"Jesus Christ is the Same"

Intro: There were many ____________ awaiting those Hebrews who came ___ have __________ in Jesus, believing that He is the Christ.

A. In this divine effort to strengthen the believer to steadfastly run the race by letting the love of the brethren continue, holding marriage in honor, being content with what we have the Author now encourages us to ____________ those who led us, the __________ who saved us, and the grace that strengthens us.

I. That we might run with ____________ the ________ that is set before us we are to:

A. ________________ those who led us.

1. We are to ________________ with affection, appreciation, study and deep consideration and a sincere desire ___ _________ from those who led us in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

2. We are to remember those who led us with reflective consideration because they __________ ____ _________ of God to us.

B. ________________ the result of their conduct and following their footsteps ____________ their faith.

1. To consider the result of their conduct is to intensely inspect the way of their life, their actions, words, demeanor, all the manifestations of their faith in Christ and moreover, the way in which ________ _______ _______ of this life, being ______________ unto the end.

2. So much as they believed Christ, pronounced His Word teaching the faith, lived the ________, and endured unto death even through great persecution and martyrdom, ____________ them! Follow them! By the grace of God they are worthy examples and in following in their footsteps you too will find that ____________ is ____________ to His promise: He will never leave nor forsake you!

3. As John Owen wrote, "Consider what their end came to: their ________ failed not, their hope did not perish, they were ___ ____________ ..." Amen, and that because Christ does not fail the people of faith!

II. Beloved, it is on account of the unchangeable fact that ____________ Christ is ______ _________ yesterday and today, yes and forever that you can stand fast in your trust in Him. Jesus from eternity past unto eternity future is the same in His divine person being eternal, immutable, entirely sufficient, God very God, true to His eternal unalterable Word, ________________.
A. Believer, like those who have gone before you, you can trust Jesus for He is unchanging. ______ _______ of our undying steadfast faith as granted us by God!

1. Pink wrote, “He is ______ ______, as for those who led you, ‘the same’ Object of faith, ‘the same’ all-sufficient Savior, ______ ______, effectual Intercessor. He is ‘the same’ in His loving design and covenant faithfulness. Then _________ to Him with unshakable confidence!”

B. ______ allow yourself to be carried away by varied and strange teachings which always ______ the _________!

1. We must ______ be carried away by _________ and strange doctrines for, “There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 ______ Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 _______ God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all” (Eph 4:4-6). My dear family, I stand with the Apostle Paul in saying, Gal 1:8 & 9, “But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a _______ _________ to that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to that which you received, let him be accursed.” A contrary gospel is ___ gospel.

2. Rather than looking to new and varied teaching for your encouragement, look to the unchanging truth of the Doctrine of _________ and receive Christ’s _____________ for your soul!

Closing: Beloved! _______ grace, live in grace, be strengthen by grace through faith in the Lord _______ Christ, for He is the same yesterday, today, and yes, forever!

Though the challenges of trials and tribulations assail you, and though the race runs long with many obstacles, endure __ _______ in Jesus. Be strengthen by the unchanging grace of the unchanging Christ whose Word is unchanging! And you will find like all who have gone before you that He is true to His eternal promises. Indeed! He will never leave you nor forsake you but He will _________ you in all your trials!

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