

Jesus Is the Main Point of It All

Hebrews 8:1-5

Jesus Christ *did not come to fit into the old system of worship* (The Mosaic Law). He came to fulfill the Law, put an end to it, and replace Old Covenant with the New Covenant of grace. Jesus is the reality; the Law was the shadow. The Old Covenant is filled with types, and pictures of Him. When He, the main point of it all comes, the shadow (Law) passes away. As it is said:

“The Law serves as a copy and a shadow of heavenly things, just as Moses was warned by God when he was about to erect the tabernacle: for, ‘See,’ He says, ‘that you make all things according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain’” (Hebrews 8:5).

Jesus Christ is the main point of all of history. His story is History. God designed all things to bring honor to Him. This includes the stars, world history (Dan 11), Israel, and even time itself. Jesus, in His offering for us, guaranteed we will never be cut off from God’s goodness (7:25).

I. Jesus Christ finished His work and has now taken His seat.

*“This is the main point: We have such a High Priest [Christ] **who has taken His seat**”* (v. 1). Jesus accomplished full and total redemption for us and is now seated (Hebrews 9:6-12). It is utterly impossible for us to add to the work of Christ on our behalf. He has finished it. The worship of God has been radically altered. Worship is no longer an external, material thing, but an internal spiritual matter. We do not worship God at specified holy places, or upon specified holy days, or under the rigors of specified vestments, liturgy, etc. We look to the risen Christ for the favor of God. We look to the ‘seated’ Christ. It is finished by Him.

II. When you look to rituals for spiritual comfort you are missing the seated Christ.

All these things, no matter how wonderful, are a “copy and a shadow” of divine truth. “Christ is the end of the law!” The High Priesthood of Christ fulfilled and forever brought to an end all the carnal ordinances of legal worship required under the Law (Col 2:11-23). The tabernacle, the temple, the priesthood, the priestly garments, the priestly service; the believer’s life of faith in Christ is a life of worship (Rom 12:1-2; 1 Cor 6:19-20; 10:31). Indeed, the very acts of obedience to Christ are now, in Christ, by his merits and his blood, accepted of God as a sweet-smelling sacrifice (Phil 4:18; 1 Pet 2:5). Salvation is life in the Spirit. It is worshipping God in the totality of our beings. It is the continual consecration of our very lives to Christ. All true worship of God is in Spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24).

III. There is only one thing that causes the seated Christ to stand from His throne.

Turn to Acts 7:56. Stephen saw Jesus Christ “standing” beside the throne of God. When your faith is put in the seated Christ, your future is blessed by the standing Christ. As difficult as it is to comprehend, the measure of God’s supreme love for you is found in the simple faith you have in God for giving to you His Son Jesus Christ to secure your debt. Too often we lose sight of the main point. We get confused and sidetracked by all those things that are secondary in life and ultimately of little or no consequence to our lives. Life is all about knowing and enjoying God by faith in the Person and Work of His Son.