

- (2) What is the danger?(it is historically grounded)
 - there is a tendency to let things slip
 - there is a just punishment for every lapse
 - God has thoroughly authenticated the witness
- (3) Summary notes:
 - the revelation is final for the Lord has spoken
 - who needs any other voice
 - and the words of the Lord have been accompanied by such signs (2:4) as to meet the criteria of the prophetic tests of Deuteronomy 13 and 18. What has been said must be true and must be received as such.

2:5-18

- c. Application of the truth presented: And we must be careful at this point neither to stretch nor to shrink the material that is given. But we can say this much:
 - (1) Christ is the superior leader --2:5-10
 - He is perfected through sufferings and is the captain of salvation 2:10 and this is based on His
 - humility(2:7), participation in death (2:9), and victory (2:10)
 - (2) Christ is the superior compatriot 2:11-13
 - one with His people, not ashamed to call them brothers
 - willing to identify with them in the worship (praise) of the church.
 - (3) Christ is the superior deliverer --2:14-16
 - He took part in the trials 2:14
 - He died and triumphed over death 2:14
 - He destroyed the power of the devil 2:14
 - Having taken the seed of Abraham, He provided deliverance for those who otherwise were in the slavery of the devil and the fear of death. 15-16
 - (4) Christ is the superior intercessor 2:17-18
 - Made like His brethren, serving like a priest 2:17
 - His experience gives him the ability to minister to those in need 2:18
- d. Summary
 - (1) It is important to note that all that Christ does is based on what or Who He is...and how God has appointed and honored Him.
 - (2) And the point of the whole discussion is to build the confidence of the Christian in Christ and to know that we must hear Him..who delivers and ministers to us. He is God's "last word" to the church!