

Dear Church Family,

To set the solution of Hebrews 2:10-18 in the context of the widespread problems plaguing the fledgling little church of Hebrew Christians, I will borrow the metaphors of “evening-time” and “light” from Zechariah 14:7 which says, “⁷And there shall be a unique day, which is known to the Lord, neither day nor night, but at evening time there shall be light.” (ESV)

Throughout history, periods of church renewal and revival occur when Christ is preached and received in all his glory and dot the landscape like a star shining brightly at twilight or in times of utter darkness. Just as the sun is going down on the church and the world is about to swallow it up, the Spirit and the word works and Christ comes like a bright light and shines upon his people. That’s what happens with the struggling little house-church of Hebrew Christians, and we must learn to read Hebrews that way to solve the problems we have to equip our church for ministry in the present time. Although none of the language of Hebrews is like the apocalyptic language of Zechariah 13-14 signifying the end of the Old Testament church, or like the book of Revelation signifying the end of the New Testament church, still there are clear warnings against falling away from Christ and the judgment that follows.

To make the most of Christ in the book of Hebrews, you must read to discover the stated problems, the problems implied in the glorious descriptions of the person and work of Christ, and the problems implied in the positive exhortations for the life of the church. **So, I encourage you to take time to read the book of Hebrews through again, noting the stated and implied problems in each chapter.** Then let’s pray together that God will cause the light of the knowledge of the glory of Christ to shine brightly upon us as a church that we may live together for him and not ourselves.

In the first point in our outline, I’ll take up the phrase, “it was fitting for Him.” So read Hebrews 2:10-18 to discover why the incarnation of Christ is the most fitting way for God to solve the problem of living a lifetime of fear and bondage and to comfort struggling, hurting believers.

In preparation for Sunday School, I’m also sending Lesson 12 for you to review.

Seeking to make the most of Christ for the health, vitality, and witness of Grace church together with you,

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“The Most Suitable Work of All Works for the Glory
of God and the Good of His People”
Hebrews 2:10-18

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⁹But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰For 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 [champion] of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For 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, ¹²saying: “*I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You.*” ¹³And again: “*I will put My trust in Him.*” And again: “*Here am I and the children whom God has given Me.*” ¹⁴Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. ¹⁶For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore, in all things He had to be made like *His* brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted. (NKJV)

I. A Word about Christ Suitable to Reveal the Glory of God (10a-b)

II. A Word about Christ Suitable for the Deliverance and Comfort of All God’s People (10c-18)

A. Jesus had to share in our humanity to bring us to glory (10c)

B. Jesus had to share in our humanity to free us from lifelong bondage (14-15)

C. Jesus had to share in our humanity to become our merciful great high priest (17-18)

Grace Welcomes You

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Come And Welcome

From the cross uplifted high,
Where the Savior deigns to die
What melodious sounds I hear
Bursting on my ravished ear
Love's redeeming work is done,
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Sprinkled now with blood the throne
Why beneath thy burdens groan?
On my pierced body laid
Justice owns the ransom paid
Bow the knee and kiss the Son,
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Spread for thee the festal board,
See with richest dainties stored
To thy Father's bosom pressed,
Yet again a child confessed
Never from His house to roam,
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Soon the days of life shall end,
Lo, I come, your Savior, Friend
Safe your spirit to convey
To the realms of endless day
Up to my eternal home.
Come and welcome, sinner, come.
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Psalm 73C

Yet constantly I am with You;
You've taken hold of my right hand.
Your counsel shows me what to do,
And guides me in the things I plan;
And afterward, so shall it be,
You will with honor welcome me.

Are You not all I have in heav'n?

None else on earth do I desire.

Though human strength come to an end -

My flesh may fail, my heart expire -

My heart's strength God Himself will be,

My portion through eternity.

Those far from You will surely die,
Who dealt with You unfaithfully.
But as for me, I will draw nigh.
How good that God is near to me!
I refuge take in God the LORD,
That all Your works I may record.

The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ, the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

Thy Mercy My God

Thy mercy, my God,
Is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart
And the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone,
From the first to the last,
Hath won my affections,
And bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy
I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me
To utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness,
My spirits revive,
And He that first made me
Still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more
Than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel
Its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness,
I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise
Of the mercy I've found.

The door of Thy mercy
Stands open all day.
To the poor and the needy,
Who knock by the way;
No sinner shall ever be
Empty sent back,
Who comes seeking mercy
For Jesus's sake.

Thy mercy in Jesus
Exempts me from hell;
Its glories I'll sing,
And its wonders I'll tell;
'Twas Jesus, my friend,
When He hung on the tree,
That open'd the channel
Of mercy for me.

Great Father of mercies,
Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love
Of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit,
Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon,
And righteousness mine.

Jesus, I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.

Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Come Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready, stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and power

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior
Oh, there are ten thousand charms

Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requires
is to feel your need of him.

Come, ye weary, heavy-laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior
Oh, there are ten thousand charms

Feel Him prostrate in the garden,
On the ground your Maker lies
On the bloody tree, behold him,
Sinner, will this not suffice?

Lo, the incarnate God ascended,
Pleads the merit of his blood
Venture on him, venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude

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