

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why was it necessary that Christ should suffer so much to perfect the way of salvation?
2. What types of suffering did Jesus experience?
3. What should be man's reaction to the reality of God's grace?
4. Jesus was victorious over sin and temptation. What should that mean to us?

SUMMARY:

What a great love God has for man, that He would even consider sending His own Son to live here on earth! As we consider the response of sinful man to a righteous God we can only wonder at this love. The angels must have been more surprised at this turn of events than we might be if we saw the President of the United States performing some lowly task. We expect the son of the owner of a large company to have some special privileges, but we still fail to grasp the enormity of the act that caused God to send His Son for our salvation.

Some, still failing to understand the reasons behind what God has done, will accept it—and have accepted it—in faith alone. These and these alone will spend eternity with God, the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit as the Bride of Christ.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #2

July 10, 2005

Third Quarter

CHRIST, GOD'S GREAT SON

LESSON TEXT: *Hebrews 1:1-14*

LESSON SETTING: Written from Italy to the Christian Jews in Palestine. The author is unknown but many believe it was written by Paul.

TIME: Approximately 64 A.D.

- I. EXPRESSING THE FATHER.** Hebrews 1:1-3
 - A. Inspired the Prophets (vs. 1) Luke 1:70; Acts 3:21; James 5:10
 - B. Now Speaks through Christ (vs. 2) John 12:48; 14:24
 - C. Christ, the Image of God (vs. 3) Philippians 2:6; Colossians 1:15; 2 Corinthians 4:4
- II. EXALTED ABOVE ANGELS.** Hebrews 1:4-8
 - A. Better Than Angels (vs. 4) John 3:31; Romans 14:9; Revelation 1:11
 - B. Angels Worship Christ (vs. 6) 1 Peter 3:22; Revelation 5:11-12
 - C. Christ Over All (vs. 8) Zechariah 9:10; Ephesians 1:22; Philippians 2:9
- III. ENDURING FOREVER.** Hebrews 1:9-14
 - A. Eternal (vs. 11) John 17:5; Hebrews 7:3; Revelation 22:13
 - B. Never Changes (vs. 12) Hebrews 13:8; James 1:17

GOLDEN TEXT: *UNTO THE SON HE SAITH, THY THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER.*
Hebrews 1:8

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Hebrews 2:1-18

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Psalm 8:1-9; Romans 8:31-39;
Ephesians 1:15-23

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ, The Son of God

TOPIC: CHRIST, THE SOVEREIGN SAVIOR

INTRODUCTION:

How often when we are in a period of pain or discomfort and desirous of someone to understand, do we reject those who offer words of comfort as not being able to understand. How often do we assure ourselves that no one knows of the hurt that we experience in our bodies or minds. There are times though when someone *is* able to reach the need and provide the comfort. It is because they “speak the same language”; they know what is going on and we feel that they have been through it and are thus qualified to comfort. The Word tells us that the captain of our salvation—if indeed we have found His salvation—was made perfect through suffering.

Is it not wonderful that though He was and is higher than the angels, God sent Him to live the sinless life and yet suffer that He might be fitted to succor us? It is an unspeakable treasure to know that Christ has experienced all, through which He can be at the right hand of God to intercede for us. He knows how I feel and can “speak the language” of my needs if I will but listen.

CENTRAL TRUTH: God was made flesh, that He could dwell among us and be touched by our plight.

GOLDEN TEXT: *BUT WE SEE JESUS, WHO WAS MADE A LITTLE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS FOR THE SUFFERING OF DEATH, CROWNED WITH GLORY AND HONOUR.*
Hebrews 2:9

The other day an acquaintance of mine told me of a visit he had the previous night. It seems a friend of his, a boy who played with him, who went to the same school and lived in the same neighborhood had returned for a visit. In the interval of time since they had graduated from school, the friend had gone on to become quite famous. He was a noted college athlete and now had entered professional sports. My friend could not get over the fact, that in spite of his recent acclaim, his friend was still interested in him and had chosen to take the time to come and see him. The gulf, if it can be called a gulf, between the two young men is as nothing compared to the gulf between sinful man and the Lord Jesus. Yet, Jesus comes to us as Savior, High Priest and Friend. The thrill my friend experienced, is nothing compared to the thrill that grips the heart of every believer who says, “my Friend and Savior came to me and extended salvation and continues to come to me in my need.”

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF July 11 - 17

- M. Sovereign in Worship. Matthew 17:1-9
- T. Sovereign in Judgment. Matthew 25:31-46
- W. Sovereign over Sin. Mark 2:3-12
- T. Sovereign in Nature. Mark 4:35-41
- F. Sovereign over Spirits. Luke 8:26-35
- S. Sovereign over Life and Death. John 11:32-44
- S. *The Sovereign Savior. Hebrews 2:1-18