

# Sovereignty and Suffering

Hebrews 2:10-18

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## Made Perfect through Suffering

- Suffering plays a key part in God's plan
- Thru it, Jesus was made a suitable Savior

## Security through Suffering

- The "everyone" for whom Jesus died are those that experience salvation
- Jesus rightly fits God's people for the journey to Glory
- Our family relationship was ordained by the Father and secured by the Son

## Identification through Suffering

- Jesus assumed the limitations of humanity
- Not only did He come, but He came to deliver and restore
- Jesus lived out the human experience

## Propitiation through Suffering

- Fashioned to be merciful, proven to be faithful
- In His obedience and sacrifice He turned away wrath and satisfied justice

# For Life Group Discussion

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1. Have you ever wrestled with the pervasive nature of suffering? How? What are some explanations you've heard about God and the reality of suffering?.
2. Read Heb 2:9 and Phil 2: 5-11. What is the relationship between Jesus' suffering and His exaltation?
3. Read Heb 2:9-13, and note all that Jesus has accomplished for the many "sons & daughters" that God is brining to glory. Based on these texts, on what basis are we secure in our salvation?
4. Read Gen 3:15; Isa 7:14; Jn 1:14; Gal 4:4; Phil 2:7-8; and Heb 2:14-16. How are these verses related? How do they help prepare your heart for the celebration of Christmas?
5. Read Rom 3:25; Heb 2:17; 1 Jn 2:2; and 1 Jn 4:10 in several translations, including the ESV. How do you understand "propitiation"? Is it worth maintaining "Bible words," even if we have to consistently explain them?
6. As you go through suffering, what difference does it make that Jesus shares that experience? How does His suffering compare with yours? And what did God accomplish through His suffering?