

Hebrews 2 Pt 2

Jesus

- 2:1-4 Neglect so great a Salvation: Eternal tragedy
- Grace alone through Faith alone in Christ alone

The angel's revelation of the Father re. the *Law of God* does not compare to Jesus revelation of the Father re. the *Grace of God* exemplified in His sacrifice...

Ch. 2:5-18 Focus shifts from the *deity* of Jesus to the humanity of Jesus
The sacrifice for the sin of man must be a man Himself

II. The Son Made Lower than Angels Like us

5 For He [God the Father] has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels.

The world to come will not be ruled by angels...

6 But one [David] testified in a certain place, saying: "What is man that You are mindful of him, Or the son of man that You take care of him? 7 You have made him [*lit. for a little while*] a **little lower than the angels**; You have crowned him with glory and honor, And set him over the works of Your hands.

King David was blown away at God's plan for those who love God...
The coming Kingdom/All Creation will not be governed by angels...but by men

God made man lower than angels...for a time
Ultimately we will rule the world...including the angels

1 Corinthians 6:3 Do you not know that **we shall judge angels**?

8 You have put all things in subjection under his feet." For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him.

God will once again set man over creation
He will put all things under our feet...

8b... But now **we do not yet see** all things put under him.

We do not yet rule the world...
Satan will rule the world until King Jesus returns

John 12:31 ...the ruler of this world *will be cast out*

John 14:30 ...the ruler of this world *is coming* and he *has nothing in Me*

John 16:11 ...the ruler of this world *is judged*

One day Satan [squatter/usurper] will be vanquished
God's men/women will rule under the Kingship of Jesus the *Son of Man*

Adam was once our corporate head...our representative/spokesperson
Jesus the Son of man is now our corporate head

9 But we see Jesus, who [*also*] was made [*lit. for a little while*] a little lower than the angels [*becoming man, why?*] , for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might **taste death for everyone.**

Philippians 2:7 [Jesus] made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the **death of the cross.**

The mystery of the humanity of Christ; i.e. that He sunk Himself into our flesh, is beyond all human understanding. [Luther]

God became man in Jesus to taste/experience suffering/death for us

Isaiah 53:12b ...He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors...

III. Jesus Bringing Many Sons to Glory

10 For it was **fitting for Him**, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

God became man in Jesus Christ to taste/experience death for us
Because God became man it was now fitting; good/possible to save man

- **Fitting:** To *be becoming*
 - **YHWH:** The becoming One. I AM that I AM. The ever becoming One
1. It was fitting for God the Father to bring many sons to Him in glory
 2. It was fitting for God the Father to make Jesus Captain of our Salvation
 3. It was fitting for God the Father to make Jesus perfect through human suffering

Isaiah 53:9b ...Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth. 10 Yet **it pleased the Lord to bruise Him;** He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days

It was fitting/becoming to God that a man must die for men
Jesus was made perfect/complete in His humanity through human suffering

Hebrews 5:8 ...though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. 9 And **having been perfected**, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him...

To *make perfect* does not imply moral imperfection in Jesus but only the consummation [completion] of that human experience of sorrow and pain through which He must pass in order to become the leader [Captain] of his people's salvation. [Vincent]

The Salvation our Captain accomplished for us leaves nothing undone
It is Finished. Perfect. Complete.

11 For both **He who sanctifies** and those who **are being sanctified** are all of one, for which reason **He is not ashamed to call them brethren...**

- **Sanctify:** To set apart from sin and to God

Hebrews 10:10 ...we have been sanctified through the **offering of the body** of Jesus Christ once for all.

- **We are positionally sanctified:** Seated w/Christ in the heavenlies. Eph. 2:6
- **We are in process of sanctification:** Working out our own salvation. Phil. 2:12

We cant work it out until somebody works it in. [McGee]

Ephesians 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For **we are His workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus **for good works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

- **Rapture:** Positionally/Practically Sanctified...forever. Fight over.

Jesus who sanctifies/We who are being sanctified must be of the same stuff
Jesus is not ashamed to call us brothers/sisters because of our common humanity

- **IOWs** Jesus could not be our brother unless He became human

Jesus is not ashamed to call us family/Rejoices that we are family.
Brothers/Sisters with a common Father

12 [Jesus to the Father...] "I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You." 13 And again: "I will put My trust in Him." And again: "Here am I and the children whom God has given Me."

