The Great Author of our Salvation



HEBREWS 2:10-18

A. The work of God: "bringing many sons to glory"

"bringing"-to carry, to lead

"glory"-speaks of the fulfilment of our salvation when we are glorified



B. The consistency of His character: "it was fitting for Him"

"fitting": proper, consistent with

It was consistent with God's wisdom. The cross was a masterpiece of wisdom. God solved the problem which no human or angelic mind could have solved. What He did was also consistent with His holiness, for God showed on the cross His hatred for sin. It was consistent with His power, being the greatest display of power ever manifested. Christ endured for a few hours what will take an eternity for unrepentant sinners to endure. It was consistent with His love, in that He loved the world so much that He gave His only Son for its redemption. Finally, what He did was consistent with His grace, because Christ's sacrifice was substitutionary. The work of salvation was totally consistent with God's nature. It was entirely fitting for Him to have done what He did." (MacArthur)

C. The Means: "the author of their salvation"

"author": archegos

Lit: "pioneer" (also, captain, originator)

Acts 3:15, 5:31..."Prince"

Ex: used of a man who founds a city

Ex: man who starts and heads a family

Ex: pioneer who blazed a trail for others to follow

D. His Requirements: "to perfect"... "through Sufferings"

On Justification:

"Those whom God effectually calls, he also freely justifies, not by infusing righteousness into them, but by pardoning their sins, and by accounting and accepting their persons as righteous; not for anything wrought in them, or done by them, but for Christ's sake alone not by imputing faith itself, the act of believing, or any other evangelical obedience to them, as their righteousness; but by imputing Christ's active obedience unto the whole law, and passive obedience in his death for their whole and sole righteousness by faith, which faith they have not of themselves; it is the gift of God." (Baptist Confession of Faith 1689)

Chapter 2: The Sanctifier of our Salvation (11-12)

"sanctified"-made holy, pure

Positional Purity

Hebrews 10:14 (NASB95) — **14** For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Colossians 2:10 (NASB95) — **10** and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;

Hebrews 13:12 (NASB95) — **12** Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

Chapter 3: The Brotherhood of our salvation (11b-12)

"This is the only way a person can become a brother of Christ, and therefore a child of God.

We are not into the divine family, only reborn into it" (Macarthur)

How many times do we not proclaim His truth?

How many times do we keep the gospel in our hearts and not on our lips?

These weak Hebrews believers were no different

Chapter 4: The Conquerer of our Salvation (14-15)

"partook"- taking hold of something that is not naturally one's own kind

Question: What exactly did Christ accomplish in His death?

- A. Conquered Satan and Death (14b)
 - 1) Satan at the cross (Colossian 2:13-15)
 - 2) Death in His resurrection (John 14:19)

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B. Freed us from the fear of death (15-16)

"The world's ultimate question is: "has anyone ever cheated death?"—to which the Bible replies: "Yes, Jesus Christ." The second most important question is: "If He did, did He leave the way open for me?"-to which the Bible also replies, "Yes." He did leave the way open. All we have to do is to put our hand in His hand and he will lead us from one side of death to the other" (MacArthur)

"The fact that our heart yearns for something Earth can't supply is proof that Heaven must be our home" (CS Lewis)

Chapter 5: The Sympathetic Helper of our Salvation 17-18)

"He was hungry, He was thirsty, He was overcome with fatigue, He slept, He was taught, He grew, He loved, He was astonished, He was glad, He was angry, He was indignant, He was sarcastic, He was grieved, He was troubled, He was overcome by future events, He exercised faith, He read the Scriptures, He prayed, He sighed in His heart when He saw another man in illness, and He cried when His heart ached" (MacArthur)

Conclusion:

Be Sanctified...

Pursue practically what Christ has accomplished for you positionally...sanctification

Does your life serve as an improving pattern of Jesus Christ?

Conclusion:

Be Humble...

The work of salvation beginning to end is a work of God's grace accomplished in the person of Jesus Christ

Be Proclaiming...

The fact that God in Christ considers you a son/daughter...that Christ sees us as his co heir should cause us to proclaim His truth

Conclusion:

Take heart....

You have a sinless, faithful, intercessory High Priest, who has experienced suffering and temptation and can relate to an strengthen you in the midst life's greatest difficulties