"We Have Had Good News Preached to Us"

Intro: The ______ has been lifted up! God the Holy Spirit has breathed out His Word through the Author of Hebrews, pleading with all who ______ His voice to believe ______, receiving in full all He says regarding His only begotten Son, Christ Jesus.

A. The whole of the ______ Testament pointed to Jesus, and the whole of the ______ Testament looks upon Him! All eternity has a singular focus upon ______, the Saving Son of God, in whom alone is salvation from sin and its upheaval unto God and His rest.

B. As we approach our text this morning and as the voice of God has sounded so does He resound calling all who ______ to believe the truth of Jesus. “Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts!” “Exit your turmoil and ______ His rest!”

I. Those who hear the voice (words) of God are exhorted to _______ positively.

A. We should _______ in _______ at the prospect of not responding properly to the truth of Christ for such a decision ends in certain destruction.

1. This fear is a positive emotion meant to work a _______ response of faith in us, whereby we hear and _______ the voice of God.

2. In fear of the thought of missing the mark let us purposely _______ with clarity of heart and mind so that we _______ the race, coming to see the Savior of our soul face to face! Let us remove the question which removes the fear by believing in Jesus, applying the truth to the living of our life. Let us _______ on toward the goal for the prize of the _______ call of God in Christ Jesus while being fully dependant upon the preserving grace of God.

B. Indeed (in truth, in all actuality), we have had the good news (the _______ of Jesus Christ) preached (proclaimed, announced, taught) ____ ____.

1. The good news of Jesus Christ _______ a response.
2. ________ is the _________ proper and acceptable response to the truth of Jesus.

   a. The people of the Exodus _________ the voice of God but that _________ faith thus, they did not believe the promise of God and therefore would not receive the promise of God.

   b. In contrast to the unbelieving peoples whose hearing of God was not united by _________ within them, those of us who have heard and believed enter the _________ which God promised.

II. The decision to hear the truth of Jesus with _________ _________ the believer into the rest of God.

   A. MacArthur well explains, “The rest promised to those who believe is My rest, that is, _________ rest. God’s own rest from His work of creation, and the rest He gives us in Christ, are not the rest brought on by weariness or the rest of inactivity, but are the _______ of finished work. His works were finished from the foundation of the world. God has finished His _________ work and for anyone who wants to enter into His _____________ work and to share in His rest, it is available by faith.”

   B. Speaking in spiritual terms: Why _______ when the work is done? Why go back to trying to earn your salvation through works of the Law when God through Christ accomplished all that is necessary for your salvation? All you must do is believe in the Jesus who accomplished the work for you. As Jesus said, “It is __________!”

Conclusion: The salvation _________ of God remains _____________ to us today - if we will hear His voice with faith believing!

   A. Beloved! Let us learn from the error of the people of the Exodus. We have had the good news preached to us. Let us hear with faith and derive the _____________, entering into God’s rest. Let us believe while God’s promise of salvation rest in Christ Jesus remains. _________ if you hear His voice, do not harden your heart.

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