- **vv 12-13: Three Prophetic Cross References** re. Jesus as our brother
 1. **Psalm 22:22** I will sing praise to My Father for My brethren
 2. **Isaiah 8:17** I will trust My Father that My suffering would bear fruit. [Siblings]
 3. **Isaiah 8:18** I will rejoice with My Father. His will for children being fulfilled

Here I am with [Your] children. Children You have given Me
Children I willingly bought for You w/My blood...

14 Inasmuch then as the **children have partaken of flesh and blood**, He [Jesus] Himself likewise **shared in the same**, that through death He

might **destroy him who had the power of death**, that is, the devil, 15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

The penalty for sin is death
Only humans sin. Only a human could pay

God's Word became flesh in Jesus who died in our place
The penalty for sin is death. Jesus never sinned, thus Death could not hold him!

Acts 2:23 Jesus, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death 24 whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because **it was not possible that He should be held by it.**

Before Jesus 1st Coming, Satan had the power of death...
The first Adam gave that to him in the garden...Jesus the last Adam took it back on the cross

- Jesus was victorious in keeping the Law of Death
- Jesus victory was validated by His resurrection...

Colossians 2:13 [We] being dead in our trespasses and the uncircumcision of our flesh, He has **made alive together with Him**, having forgiven us all trespasses, ¹⁴ having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. ¹⁵ Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

Jesus conquered death/devil on the cross
Cross the payment/Resurrection the receipt

1 John 3:8 ...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might **destroy the works of the devil.**

Jesus experienced death so we don't have to

John 11:26 ...whoever lives and believes in Me **shall never die.**

1 Corinthians 15:54b ..."Death is swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" ⁵⁶ **The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.** ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 1:10b ...Jesus Christ, who has **abolished death and brought life** and immortality to light through the gospel...

We have immortality through the Gospel

1 Corinthians 15:3 ...I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

The Father made Jesus a little lower than the angels; i.e. human
That He by the grace of God toward us might taste death for us

- Jesus died for man not angels...

16 For indeed He [Father] does not give aid to [take the nature of] angels,
but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.

The Father's work in Jesus was not for angels but mankind
Especially the promised Seed of Abraham; i.e. Those saved by Abraham-like faith

Salvation by Grace alone by Faith alone in Christ alone
The death of an animal could never pay the penalty for the sin of man

17 Therefore, in all things He [Jesus] **had to be made like His brethren**

Only a perfect human could be completely adequate
Jesus in His humanity had to be made like us in all things except sin

Hebrews 10:4 ...it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins. 5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But **a body You have prepared for Me.** 6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure.

- **The Law** the angels delivered to Moses could never save us. Law of death

Only God's Grace exemplified in Jesus Sacrifice could...

- **Save us** ...from sin/death/hell
- **Sanctify us** ...for a victorious life
- **Sympathize w/us** ...in our sufferings

17b ...that He [Jesus] might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make **propitiation** [take the wrath] for the sins of the people. 18 For in that **He Himself** has suffered, being tempted [*lit. tested*], **Jesus is able to aid those who are tempted.**

There was nothing lacking in the deity of Jesus. Yet until He became a man and suffered, God never *experienced* suffering. [Guzik]

Jesus our High Priest who intercedes to the Father for us
God became man that by perfect experiential understanding He could...

1. **Show mercy to us**
2. **Intercede on behalf of us**

Hebrews 4:15 ...we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

- He suffered as we do

- He was tempted as we are, thus...
- He is able to aid us perfectly

Jesus took on humanity
He Offered Himself as the Wrath-taker for our Sins

When I say, "God is love," what do I mean by it? That God sent His only-begotten Son that we might have life in Him. We still carry about the old nature but, blessed be God, many a time as Satan has caught me, he has never destroyed me; there is the **propitiation. I am inside, sheltered by the blood, and forgiven.** [Wigram]

Chapter 1: Jesus Revelation of Father's Grace far superior to angels revelation of God's Law
Chapter 2: Jesus Revelation of the Fathers Grace with skin on. Go became flesh died for us

Testimony of the Father regarding His only begotten Son so far...

- Heir/Creator/Brightness/Image/Sustainer/Purger
- King/Redeemer/Wrath-taker/Our Brother
- Our High Priest who walked in our shoes...

Jesus is the only One who perfectly/experientially knows our human suffering
He is also the One who is willing/able to comfort us in our suffering till He comes