

Hebrews 2:10 – 3:6

Day 1

Jesus: The Author of Our Salvation. Read Hebrews 2:10-13

1. How is the gospel described in 2:10a? What title is Jesus given in 2:10b? (See different translations.)

“in bringing...

- What did God demonstrate through Jesus as our Savior? (See 1 Peter 2:22,23; 3:18)

FYI: Fitting Strong's NT:4241 *prepo*; to tower up...i.e.) to be suitable or proper...(impersonally) fit or right

“As the work of creation is totally of God, so also is the work of salvation. Just as God poured Himself into the work of creation, even so the author of salvation poured Himself into it through suffering. Everything is of Him!...From the cross come the loftiest conceptions of Him ‘for whom and through whom everything exists.’ Our salvation is the greatest display of His power and character.”
- R. Kent Hughes (64)

2. How was Jesus “perfected”? 2:10b (Cf. Heb. 5:7-9) Besides the cross, what kind of sufferings did Jesus experience?

FYI: Author/pioneer/captain Strong's NT:747 *archegos*; a chief leader:

“From *arche*, beginning or rule and *ago*, to lead. Originator, founder, leader, chief, first, prince.” - Zodhiates

“The word actually means ‘pioneer.’ The picture painted by that metaphor is one of a jungle with the pioneer hacking his way with a machete through the tangled overgrowth to blaze a trail. And Jesus, having cut a swathe through the jungle of sin, stands at the end of that trail, bidding us to follow in His steps.

But...how do you perfect one who is already perfect?... It’s impossible to perfect deity because deity is already perfect, completely free from sin, and completely holy. But the Pioneer of our salvation was perfected, or brought to fullness in His humanity through the same sufferings we encounter as we walk through life’s jungle.” - Charles Swindoll (40)

Perfect NT:5048 *teleioo*; to complete, i.e. accomplish, or consummate (in character) (See James 1:2-4)

“mature...to make perfect by reaching the intended goal.” - Zodhiates

“**perfect through sufferings** does not imply that Jesus was somehow sinful prior to the crucifixion. The author of Hebrews regularly emphasizes the sinlessness of Christ during his incarnation (cf. 4:15). Instead [it] refers to Jesus’s unflinching submission to the Father in the face of escalating difficulties.” - R. Albert Mohler (33)

“Christ’s incarnation was completed when he experienced suffering. He identified with us on the deepest level of anguish, and so became qualified to pay the price for our sinful imperfections and to become our sympathetic high priest.”
- The NIV Study Bible (1861)

3. How closely are we connected to Jesus Christ? 2:11 (See Mark 3:34; John 17:19-21)

FYI: Sanctifies Strong's NT:37 *hagiazō*; to make holy, i.e. (ceremonially) purify or consecrate

“To render clean in a moral sense, to purify, sanctify (Rom. 15:16, ‘being sanctified by the Holy Spirit’)” - Zodhiates

Brothers “This is a stupendous declaration in the light of the cosmic greatness of Christ with which the book of Hebrews begins when it asserts, ‘*The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word*’ (1:3). The amazing fact is, this cosmic Son, this Jesus, is not reluctant or ashamed to call the redeemed His ‘brothers!’”
- R. Kent Hughes (72)

4. What does Jesus “declare” and “sing” to *believers/brethren*? 2:12 See John 17:6,26

5. *Hebrews 2:13a is quoted from Isaiah 8:17b. When Isaiah’s message received no response, he sealed it up (8:16) and declared His trust in God (8:17).*
- In Hebrews 2:13a Jesus is credited with Isaiah’s statement. What does this say about Jesus’ life and ministry? (e.g. John 4:34; 5:19; 6:38; 8:28; 14:10)
 - What ultimate trust did Jesus show in Luke 22:42; 23:46?

Digging Deeper
Isaiah 7-9 is filled with Messianic prophecies. See especially 7:14, 9:6.

