

Bethany Bible Study & Discussion



Hebrews Ch.2 Part-4

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Superiority of Jesus Christ as the Son of Man
2:9-18

8 Questions

Hebrews 2:9-18

1. Who is Son of man?
2. Who is Jesus?
3. Why did Jesus become the Son of man?
4. Why were we created?
5. Did Jesus have to be made perfect?
6. How can we be the brethren of Jesus?
7. What did Jesus accomplish at the cross?
8. How does temptations faced by Jesus benefit us?

2: 9-13

⁹ But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

¹⁰ For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

¹¹ For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

¹² Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

¹³ And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.

1. Who is “son of man”?

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Used to refer to **humans** (6-8):

Example

Ezekiel 21:1-2 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ²**Son of man**, set thy face toward Jerusalem, and drop thy word toward the holy places, and prophesy against the land of Israel,

Psalms 8:4 “What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him”?

Used to refer to **Jesus** (9-18)

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Examples

Acts 7:56 (Stephen) Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

Daniel 7:13-14 ¹³ I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. ¹⁴ And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Jesus often referred to himself as the son of man ... “Son of man has no where to lay his head (Mathew 18:20), Son of man has power on earth to forgive sins (Mathew 9:6) Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men (Luke 9:44) Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven (Mathew 26:64)

2. Who is Jesus?

Jesus is
GOD,
SON OF GOD
&
SON OF MAN

Jesus is
PERFECTLY GOD &
PERFECTLY MAN!

Jesus as God

John 1:1
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was
with God, and the Word was God

Word=God

JESUS as HUMAN

John 1:14 And the Word was
made flesh, and dwelt among us,

Word=Jesus

2:9

3. Why did Jesus
become the Son of
man?

Verse 9

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Why did Jesus die? Blessings of the Cross

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Son of God, became the son of man, Jesus!

As a man for 33 years, he humbled himself to be 'lower than angels'

Why did Jesus become the son of man? To die & save others

Mathew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name **Jesus**: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Through suffering and death on the cross came blessings:

Salvation for man

Restoration of lost authority for man (2:8b)

Glory and honor for Jesus

The suffering
of the cross
was in God's
plan for Jesus

Luke 22:42

Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless, not my will, but thine, be done.

2:10

4. Why were we created?

Verse 10

For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

We are Created for His glory

¹⁰ For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things,

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For whom are all things, and by whom are all things (10)

Whom refers to: Father

Father created us for His glory

Isaiah 43:6 I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; ⁷ Even every one that is called by my name: for **I have created him for my glory**, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

Revelation 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and **for thy pleasure** they are and were created.

Son of man brings many sons to glory

10 For it became him, for
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Goal of Gospel?: To bring many sons to glory

Process?: Through suffering of Christ on the cross

Why?: So that redeemed can glorify God

We can also bring people to glory

10 ...in bringing many sons
unto glory,

Gospel makes it possible for sinners to become children of God and members of His family (brethren and co-heirs)

I Corinthians 4:15 ...for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

We can also witness of the finished work on the cross to bring sinners to glory.

5. Did Jesus have to be made perfect ?

2:10... to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Did Jesus have
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perfect ?

10... to make the
captain of their
salvation perfect
through sufferings.

No.

Jesus was without sin (II Corinthians 5:21) so did not need to become perfect

Perfection speaks of complete surrender and obedience to God's will, to achieve the perfect plan of salvation

His sinless life could not redeem man ... Jesus had to die
Hebrews 9:22 and without shedding of blood is no remission

2:11

6. How do we
become the
brethren of Jesus?

Verse 11

For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

Sanctification

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Sanctification – Separated, Set apart, made holy
(separated from the world to serve God)

Who?: Christ sanctifies us

When?: At born-again experience

How? **Blood of Jesus Christ**

Hebrews 13:12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, **Hebrews 10:14** For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

On-going sanctification is through the **Word of God**

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth).

1 Thessalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

Now, we are His brethren

13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.

Jesus is not ashamed to call us brethren (11) ... neither should we be ashamed to call Him our Lord and Savior.

Verse 12 *Psalms 22:22* I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

Hebrews 9:26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and *in his* Father's, and of the holy angels.

Who are the brethren of Jesus?

Those who are redeemed

Those who do His will

Mathew 12:50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Luke 8:21 And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.

2: 14-18

¹⁴ Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

¹⁵ And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

¹⁶ For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

¹⁷ Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

¹⁸ For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

2:14-15

7. What did Jesus accomplish at the Cross?

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Jesus destroyed two great enemies at the Cross: Devil and Death

- Devil's power is taken away but devil is not physically killed (happens later, Revelation 20:10)
- Jesus gave us victory over death and fear of death

We should not be afraid of death as we know what awaits us!

God's justice demanded sacrifice. This was satisfied by Jesus at the cross.

Victory of Jesus (for believers)

Jesus gave us victory over death and fear of death (14,15)

II Timothy 1:10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

I Corinthians 15:55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

Mathew 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Human form, not angelic form

16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

He did not become angel to save man. He became man

Christ is the seed of Abraham (Math 1:1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.)

and

became the promised seed (Genesis 12:3 and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed, Mathew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Redemption was completed through Jesus Christ, not an angel.

Jesus the high Priest

17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

Jesus became perfectly human

Became man so that he could become our high Priest

High priest who is Merciful (to man) and faithful (to God)

- High Priest (in old testament)... on the annual day of atonement, high priest represented all people and offered sacrifice on their behalf (mediator).
- This sacrifice was a foreshadow of sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Sacrifice of Jesus is better.
- *More on High Priest* (more in Hebrews 5)

Atonement

Meaning: Reconciliation of sinners to God
(in NT achieved through the blood of Christ)

Romans 5:11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

Jesus is now the mediator and has reconciled us to God

I Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus

God's wrath was satisfied by sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, and sinners are declared righteous

2:18

8. How does
temptation faced by
Jesus benefit us?

verse 18

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As a human, Jesus faced the same temptations but did not yield to temptations. Yielding is easy but resisting is suffering!

- He demonstrated that **victory over temptations is possible**
- He is able to **empathize** with us.

II Corinthians 1:3-4 Comforted ones can Comfort others better! Experience matters for empathy. The God of all comfort; ⁴ Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

Tempted,
but no sin!

Hebrews 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. ¹⁵ For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

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You will drift
away! (2:1)

How will you
escape? (2:3)

Two warnings!

2 Solutions:

1. Be anchored in Acts 2:42 (to avoid drifting)
2. Receive the free gift of salvation (to escape death)