

JESUS TASTED DEATH FOR US

Hebrews 2:5-13

I. INTRODUCTION-

- a. The book of Hebrews has two great themes... #1, The superiority of Jesus Christ.
- b. #2, The encouragement for believers not to be content to remain where we are in the Christian faith...but to move on to spiritual maturity.
- c. The key phrase of these verses is found in verse 10... "*Bringing many sons and daughters unto glory.*"
- d. The purpose of Jesus Christ coming into the world and dying on the cross... is so that He may save those who believe in Him from a lost life and a lost eternity...and bring them into glory.
- e. The word "glory" occurs 3 times in these verses... in verse 7 ... verse 9 ... and verse 10.
- f. God did not create human beings to be sinners... and to be in the sinful mess that we are in.
- g. God created us to know Him and to love Him... to fellowship with Him... to receive His blessings and to share in His glory... God did not create us to fear and hate Him.
- h. God created human beings... to have a position even greater than the angels...God created us to have dominion over His creation.
- i. But because of sin... human beings have lost the glory and we have lost the blessings... that God intended for us to have.
- j. The gospel is the story of how Jesus Christ came into the world... to make it possible that we might be restored to the glory... to the blessings, fellowship, place and position with God...that God intends for us to have.

II. THE GLORY THAT WAS LOST-

- a. Before they sinned... Adam and Eve were clothed in the light and the glory of God...but after they sinned...everything changed.
- b. Genesis 3:7 says that after they sinned... the eyes of Adam and Eve were opened... and they realized they had lost the glow and the glory that God had clothed them in.
- c. *Genesis 3:7 (NKJV) "Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings."*
- d. To try to hide what they had done and to hide what they had lost... Adam and Eve sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.
- e. Human beings... have been trying to cover their sin, disobedience and lostness from God ever since.
- f. With the "fig leaves" of false religion... human goodness, wisdom, philosophy, independence, endeavors, and achievements.
- g. But nothing that man can do or try... can cover a person's sin... and redeem them from the penalty of their sin, lostness and separation from God.
- h. When Adam and Eve sinned...all of creation fell under the curse of sin ...and sin and rebellion were introduced into the stream of humanity.
- i. But the only way you can blame Adam and Eve for your lostness... is if you have never sinned yourself.
- j. We are not lost because of what Adam and Eve did in the garden ... we are lost because like Adam and Eve... we too have chosen many times to break the laws of God and to sin against Him.
- k. God did not create human beings...to live the way they have since the fall of Adam and Eve.

- l. God did not create human beings to live in a world full of sin ... to live in the bondage sin...in the filth of sin ... to live in fear and in conflict with one another ... inflicting evil, harm, suffering and death upon one another.
- m. God did not create you and me... to live in rebellion against Him... God did not create us to be lost from Him forever.
- n. God created human beings to live in fellowship with Him ... to enjoy His blessings and goodness... to have dominion over His creation ... even over the angels... but all of that has been lost because of sin.
- o. Because of sin... man is a fallen creature... because of sin we have lost the glory of His presence and blessings that God wants us to have.
- p. *Romans 3:23 (NKJV) "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*

III. THE GLORY THAT WAS REVEALED-

- a. God is a good God...in spite of our sin and rebellion against Him... God loves us.
- b. The good news is...God does not give up on sinners...God wants to restore us to the glory we have lost.
- c. God wants us to have and to experience the glory of His love, fellowship, acceptance and blessings ...both in this world... and in eternity to come.
- d. To forgive us of our sin... and restore us to the glory of God... God took action... God acted... God moved... God took the initiative... we could do nothing... but God could... and hallelujah God did!
- e. What God did was astounding and astonishing... what God did... is called the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- f. God sent His Son...Jesus Christ...into the world to rescue us from sin

... and restore us to God's glory.

- g. *Hebrews 2:9-10 (NKJV) "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. 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."*
- h. Jesus left the glory of Heaven to come into this world as a man... and when He did... He brought the glory of Heaven with Him.
- i. When Jesus was born as a baby... the glory of God was veiled in His tiny human flesh... when Jesus ran as a boy... the glory of God was veiled in His growing body... when Jesus sang Psalms in the synagogue in Nazareth... the glory that lights up Heaven... the glory of Heaven itself ... was veiled in His human flesh... when Jesus walked the fields of Palestine... the glory of God was veiled in His human flesh.
- j. Everywhere Jesus went when Jesus was in this world in His ministry ... His glory was veiled in His human flesh.
- k. When Jesus hung on the cross... as He was tasting death for every person ...as He was paying the price for our sins... as He was making salvation possible for all who will believe in Him and receive Him as their Savior and Lord... His glory... the glory of Heaven... was veiled in His beaten, scarred, bloodied and mangled human flesh.
- l. There was only one time in His earthly ministry that Jesus allowed just a small portion... just a small measure... of His divine glory to shine through His human flesh... and that was on the Mount of Transfiguration.
- m. *Matthew 17:1-2 (NKJV) "Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. The appearance of His face was*

altered and shone like the sun, and His clothes became shining and glistening exceedingly white, like snow, as white as the light, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them.”

