How To Know If You're Actually A Christian Just Jesus Wk. 2 Pastor Eric Nelson

Community Group Questions:

- 1. Have you ever wondered if you were actually a Christian or actually saved? What was that like?
- 2. What's the difference between a fact and proof?
- 3. Look at the list of bad proof? Break down why each one can be misleading?
- 4. Read all of Hebrews 3. Let's start with Moses. Why was he important to the Jewish audience and why is Jesus better?
- 5. Read Deuteronomy 1. Why does the author upload this story for his audience in Hebrews 3?
- 6. In your own words, what does it mean to rest in God?
- 7. Look at the list of things to look for in the life of a Christian from Hebrews 3. Which one's are you experiencing most often?
- 8. How can you fix your eyes on Jesus in this season? By doing that, which proof would become more apparent?

PROOF confirms a truth, it doesn't create the truth.

What's the proof that I'm actually a Christian?

Bad Proof:

- 1. Church membership
- 2. Prayed a prayer
- 3. Got baptized
- 4. Know the songs
- 5. Got the T-shirt
- 6. Moral resume
- 7. Any other past spiritual behavior

Hebrews 3:1-2 Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. 2 He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house.

As **<u>APOSTLE</u>**, Jesus represents God to people and as High <u>**PRIEST**</u>, Jesus represents people to God.

Who's Moses?

Numbers 12:5b-8 When the two of them stepped forward, **6** he said, "Listen to my words:"When there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, reveal myself to them in visions, I speak to them in dreams. **7** But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house. **8** With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?"

Hebrews 3:3-6 3 Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. 4 For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. 5 "Moses was faithful as a servant **in** all God's house," bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. 6 But Christ is faithful as the Son **over** God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

INDEED: a confirmation of what was stated.

Hebrews 3:14 *We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end.*

<u>PERFECT</u> Tense: present-tense report of an action that has been completed but has effects in the now.

We don't hold fast to **<u>BECOME</u>** His, holding fast is proof that we <u>ARE</u> His.

Hebrews 3:7-11 So, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you hear his voice, 8 do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the wilderness, 9 where your ancestors tested and tried me, though for forty years they saw what I did. 10 That is why I was angry with that generation; I said, 'Their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.' 11 So I declared on oath in my anger,'They shall never enter my rest.' "

Hebrews 3:12-13 See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that **turns away** from the living God. 13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

Apostasy is not:

- 1. Finding a new church.
- 2. Being honest about doubt.
- 3. Struggling with sin.
- 4. Dismissing a religious principle you once believed.
- 5. Banishment from God

Apostasy is not something **THEY** do with you, it's something **YOU** do with God.

Hebrews 3:14-4:1 We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end. 15 As has just been said: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion." 16 Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? 17 And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies perished in the wilderness? 18 And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? 19 So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief. 4:1 Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it.

Rest doesn't mean no actions for God, it means no **TRANSACTIONS** with God.

Things To Look For:

- 1. A submitted heart to Jesus, who is God
- 2. A soft heart to the ways of God
- 3. An obedient heart to the will of God
- 4. A connected heart to the people of God
- 5. A confident heart in the truth of God
- 6. An enduring heart when suffering with God
- 7. A rested heart in God

Philippians 1:6b *He who began a good work in* ______ (insert your name) will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.