**Jesus Christ & the Family of God – Heb. 3:1 – 6**

**Jesus our Brother & the family of God**

* God the Father brings us into the family of God – through new birth – 2:10
* Jesus is not ashamed to call us brethren who are in the family of God – 2:11-13; 1 Pet. 1:3; Matt. 12: 46-50
* Jesus took on flesh & blood with his brethren who are in the flesh – 2:14; John 1:14
* Jesus was made like his brethren in all things – 2:17; Phil. 2:7
* The family of God is a holy family – 3:1 = holy – set apart to God, something sacred not to be profaned
* The family of God are the brethren – 2:11; 3:1; 3:12; 10:19; 13:22
* The family of God are partakers of a heavenly calling – 3:1; Phil 3:14; Acts 16:14

 Partakers = sharing in something; a partner in something

 All believer’s in Jesus Christ have a share in the heavenly calling

 Heavenly – the highest heaven – the place of the throne of God & the ascended Jesus Christ – Heb. 8:5; 9:23; 11:16; 12:22

 Heavenly calling – heavenly invitation

 1 Pet. 2:9 – called you out of darkness into His marvelous light

 Rom.8:28 – called according the purpose of God to be saved in Jesus Christ

 Rom. 11:29 – The gifts and calling of God are irrevocable

 2 Tim. 1:9 – who saved us & called us with a holy calling

**The nature of the heavenly calling:**

Illumination – from darkness to light – 1Pet. 2:9

 Conviction of Sin – those recognize their sinful condition – Matt. 9:13 – I have not come to call the righteous

 Delight in the holiness – 1 Thess. 4:7 – God has called us to holiness

 Separation from sinful associations & world – 2 Cor. 6:17 – Come out from among them and be separate says the Lord, and do not touch the unclean thing, and I will receive you

 Peace & unity – God has called us to peace – 1 Cor. 7:15

 Called to suffer for Jesus Christ – for to this you were called – 1 Pet. 2:21

 Love for God - for those who love God & are called according to His purpose – Rom. 8:28

 Liberty - You are called to liberty – Gal. 5:13

 Fellowship with Jesus Christ – You were called into the fellowship of His Son – 1 Cor. 1:9

**Consider Jesus**

* God’s family must consider Jesus remained focused on Jesus – 3:1 – Consider = to fix one’s mind on something. Don’t drift from what you have heard from Jesus and His word – 2:1

12:3 – consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you do not grow weary and lose hear

* Consider Jesus the Apostle sent from God – 3:1 Apostle = sent with a commission –

 Lk. 10:16; John 3:17; 5:36; 6:29

* Consider Jesus the high priest of our Confession - 3:1

 Jesus Christ by His birth, death, resurrection & ascension has become a merciful & faithful high priest – 2:17

 4:15 – He sympathizes with our weaknesses

 5:5,10 – He is high priest after the order of Melchizedek

 6:20 – He is a high priest forever

 7:26,28 – He is exalted in the heavens & He is the Son of God – high priest forever

 8:1,3 – He has taken His seat in the place of honor & Majesty

 9:11 – He entered the perfect place of God’s glory in the eternal dwelling place

 10:21 – He is the high priest over the house of God

 Jesus Christ as high priest gives aid = bring help when it is needed to those who are tempted

 Jesus Christ is our high priest – He gives us grace & help to keep us from sinning

* God’s family confesses Jesus as the Son of God – 3:1- confession to say the same things as another = to agree – We agree with God the Father that Jesus Christ is the Son of God – 4:14; 10:23; 1 Tim. 6:12; 1 Pet. 3:15; Rom. 10:9-10

This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased – Matt. 3:17;

This is my beloved Son hear Him – Matt. 17:5

* Consider Jesus as the faithful one to God who appointed Him – 3:2 – He was faithful to him = lit. being faithful – who is faithful – present tense

Jesus Christ the Son of God is the faithful one – 2:17 – faithful high priest; 1 Thess. 5:24; 2 Thes.3:3

John 6:38 – For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

Matt. 26:39 – and He went a little beyond them; and fell on His face and prayed saying; My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me, yet not as I will, but as You will.

John 4:34 – Jesus said to them, My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work.

John 5:30 – I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.