

The Founder Of Our Hope
Hope Chapel Honolulu
Hebrews 1:13 - 2:13

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.
(Hebrews 2:1-4, ESV)

Introduction

Jesus Christ is the founder of our Hope. While it is true that church planting with a bias towards the reproduction of disciples and the multiplication of churches can have a prophetic and spiritual impact on the world we live in, the fact is that “one man plants, another waters, but God gives the growth” (1Co3:7). Christ, the only begotten Son of God, existed above all of creation, including the angels, and yet humbled Himself not just to the form of man but to the cross of redemption, that we might all live as God’s dearly loved children today and forever. Jesus Christ is our Hope.

1. The testimony and witness of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Hebrews 1:13-2:4)

- a) Jesus Christ is above all creation, including God’s angelic servants and messengers.
- b) The witness of angels, signs, wonders, miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

2. The then, now and not yet of the Gospel. (Hebrews 2:5-9)

- a) Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man. (Jn3:11-21).
- b) Christ the Savior, King of Kings and Lord of Lords (1Ti6:14-16, Re19:16).

3. Christ’s suffering, sanctification, source and siblings. (Hebrews 2:10-13)

- a) What does it mean that the founder of our salvation was made perfect through suffering?
- b) He for whom all things exist, he who sanctifies, we who are sanctified and this “source.”

Conclusion

We end this first section of the Letter to the Hebrews with Christ’s identity being framed by His relationship with God the Father, God the Holy Spirit and the angels in the heavens. How great a salvation have we received in Christ? The writer of the Hebrews was reminded that this “great salvation...was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will” (Hebrews 2:3-4, ESV).

For our prayerful study, discovery and application:

- 1) How is the Christ of the Scriptures different from what you have read or heard elsewhere?
- 2) How does this passage of Hebrews impact your understanding of and belief in God?
- 3) What does it mean to you that the Father sees you as His child and that Christ sees you as His sibling?

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