

“Jesus Tasted Death For Everyone”
Hebrews 2:5-18
11/30/25
Message 4

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: “Jesus Tasted Death For Everyone”

- **Keys To Hebrews**

- **Importance Of Hebrews**

- **1. Connecting the Testaments**

- Some people think the Old Testament is irrelevant.
 - YET - The entire book of Hebrews is built upon the clear foundation of the Old Testament.
 - You aren't going to understand the book of Hebrews
 - If you don't understand the Old Testament.

- **2. Jesus is Superior**

- One of the key words of Hebrews is BETTER
 - Better - 11 Times
 - Superior - 4 times
 - Greater - 7 Times
 - Jesus is BETTER Than
 - The Prophets - Ch 1
 - The Angels - Ch 1-2
 - Moses - Ch 3

- Joshua – Ch 4
- The High Priest – Ch 5-9
- The Tabernacle Ch 9
- The Law & Sacrifices Ch 10

▪ **3. Encouragement - Don't quit**

- The ultimate goal of the book
 - To encourage those who are struggling with difficult times, and help them to endure.
- Hebrews 2:1 – Pay More Careful Attention
- Hebrews 2:1 – Don't Drift Away
- Hebrews 3:6 - Hold on to courage and hope
- Hebrews 3:12 – Do not turn away from the living God
- Hebrews 4:14 – Hold Firmly to the Faith
- Hebrews 6:1 – Go on to maturity
- Hebrews 10:35 – Do Not Throw away your confession
- Hebrews 10:39 – Do not shrink Back
- Hebrews 12:1 – Run the race

• **Review - Hebrews 2:1-4 – So GREAT A SALVATION**

- **1. Don't Drift Away - Don't Neglect - So GREAT A Salvation**

▪ **1. The Pressures The Jewish Believers Had**

- The Persecution
 - Lost their job
 - Lost their homes and families
 - Some had even been put to death!
- **2. The Pressures on US**
 - The Current of Familiarity
 - Going through the Motions
 - The Current of Daily Life
 - The Stress of the day
 - Always Busy never enough TIME
 - The Current Of Living in a Fallen World
 - Living in a world that hostile to our faith
 - Living Carnal
- **3. Signs That You Are Started to Drift**
 - 1. Neglecting Spiritual Discipline and Growth
 - Devotion To God – Prayer
 - Missing Church
 - The Fire you once had for Jesus is growing colder or lukewarm
 - 2. Allowing sin to take root
 - Unrepentant Sin
 - Guilt

- 3. Becoming spiritually discouraged
 - A sense of despair, perhaps following personal tragedy or a major life event, can lead to spiritual drift.
 - This can lead to feeling Depletion
 - Feeling emotionally or spiritually drained can make you vulnerable to drifting away.
- 4. Worldly distractions and false idols
 - Worldliness
 - Letting the idols of this world distract you and pull you down
 - NOTE an Idols:
 - Is ANYTHING that Comes before God

- **2. SO GREAT A SALVATION**

- The POWER to SAVED ANYONE
- Now This Morning we will see WHY this Salvation is SO GREAT

• 5 Wonderful TRUTHS in Jesus Tasted Death For Everyone

- To Substitute Himself For US vv. 5-9
- To Sanctify Us vv. 10-13
- To Set Us Free vv. 14-16
- To Satisfy God's Wrath v. 17
- To Share Human Life v. 18

To Substitute Himself For US vv. 5-9

• 1. Subjection To Man vv. 5-8a

- **1. He has NOT put the world to come...in subjection to angels v. 5**

- And here's why He joined the ranks of humankind...

Hebrews 2:5 (NKJV)

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

- **The World to COME**

- To his Jewish readers the phrase, "The World To Come"

- Was a common one

- Referred to the New Age

- That world come when the Messiah came and ruled on earth!

- Known as - The Messianic Age

- What they understood about the - The Messianic Age

- Everything we made wrong will be made RIGHT

- The curse would be lifted from creation and the earth would be restored to a place of paradise.

- All the effects of the Fall would be reversed

- Sin

- Sickness

- Sorrow

- Would all be gone

- Nature would be made right
 - The wolf would lie down with the lamb
 - The child would play with poisonous snakes and not be harmed.

