

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Key thought: In saving us, God goes further than people thought both necessary and possible.

Key scriptures: Hebrews 2:1-4; Hebrews 1:1-3; Hebrews 9:13-15; Hebrews 10:26-31; Romans 5:8, 18-19.

- 1. What was your major takeaway from this message?
- 2. Where were you when you were "saved"?
- 3. Sin is both active rebellion and a missing of the mark. How would you define these two ideas to someone who doesn't understand God's problem with sin?
- 4. "Salvation is through Christ alone not the cross alone." What new perspective does this statement offer us about how God saved us?
- 5. We can't understand salvation without understanding God's fierce holiness coming against sin. This is described, amongst other terms, by the idea of the 'wrath of God.' How would you explain the wrath of God to someone who believes God takes delight in inflicting pain?
- 6. God loves us too much to leave us where He finds us. Hebrews not only talks about the process of salvation but the power of it. Looking at the following benefits of salvation through reading the associated Scriptures, which of these are you experiencing the most? Which of these are do you wish to grow more in over the next year?

Freedom from sin Hebrews 1:3; 2:15-17; 9:14, 26-28; 10:2-4, 11-12, 17-22;	Personal Transformation Hebrews 5:14; 6:11; 7:11, 16, 19-25; 12:23
12:14; 13:12 Open Access	Presence and Help
Hebrews 3:1,14; 9:24; 10:19-22	Hebrews 2:18; 4:15-16; 13:5-8 Eternal Rest
Meet God on the Move Hebrews 2:11; 6:4; 10:10-14, 29-32; 13:12, 21	Hebrews 1:14; 2:3; 3:15ff.; 5:9; 6:9, 12ff; 7:19-25; 9:12-15, 26-28; 10:14, 23, 34-36, 39; 12:22-29; 13:14

7. The "kerygma" or "proclamation" is a term used to describe the "total Christ event—from pre-existence to Jesus' second coming. In your quiet time this week, spend time reading the Scriptures associated with each phase of Christ's life. What was impressed upon your heart as you read these verses in Hebrews?

I. Pre-existence (1:2)

- **II. Assuming a human body** (2:11-15; 10:5,10)
- **III. Living a sinless life** (4:14-15; 7:26-28)
- **IV. Suffering** (2:9-10,18; 5:8-9)

V. Dying on a cross (6:6; 12:2)

- VI. Resurrection and ascension (10:5-14; 12:23-24)
- **VII. Intercessory ministry** (4:14-16; 7:25; 9:24)
- VIII. Second coming (9:28; 10:13,36-39)