FYI: “*I will put my trust in Him.* An expression of true dependence on God perfectly exemplified in Christ. In Him humanity is seen as it was intended to be.” - The NIV Study Bible (1861)

6. *Hebrews 2:13b is quoted from Isaiah 8:18. From Isaiah 8:18, what did Isaiah also declare about himself and his two sons?*
- What picture does this give when applied to Jesus’ declaration of His *children*? (Xref. Hebrews 2:11)

FYI: “*Isaiah* had been called to prophesy, and to use his children in his prophetic messages (Isaiah 7:3, 8:3). So, he declared, ***Here am I and the children whom the LORD has given me!*** It is as if he is said, “*Look at us! We are the message!*”

The name *Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz* (Isaiah’s son) means, ‘Speed to the spoil, hurry to the plunder.’ This spoke of the **coming attack** on Syria, Israel, and Judah by Assyria. The name *Shear-Jashub* (Isaiah’s other son) means, ‘A Remnant Shall Return.’ This spoke of the **restoration** God would eventually bring. The name *Isaiah* means, ‘Salvation is of the LORD.’ This spoke of the **attitude and hope** Judah needed to have.

We are also the children of God, and we are *His* message. Hebrews 2:11-13 quotes this passage to communicate this truth...Just as much as Isaiah’s children were living witnesses of the truth of God’s word, so are we as God’s children.”
- David Guzik

“Taken together ***these three Messianic quotations*** provide huge comfort to the fearful little church because they reveal rich benefits coming from Christ’s solidarity with His people.

First, [2:12a] Jesus proclaims the character of God to His brothers and sisters alone – and to no one else. He even leads them in hymns to the Father. What amazing knowledge and intimacy...!

Second, [2:13a] as their real human brother, sharing their human frailty, He has to put His trust in God. He had to have faith in the midst of suffering, just He calls them to do.

Finally, [2:13b] the fact that He is in relationship with them, that He can say “Here am I, and the children God has given me.’ Means they can confidently await a great future!”
- R Kent Hughes (76)

Applying the Word: *What does being a child of God and part of His family (brethren) communicate about God’s care for you, about your significance, about your future? (See 1 John 3:1)*

Can you think of any ways that suffering has helped to complete/mature you or someone you care about?

Day 2

Jesus Defeats Satan and Death; Jesus: Our High Priest. Read Hebrews 2:14-17

7. By becoming a human and dying, what did Jesus accomplish over Satan? 2:14 See John 12:31

FYI: "That which enables Christ to be a better revealer than the angels of God to men is basically twofold: He is at once both God (1:4-14) and man (2:4-18), of which angels are neither." - Dr. Chris Miller

"Neither the Deity nor the Humanity of Jesus is negotiable. If we diminish either then He is unable to save us..."

"We know that had [Jesus] only been God yet still He would not have been fitted for a perfect Savior, unless he had become *man*. Man had sinned; man must suffer. It was man in whom God's purposes had been for a while defeated; it must be in man that God must triumph over his great enemy." (Spurgeon)" - David Guzik

"The devil has 'the power of death' in the sense that through his primeval lie...he tempted Adam to bring sin into the world, and therefore death into the world (Romans 5:12)." - Henry Morris

8. What did Jesus' death accomplish for us? 2:15 (See Romans 7:23-25; Rev. 1:17,18)

FYI: "Except for the matter of physical pain and sadness at leaving loved ones behind, 'Christians are not to fear death.'" - R. Kent Hughes (77)

9. Underline what Jesus became or undertook by dying for us and/or what we received.

- 2 Corinthians 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin in our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
- Galatians 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written: "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"—
- Romans 3:25-26 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— 26 he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. NIV
- 2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich. NAS
- Romans 5:8-9 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.
- Philippians 2:7-8 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!
- Matthew 20:28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
- Isaiah 53:5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. NIV

10. What is said about death in 1 Corinthians 15:54-55?

- What kind of confidence can we have even in the face of death? Romans 8:35-39

FYI: "As John Owen's famous book title so poignantly phrases it, the gospel tells the story of 'the death of death in the death of Christ' (Death of Death)...Jesus overcomes death and the one who has the power of death by dying Himself. The echoes of Genesis 3 and the curse are difficult to miss. Christ has overcome the curse by undergoing the curse in our place. He defeats death by dying for His people and bearing their curse...This death was to 'make propitiation' (3:17) that is, to remove the wrath of God that was justly against us due to our sin. Yet, even more than that, Christ defeats death by rising again from the dead, thus giving resurrection hope to all of God's people" - Albert Mohler (36)

11. Why did Jesus need to deliver mankind and not angels? 2:16 (See Romans 3:12,23)

- How does Galatians 3:7,9,29 describe the *descendants of Abraham*?

