

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS
ENCOUNTERING CHRIST

The Work Of Christ

His Saving Ministry Hebrews 2:5-9

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A. Review

Hebrews 2:1-4 • “Drifting Away”

1. The Command: Don't drift away or disobey God's Holy Word. (2:1-2)
2. The Communicators: OT Prophets, NT Apostles, Jesus and God. (2:3)
3. The Conformation: Miracles, Signs and wonders, God's Holy Spirit. (2:4)
4. “Our Great Salvation” – We are saved by a great Savior, we are saved at a great cost, and we are saved from a great penalty.

Foundational Truths from Hebrews

1. **God still speaks—through Jesus and His Word.** (1:1-3)
2. **God is superior to the angels.** (1:4-14)
3. **We must not drift away from or disobey God's Word.** (2:1-4)

B. Outline

“THE WORK OF CHRIST”

1. **His Sovereign Ministry (2:5–8a):**
 - A. *Christ created all people* (2:5–6a).
 - B. *Christ cares for all people* (2:6b–7).
 - C. *Christ commissioned all people* (2:8a): Adam was first to be put in charge of God's original creation.

2. **His Submissive Ministry (2:9a):** Jesus Christ (the God-man) agreed to come to earth and become “lower than the angels.”
3. **His Saving Ministry (2:8b–9):** (See Sections C and D)

C. Study Section

Holy Scriptures are printed in the bold face font while Pastor Joe's Commentary is printed in the brackets.

Hebrews 2:9, NASB95 – ⁹ **...we do see** [a truth clearly] **Him** [Jesus] **who was made for a little while** [the man Christ Jesus—while He was on the earth] **lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death** [on the cross was] **crowned with glory** [worship Him as God] **and honor** [proclaiming Him as God], **so that by the grace** [lit., unmerited favor—we didn't earn this] **of God He** [Jesus] **might taste** [Gk: γεύομαι (GEE-oh-my) means “to empty the cup” of] **death** [physically] **for everyone.**

Hebrews 2:9, NLT – ⁹ What we do see is Jesus, who for a little while was given a position “a little lower than the angels”; and because he suffered death for us, he is now “crowned with glory and honor.” Yes, by God's grace, Jesus tasted death for everyone.

Hebrews 2:9c, NASB95 – ^{9c} But...by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

D. Encountering Christ

1. **“By the grace of God...”** - It was an act of God's grace that Jesus died for our sins. We did not deserve this unmerited gift.
2. **“...He...”** – Jesus, made man for a little while, did this.
3. **“...might taste...”** – He didn't *sip* it; He *emptied the cup* of it.
4. **“...death...”** – He died on the cross. He fully suffered the penalty of all men's sins.
5. **“...for...”** - He died a substitutionary, vicarious, death. (Isa. 53:4–8, 10, 12; Matt. 26:28; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18; and 1 Peter 2:24.)
6. **“...every...”** – Gk: *Pantos* means “all” (everyone in a descriptor).
7. **“...[person]”** – He died for all men and women—not angels.
8. **“By God's grace, Jesus tasted death for everyone”**—As a result of Christ's death, all men *could*, if they *would*, be saved. (Rom. 3:22; 1 Tim. 4:10; 1 Jn. 3:2.)