

Who Is Your Father?

December 30, 2018 – Hebrews 2:10-18

“In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for Whom and through Whom everything exists, should make the Author of their salvation perfect through suffering. Both the One Who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. He (Jesus) says, I will declare Your Name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing Your praises. And again, I will put my trust in Him. And again He says: Here am I, and the children God has given me. Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels He helps, but Abraham’s descendants. For this reason He had to be made like His brothers in every way, in order that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in service to God, and that He might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because He Himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.”

In the Beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Gen. 1:1) We know that God created all things in 6-24 hour days and the 7th day He rested. God created a beautiful world, made a beautiful garden and in that garden called Eden, God placed Adam. God then said, “It is not good for Man to be alone.” (Gen. 2:18) So God made woman from the rib of Adam and God brought the two of them together and the Two became ONE.

Adam and Eve became the **First Family**. People are born into families, they are adopted into families, they marry into families. Do family members always get along? No - Brothers - sisters – spouses can disagree – argue – even fight. What a blessing when they make up.

What other type of families do we have? By God’s Grace we have a CHURCH FAMILY.

Do members of a Church Family Always get along? No, of course not. To pretend that the Church family always gets along would be like putting on a blind fold. But none the less we are part of a Church Family.

This term FAMILY is used in our text for this morning.

Vs. 11 – “Both the One Who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same FAMILY. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers.”

But it is interesting to note that the Greek term family is not given directly in the Greek. Instead the Word Translated as Family is - Ενος Παντες - All ONE

“Those Who are made Holy are ALL ONE.” WHAT IS IT THAT MAKES US Part of A CHURCH FAMILY?

Is it money? Is it property? Is it Power? Is it a Social club? Is it to get contacts for our business?

NO – NO – NO - Not at all!

That which makes us A Family is Christ Jesus. It is our common Faith In Christ Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

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HOW DID JESUS MAKE IS ONE in the Same Family?

The Writer to the Hebrews tells us:

Vs. 14 – Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil

I John 3:8b – “The Reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.”

Heb. 2:15 – and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

Fear can disable, immobilize, someone. When a LION Attacks its prey, as the Lion ROARS, the prey can freeze in terror.

The Fear of Death can cause people to freeze in terror. Yet God has helped us and continues to help us.

Vs. 16 – For surely it is not angels He helps, but Abraham’s descendants.

The Good Angels do not need a Savior, as they are confirmed in Holiness.

The Evil Angels are not able to be saved as they are confirmed to Hell.

Yet Mankind, the believers of Jesus, Are Helped, Saved from Hell and the fear of death.

Vs. 17 – For this reason He had to be made like His brothers in every way (YET WITHOUT SIN - Heb. 4:15) , in order that he might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in service to God, and that He might make atonement for the sins of the people.

Jesus Atoned for our Sin. Jesus made Payment for our Sin. Jesus reconciled us to God, even when we were enemies of God. Jesus made propitiation for our sin.

How Did Jesus pay for our Sin? With His Blood on the cross.

Vs. 18 – Because He Himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

And Jesus is able and willing to help us because He also suffered in this World.

Jesus Understands, and You and I can take it to the Lord in Prayer, at anytime in any place.

WOW! Those are powerful Words.

If we were simply together as a congregation for financial reasons or political or Social or Business reasons, we could pick up at any time and find someone else to associate with at any time.

BUT We are part of the FAMILY of Jesus.

And He made us part of HIS FAMILY

Jesus Who is TRUE GOD – BECAME TRUE MAN. He took on Flesh and blood for what reason.

Hebrews 13:12 – “And so Jesus also suffered to make the people Holy through His Own Blood.”

Vs. 12 – “He (Jesus) says, I will declare Your Name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing Your (God the Father’s) praises.”

And because Jesus has made us Part of His ONE HOLY Christian Church. Part of His Family, we can look forward to singing Praises forever in Heaven at the Great Family Reunion in Heaven, the Great Banquet Of Salvation.

And How is this Possible? - Because of JESUS CHRIST. AMEN!