**Jesus Our Captain**

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**Hebrews 2:10-15**

**Sunday Morning**

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12 saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You." 13 And again: "I will put My trust in Him." And again: "Here am I and the children whom God has given Me."

14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

**10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.**

Saints, Christ, the perfect leader, was able to fulfill what no other human was able to fulfill. Although people were commissioned to rule the earth, their sin kept them from the task.

Jesus’ sacrifice brings his human brothers and sisters into glory that will one day be restored to people in the future Kingdom.

Because God made everything, he determines what sacrifice is necessary for sin. He, the Creator of the world, determined what was needed for salvation. Through the suffering of Jesus God could bring people into their salvation.

Jesus did not need to suffer for his own salvation because he was God. His perfect obedience (which led him down the road of suffering) demonstrates that he was the complete sacrifice for us. Through suffering, Jesus completed the work necessary for our salvation.

**11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,**

Christians are the ones Jesus makes holy. This action is once and for all. We have been made holy—set apart for God’s service. Our sin was poured into Christ at his crucifixion; his righteousness is poured into us at our conversion.

This is what Christians mean by Christ’s atonement for sin. While God sees us as completely holy through the sacrifice of his Son, we must grow in our holiness as we live for God throughout our lives.

We who have been set apart for God’s service, cleansed, and made holy (sanctified) by Jesus now have the same Father as he does. Because God has adopted all believers as his children, Jesus is not ashamed to call believers his brothers and sisters. Those who are not ashamed of Jesus, gladly accepting him as Savior and Lord, will find that Jesus is not ashamed to call them members of his family.

**Luke 9:26**

“For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.”

**12 saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You."**

The next two verses give three quotations from the Old Testament to show the relationship between Jesus and believers. Jesus readily identified himself with God’s people.

While on the cross, Jesus quoted from the opening words of Psalms22 (see Matthew 27:46).

**Psalm 22:22-28**

22 I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You. 23 You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!

24 For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He hidden His face from Him; But when He cried to Him, He heard. 25 My praise shall be of You in the great assembly; I will pay My vows before those who fear Him. 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; Those who seek Him will praise the LORD. Let your heart live forever!

27 All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the LORD, And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You. 28 For the kingdom is the LORD's, And He rules over the nations.

**Matthew 27:46**

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

Saints, these words of abandonment at the beginning of this Psalms give way to words of praise at the end, quoted here. Jesus’ death and humiliation on earth ended in victory, declaring the wonder of God’s name to those who believed, his brothers and sisters.

To “declare a name” means to reveal the character of that person. Attributing these words to Jesus from this messianic Psalms means that Jesus, through his humanity, revealed God’s character.

**13 And again: "I will put My trust in Him." And again: "Here am I and the children whom God has given Me."**

These verses, originally recorded in Isaiah 8:17-18, are applied here to Christ, further showing Christ’s identification with humanity.

**Isaiah 8:17-18**

17 And I will wait on the LORD, Who hides His face from the house of Jacob; And I will hope in Him. 18 Here am I and the children whom the LORD has given me! We are for signs and wonders in Israel From the LORD of hosts…

Saints, Isaiah was persecuted and his message rejected by the people. Isaiah encouraged the people not to listen to false advice, but to God alone. Like Isaiah, Christ put his trust in God the Father. Christ readily accepts his relationship with the children whom God has given to him.

These are his spiritual “children,” those who are called his brothers and sisters, God’s people. Like those faithful to God in Isaiah’s day, we should stay true to Christ and ignore the advice that would distract us from following him.

**14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,**

Saints, after building his case that Christ had become a human being, the writer explained why such association and identity were important.

Death is the common fear and final experience of all people, and only as a human being, made of flesh and blood, could Christ die because only by dying could he break the power of the Devil, who had the power of death. His death and his return to life showed that death had been defeated.

**Romans 6:9**

“knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him”

Saints, sin and death are interconnected: Sin results in death. Only by first breaking the power of sin could Christ then break the power of death. He accomplished both through his death and resurrection.

In those acts, Christ dealt the final blow to both Satan and death. Although Satan still holds great power over this world, he is mortally wounded. God allows Satan to work, but limits him…

**Job 1:12**

“So the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person." So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD”

**Job 2:6**

And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand, but spare his life."

**Ephesians 4:25-27**

25 Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another. 26 Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, 27 nor give place to the devil.

**Ephesians 6:11**

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil”

**1 Timothy 3:7**

“Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil”

**James 4:7**

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

**1 Peter 5:8-9**

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

Saints, just as salvation is partly realized now and will be fully realized later, in God’s Kingdom, so Satan is still at work but will one day be destroyed.

**Revelation 20:10**

The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

**15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.**

Saints, people have always been slaves to the fear of dying. Eventually, however, death strikes everyone. Through Christ, however, we no longer need to fear dying and death.

Christ died and rose again and only in this way could he deliver humanity. Because Jesus died and arose, we no longer need to be enslaved to the fear of dying. We know that because Jesus rose from the dead, we will also.

We will die physically, but we are promised new bodies and a new life in eternity with God. Thus, death becomes the gateway to a new life.

**2 Corinthians 5:8**

We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

Saints, Soon and Very soon, Jesus is about to appear, we are almost out of here!

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

**1 Corinthians 15:50-54**

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

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**Acts 2:38-39**

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

**Let’s Pray!**

**Benediction**

**"May The LORD bless you and keep you, May The LORD make His face shine upon you, May The LORD be gracious to you, May The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you His (Shalom) peace.” In Jesus Name!**