12. Why did Jesus have to be made fully human "*in every way/in all things*" like us? 2:17a

- How is this described in Luke 2:40,52

FYI: "Jesus did not merely resemble humanity in some qualities of human nature, but in 'every way' – 'in all things...Christ's likeness to us was not simulated but absolute (Philippians 2:7) - except for sin (Heb. 4:15)...This means that Christ grew from infancy, through childhood, adolescence, young adulthood and into maturity – in both body and mind. His body developed, as did His mind and emotions." - R. Kent Hughes (83)

"Christ could represent mankind before God only if He became one with them...In order to turn aside the wrath of God against guilty sinners, He had to become one with them and die as a substitute for them." – The NIV Study Bible (1861)

13. As high priest, what did Christ do for us? 2:17c *How did this differ from the way priests made atonement in the Old Testament?*

- What does "merciful" and "faithful" say about His work on our behalf? (See Psalm 86:5,15)

FYI: "That He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest: The High Priest wore a breastplate with stones engraved with the names of the tribes of Israel on both his chest and his shoulders. The High Priest was therefore in constant sympathy with the people of God, carrying them on his heart and on his shoulders. Jesus did not wear the High Priest's breastplate. But the wound in His chest and the cross on His shoulders are even more eloquent testimony to His heart for us and work on our behalf." - David Guzik

propitiation/reconciliation/atonement Strong's NT:2433 *hilaskomai*; ; to conciliate, i.e. to atone for (sin) KJV - be merciful, make reconciliation for.

"To be propitious, gracious...What Christ did in sacrificing Himself for our sins showed Him to be merciful and faithful...His sacrifice as the God-Man satisfied God's justice so that, instead of God rightly demonstrating His wrath toward sinful man (Rom 1:18; 5:8-10), He demonstrated His mercy. Christ is the High Priest who offers Himself, becoming at once both victim and priest, thus satisfying the justice of God and at the same time procuring forgiveness of sins, whereby reconciled man is offered access to and communion with God." - Zodhiates

Applying the Word: Consider the power (1:3; 2:14,15) and the nearness of the Lord (2:11). What does that say about His ability and His willingness to work in and through our lives? Ponder Ephesians 1:18-23 and 3:20.

Day 3

Jesus: Our Helper. Read Hebrews 2:18

14. How can we be assured that Christ knows and shows compassion in helping us with temptation? 2:18

FYI: Come to the aid/help/succour Strong's NT:997 *boetheo*; to aid or relieve
 "Boetheo is from the two words, *boe*, 'a cry,' and *theo*, 'to run.' It means literally, 'to run to the cry.' Whenever we are tempted, all we need to do is cry out for help. Jesus' ears are tuned to the tempted, and He is quick to run to our side."
 - Charles Swindoll (43)

15. How did Jesus respond to temptation and how difficult was it for Him?

- Matthew 4:7-11

- Luke 22:39-44

16. Besides the temptations in the wilderness, what are some other situations that may have tempted Jesus to become discouraged, retaliate or quit? Look up 3 or 4 of the following to share with your group.

Luke 4:15,28-30; Mark 6:4-6	<i>His hometown rejected Him</i>
Mark 3:21,22; John 7:1-5	
John 10:20	
Luke 6:11; 11:53,54	
Matt 26:47-50,56	
Luke 22:54-62	
Mark 14:55-65	
Mark 15:6-15	
Mark 15:16-20	
Mark 15:22-26	
Mark 15:29-31	

17. When you picture Jesus resisting temptation, do you see Him unaffected as He stood against it, or do you see the hardship of desiring an easier way but fighting to do it God's way? Did He feel what you feel?

18. From Hebrews 4:15b, what do you learn about Jesus' response to every temptation? (See also 1 Peter 2:22,23.)

FYI: "We can even say that Jesus' temptation was *more* real and difficult than any we could face. When the pressure of temptation builds, some only find relief by giving into the temptation – *but Jesus never did this*. The pressure of temptation only built and built upon Him."
- David Guzik

"He knows the full force of temptation in a manner that we who have not withstood it to the end cannot know." (Philip Hughes) Think of it this way – which bridge has undergone the greatest stress, the one that collapses under its first load of traffic, or the one that bears the same traffic morning and evening, year after year?... The people in the little church under siege were not only experiencing temptations that are common to all, but they were being tempted to be unfaithful to God and to give up their calling. What an encouragement to know that their Savior and high priest had known similar but far greater temptations, and that He had suffered more, endured and was victorious. He understood! He empathized! He was interceding for them! He forgave them!" - Hughes (86,87)