- n. Even after His resurrection... Jesus still did not exhibit the full expression of His divine glory ... even in His glorified and resurrected body.
- o. But there will come a day... when the full measure of the divine glory of Jesus Christ will be on display for all the world to see.
- p. One day Jesus Christ is coming again to this world... and when He does ... His divine glory will no longer be veiled behind human flesh ... His glory will be on full display for all the world to see.
- q. We have all been in storms... when a bolt of lightning hit that was so strong and so powerful that it caused the lights in our home to go out.
- r. The Bible says that when Jesus Christ comes again... His presence will be so powerful ... it will knock the lights of the universe out.
- s. *Mark 13:24-26 (NKJV) “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.”*
- t. We have all heard of the Battle of Armageddon ... as if it is some great battle...in reality... the Battle of Armageddon won't but much of a battle at all.
- u. At the end of the tribulation...at the Battle of Armageddon... just as the largest and most powerful army ever assembled by man is about to open fire on a redeemed and saved Israel to destroy it.
- v. The Bible says the sky will open and Jesus Christ will come again with the armies of Heaven... and 2 Thessalonians 2:8 says that Jesus

will use two weapons to defeat that mighty army of the Antichrist.

- w. That great army will be consumed with the breath of the Lord's mouth ... and with the brightness... the glory...of His coming.
- x. On that day... Jesus will say two words... "drop dead"... and the Battle of Armageddon will be over.
- y. How glorious is the glory of Jesus?... the glory of Jesus is the light of Heaven... *Revelation 21:23-24 (NKJV) "The heavenly city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light."*
- z. How glorious Jesus is!... and it is that glorious Lord... who veiled His glory in human flesh... and came into this world to die on the cross... and taste death for every person... so that we may be saved from our sin.

IV. THE GLORY THAT IS RESTORED-

- a. Jesus came to save us... and to bring us back to the glory God intends for us to have.
- b. The moment a person turns from their sin and gives their life to Christ ... God begins the process of bringing them unto glory.
- c. The first thing God does to bring us back to His glory is to save our soul... by His blood He redeems us... by His power He saves us ... by His grace our names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life ... by His mercy He makes us His child... and by His Spirit He begins to change us and restore us to His glory.
- d. As the glory of Christ was veiled in His human flesh... so the glory of what God begins to do in the life of the believer is veiled in our human flesh.

- e. After we get saved... we don't look that different... but we are... no more are we ruled by sin... no more are we a part of Satan's rebellion ... no more are we lost and separated from God.
- f. After we get saved... we may not look different... but we are different ...and as God begins His work of redemption in us... soon we begin to act different... we begin to talk different ... we begin to live differently ... our values...our standards... and our purpose in life begins to change.
- g. We will not be perfect in this world... but as God begins the process of returning us to the glory He intends for us to have... we will be different.
- h. And on the day we die... when our souls are set free from our fallen body... we will enter into the glory God has prepared for us.
- i. And when our body is raised from the grave... our body will be changed and glorified and rejoined with our soul.
- j. And in Heaven for all eternity... we will live in the glory... and we will receive the blessings and privileges that God intends for us to have.

V. CONCLUSION-

- a. Satan is a robber... Satan wants to steal from you what God wants you to have.
- b. Satan wants you to die... God wants you to live... to receive all of the goodness and glory He wants you to have.
- c. In these verses... the writer of Hebrews says a wonderful thing about Heaven.
- d. He says that in Heaven... Jesus will call us His brother and sisters ... and when we worship in Heaven... Jesus will join us and sing.

- e. *Hebrews 2:11-13 (CSBBible) “For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying: I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; I will sing hymns to you in the congregation. Again, I will trust in him. And again, Here I am with the children God gave me.”*
- f. Listen... God wants you to have a better life for you than you can imagine... He wants you to experience His goodness... His grace... and His glory.
- g. Jesus the King of glory came into this world to save you and to bring you to glory... don't turn from Him... trust Him today.