **out** of the darkness of sin, death, and hell (an enlightening call).
* We have been called **with** other believers (a unifying call).
* We have been called **for** the purpose of proclaiming, living for, and pointing others to God’s glory (a purposeful call).
* We have been called **to** a living hope (a hopeful call).

II. Considering Jesus

1. Apostle
2. High Priest

III. Contemplating our confession: Jesus is Lord

III. Conclusion – a final word

**QUOTES**

1. Al Mohler:

* *Jesus is the heart of Christianity, which means his person and work are the best objects for Christian meditation.*
* *The author of Hebrews reminds us that the ultimate axiom for the intellectual thought life of the believer is Jesus Christ… Considering Jesus should animate the intellectual patterns of all believers and recalibrate their biblical worldview.*

2. Kent Hughes:

*This is what all of us need above everything else. Lack of this is why so many* [in the church] *are sick and useless and are falling by the way. They need to cultivate the desire, concentration, discipline, and time to fix their eyes upon Jesus.*

3. Charles Spurgeon:

*He is supremely worthy of our perpetual consideration from all points of view. And the more you consider Him the more you may, for there is a depth and breadth about His wondrous personality, His work, and His offices well worthy of our deepest thought and admiring worship. Holy brothers, sharers in a heavenly calling, we may well consider him. If you think little of your Leader you will live but poor lives.*

4. Simon Kistemaker:

*The apostle is not merely sent; he is empowered with the authority of the one who sends him. Furthermore, he can and may speak only the words his superior gives him. He is forbidden to utter his own opinions when they are at variance with those of the one who sends him. Jesus, then, proclaims the very Word of God. He brings the gospel, the good news.*

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE**

* **Ps. 27:4; Phil 3:10**
* **Jn. 3:17; Jn. 5:36-38; Jn. 6:29; Jn. 7:28-29; Jn. 8:42; Jn. 11:42; Jn. 17:3**
* **Rom. 10:9-10; Mark 7:6; Matt. 10:33**
* **Gal. 1:10; Phil. 3:7-8; 2 Thess. 2:10**
* **Phil 3:20**