

Spiritual Growth Questions for May 17, 2020

(take one question each day and grow deeper in Bible study)

1. **Read Psalm 8:3-8.** In this psalm, David expresses astonishment at God's concern for man. What does Psalm 8:6-8 say about man's God-appointed role on earth? In what ways is man made a "little lower than the angels"? Do you struggle believing that God is mindful of you during these days? Why or why not?
2. **Read Hebrews 2:6-8.** In what ways do you feel the tension of the already-not yet playing out in your own life? How do you see this tension manifest itself in the world? Does it seem like this world is subject to Christ?
3. **Read Hebrews 2:11-13.** How does the author stress Jesus' complete identity with man? What stands out to you? What responses do you see demonstrated in these verses?
4. **Read Hebrews 2:14-17.** What three purposes for Christ's death do you see in 2:14-17? Which one of these purposes speaks to you the most right now?
5. **Read Hebrews 2:18, Matthew 4:4-11.** Since Jesus was sinless, suffering did not make Him morally or spiritually perfect. How, then, did suffering make the 'author of salvation perfect'? (According to 2:18, in what area did suffering make Christ perfect?) How does looking back at how Christ was tempted help us in our temptations and trials?
6. **Deep Study Question: Read Hebrews 2:9.** We know that Jesus tasted death for every man. Will everyone be saved because of this sacrifice? **Read I Timothy 4:10, Eph. 5:25-27, Titus 2:14, John 10:15, 11:52, 17:9, I John 2:2, Acts 20:28, Revelation 1:5, 5:9.**
7. What things cause you to doubt the veracity of the gospel and the work of the last Adam, Jesus? How does this passage help you overcome those fears and doubts?
8. Is the death of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, upon the cross absolutely central, vital and essential? Is it possible that He paid the price and yet it could become irrelevant to you?

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Better with Jesus: A Study of the Book of Hebrews

Jesus Saves Hebrews 2:5-18

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The book of Hebrews presents the greatness of Christ like no other New Testament writing. The author knew that by remembering and lifting up Jesus, he would help the readers endure their difficult circumstances. As this book is read, it demands a response. Let's take advantage of this time to listen to Him and pray this study will help us grow and be Better with Jesus! Today we will focus on how Jesus dealt with our biggest enemies which gives us the assurance that he will be faithful in our current trials and temptations. Jesus knows how to help his followers. Jesus Saves!

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Key Questions: What makes salvation in Jesus so great? Why should we pay attention to it? How does he deal with our past? How does Jesus save?

Big Idea: Because Jesus dealt with our biggest enemies (sin and death), he can surely help us with our present trials and temptations. Jesus saves!

I. Jesus saves because He shows God's great _____ for us.

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Job 7:17 "What is man that you make so much of him, that you give him so much attention?"

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness."

Luke 7:16 They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said, "God has come to help his people."

You matter to God. Your relationship with God matters.

II. Jesus saves because he tasted death to _____ us from our sins.

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Taste – His death makes salvation available to all people.

The first Adam plunged humanity into sin and death, the last Adam was plunged into death to undo the work of the first Adam. Albert Mohler

Hebrews 2:10 For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.

Jesus saves me because I believe He died for me!

III. Jesus saves because He makes us _____ to be in His family.

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Trust –fully depend on, fully reassured, fully persuaded. Romans 8:38

My response is to worship and trust Jesus with my life! Jesus saves!

IV. Jesus saves because He can bring the _____ we need when we need it.

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Partook/shared/koinoneo – fellowship, take a share in, took a share in our flesh and blood.

Destroy/katargeo – render inoperative, render powerless or free something. Jesus annulled the power of death.

1 Corinthians 15:26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Three fears that death bring: 1. Loss of mastery/control 2. Fear of incompleteness and failure. 3. Separation from loved ones. Robert Neale "Art of Dying"

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Make propitiation- make reconciliation, removal of guilt and the relationship is restored. It turns aside God's wrath and restores our relationship with God.

Hebrews 7:25 Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Four ways Jesus saves us:

1. He gives us help with our trials and temptations.
2. He destroys our greatest enemy the devil.
3. He liberates us from the fear of death.
4. He makes us holy through the forgiveness of sins and by fulfilling God's law on our behalf.

**If Jesus can save me from my biggest problems, He can save me from my present difficulties. Jesus is more than able to help us right now!
Jesus Saves!**