

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why, if Christ had all things under subjection, did He not force man to obey?
2. How was Christ made perfect?
3. What is sanctification? How does it come about?
4. How can we escape the fear of death?
5. Why are the children of God tempted?

SUMMARY:

The Word tells us that the Lord Jesus Christ was perfected through suffering and that He gladly went forth to the death on the cross for the purpose that He might be fitted for the salvation of man. Does it not cause us to wonder at that great love? How the angels must have been shocked at man's reaction to that sacrifice when it was made, and how much more are they shocked to this day when men still turn away, scoffing at His love or treating it lightly. Let us never be guilty of scoffing, treating it lightly, or ignoring such a wonderful gift.

NOTES:

[SoF:9] We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, by Whose indwelling the believer is empowered to live a Godly life in spiritual unity with Christ.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #2

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Third Quarter

CHRIST, THE SOVEREIGN SAVIOR

LESSON TEXT: *Hebrews 2:1-18*

LESSON SETTING: Written from Italy to the Christian Jews, probably by Paul.

TIME: Approximately 64 A.D.

I. PERFECTED THROUGH SUFFERING. Hebrews 2:1-10

- A. Jesus' Humiliation (vs. 10) Isaiah 53:9; Luke 2:7; 22:37; 2 Corinthians 8:9
- B. His Crucifixion (vs. 10) Matthew 27:35; Mark 15:24; Luke 23:33; John 19:33
- C. His Death (vs. 10) Romans 5:6; 1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians 5:15; Revelation 5:9

II. PLENTIEOUS IN GRACE. Hebrews 2:11-13

- A. Makes Believers Holy (vs. 11) [SoF:9] Ephesians 5:26; Hebrew 13:12; 1 Peter 1:2
- B. Believers United with Him (vs. 11) Romans 7:4; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:30

III. POWERFUL AGAINST TEMPTATION. Hebrews 2:14-18

- A. Delivers from Temptation (vs. 15) 2 Samuel 22:2; Jeremiah 1:8; 2 Corinthians 1:10
- B. A Mighty Help (vs. 18) Philippians 3:21; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25; 2 Peter 2:10; Jude 24

GOLDEN TEXT: *BUT WE SEE JESUS, WHO WAS MADE A LITTLE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS FOR THE SUFFERING OF DEATH, CROWNED WITH GLORY AND HONOUR . . .* Hebrews 2:9

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Hebrews 3:1-19

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Numbers 12:5-16

Deuteronomy 18:15-19

2 Thessalonians 1:7-12

QUARTERLY THEME: BOOK OF HEBREWS

TOPIC: CHRIST, THE FAITHFUL SERVANT

INTRODUCTION:

Our lesson illustrates what God requires of those who would inherit His promises. This is faithfulness as illustrated by Jesus and Moses. So often we hear of the importance of faith and its use as pertaining to belief. Faith means much more because it is exemplified in "faithfulness". A person really does not have faith unless there is an obedience to the command of God to live separated lives, purified and made holy and fully surrendered to the Master.

Jesus' faithfulness was fully demonstrated when in obedience to the Father, He submitted to the cross. Moses' faithfulness was demonstrated when he returned to Egypt at God's command and became the instrument to lead the children of Israel out of bondage.

We also see God's reaction to those who saw His mighty deliverance but failed to exhibit faithfulness. In His wrath, He cut them off so they could not enter into the promised land.

The warning is issued for us today that we should heed the lessons of history lest we too be cut off. By our words and our actions we prove whether or not we truly believe. Let us look into our hearts and see where we stand.

CENTRAL TRUTH: Christ's faithful leadership inspires us to be faithful in following Him.

GOLDEN TEXT: *WE ARE MADE PARTAKERS OF CHRIST, IF WE HOLD THE BEGINNING OF OUR CONFIDENCE STEADFAST UNTO THE END.*

Hebrews 3:14

That little word "if"... how much weight lays upon this word! Over and over again the Word of God testifies that even our salvation is at stake. "*How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?*" (Hebrews 2:3) "*Whose house are we, if we hold fast . . . ?*" (Hebrews 3:6) Also in our Golden Text is revealed the fact that to be partakers of Christ and His inheritance we must remain steadfast to the end.

We are living in a time when men teach that salvation is based only on belief without teaching that belief is manifested in obedience and steadfastness.

Lord, be turning all my yearning only toward that goal!
Do Thou guide me, strength provide me for my fainting soul!
Tempt the world, - Speak thou to me!
Chides the world - my comfort be!
O attend me, Thy Grace send me, my heart to control!

Z.H. 278:3

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF July 15 – 21

M. The Glory. Matthew 17:1-8

T. The Message. John 5:39-47

W. The Manna. John 6:30-40

T. The Signs. John 7:19-31

F. The Prophet. Acts 3:17-26

S. *The Servant. Hebrews 3:1-11

S. *The Follower. Hebrews 3:12-19

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