

DISCUSSION IDEAS
HE BECAME ONE OF US TO DELIVER US
PART 2
HEBREWS 2:10-18

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For review: We saw in Hebrews 1 that the preacher is teaching and encouraging Jewish believers who were tempted to give up and return to Judaism, following the Law of Moses as a means to eternal life.

They knew that angels had been involved in bringing God's revelation to them.

The preacher makes it clear that Jesus message was superior to the previous revelation just as He Himself was superior to the angels themselves.

Let's look at three ways in which Jesus' humanity was the necessary and critical factor in God's plan.

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT ONE: WHAT DOES JESUS' HUMANITY HAVE TO DO WITH DESTROYING SATAN AND DELIVERING US?**

Read Heb. 2:14-15.

In verse 14, what does Jesus' humanity have to do with destroying the devil?

What gave Satan his power over mankind?

Satan is happy when people are prohibited from entering God's presence.

What is it that prevents that?

Is it valid for the unsaved person to fear death? Why?

What is the "certificate of debt" in Colossians 2:13-15? What individuals are required to pay that debt?

How does that debt give power to the devil?

What does Jesus humanity have to do with cancelling that debt?

So, back to the first question, what does Jesus' humanity have to do with destroying the devil?

Discuss the joy that is portrayed in 1 Corinthians 15:53-57. What are all the amazing statements made there?

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT TWO: WHAT IS THE DEAL ABOUT GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM IN HEBREWS 2:16?**

Remember who were being addressed in this letter?

They were descendants of Abraham. How are they being compared to angels? What is God's focus here?

What point is being made in Romans 4:9-12? [NOTE: As you read this, keep in mind that "the circumcised" is a term for "Jews" and "the uncircumcised" refers to us Gentiles.]

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In Rom. 4:11, when Abraham received righteousness by faith, was he a member of "the circumcised", or of "the uncircumcised"? Look closely! How does this passage relate our Gentile righteousness by faith to that of Abraham?

So how could only Jesus, the incarnate Son and descendant of Abraham extend to us Gentiles the blessings of Abraham?

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT THREE: ATONEMENT.**

Remember that only the High Priest could take the blood for the atonement of sins into God's presence? Only through blood, and only by the hand of a (human) High Priest could this be done.

What does Heb. 2:17-18 say about this?

Who WAS the sacrifice? (Compare Heb. 2:10)

Who was the High Priest who brought the blood sacrifice to God?

How did Jesus' humanity fit into this?

♦ **REFLECTION:**

"Hopefully it is now clear why the only person in all the universe worthy to open the scroll is Jesus (Rev. 5:5-14). He alone is qualified to accomplish God's purpose to bring many sons to glory.

"We have much for which to praise God and the Lord Jesus. Through His incarnation

- we will be restored to glory, honor and authority;
- we have become part of Jesus' family;
- we are no longer slaves to the fear of death;
- we are partakers of the blessings of the Abrahamic Covenant;
- we have a merciful and faithful High Priest."