

Message Notes: Hebrews 2:9-11

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1. Context of Hebrews: The Jewish Christians to whom this was written were considering (in the face of persecution) going back to the Old Testament ritual and the Old Covenant, and turning away from Jesus and the New Covenant. This epistle was written to show them how Jesus is superior and how everything in the old pointed to Him!
2. In what way was Jesus made 'lower' than the angels?
3. In what incredible and unbelievable way was Jesus crowned with glory and honor?
4. How was His sacrifice far greater than the countless sacrifices that preceded His?
5. What sets apart the Christian religion from every other religion on earth?
6. What 'death' is being spoken of in vs. 9?
7. What riches are ours by belonging to this family?
8. Why do you think the writer used Jesus' personal name (rather than Christ, son of God, etc.) exclusively in our text?

Growth Group: Hebrews 2:9-11

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Intro:

How has the concept of 'family' changed through the years?

How is your family different now compared to your childhood?

How is the family referred to in our text so much superior and more important than even a biological family?

Discussion Points:

Take a few moments in breakout groups to discuss and review the 'Message Notes' from today.

Message notes for today discussion.

Many (to whom Hebrews was written) were turning away from Christ. Many today have also. Are the reasons for falling from the faith different today, or similar to the 1st Century A.D.?

In Catechism instruction, we speak of Christ's 'humiliation' and Christ's 'exultation'. How do we see both in our sermon lesson for today?

Verse 8 was not part of our text this morning, but perhaps should have been included – “*Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him. **BUT...** (vs.9) we see Jesus....* We may not have all the answers, but “we see Jesus”. How sufficient is that?

Translation Challenges:

See handout - *Additional Thoughts on Today's Message*