**SERMON NOTES**

**Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus: The Superiority of Christ In All Things**

**A Sermon Series Through the Book of Hebrews**

 **“Let Marriage Be Held in Honor Among All”**

**Hebrews 13:4**

**God through His word is telling us that when you look at someone’s life, what they truly believe about Jesus and His gospel will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 3:18; John 14).**

**The author of Hebrews tells us that what you believe about God will have an effect on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of your life – on the most public and private parts of it.**

**The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of sexual sin is a real danger that all face and it has real consequences for those who fall into the siren song of its powerful allure.**

**God’s standards have not changed; God’s commands have not changed; God’s holiness has not changed. Rather humanity’s sinfulness and the sinful desires of our hearts have only grown \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from God.**

**Marriage has been and remains under attack because in God’s wisdom, marriage is the only human relationship that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ designed to reflect and picture His own love, commitment, and dedication for His people (Ephesians 5: 31-32).**

**God could have chosen any human relationship to picture for us His love for us and He chose \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Marriage was always meant to put something on display: a picturing of the relationship between Jesus and His bride, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Marriage should be held in honor by all because God designed marriage. Marriage was God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, established it in the creation account before sin entered the world. God called it “very good” (Genesis 1:31; 2: 18; 24).**

**As the designer of marriage God gets to define what marriage is and how it is to function.**

* **Marriage is intended by God to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, ending only at death. This is the because marriage is a promise or covenant with one another and God (Ephesians 5: 22; Matthew 19: 4 – 6)**
* **Nowhere in scripture in God’s design for marriage was it ever designed to be outside the bounds of one biological \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and one biological \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 1:27-28).**

**God takes all sin \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, including sexual sin and He calls the church here to do the same.**

**Our enemy has nothing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Satan takes good things that God has designed and he twists them to make them bad.**

**Sex is to be received and even something to praise God for but it has to be enjoyed in the bounds that He has created: in His design, namely in the marriage \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of one man and one woman.**

**If you sinned sexually or in any other way and you have repented of that by faith in Jesus, you stand no longer guilty but fully \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**For those in Christ, Jesus has been judged for you. There is no more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**If you have repented and are currently trusting Jesus’s work to save you and make you right before God then know that God is and remains well \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with you because He is and remains well pleased with Jesus.**

Blanks: evidenced; all; danger; further; God; marriage; church; idea; permanent; man & woman; seriously; original; commitment; forgiven; condemnation; pleased;

Congregational Reading – Psalm 51: 1-10

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a rightspirit within me.