“Whom the Lord Loves”

Intro: Throughout our study of Hebrews we have been learning of the supremacy of Jesus Christ and the necessity of _______ Him to the salvation of our soul. Faith in _________ is that exclusive God-granted means by which one realizes the saving grace of God. There is no other way for us to _________ _______ except that we come to Him in faith believing in His only begotten Son.

A. As vitally important as _________ is to our coming into a saving relationship with Christ, so is faith vitally important to our continuance in that relationship. Just as we looked to _________ for salvation so must we be _________ our eyes on Him so as to persevere in salvation.

B. Here we are taught how _________ in Christ brings us to think with a newness of mind, teaching us to view all things with eyes of faith focused on Jesus, following His supreme example. Church, faith in Christ brings about perseverance by bringing about regenerate (right and heavenly) ______________, as minds are set on things above!

I. ______________ _________, the author and perfector of faith!

A. We have ______ yet resisted to the point of shedding our blood as did He, being persecuted _________ _________.

B. Of _______ the Christian ____________ thus: If Jesus did not grow weary and lose heart while enduring the hostility of sinners even to the point that His life was poured out, then with eyes fixed on Him so will He cause me to endure the hostility of those sinners who have not so much as required my blood. ______________ of faith teaches me of the great perseverance of the Christian faith so that I will not grow weary and lose hope.

C. So as to endure by faith we must look to Jesus remembering that ____ ______ sons ___ the living _________ who is actively accomplishing His good work in us in all things!

D. Rather than lightly regarding the discipline of the Lord we must ___________ the greatness of His discipline with much thought, with the mind of faith, looking to Jesus as our example, comprehending the purposes of our Father as He disciplines us. This is what that faith that is fixed on Christ works in us: a right comprehending of the ways and ______________ of God in all our experiences.
E. As a people of faith we must view our trials and persecutions as ______________; that through which God works ______________ in us in an ever-increasing measure.

1. Beloved, if God should so will that we be persecuted then as a person of faith, not thinking lightly of His ______________ but knowing our Father has great and eternal purposes in it, so will we comprehend the ______________ we have to endure.

2. __________  _________ and fall away from the faith when you are reproved by God for it is of love that He reproves you – and we see this as we look to Jesus! Father disciplines you to strengthen you to ______________ by faith in Him, knowing that He disciplines those whom He loves and that He is a re rewarder of those who seek Him.

F. It is for ______________ that you endure! With this let us consider the exhortation of 1 Peter 5:10-11 which says, “...after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself ______________, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

11 To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

Finally: Come, let us who are of the __________  _________ together: So as to escape God’s discipline in persecution and suffering would you rather that you not be His child or would you of love for your Father trust Him with faith knowing that His strokes of discipline are the loving marks of sonship? If you will __________ your ______________ then you will find faith’s cause to endure.

A. Looking to ______________, the mind transformed by faith understands and accepts that sonship comes with the Lord’s discipline and rejoices in such, knowing that God through His loving discipline ______________ ______________ in us.

And if our Father’s discipline becomes strong and you think you can no longer stand under it, then consider Jesus for you have not yet resisted the opponents of Christ to the point of the shedding of your blood, as did __________  _______ ________.

And this is how we know we are the sons of the Heavenly Father: He disciplines us. And if you are disciplined then you are whom ______  ________ ________!

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