

**Sermon Notes**

**Providence Community Church**

3-1-15 Ken Carlton

**Title: HOMEOWNER TEST**

**Main Text:** Hebrews 3:6-14

**Sermon Description:** Hebrews 3:6 assures confessing believers that we are the house of Jesus Christ provided we meet the conditions of "...holding fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope...". The undeniable thematic aim of Hebrews resurfaces in chapter 3 imploring the church to audit herself by scriptural standards of fidelity to the founder of our salvation (2:19) – Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession (3:1). Many in the author's audience would have never dreamed of denying their allegiance to Moses, meanwhile their lives revealed a waning allegiance to Christ. Who, or what, is the stable object of our affections? Where is our identity, security, loyalty, and hope invested? These questions will reveal who is indeed our 'homeowner'. P.E. Hughes summarizes this theme by saying: "... A man whose profession of faith is contradicted by the quality of his life should examine himself to see whether he is a Christian at all (II Cor 13:5). Security in Christ does not absolve one from personal responsibility; quite the contrary, for the regenerate man is under total obligation to God. Seriousness in believing should manifest itself in seriousness concerning doctrine and conduct."

**Heading: VALUES CLARIFICATION FOR THE UNAPOSTATE..**

**1. PERSPECTIVE** (Heb 3:1-6)

- a. Greater glory (II Cor 3:7-4:1)    b. Greater revelation (2:3-4, 1:1-2)    c. Greater responsibility (2:1-4, 6:4-6)

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**2. PROCLAMATION** (Heb 3:7-11)

- a. Didactic biography (I Cor 10:11)    b. Message & method (Ps 95)    c. Attention & devotion

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**3. PERSEVERANCE** (Heb 3:12-15)

- a. Necessity    b. Essence (4:2-3)    c. Means (10:24-25)    d. Fruit (Rev 2:7,11,17,26, 3:5,12,21, 21:7)

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**Close:** The communion table provides a front and center values clarification opportunity for us through seeing and savoring Jesus Christ symbolically in his atoning work on the cross. Let this time at the Lord's table hold your attention today and so command your devotion to the Radiance of the Glory of God, the Exact Imprint of His Nature, the Universe Upholder, the King of Kings, the Apostle of our Confession, our Merciful & Faithful High Priest... Jesus Christ, who has made propitiation for our sins through His shed blood.

**FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
Theme: Greater glory	Theme: Greater responsibility	Theme: Biography & teaching	Theme: Glory of God first	Theme: Perseverance	Theme: perseverance fruit
Verses: Heb 3:5-13	Verses: Hb 2:1-4, 6:4-6, 10:29-31	Verses: Hb 3:7-11	Verses: Ps 95	Verses: Hb 18:12-15	Verses: Rev 2:7,11,17,26

**NEXT WEEK'S TEXT:** Psalm 46 (baby dedication)