

The Better Christ and His Gathered People *Hebrews: A Lord's Table Message*

Pastor Russ Kennedy, July 25, 2004

Introduction

We are gathered this morning to celebrate together the Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Ruler. This celebration is to cause us to _____ Him as we reflect on what He has done for us.



- We can only be _____ with what we have tasted and savored.
- We will believe and _____ only what we know.
- We will only _____ what we respect and desire.
- We will _____ in only where there is a door.
- We will only _____ where there is light.
- We will _____ where there is joy.

His Supreme _____

All through the book, our author has pointed to the superiority of Christ by speaking of "_____ " or "more excellent". By indicating His better and more excellent person and provisions, he _____ Christ to us.

His Better _____ (Hebrews 1:1-4)

So while angels are great and wonderful, Christ is immeasurably _____ to them.

- Having a superior Name, _____ Him.

His Better _____ (Hebrews 4:14-16)

His priesthood gains and grants an immediate and _____ access.

- Having a compassionate priest, boldly _____.

His Better _____ (Hebrews 7:18-19)

That better hope is _____ Himself. He is in heaven, having died and been raised, for us.

- Having a better hope, draw _____.

His Better _____ (Hebrews 7:22)

What was old and incomplete and unable has been fulfilled and _____ by the Lord.

- Having a better promise, be _____.

His Better _____ (Hebrews 8:6-7; 9:11-14)

It is an exaltation of the "work at the church" but an exaltation of _____ of life as worship and ministry.

- Having a better ministry, _____ God

His Better _____ (Hebrews 9:23-27)

By the sacrifice of _____, He has put away sin.

- Having a better sacrifice, eagerly _____.

His Better Country/ _____ (Hebrews 11:13-16)

God has provided a better country than Israel and a better city than Jerusalem for His _____.

- Having a better city, _____ it.



His Better _____ (Hebrews 11:39-40)

All this great perfection and provision is located in _____.

- Having a better provision, _____ God.

His Better _____ (Hebrews 12:24)

Christ is the speaking of God. His Word in heaven and from heaven _____ our attention and our approach.

- Having a better speaking, _____ Him not.

Our Superior _____

The people of God, because of the superiority of _____, have superior privileges.

The Word We _____ (Hebrews 2:1)

Having now that kind of revelation, we had better pay _____ attention lest we drift.

- Having the Word, pay _____.

A Great High _____ (Hebrews 4:14; 8:1; 10:19-25)

We have confidence to enter _____ we have a great high priest – what grand privileges.

- Having a High Priest, draw near, _____ fast and stir up.

An _____ for the Soul (Hebrews 6:19)

In the midst the danger of drift and doubt and denial, we have an anchor cast forward and upward into _____. That is, we have Jesus.

- Having an Anchor, _____ in Him.

A _____ Sanctification (Hebrews 10:10)

This once for all _____ of God initiates a process whereby we behave what we have become. We do what we _____.

- Having been sanctified, be _____.

A Better _____ (Hebrews 10:34)

We have all that God has promised us in _____. What we have is eternal, lasting and will _____ corrupt, decay or fade away.

- Having a better possession, let _____.

A Lasting _____ (Hebrews 13:14-15)

We have no citizenship here; our citizenship that defines us is that of _____.

- Having a lasting city, offer praise _____.

A Clear _____ (Hebrews 13:18)

Our Redeemer has _____ and quieted our consciences so that we have openness before others and in the presence of God.

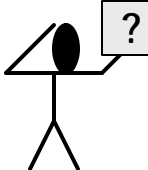
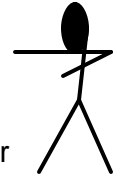
- Having a clear conscience, _____ honorably.

Conclusion

Here then is the invitation that accompanies these excellencies and privileges:

..._____.

- Come on in; draw near to the throne of _____ (4:16).
- Come on in; draw near through the better _____ (7:19).
- Come on in; draw near to be _____ (7:25).
- Come on in; draw near to be made _____ (10:1).
- Come on in; draw near with a true _____ (10:22).
- Come on in; draw near believing He is _____ and He is a rewarder (11:6).
- Draw near and celebrate the Lord's Table.



Ask your parents "who can partake of the Lord's Supper?" Write their answer here and return to me for a surprise and some remarks! **Pastor Dale**