"Who Did You Say Jesus Is?" Hebrews 2: 5 - 9 October 6, 2013

The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Sets Right Again All The Earthly Realm, (vs. 2: 5 - 18)

God's Purpose For Setting All Things Right Again Is Accomplished In Christ's Condescension, (vs. 9)

<u>Message Emphasis:</u> Many do not see Christ as the necessary atonement. We must understand that Christ had to die to make salvation possible & all that are granted God's grace will see that they are saved by His death.

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"They answered him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing
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the works Abraham did, but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did." (John 8:39–40, ESV)

9.2) We Must Understand That A Christ Who Was Not Crucified Is No Christ At All!

Our Text Says, "Who For A Little While Was Made Lower (Perf. Pas. Part) Than The Angels"

- Not what but "Who" ...many want to strip out any personal relationship with Christ; be saved but not by Christ
- Not indefinite but "For A Little While" ...many run to divinity & fail to see the humanity of Christ
- Not accidental or reactionary but "Was Made" ...many believe the cross was an afterthought ... worse, an accident
- Not arbitrary but "Lower" (Perf.Pas.Part) ...many avoid the details of the cross; God intentionally humbled His Son
- 1) "Have this mind among yourselves, 2) which is yours in Christ Jesus, 3) who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 4) but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 5) And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Philippians 2:5–8, ESV)
- 1) Christ's condescension is not just theological; it is a command "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:29, ESV)

Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King! Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring. Hail, thou universal Savior, who hast borne our sin and shame! By thy merits we find favor; life is given through thy name.

- 2) Christ's condescension is an indication of our redemption "It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."" (Matthew 20:26–28, ESV)
- 3) Christ's condescension was volitional; He willfully surrendered His position "For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me."" (John 12:49–50, ESV)

O dearest Jesus, what law hast thou broken That such sharp sentence should on thee be spoken? Of what great crime hast thou to make confession, What dark transgression? What punishment so strange is suffered yonder! The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander; The master pays the debt his servants owe him, Who would not know him.

- 4) Christ's condescension was absolute; He took on the "nature" of His creation "For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit." (Romans 8:3–4, ESV)
- 5) Christ's condescension cannot be optional; we must be found in His death "And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."" (Matthew 26:39, ESV)

By the cross of Jesus standing, Love our straitened souls expanding, Taste we now the peace and grace! Health from yonder tree is flowing, Heav'nly light is on it glowing, From the blessed Sufferer's face.

Here is pardon's pledge and token, Guilt's strong chain forever broken, Righteous peace securely made; Brightens now the brow once shaded, Freshens now the face once faded, Peace with God now makes us glad.

***What Must I Do To Be Saved? ***

<u>Message Directive:</u> Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul ONLY by God's grace can you see Christ as the Only Savior who died to make your salvation sure. "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! (Isaiah 45:22, ESV)

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich." (2 Corinthians 8:9, ESV)

- **9.3)** Our Text Says, "Jesus Crowned (Perf.Pas.Part) With Glory And Honor" "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses." (Acts 3:13–15, ESV)
- **9.4)** Our Text Says, "Because Of Suffering Of Death" "For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God." (Romans 5:6–9, ESV)
- **9.5)** Our Text Says, "So That By God's Grace He Might Taste (Aor.Mid.Subj) Death For Everyone" "All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day." (John 6:37–39, ESV)

- The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Mosaic Law (vs. 3: 1 4: 13)
- The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Mosaic Temple (vs. 4: 14 6: 12)
- The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Abrahamic Identity, (vs. 6: 13 7: 10)
- The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Aaronic Priesthood, (vs. 7: 11 28)
- The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Old Covenant, (vs. 8: 1 10: 39)
- The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Has Been Demonstrated As Reliable, (vs. 11: 1 40)
- The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Will Persevere Through Extreme Difficulty, (vs. 12: 1 29)
- The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Changes The Entire Perspective Of The Believer, (vs. 13: 1 25)