

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for July 6, 2014

Christ is Superior to Moses
Hebrews 3:14

The author saw Christ as superior to the prophets (Hebrews 1:1-4). The author of Hebrews saw Christ as superior to the angels (Hebrews 1:5-2:18). The author of Hebrews saw Christ as superior to Moses (Hebrews 3:1-4:13). Christ, as an example of faithfulness, is superior to Moses (Hebrews 3:1-6). Christ's superior example of faithfulness led the author to warn his readers against the sin of unbelief (Hebrews 3:7-4:13).

After exhorting his readers in Hebrews 3:12-13, the author stressed the vital importance of perseverance (Hebrews 3:14).

The word "partaker" (METACHOS) was used in the general sense of one who shares with someone as an associate in an enterprise or undertaking.

But in this context it is clear that the sharing was not in regards to an enterprise or an undertaking, but rather in regards to the very life of Christ Himself (Colossians 3:4).

Based on Hebrews 3:14 we will know that we have become a partaker of Christ "if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end."

The "beginning of our assurance" referred to the assurance that both the author and his readers enjoyed when they transferred their trust from themselves to Jesus Christ alone for their salvation.

The author wanted both he and his readers to hold fast the beginning of their assurance firm until the end.

May we by the grace of God hold fast the beginning of our assurance firmly until the end so that we, through our perseverance, might prove ourselves to be partakers of Christ.