



The Book of Hebrews 2:11-13 All are of One!

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Holy Text: Hebrew 2:11-13

From last week... (Heb 2:10)

1. It was “fit” for the Father to send the Son. It was the only way to accomplish our redemption!
2. The God who created all things for His own “good pleasure” (Eph 1:5)...
3. Is bringing many sons to glory! Recall, God BRINGS us. Salvation is of the LORD! (Ps 3:8; Jon 2:9) We are His Sons and Daughters! What love! (1 John 3:1) And God’s salvation in Christ is described as GLORY! Ultimately, the greatest glory of Man is everlasting communication with God Himself!
4. Jesus is described in this context of mercy as “The Captain of our Salvation.” That is, Christ is the author and founder of our salvation. He is its Prince and Chief.
5. And our Captain was made “perfect through suffering.” That is, Christ perfected (affected) our salvation through (or by) His suffering. He purchased our redemption by His blood! (Acts 20:28) Oh may we never forget or cease to be in awe of our glorious redemption in Jesus Christ our LORD!

Colossians 1:12-14 (KJV) *Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: **13** Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: **14** In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:*

All are of One!

Hebrews 2:11 (KJV) *For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,*

1. Whereas the “him” in verse 10 was the Father, the “he” here is Christ.
 - We know this because grammatically, the same “he” that calls them brethren does things that could, in fact, only be done by Christ.
 - “He” sanctifies us by His blood, shows humanity the Father, sings praises to God for us, trusts in the Father while on earth, and calls the redeemed the “children” the Father has given Him. (See also John 6:37-39, 17:4-7)
 - Also, the same “he” partook of flesh and blood and destroyed (and is destroying) the devil and his works! (v.14)

1 John 3:8 (KJV) *He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*

2. Christ sanctifies!
 - The Greek word for sanctify is *hagiazō*. It means “to make holy, that is, (ceremonially) purify or consecrate; (mentally) to venerate: - hallow, be holy, sanctify.”¹ The Thayer dictionary says, “to separate from profane things and dedicate to God.”
 - Hallelujah! Jesus consecrates us! He sets us apart for sacred use! Jesus makes us Holy!

Hebrews 13:12 (KJV) *Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.*

¹ Strong’s Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries

3. We who are Sanctified: Some Thoughts on Sanctification

- When I was growing up, people used to talk (sometimes nostalgically but often unsympathetically) about “the sanctified church.” I suppose they were to be distinguished from the non-sanctified church? Is there such a thing?
- What was meant though was clear: they were the “holy rollers” who took the Bible seriously and their lifestyles showed it. They were “saved, sanctified, and Holy Ghost filled!” :)
- Somehow, a negative connotation developed around the word *sanctified*. Certainly, some churches may have gone too far (over into legalism...creating man-made rules or elevating secondary doctrines to salvific status), but many simply tried to lovingly call people to holiness! Obedience to Scripture IS NOT legalism. It is commanded!

John 14:15 (KJV) *If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

John 15:14 (KJV) *Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.*

1 John 5:2 (KJV) *By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.*

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (KJV) *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*

James 1:22 (KJV) *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

1 Peter 1:14-16 (KJV) *As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: 15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.*

Revelation 12:17 (KJV) *And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

- Beloved, EVERY believer (by definition, someone set apart by Christ) should be sanctified! They should live *out* their *inner* transformation, and do so joyfully, consistently, and humbly!
- When considering sanctification, please know that there are three kinds: *positional, practical, and perfect sanctification.*

1. **Positionally**, every believer is “made holy” at the time of their salvation. They have become new creatures (2 Cor 5:17). They have been made righteous (Rom 5:19), dead to sin and alive to God (Rom 6:11). The Holy Spirit lives in them! (John 14:17)

Romans 8:9 (KJV) *But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*

2. **Practically**, we all still sin. Each day we are *progressively (gradually)* made more holy in body as we pray, study Scripture, repent, and strive for holiness.

Romans 7:18-25 (KJV) For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. **19** For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. **20** Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. **21** I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. **22** For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: **23** But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. **24** O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? **25** I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

2 Corinthians 7:1 (KJV) Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (KJV) Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. **18** But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

3. **Perfect Sanctification** will come when we are in the presence of the LORD. The body of sin will be forever done away!

Philippians 3:20-21 (KJV) For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: **21** Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

1 John 3:2 (KJV) Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

1 Corinthians 15:52-57 (KJV) In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. **53** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. **54** So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. **55** O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? **56** The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. **57** But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Until that which is perfect has come (1 Cor 13:10), we must 1) Trust in His grace...

Titus 2:11-13 (KJV) For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, **12** Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; **13** Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

- and 2) Fight...wage the good warfare, in the Holy Ghost, against the lust of the flesh:

Romans 8:13 (KJV) *For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.*

Galatians 5:16-25 (KJV) *This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness (lust and excess), 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance (quarreling), emulations (jealousy), wrath, strife, seditions (selfish ambition), heresies (division and disunity), 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

4. As a result of our being made holy, we are given this phrase in the Holy Text: “Are all of one!”

John Gill wrote, “They are both of one God and Father, Christ's God is their God, and his Father is their Father; they are of one body, Christ is the head, and they are members; they are of one covenant, Christ is the surety, Mediator, and messenger of it, and they share in all its blessings and promises; they are of one man, Adam, Christ is a Son of Adam, though not by ordinary generation, they descend from him in the common way; they are all of one nature, of one blood; Christ has took part of the same flesh and blood with them.”

