

Jesus, Our Brother, is the author of Salvation

Why couldn't God just forgive us of our sin?

1. God could have, from a distance, but then we would have had a **distant** God.
 - a. God wants a **relationship** with us, and that requires being with us and identifying with us.
 - b. Being with us and identifying with us means that God will also experience the **suffering** of this life.
2. With which type of God would you rather have a relationship?
 - One who writes a **check** to cover our debts from distance
 - One who seeks us out, sees the mess we have made of our lives, disrobes from all pretense and position, and works beside us to dig us out from our mess

10 In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. 11 Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. 12 He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises." 13 And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me." Hebrews 2:10-13

Vs. 10

1. *"Bringing many sons"*
 - a. This indicates the type of relationship those who are saved have with God: we are children and **inheritors** of the kingdom.
 - b. Butlers, middle managers, employees, and servants are not welcome in God's home: only those whom God calls "My son," or, "My daughter."
2. *"It was fitting"*
 - a. Jesus suffering was not arbitrary or by chance, but befitting the character and nature of God and has an eternal **purpose**.
 - b. Why would God allow the son to suffer? Is God so cruel and filled with blood-lust?
3. *"Author of salvation"* (also see in Hebrews 12:2)
 - a. This is another blown call by the NIV that misses the depth of the meaning of this word.
 - It means founder, head, general of army, or one who is the **source** or origin of something.
 - A person who begins something so that others might enjoy its benefits.
 - b. A better translation is that Jesus is our **trailblazer**, or pioneer, someone who gets his hands filthy, who sweats and suffers for His cause. (**illustration:** A ship is stranded, and one man swims to the shore, securing a line so that others might follow safely. He is the trailblazer or pioneer of the salvation of those on the ship.)
4. *"Perfect through suffering"*
 - a. Jesus' suffering makes him qualified to the task as trailblazer.
 - *"Perfect"* refers to a person who has fully carried out the purpose for which they were designed or **chosen**.

- My dog: My dog is a dumb dog, but that's OK. He is fiercely loyal and vicious should anyone seem to threaten Carissa. He is not warped by sin, though he is touched by mine. He fulfills God's purpose for him perfectly.
- b. We finally get to the why God would allow the son to suffer:
 - God is not full of blood-lust, needing **death** to satisfy a twisted need for justice.
 - God is like a good father who has a son whom He wants to take over the family **business**. The father insists that the son first work and master every job in the business before he be worthy of running the business. Only then will the son understand the business and be able to identify with its employees.
 - Jesus, because of his suffering, can now identify with us and understand our fears. God is no longer a distant God, but one who is here with us.

Vs. 11

1. "Holy" We are selected out, adopted for the purpose of **servicing** to God
2. "Same family" Jesus comes from our neighborhood and home. He is not from far away.
3. "Not ashamed to call us brothers" (if I had me as a brother, I'd be pretty ashamed)
 - a. Jesus is not ashamed of us, though we sometimes act as though we are ashamed of God
 - b. Brother is the term used for a **MANLY** brother: one who is full grown and of equal status
 - c. We, the seemingly lowly brother, the goofball, are restored to **greatness**.

Vs. 12 & 13

1. Quotes: Psalm 22:22, Isaiah 8:17, Isaiah 8:18
2. Jesus is saying this of US!!!!!! He is **proud** to be our brother. Imagine that!!!!

Video of Girl

This is a story of a big sister who sees her little brother dying. She believes that she must pour out her blood and die so that her brother might live. She is willing to make this sacrifice because she loves him so much.

You are welcome to use the following study as a part of your family or small group bible study this week.

Weekly Bible Study Re-read Hebrews 2:10-13

1. Why did Jesus need to suffer, and how did that make Him perfect?
2. What does it mean to be holy? Are we holy?
3. In what way is Jesus our brother?
4. Jesus is not ashamed to be our brother. Have you ever been ashamed of being in relationship with Jesus?