- **The Messianic Age**

- Angels are NOT in Charge
 - Has NOT be put in Subjection to Angels.
- In subjection –
 - Greek: Hupotasso –
 - Means:
 - To arrange under, to subordinate; put in subjection
 - This is a military word, talking about a chain of command.
 - In the coming Millennial Kingdom,
 - The angels will not be in control
 - Meaning
 - The angel Satan will NOT win.
 - And Man (Me and you – The Church)
 - The Man Jesus Will be in Charge

- **God's Original Design**

- Adam – Mankind was given Control over the earth

- God NEVER gave angels that POWER –
 - He gave that POWER to man
- BUT man lost it in the Garden (Genesis 1:26-30)
 - When he sinned
 - ALL creation was now under the power of Satan and the Curse
- BUT God FIXED
 - ALL of this mess that we created
- **2. What is man v. 6**

Hebrews 2:6 (NKJV)

6 But one 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?"

- **The Setting - Put a Picture in your mind**
 - A young shepherd boy - David
 - Lying in the open field
 - Curled up in his bedroll
 - Next to a dwindling fire.
 - David gazes into the heavens
 - David is admiring God's handiwork
 - The beauty and enormity of creation
 - He's pondering God...

- When suddenly he's struck with an huge realization...
- God sits on the precipice of heaven...
 - Who sees everything,
 - Yet what captivates His attention?
 - It suddenly hits David, while he sits on earth thinking of God –
 - God is in heaven thinking of him!

▪ **The quotation from Psalm 8:1-9 – Turn To**

Psalm 8:1–9 (NKJV)

1 O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens!

2 Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?

5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,

7 All sheep and oxen— Even the beasts of the field,

8 The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth!

- The writer's point is that this Psalm was not referring to angels,
 - But to humanity.
 - You see, though man was created a little lower than the angels

- He was still originally intended to rule on earth.
- Yes –
 - The Fall resulted in man losing dominion and now earth's been subjected to administration by angelic beings.
- BUT –
 - When Messiah comes and brings in the New Age
 - He will reclaim man's lost dominion and restore it to its rightful heirs redeemed men and women!
 - They will rule and reign with Him for a thousand years!
- **3. You have made him a little lower than the angels v. 7**

Hebrews 2:7 (NKJV)

7 You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, And set him over the works of Your hands.

▪ **You have made him a little lower than the angels v. 7a**

- This does not mean that man is inferior.
 - He is referring merely to the limitations that mortal man possesses.
 - Having a physical body means that there are some things man cannot do that the angels as pure spirits can.
 - Man is earthbound and limited to time and space.
 - The angels realm of travel is from earth to heaven and live in a dimension not bounded by time or space as we know it.

- One of the primary ways the angels are superior to mortal man is their ability to enter in to the very presence of glory in heaven.
- Human beings, in their unglorified state do not possess these abilities – YET!
 - This is what makes them lower than the angels.

• **2. A problem and its solution vv. 8-9**

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

Hebrews 2:8 (NKJV)

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

▪ **This phrase, “Under His Feet,” and “Under Him”**

- Would have meant one thing to the readers of the letter.
 - The king’s throne was always elevated
 - Everyone who came into his presence bowed down before him and sometimes even kissed his feet.
 - His subjects, therefore, were often spoken of as being under his feet.
- Psalm 8, and it’s quotation here
 - Present redeemed men and women as kings and queens!
 - That was the original plan for mankind
 - And will be reclaimed through Christ

- Everything will be put under man's authority in that coming day—
 - The angelic hosts
 - The world of animals, birds, and fishes
 - Every part of the created universe will be put under his control.
- **But Now we DO NOT YET SEE all things put under him.**
 - At this time
 - The human race remains in its fallen state.
 - The promise of Psalm 8 is unfulfilled.
 - We do not see that all things are subjected to man.
- **2. But We See Jesus v. 9a**

Hebrews 2:9 (NKJV)

9 But 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.*

- **LOVE THIS**
 - Right now we LIVE in a fallen world
 - BUT we also SEE JESUS
 - Hope for our souls
 - Hope for this world
 - Hope that one day ALL will be made right
- **SO - Keep looking UNTO Jesus**

- See Him as the One who loves sinners and died for them.
- See Him as your Savior.
- See Him as your Master.
- See Him as your Friend.
- See Him as your Healer.
- See Him at home, at work, out and about – not only here at worship times.

○ **3. Who was made a little lower than the angels v. 9b**

Hebrews 2:9 (NKJV)

9 But 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.

- **Made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death**
 - Incarnation
 - Jesus, God's Son and Himself fully God, took on humanity – and by doing so, shared for a time man's humble estate of being a little lower than the angels.
 - He did this –
 - He became man, so that He could do something He could not do otherwise and that was suffer death.
 - By dying

- He paid the accumulated debt of the sin of the entire human race
- His substitution in death
 - Paid the Debt
 - The Fall is reversed the curse is lifted from earth
 - He paid a debt He didn't owe, because we owed a debt we couldn't pay.

