

**A Better Way
Reconciliation
Hebrews 2.10-18**

Hebrews is the book of the Better Way, in Hebrews we have seen,

- **Our Superlative Savior**
 - Jesus Christ is not another way to heaven
 - Jesus Christ is not a better way to heaven
 - Jesus Christ is the **ONLY WAY** to heaven

John 14:6 - Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

- **Our Purging** – We are fully Pardoned from our sins when Jesus Christ,

Hebrews 1:3 - . . . by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

- **Our Stand** – Don't Slip (2.1) Don't let the Word of God slip.
- **Our "So Great A Salvation"** (2.3)

In our study we have seen great things manifested in the first two chapters of Hebrews. Incredible truths that are revealed only in the Word of God.

Today we discover our great reconciliation with God,

I. The Reaching for a Fellowship (vs 10-13, cf. 11)

*Hebrews 2:10–13 - 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. ¹¹For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified **are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,** ¹²Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. ¹³And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.*

It is an amazing and great truth that our God calls us brethren. How can that be? How can almighty God call us sinful human beings, made of dust, brethren?

Notice how God worked this all out. It is revealed in our text.

God reached out to us for fellowship by,

A. Taking the Form of a man (vs 10, 14) – Our Lord took on the form of a man

*Hebrews 2:10 - 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.***

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I. The Reaching For Fellowship
A. Taking the Form of a man

In order for our Lord Jesus Christ to be made perfect through suffering he had to take on the form of a man.

Notice,

*Hebrews 2:14 - **Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same;** . . .*

Notice also,

Hebrews 2:7 - Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:

We know from the Word of God that mankind is currently considered lower than the angels, but one day in the future the redeemed will judge angels (1 Cor 6.3).

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the creator of heaven and earth (Col 1.16-17) the Lord God Almighty, when He became a human being (Incarnation) allowed Himself to be in a form lower than the angels.

Why would He do that?

To save you and me! Glory to God.

B. The Forming of Sons (vs 10-11) - *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**, - Sanctification and Consecration.*

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I. The Reaching For Fellowship

- A. Taking the Form of a man
- B. The Forming of sons

Sanctification – For something to be sanctified it is set apart unto God.

We cannot sanctify ourselves, it is God who supernaturally sanctifies us.

There are two senses of sanctification in the Word of God.

- **A Supernatural Separation** – The Work of God

When we are Born-Again Almighty God, our Lord Jesus Christ, sanctifies us through his supernatural power.

*Hebrews 10:10 - By the which will **we are sanctified** through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

Through the finished work of Jesus Christ on Calvary's Cross we are sanctified.

- **A Struggling Separation** – Turning sanctification into personal consecration

2 Timothy 2:21 - If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

This is where human beings work to get their mind and heart into the same place that God has placed them.

Through the Sanctification we have received we are,

- Adopted into the family of God (vs 10-11, John 1.12-13) –
... *Bringing many sons . . . (vs 10), . . . Call them brethren . . . (vs 11)*
- Citizens of Heaven, a part of God's glorious Kingdom (Eph 2.19)
- Joint Heirs with Christ (Rom 8.17)
- Seated in Heavenly Places with Christ (Eph 2.6)

It is a glorious thing to be sanctified through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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I. The Reaching For Fellowship

- A. Taking the Form of a man
- B. The Forming of sons – He sanctified us.

II. The Ridding of the Foe (vs 14-15)

A. The Descriptions of Power (vs 14-15) -

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.***

There are two great powers in view in this statement,

- The Power of the Devil (vs 15) – Bringing mankind into death and bondage.
- The Power of Christ (vs 14) – To Deliver mankind and destroy the Devil.

B. The Destruction of the Power of the Devil (vs 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;***

The Devil is real and real powerful. He seeks to devour and destroy anything and everything God loves. That would be any and every human being. By

keeping a person in sin and sinfulness he seeks to rob every person of the Grace and Deliverance God offers through the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord Jesus Christ through His finished work on Calvary's Cross offers complete deliverance for every person who will hear, believe and receive this free gift of salvation and deliverance.

C. The Deliverance from the Power of the Devil (vs 14, Colossians 1:13; Colossians 2:14–15) -

. . . that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

In the New Testament we learn,

Colossians 1:13 - Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

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Two things in this verse,

- Our Deliverance
- Our Sanctification

Colossians 2:14–15 - Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, **nauling it to his cross;¹⁵And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, **triumphing over them in it.****

Our Lord Jesus Christ Triumphed over the devil and his power by mailing our sins to Calvary's Cross.

In Christ we have Victory In Jesus!

III. The Reconciling with the Father (vs 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.**

When you are at odds with someone, what should you do? You should be reconciled to them. You should work things out and make things right.

We should not be like the old Hatfields and McCoys, forever in a feud. We need to be reconciled to our fellowman.

- Husbands and wives should be reconciled
- Brothers and sisters should be reconciled
- Old friends should be reconciled
- Neighbors should be reconciled
- Sinners and God should be reconciled

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III. The Reconciling with the Father

- A. God's Anger Over Sin

Do you realize that you need to be reconciled with God?

A. God's Anger over Sin (Psalms 7:11)

*Psalm 7:11 - God judgeth the righteous, **and God is angry with the wicked every day.***

2 Corinthians 5:11 - Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

Only the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work on Calvary's Cross can reconcile you with God. There is no other way.

B. God's Atonement for Sin (Leviticus 17:11)

*Leviticus 17:11 - For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: **for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.***

Look back in Hebrews,

Hebrews 1:1–3 - God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, ²Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; ³Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, **when he had by himself purged our sins,** sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Only the Lord Jesus Christ can reconcile you to God. The really wonderful news is, He already has, if you will be reconciled.

C. God's Appeasement from Sin (Colossians 1:20)

Colossians 1:20 - **And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself;** by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

The question is will you be Reconciled to God?

If you have then you will find it very easy to worship and praise the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 2:12 - *Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.*

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