

FLESH AND BLOOD ~ Hebrews 2:14-18

→ Scripture Reading - Hebrews 2:14-18 (NLT)

JESUS WAS FULLY HUMAN ~ Hebrews 2:14-15

[13] ...Here am I, and the children God has given me. [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 - [15] and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

REASONS WE FEAR DEATH... R K Hughes

- idea of PAIN
- thought of SEPARATION
- fear of the UNKNOWN
- fear of HELL

1 Cor. 15:55-56 (NIV) "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin...

APPLICATION

1 John 3:8 (NIV) ...The reason the Son of God appeared was to DESTROY the devil's work.

Colossians 2:15 (NIV) And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, **triumphing over them by the cross.**

1 Peter 5:8-9 (NIV) Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. [9] Resist him, standing firm in the faith...

James 4:7 (NIV) Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Psalm 23:4 (NIV) Even though I walk through the valley of the SHADOW OF DEATH, I will **FEAR** no evil, **FOR YOU ARE WITH ME...**

*In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light my strength my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
'till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!*

JESUS IS A MERCIFUL, FAITHFUL HIGH PRIEST ~ Hebrews 2:16-18

[16] For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants.

Gal. 3:29 (NIV) If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

THROUGH THE INCARNATION JESUS...

- did NOT become an Angel vs. 16
- became flesh and blood vs. 14,17
- became a MERCIFUL and FAITHFUL High Priest vs. 17
- became the PERFECT Sacrifice vs. 17
- became our HELPER vs. 18

[17] 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.

Romans 5:8 (NIV) But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

[18] Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

APPLICATION

He Himself has SUFFERED...

- Shame and Humiliation
- Pain
- Temptation
- Poverty
- Rejection
- Hatred
- Cruel Death
- WRATH of God
- Separation from God

1 Cor. 10:13 (NIV) No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

LIES ABOUT TEMPTATION...

- no one will ever know
- this one time won't hurt
- I can always confess later
- No one else has ever felt this

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TRUTH ABOUT TEMPTATION...

- I am NEVER Alone
- Jesus UNDERSTANDS
- I am Never the only one
- God knows my Limits
- there is ALWAYS and Escape

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TAKE AWAY ??



ICTHUS - Jesus Christ God's Son Savior."



THIS IS WHY THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM BEGINS:

Question 1: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Answer: That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ, who with his precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; and that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by his Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready to live for him. R K Hughes

QUESTIONS

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