

Hebrews 2:10-15

Hebrews 2:10 (NOTES)

- "Him, for whom are all things" - Everything was created for Jesus - the world, people. Gal 3:16, John 17:7-10
- "Him ... through whom are all things" - Everything was created by Jesus. John 1:1-3
- Everything is about Jesus. He is the central figure of history - human history and natural history. Colossians 1:13-20
- "in bringing many sons to glory" - This refers to all the people saved through faith in Him (Church - before and after the cross: John the Baptist, thief on the cross, then those at Pentecost and beyond till today), and all the OT saints who followed God's sacrificial system (beginning with Adam), from its initiation when man first sinned, to Abel, to those who received the Law on Mt. Sinai, and to their posterity, up until Judaism was officially ended - cleansing the Temple, Crucifixion, Destruction of Jerusalem (70 AD). Gen 3:21, 4:1-9, Leviticus 9, John 2:14-16
- "the author of their salvation" - The captain, "the pioneer who opens the way for others to follow" (Wiersbe). Jesus gave up His glory to come to the earth and live as a man, so that He could regain His glory through the Resurrection. Man lost his glory in the garden, and regained it in Christ. Thus, He brings many to glory.
- "to perfect ... through sufferings" - How did Jesus need to be perfected? Wasn't he already perfect? What does perfect mean in this context? *Complete*. Jesus would only have had the experiences of birth and life as a man, had He not died on the cross. To have to fullest experience of humanity, He had to suffer as humans and die as humans, or He would have been an incomplete human, and thus an imperfect sacrifice. Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice to test Abraham and Isaac. But, Isaac did not have to actually die for God to be satisfied. But, Jesus had to die to complete Himself as a human being and to satisfy God's wrath (propitiation). Jesus was not imperfect; He was incomplete until His death. John 17:22-24

Hebrews 2:11 (NOTES)

- "He who sanctifies" - Christ. Sets us apart for God's purposes, first in initial salvation, then in the process of conforming us into His image? Imago Dei, which we lost in the Garden
- * "those who are sanctified" - Believers.
- * "one Father" - God.
- * "He is not ashamed to call them brethren" - God the Father chose us through adoption by election. Ephesians 1:5-6, Romans 8:14-17

Hebrews 2:12 (NOTES)

- This is a quote from Psalm 22:22.

Hebrews 2:13 (NOTES)

- A quote from Isaiah 8 - but the Septuagint version, which was the one extant and in use at the time of Christ. The Septuagint was a Greek translation of the ancient OT Hebrew. Thus, the translations vary somewhat. Isaiah 8:17-18

Hebrews 2:14 (NOTES)

- "Since then" - Since when? The cross. The writer of Hebrews has been talking about His death.
- "the children" - The children of God via election and adoption. We are not ALL children of God. Those who are saved by faith in Christ, are Children of God. ALL others are children of the devil. John 8:44, Gal 3:6-11
- * "share in flesh and blood" - The word "share" is the Greek word for *fellowship*, or in this context, *communion*. How is it that we commune with His flesh and blood? Celebration of the Lord's Supper.
- * "partook of the same" - The same body we symbolically partake of in Communion, He Himself wore as clothing in His incarnation. He added to Himself flesh, then offered its death at Calvary.
- * "that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil" - Remember, we belonged to Satan before we belonged to Christ. Satan held us captive, as he holds a\ALL unsaved people. It is fearful to realize how many people we know and we even love, whose present reality is that of slave victim of Satan.
- 2Timothy 2:25-26, 1John 3:10, Hebrews 2:15
- * Satan has to this day the "power of death". John 8:44, Colossians 1:13

Hebrews 2:15 (NOTES)

- * "were subject to slavery all their lives" - All of us were born into slavery to Satan. God adopted us out of the family of Satan and into His own family. 1Peter 2:9
- "those who through fear of death\% were subject to slavery all their lives" - The unsaved fear death, because they have been imbued with the knowledge of God's wrath and His coming judgment. Even if they have become active, faithful members of other religions, Islam, for example, they nonetheless have a subconscious knowledge of the one true God (however suppressed that knowledge of Him may be), and they are convicted by the Holy Spirit of their sin, the necessity of Christ-given righteousness, and the coming judgment. Romans 1:18-25, Romans 12:3, John 16:7-11, Hebrews 9:27, Philippians 3:9

- We who are in Christ have no fear of death, that is, the separation of the soul and spirit from the body. We know that, for true Christians, to be separated from the body is to be translated into the blissful presence of Christ. We also know that, for us, death has no sting. The sting of death is sin, yet our overhanging sin debt has been paid in full. We are free of the condemnation sin brings. Finally, the judgment that awaits us is not one of condemnation, but one of joy and blessing. In the Great White Throne Judgment, we sheep are separated from the goats. In the Bema Seat Judgment of Christ, we receive our rewards. These three truths gives us great comfort and encouragement. #2Corinthians 5:6-10, 1Corinthians 15:54-57, Matthew 25:31-34, 41, 46
- There is nothing to fear, other than the method of death. No one wants to burn to death, or be decapitated, or tortured to death. We do not fear judgment. Christ paid our penalty. If we fear what will happen to those we leave behind, we either have not considered that God is sovereign in all things and will care for our families, or we are merely too weak in our faith to trust them to Him. For there is nothing God cannot do to care for those we love. As my good friend Robert Deveaux told me on his death bed about dying of cancer in his 40s and leaving behind a wife and three children, "God will be a better Husband to my wife and a better Father to my children than I could ever be." Looking back since his death, God has cared for Robert's wife and children, and to this day, they are flourishing under His provision and care.