



Title: Christ's Incarnation (Part 1)

Text: Hebrews 2:9-18

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. [10] For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. [11] For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, [12] Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. [13] And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. [14] Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; [15] And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. [16] For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. [17] Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. [18] For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

v.9 “who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death,”

- The chief reason why Jesus came into the world was to die on the cross for man's sin.
- He came to make atonement for man's sin and that atonement was made in His death.
- Death was the penalty for man's sin, and death was the price that Christ had to pay (Rom. 5:12; 6:23).

v.9 “by the grace of God”

- Salvation is solely by the grace of God. It is a gift that was purchased by God and that is freely offered to the believing sinner.

V.9 “taste death for every man”

- Jesus tasted death for every man.
- Jesus died to make it possible for every sinner to be saved (1 Jn. 2:2).

v.10 “for whom are all things, and by whom are all things”

- All things exist by God and for God.
- Colossians 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

v.10-v.13

- Believers are made one with Christ so that not only is He our Lord and Saviour but He calls us brethren as well.
- Three Old Testament passages are applied here to Christ. “I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee” is quoted from Ps. 22:22. “I will put my trust in him” is probably quoted from Ps. 18:2, but it could also be from Ps. 16:1 or 91:2. “Behold I and the children which God hath given me” is quoted from Isa. 8:18.

v.14 “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same;”

- The Son of God was literally incarnated in flesh and blood.

v.14-15 “that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”

- Death was a part of the devil’s dominion; that he introduced it; that he seduced man from God, and led on the train of woes which result in death.
- Christ destroyed the devil in the sense of providing redemption for sinful man so that the believer is no longer under the devil’s dominion and no longer fearful of death.

v.16 “For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.”

- Jesus came in the lineage of Abraham.
- He was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death.

v.17-18

- Because of Jesus’ humiliation, sufferings, and temptations, He is a merciful and faithful high priest.
- He is able to make reconciliation for our sins and to succour us in our temptations. “The word succor means “to run when called for” and was used of physicians. Christ runs to our aid when we call Him!