Matthew Henry said, “*Both he that sanctifieth and those that are sanctified are all of one.* Observe, Christ is he that sanctifieth; he has purchased and sent the sanctifying Spirit; he is the head of all sanctifying influences. The Spirit sanctifieth as the Spirit of Christ. True believers are those who are sanctified, endowed with holy principles and powers, separated and set apart from mean and vile uses to high and holy uses and purposes; for so they must be before they can be brought to glory. Now Christ, who is the agent in this work of sanctification, and Christians, who are the recipient subjects, are all of one. How? Why, (1.) They are all of one heavenly Father, and that is God. God is the Father of Christ by eternal generation and by miraculous conception, of Christians by adoption and regeneration. (2.) They are of one earthly father, Adam. Christ and believers have the same human nature. (3.) Of one spirit, one holy and heavenly disposition; the same mind is in them that was in Christ, though not in the same measure; the same Spirit informs and actuates the head and all the members.”

From the Preacher’s Homiletical Commentary: “The union between Christ and a believer is not so much one of co-operation as one of incorporation. For as my limbs are a part of my body, as the branch is part of a tree, so Christ and His people are verily and indeed members one of another. And the union between Christ and His true Church—the members of His body—can never be dissolved. Treat this truth as a solemn reality. Do

not think of it as a mere theory or doctrine or speculation. It is a great fact to *live* by day by day. Since the Saviour and His people are together sons of one God, He in His love and condescension annihilates the distance that is between them, and He calls them *brethren*. He is “the firstborn among many brethren.” He “is not ashamed to call them brethren.”

Charles Spurgeon said, “They are, first, “all of one” in the divine design. In the great mind of God, it is not Christ alone, and His people alone, but Christ and His church who are regarded as “all of one.” They are fitted, constituted, designed for each other. They are the complement of each other. In the divine mind it was not the Christ, the Anointed, as the Head apart from the whole body adown which the holy anointing oil should flow—it was the Head with all the members of His mystical body that the great Father saw.

5. And because of our unity in Christ, having been brought near by the blood of Jesus (Eph 2:13), He is not ashamed to call us brethren, (His brothers and sisters)! Whoa! Again from Spurgeon:

"In the mind of God it was settled that there should be a race of beings who should serve Him, of whom His own Son should be one—very God, but yet, at the same time, truly man—and He did not think of His Son in that complex relationship otherwise than as being the Head of a vast community, the perfect Image to which multitudes of others should be conformed.

I cannot fully bring out the thought that I see in the text, for here we are in the great deeps. But the more you shall turn this truth over, the more you will discover that from of old God ordained Christ and His people as parts of one wondrous plan. It was not, as some have tried to represent it, that JEHOVAH made a mistake by creating men who fell into sin, and that He then adopted an expedient by which He restored them. But the whole scheme of redemption is all part of the great eternal system and plan matured in the divine mind, that by redeeming love, manifested in the person of His well-beloved Son, the Lord might create unto Himself a people who should forever be one, akin unto Himself and like unto the Well-beloved.”²

Hebrews 2:12 (KJV) Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

1. This is a quote of Ps 22:22. The writer of Hebrews is interpreting this verse in a Messianic way, intimating that Christ (the Messiah) declares the Name of Yahweh Elohim (Hebrew words used in this Psalm) to His brethren! Which of course, He did:

John 17:6 (KJV) I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

John 17:25-26 (KJV) O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. 26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

² <https://www.spurgeongems.org/sermon/chs2418.pdf>

2. And that's not all. Jesus sings! In the midst of the church, He praises (or "will praise" as some hold) the Father along with us! Matthew Henry said, "Christ would sing praise to his Father in the church. The glory of the Father was what Christ had in his eye; his heart was set upon it, he laid out himself for it, and he would have his people to join with him in it."³

Hebrews 2:13 (KJV) And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.

1. This is perhaps a combined quote of Ps 8:2 and Isaiah 8:17-18:⁴

Psalms 18:2 (KJV) The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

Isaiah 8:17-18 (KJV) And I will wait upon the LORD, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him. 18 Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

2. John MacArthur writes, "The citation of Isa 8:17-18 (cf. 2Sa 22:3) emphasizes the point made in verses 9-11: that Christ had fully identified Himself with mankind by taking a human nature. He demonstrated the reality of His human nature by His reliance upon God during His earthly sojourn."

A humbling point to consider from these three verses is this: we are the family of God! All are of One!

Ephesians 2:14-19 (KJV) For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; 15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; 16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: 17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. 18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. 19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

Questions for His Praise:

1. Did you know that you are a part of God's family?
2. Jesus isn't ashamed to call you His brethren! How does that make you feel? How should that change you?
3. Did you know that Jesus sings? And that His songs are praises to the Father along with you?!?!?
4. What does it mean to you to be so closely knit with Christ?
5. Are you sanctified? Do you have a true desire to be set apart unto holiness and increasingly consecrated for God's use?

Amen!

³ Some see this fulfilled: **Matthew 26:30 (KJV) And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.**

⁴ The author may again be quoting from the Septuagint (LXX), as he did in Heb 1:6. <https://www.gotquestions.org/septuagint.html>