



The Thrill of Hope



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Not only Savior, but also Brother-Friend! - Hebrews 2:9-13

Crucial review:

1. Jesus' people preoccupy themselves with Him. See 2 Corinthians 3:18.
2. Our lives with Jesus begin with His deity. See Hebrews 1:8, 10, 6 & Colossians 1:18-19.
3. Thus, Jesus' incarnation produces confident excitement. See Hebrews 2:9, 14, 17.
4. Jesus has secured "the world to come" for us – forever good! See Hebrews 2:5.

Our "great salvation" secures a never-ending Brother-Friend in Jesus (Heb 2:9-13).

1. Jesus' incarnation made possible His death on our behalf (9).

Heb. 2:9 But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

2. His human suffering guarantees our future splendor (10).

Heb. 2:10 For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.

Heb. 5:7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. 8 Although he was a son, **he learned obedience through what he suffered.** 9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

3. This explains God's reasoning about our Brother-Friend link to Jesus (11-13).

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What we can expect from our "Brother-Friend" Jesus?

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2. He will lead us in worship to the Father.

Heb 2:12 saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise."

3. He views us as gifts from the Father.

Heb 2:13 And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me."

4. He & His people share a mutual loyalty to the same God who is our Father.

Matt 12:49 And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! 50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

Luke 8:21 But he answered them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

5. He & His people share a mutual destiny of ultimate transformation.

Rom 8:29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

6. Together with our Father Jesus will always provide everything His brothers need!

Rom 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Discussion & Reflection Questions

1. Give one example of what you did in the last week (or, will do this coming week) to "behold the glory of Jesus" (see 2 Cor 3:18).
2. What stood out to you about what Jesus has accomplished as described in Hebrews 2:9-11?
3. We spoke of the benefit of our "great salvation" securing Jesus as our "Brother-Friend." Select two truths that most encouraged you from the list of six in your notes. Why did these stand out to you? How will you allow yourself to be influenced by them?

SONGS

"Joyful (The One Who Saves)" – Brenton Brown

"Joy To The World" – Valley Bible Worship

"God With Us" – All Sons & Daughters

"The First Noel" – Valley Bible Worship

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$48,542.00
WEEKLY NEED: \$34,979.00

YTD GIVING: \$1,711,331.04
YTD GENERAL NEED: \$1,713,971.00