Isaiah 53:5–6 (NKJV)

5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

- Jesus died so we could be forgiven and made right with God.
- **5. Might Taste Death For Everyone v. 9c**

Hebrews 2:9 (NKJV)

9 But 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.

▪ **He Tasted death for EVERYONE**

- Taste
 - Greek: Geuomai –
 - Means: To taste, to try the flavor of; experience; eat

▪ **Jesus Died for ALL**

2 Corinthians 5:15 (NKJV)

15 and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

Romans 14:9 (NKJV)

9 For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

1 Thessalonians 5:10 (NKJV)

10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

- For ALL – “Not just the Elect”
 - The Doctrine of Calvin
 - Is so wrong
 - Please run from it
- But ONLY Those that receive it will be given life
 - Please Understand
 - By Receiving
 - Repent – Turn from
 - And lay hold of what Jesus did for you

To Sanctify Us vv. 10-13

• **1. The Captain Of Our Salvation v. 10**

- **1. For it was fitting v. 10a**

Hebrews 2:10 (NKJV)

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.

▪ **“Was Fitting” It was more than necessary**

- Some truths aren’t fully understood until experienced
 - The invincible God made Himself vulnerable
 - He drank from a cup of suffering intended for us
 - He bore the pain of our sin in His own body
- He wanted to experience our dilemma from an insider’s point of view
 - **This is the ultimate illustration of the fact that real love, real giving, involves sacrifice.**
 - So He could bring many sons to glory
- **2. The captain of their salvation v. 10b**

Hebrews 2:10 (NKJV)

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.

▪ **Jesus is Our Captain –**

- Captain –
 - Greek: archehos (“first place” + “leader”) –
 - Means: the chief leader; one that sets an example, pioneer
 - Leader, trailblazer or pioneer
 - Jesus blazed a new trail.
 - He broke new ground.

- He established a new way to live...
- Jesus is the “hero” of our salvation,
 - The one who made salvation possible for all of us who follow Him.
 - Jesus “leads” His brethren to the glory, which is the ultimate outcome of salvation.
- **3. Perfect through sufferings v. 10c**

Hebrews 2:10 (NKJV)

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.

▪ **Perfect –**

- Greek: Teleioo –
- Means: To make perfect, complete; to accomplish, finish
- NOTE
 - It’s not that Jesus lacked anything or is in any way “Imperfect”.
 - Yet in Jesus’ humanity, the thing that makes Him the “perfect” captain of those who are saved was His suffering.
 - Perfect through sufferings
 - There was nothing lacking in the deity of Jesus.
 - Jesus was "made perfect" through suffering in the sense of completing his mission to

become a qualified and effective High Priest and Savior.

▪ **Sufferings –**

- Greek: Pathema
- Means: That which one suffers or has suffered; externally, a suffering, misfortune, calamity, evil, affliction; of the sufferings of Christ; an enduring, undergoing, suffering
- NOTE
 - Through His suffering
 - He accomplished our salvation, and hence is the “author” or “pioneer” of our salvation
 - He was the first to achieve glory through suffering
 - Bring life from death, snatch victory out of the jaws of defeat
 - Now He stands on the glory-side and asks us to follow

▪ **Application - Growth through suffering**

- We on the other hand are far from “perfect”.
 - One of the ways that we grow, mature, and are perfected
 - Is through suffering.
 - Like the fire that is used to refine precious gold.

1 Peter 1:6–7 (NKJV)

6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,
7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

- **2. The Sanctification vv. 11-13**

- **1. For both He who sanctifies v. 11a**

Hebrews 2:11 (NKJV)

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,

- **Jesus is the sanctifier**

- He's working to make me holy and pure

- **2. He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying v. 11b**

Hebrews 2:11 (NKJV)

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,

- **The King of Creation calls us His "Brethren"**

- Well the day we pledged our lives to Jesus,

- He became our big brother!

- And now we've got it made

- God knows our name

- Jesus carries us where He's headed

- **Not Ashamed**

- We are Ashamed at the way we have treated Jesus

- We are Ashamed at the things we have done

- BUT in Christ
 - It is ALL taken care of
 - Question
 - How Many of you would like ALL your sins exposed?
 - Well thank you Jesus taking them away
- Jesus still loves you

○ **3. In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You v. 12**

Hebrews 2:12 (NKJV)

12 saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You."

▪ **That's from Psalm 22 –**

- Which is clearly a picture of the crucifixion.

