

Hebrews 2:10-18

The Suffering Son

A light shines in the darkness (Luke 2:8-14; John 1:4-9).

There are four images of Jesus in this passage that speak to our deepest needs.

1. Pioneer, v. 10

founder, leader, scout, instigator, author, captain

Pioneers often experience great suffering.

Jesus suffered as our pioneer and was perfected through this suffering.

His suffering was not for himself but for us.

2 Corinthians 5:19 “God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself.”

Hebrews 4:14-16

2. Brother, vv. 11-13

He is both the goal and the means to the goal.

The path to glory is sanctification: being set apart for God, total devotion, and the lifestyle that goes along with this ownership.

Sanctification is not simply purification or cleansing from sins (a passive idea) but the indwelling presence of Christ through the Holy Spirit (an active idea).

Hebrews 12:14

1 John 1:7

Jesus provides a place of belonging.

We become part of the family of God (Romans 8:16).

3. Liberator, vv. 14-16

Why did Jesus have to come as a human being?

a. To destroy the devil who has the power of death (v. 14b)

b. To deliver us from the fear of death (v. 15a).

c. To deliver us from sin (v. 17)

d. To deliver in times of the suffering of temptation (v. 18)

4. High Priest, vv. 17-18

Jesus identified with us so that:

1) We might find victory from sin in this life and the life to come (redeemed)

2) We might find victory over temptation in order to confirm victory over sin (sanctified)

The good news of this message that I need in my life today is: