

“But We See Jesus...” (Part 2)

The GLORY of CHRIST

The Glory of Christ (Heb. 2:9; Jn. 1:14; Lk. 9:32; Matt. 17:5 [2 Pet. 1:17-18]; Jn. 11:4, 40; Jn. 12:23; 13:31-32; 17:5; Lk. 24:26; 1 Pet. 1:11, 21; Heb. 3:3; Rev. 5:13)

Man falls short of the glory of God due to sin (Rom. 3:23)

Our Glory with Christ (Heb. 2:10; 2 Cor. 3:18; Rom. 2:7; 1 Pet. 4:13; 5:1, 4; Phil. 3:21; Col. 3:4; Rom. 8:18)

JESUS is BETTER

The author of the book of **Hebrews** emphasizes that which is “**better**” about Jesus and what He has done for us in accomplishing the great plan of God

“**Better**” (13x) – 1:4; 6:9; 7:7, 19, 22; 8:6; 9:23; 10:34; 11:16, 35, 40; 12:24

Jesus is **BETTER** because we see Him who:

1) **SUFFERED**

- A) Tempted (Heb. 2:18)
- B) Death (Heb. 2:9; 5:8; 13:12)
- C) A Savior who suffered (Isa. 53:4-5, 7, 10-11; Psa. 22:12-18; Matt. 16:21; Lk. 24:26, 46; Acts 17:2-3)
- D) He is a High Priest that is sympathetic to our sufferings (Heb. 2:18; 4:15; 12:2-3)
- E) He left us an example of how to face our own sufferings (1 Pet. 2:21-23)
 - 1) We can endure our sufferings in Christ (1 Pet. 4:14; Heb. 13:13; 10:32-33; 11:26)

2) Was **PERFECTED**

- A) Author of our salvation was made perfect [complete] through sufferings (Heb. 2:10)
 - 1) Uniting of the Savior with the saved in humanity and suffering (vv. 11-18) resulting in constant sympathy and help (4:14-16)
- B) Jesus perfected as the author of our eternal salvation (Heb. 5:9)
- C) Jesus perfected forever (Heb. 7:24-28)
- D) We are perfected through Christ (Heb. 10:14; Col. 1:28)

3) **OFFERED** Himself

- A) Jesus was sent to be a High Priest (Heb. 2:17; 3:1; 4:14; 5:1-6; 7:26; 8:1)
- B) A High Priest must have something to offer to God (Heb. 8:3)
 - 1) OT priests offered blood of bulls and goats (Lev. 16:14-15; Heb. 9:7, 12-13, 19, 23; 10:1-4)
- C) Jesus offered Himself (Heb. 9:11-14) once (9:28) for all (7:27)
- D) We are now sanctified and perfected through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Heb. 10:10, 12, 14)
 - 1) We now bring our offering to God through Christ (13:15-16; Rom. 12:1)

4) ENTERED

- A) Jesus entered heaven and appeared in the presence of God for us (Heb. 9:24)
 - 1) This was the Most Holy Place of the greater and more perfect heavenly tabernacle (9:11)
 - 2) Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle – necessary for Him to have something to offer (8:2-3)
 - 3) Entered (once for all) with His own blood (of the offering of Himself) to obtain eternal redemption (9:12)
- B) Jesus, as a forerunner, entered the Presence behind the veil for us (Heb. 6:19-20)
- C) We are now able by the blood of Jesus to enter the Holiest by a new and living way (Heb. 10:19-20)
 - 1) We are to draw near with a true heart and full assurance of faith (vv. 21-22; 4:16; Eph. 2:18)

5) Is a MEDIATOR

- A) A mediator mediates peace between two opposing parties – man and God separated by sin (Isa. 59:1-2; Jas. 4:4)
 - 1) As the one mediator between God and man, Jesus gave Himself as a ransom to bring reconciliation and peace (1 Tim. 2:5-6; Rom. 5:10; Col. 1:20-22; 2 Cor. 5:18)
- B) As our High Priest, Jesus became the Mediator of a better covenant (Heb. 7:22; 8:6)
 - 1) Mediator of the new covenant by means of death – covenant sacrifice (9:15-23; 12:24; 13:20)
- C) The new covenant/law of Christ contains the conditions to receive redemption and eternal life (Heb. 9:15; Jas. 1:25)

6) SAT DOWN

- A) Jesus, when He had purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high (Heb. 1:3)
 - 1) Has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God (12:2)
 - 2) A High Priest seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens (8:1)
- B) Sat down because there is no need for Him to stand daily repeating the same sacrifices of old that can never take away sins (Heb. 10:11-12; 9:25-26)
- C) Continues to sit today ruling and waiting till His enemies are made His footstool [defeated] (Heb. 10:13; Psa. 110:1-2; 1 Cor. 15:25-26)
 - 1) The kingdom of Christ is where we have redemption/forgiveness of sins (Col. 1:13-14)
 - 2) Jesus came to be a king and His kingdom is present today (Jn. 18:36-37; Heb. 12:28)

7) MAKES INTERCESSION

- A) An intercessor pleads to one party on behalf of another, usually for help (cf. 1 Tim. 2:1)
- B) As our High Priest, Jesus ever lives to make intercession for us (Heb. 7:25; 4:14-16; Rom. 8:34)
 - 1) How comforting it is to know that Jesus knows our every need and petitions the Father on our behalf!

8) WILL APPEAR

- A) Jesus “appeared” the first time to “put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself” (Heb. 9:26)
- B) To those who “eagerly wait” for Him, He “will appear a second time” apart from sin, for salvation (Heb. 9:28; Titus 2:13; Phil. 3:20; 1 Cor. 1:7; 1 Thess. 4:16-17)
 - 1) Let us be among those who will “love His appearing” (2 Tim. 4:8)

Do you see Jesus as the Scriptures present Him? Do you see what He has done for you? What will you do in response to His love and mercy?

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