
Week 6 Sermon, September 17, 2023
Hebrews 2:10-18 – *The Son's Suffering*

Discussion Questions

1. While no one enjoys suffering or persecution, the Bible makes it clear that ALL who belong to Jesus will suffer. What do 2 Timothy 3:12, Hebrews 10: 32-34, Romans 5: 3-5 and 1 Peter 5: 9 say about the believers and suffering? What hope can we find in Psalm 22: 4-5, Romans 8:17-18, 1 Corinthians 10:13 and Hebrews 4: 15-16? Add your own verses.
2. In what ways can suffering be seen in a positive light? See Hebrews 5:8, 1 Peter 5:10, Isaiah 53:10. Christ's suffering should strengthen our resolve in our own suffering (*verse 18*). Take a moment to think back to a time of suffering—whether externally induced or as a result of denying your own flesh. Thank the Lord for His mercy and faithfulness to you during that season. If you fell into temptation, confess and seek His forgiveness.
3. Three times in our passage the author uses the word “brothers.” God has made us a family through union in His Son. Discuss what it means that Jesus “is not ashamed to call them brothers.” Have you ever experienced a time when you were ashamed to claim the name of Christ? How did it deepen your relationship with God?
4. Augustine once said, “The Cross was a pulpit in which Christ preached His love to the world.” How did Jesus define love in John 14:23-24? Why is it not enough to simply believe/trust in His work; what else must we do? See John 3:36. Obedience is evidence of His Spirit at work in us. Read Romans 8:5-9.
5. *Imputation* occurred three times in the history of redemption: Adam's sin to us, our sin to Christ and Christ's righteousness to us. Why and how should we praise God for this?
6. In verse 17 the author of Hebrews writes, “Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in every respect . . .” Why is it necessary that the Son had to be fully man and fully God? In His divinity, He couldn't be made sin (*see 2 Corinthians 5:21*) and in His humanity, He is both the priest and the offering. It is Christ's own life and His own blood that made propitiation for our sins.
7. Try explaining the very technical theological terms *imputation*, *hypostatic union* and *propitiation* in a way a young person can comprehend.

(For help explaining the term “hypostatic union,” read the lyrics by Shai Linne on next page.)

Excerpt from
The Hypostatic Union
By Shai Linne
(from "Lyrical Theology Part 1: Theology")

See, only a human can substitute for human lives
But only God can take the wrath of God and survive
See the humanly unsolvable obstacle?
With God all is plausible, nothing's impossible

True haters'll fight it but the story is certain
Two natures united in one glorious person
Jesus, the God-Man, official soul reaper
The hypostatic union—it gets no deeper
