

Hebrews 2:14-15 (NLT)

[14] Because God's children are human beings - made of flesh and blood - the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death.

[15] Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

Hebrews 2:16-17 (NLT)

[16] We also know that the Son did not come to help angels; he came to help the descendants of Abraham. [17] Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people.

Hebrews 2:18 (NLT)

[18] Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested.

Flesh and Blood

Hebrews 2:14-18

Reasons we FEAR Death...

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

1 Corinthians 15:55-56 (NIV)

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of DEATH is sin...

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!**

Galatians 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
- became **flesh and blood**
- became a **MERCIFUL** and **FAITHFUL**
high priest
- became the **PERFECT Sacrifice**
- became our **HELPER**

Romans 5:8 (NIV)

But God demonstrates

his own love for us in this:

While we were still SINNERS,

Christ DIED for us.

He Himself has SUFFERED...

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

1 Corinthians 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** an **ESCAPE**

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Jesus Christ God's Son Savior



Hebrews 6:19 (NIV)
We have this HOPE
as an ANCHOR
for the soul,
firm and secure.

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.

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QUESTIONS

1. Why is it important to know that Jesus was a REAL human man and that He suffered when tempted?
2. Why do we struggle with temptation?
3. What is the good news about temptation?