19. How does God respond to our trials? 2 Corinthians 1:3,4a

- How does God use them? 2 Corinthians 1:4b-5

20. Underline the help we receive from God.

- Philippians 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.
- Philippians 1:6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
- Hebrews 13:6 because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"
- 1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.
- Romans 8:26-28 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
- Romans 8:37-39 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. KJV
- 2 Peter 1:3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.
- Ephesians 3:20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

Applying the Word: *What difference does it make in approaching the Lord with your problems if you picture Him as an impervious super hero versus your advocate who understands and sympathizes with your weakness? How does it change your attitude...your receptiveness...your prayers?*

Day 4

Jesus: Greater than Moses. Read Hebrews 3:1-6

21. What kind of calling do we have? 3:1a (See Colossians 3:12) *What is the “therefore” referring back to?*

- What should that cause us to do? 3:1b (Cf. Heb. 12:2; See Colossians 3:1,2)

FYI: Consider/ fix your thoughts Strong’s NT:2657 *katanoō*; to observe fully

“To observe, notice, consider, contemplate”

- Zodhiates

“The word means to fix the attention on something in such a way that its inner meaning, the lesson it is designed to teach, may be learned.” (Barclay) The same word is used in [Luke 12:24](#) (*Consider the ravens*). It is an earnest appeal to look, to learn, and to understand.”

- David Guzik

“Jesus was and is the ‘**apostle**,’ ‘the sent one,’ *par excellence*. Jesus repeatedly describes Himself...as being sent by the Father into the world. [See John 17:18] Jesus is ‘the first apostle, the great apostle, the source of all apostleship.’ ...Jesus is also the ‘high priest’ *par excellence*. Because He was perfectly human and perfectly divine...He is the one person through whom man comes to God and God to man.”

- R. Kent Hughes (92)

22. How is Jesus similar to Moses? 3:2

- Why is Jesus worthy of more honor than Moses? 3:3

FYI: “It is hard to know what is meant by ‘all my house’ in this context. It could refer to the nation of Israel but some writers understand it as a reference to the Tabernacle...It was Moses who received instruction from the Lord on the building of the Tabernacle. However, the house that the Lord Jesus is building is not a physical construction, but the people of God.”

- W. M. Henry (32)

“This comparison between the builder and the house in no way minimizes Moses. His faithfulness is not in question. In fact, God highly honored him. Jesus built the spiritual house of God – Moses was a leader in the house. They are simply in different categories that are beyond comparison...In fact, God the Father has made everything in the universe through His Son, Jesus. (1:2)”

- R. Kent Hughes (93)

23. What honor did God give to Moses?

- Numbers 12:3,6-8
- Deuteronomy 34:10-12

24. Who built the house in 3:3? Who built the house in 3:4?

FYI: "Jesus is here equated with God, making it beyond question that Christ is greater than Moses." ` - The NIV Study Bible

25. What different titles are given to Moses and to Christ in 3:5,6a?

- To what did Moses give a testimony/witness (3:5b)? (See John 5:46; Luke 24:27)
- Fill in the blank: *Moses was faithful as _____ in all God's house; Christ was faithful as _____ over His own house.*

Food for Thought: "When we *consider* the past faithfulness of Jesus, it makes us understand that He will *continue* to be **faithful**. And as He was **faithful** to God the Father (**Him who appointed Him**), so He will be **faithful** to us. This should bless and encourage us...Moses showed an amazing faithfulness in his ministry; but Jesus showed a *perfect* faithfulness – surpassing that of Moses." - David Guzik

26. Underline what God's faithfulness is associated with in the following:

- 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.
- Deuteronomy 32:4 He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.
- 1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.
- Hebrews 6:10 God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. NIV

27. Who is God's house? 3:6b (See 1 Corinthians 6:19) *Where doesn't God dwell? Acts 17:24*

28. Besides setting our focus ("*consider*" 3:1) on Jesus, how else should we respond to such a merciful and faithful High Priest? 3:6c (Cf. 3:14,10:23) (See Colossians 1:23)

FYI: Hold firmly/hold fast NT:2722 *katecho*; to hold down (fast) KJV - have, hold (fast), keep (in memory)... possess, retain, seize on, stay, take.

Confidence Strong's NT:3954 *parrhesia*; all out-spokenness, i.e. frankness, bluntness, by implication, assurance

Applying the Word: *Why might the Jewish believers have been tempted to put Moses on too high a pedestal? Who or what might you tend to place on too high a pedestal?*