Psalm 22:22 (NKJV)

22 I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.

- Which comes after the work of the cross is complete.
- What the Psalmist was saying was that through the death of the Messiah
- The door would be opened to the redemption of man so that man could reclaim his place at God's side, as part of God's spiritual family.
- **Notice where Jesus hangs out?**
 - He's in the assembly of the church - with us - singing praise to the Father!

- That's why we need to worship God like we mean it.
- **4. Here am I and the children whom God has given Me v. 13**

Hebrews 2:13 (NKJV)

13 *And again: "I will put My trust in Him." And again: "Here am I and the children whom God has given Me."*

▪ **This is from 2 Samuel 22 and Isaiah 8**

- Which are prophetic of the Messiah's death and resurrection.
- Like Psalm 22, they speak what the redemption of Christ at the Cross accomplishes.
- It opens the door to the family of God.
- Through His Sonship, we can become sons and daughters of God.

To Set Us Free vv. 14-16

• **1. His DESCENT & DEATH v. 14**

- **1. He Himself likewise shared in the same v. 14a**

Hebrews 2:14 (NKJV)

14 *Inasmuch 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,*

▪ **Again - Incarnation**

- Jesus took on a human body to die for all humans
- **2. Through death He might destroy him who had the power of death v. 14b**

Hebrews 2:14 (NKJV)

14 *Inasmuch 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,*

- **Jesus came to earth to die.**
 - By dying, He was able to conquer death in His resurrection (John 14:19).
 - By conquering death, He rendered Satan powerless
 - The Greek word destroyed means “to render useless”
 - Jesus declawed and de-toothed the tiger of death.
 - Jesus stripped death of its fear element
 - Through His death He paid sin’s penalty, and united us to God.
 - Death no longer means the end of our life...
 - Death no longer robs us of what matters...
 - In Christ, death is no longer a punishment for sin
 - It’s a graduation to greater blessing, higher glory, a deeper awareness of God’s presence.

• **2. His DELIVERANCE vv. 15-16**

- **1. Release those who through fear of death v. 15**

Hebrews 2:15 (NKJV)

15 *and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

- **The fear of death that rules as a tyrant over humanity**

- NO LONGER has a hold on US

▪ **Application**

- Are you Afraid of Dying?
 - Don't BE
- Afraid of the Process
 - Okay – We get that
- Hold onto

John 11:25–26 (NKJV)

25 Jesus said to her, *"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.*
26 *And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"*

John 14:1–6 (NKJV)

1 *"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.*
2 *In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.*
3 *And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.*
4 *And where I go you know, and the way you know."*
5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"
6 Jesus said to him, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

2 Corinthians 5:8 (NKJV)

8 *We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.*

- **2. He does give aid to the seed of Abraham v. 16**

Hebrews 2:16 (NKJV)

16 *For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.*

▪ **Jesus didn't die for angels.**

- The demons can't be saved; their fate is sealed.
- What Jesus did, he did for human beings.
- And for all those who respond in faith and receive Him as Lord and Savior
- Become the spiritual children of Abraham – who was the first of the Called and Chosen of God.

To Satisfy God's Wrath v. 17

• **1. Made like His brethren v. 17**

Hebrews 2:17 (NKJV)

17 Therefore, 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.

○ **1. Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren...**

▪ **Here's another reason Jesus became a man...**

- That He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God..."

▪ **The Latin word for "Priest"**

- Means "Bridge-Builder"
- Jesus the God-man is that

○ **2. And Jesus came, to make propitiation for the sins of the people...**

▪ **The word "Propitiation"**

- Means “a place of mercy”
- **The Hebrew word is “mercyseat”**
 - The mercyseat was the gold lid that covered the Ark of the Covenant in the Temple’s innermost sanctum
 - Over this mercyseat the glory of God rested
 - This was where the priest applied the blood, and atoned for sin
 - God’s truth and mercy kissed and were reconciled at the mercyseat
 - In this one place, at one time, God’s righteousness was satisfied
- **And today**
 - Jesus is our mercyseat...He is the one place in the world where sinful men can find mercy

To Share Human Life v. 18

- **1. He is able to aid those who are being tempted v. 18**

Hebrews 2:18 (NKJV)

18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

- Jesus was tempted in all these ways! And why?
 - So He can help us when we encounter the same temptations
- Suffered, Being Tempted
 - Most don’t suffer – we just give into it

Closing

- So GREAT A Salvation
 - We have a priest who will help us where it hurts!
 - He loves us and is always merciful and gracious
 - Since Jesus Gave SO MUCH – We should give Him our LIVES