

(Hebrews 2:9)

1. What do you understand about Jesus as a result of verse 9?
 - What do you understand about His position in comparison to angels?
 - What do you understand about His purpose in the suffering of death?
 - Was Jesus placed in the position by God the Father for the suffering of death?
 - What do you believe it means that Jesus was adorned with glory and honor?
 - How could God show favor and acceptance to every person through Jesus experiencing the pain of death?
 - Can you explain what God accomplished through Jesus' death for every person on the earth? Do you believe you understand all that this means?

(Hebrews 2:10)

2. Do you believe the only right or suitable way to be an effective help for others is to go through painful, humiliating and distressful circumstances? Is this God's way? Is this the only way?
 - Why was this way of suffering the only suitable way for Jesus when all things were created for Him and through Him?
 - Is the narrow way of physical, mental and spiritual hardships the only way Jesus leads the children of God from immaturity to full age?
 - Is the narrow way of difficult pressures the only way of God's children are being formed in behavior, character, and the dignity of their relationship to their Heavenly Father?
 - Was the only way Jesus could be made complete as a glorified spiritual being in a human body be through the physical, mental, and spiritual suffering He experienced?
 - Could it be that God baptizes His children into physical, mental, and spiritual distressing, humiliating, painful life circumstances before He resurrects them into a complete life with a spiritual ability to be a help in leading others (Romans 6:1-5)?
 - Does it really take suffering, pressure and difficult hardships to make a person complete and mature?
 - Are you spiritually growing as a result of your distressful and humiliating life circumstances, or are you preserving your immaturity through running or fleeing from the pressures that come through your own flesh, through others, or through life situations?

Consider: What if staying under your present difficult circumstances is the only way God will complete you into the spiritual person with spiritual abilities He wants you to be? Are you willing?

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3. Could it be that God uses suffering to separate His children from the worldly dependencies of life and make them effective as spiritual help to those who are dependent upon the world?

- Did Jesus live a life separated from dependence upon the things of the world because of His relationship with the Heavenly Father? (See Mt. 4 and notice the object of dependence in each temptation Satan used on Jesus.)
- Are the believers who have been separated from their dependence upon worldly provisions through their relationship with Jesus Christ and through suffering of the same nature or disposition demonstrating the likeness of Jesus? Are they one in quality of being?
- Have they been brought forth by the same Spirit?
- If the believers are being separated from the world as Jesus was in their relationship with God, is this the reason He is not ashamed to brethren of the same origin as Himself?

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4. What did Jesus mean when He said He would proclaim God's name to those with the same nature as Himself?

- Do you think He meant that He was going to describe God's attributes? His character? His reputation? His authority? His dignity or importance?
- Now, have you been listening to Jesus' words?
- How much have you learned about God as a result of listening to Jesus? How much has the Jesus in you declared God and His ways to others?
- What did Jesus in this verse say He would do in the midst of those who have been called out and as a result of being called out when they meet together on a regular weekly basis?
- Have you heard Him sing praise to His Heavenly Father?
- Does He really live within the believers who sing?
- When you go to church, can you tell the difference between Jesus singing through the believers and just the believers singing?

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5. When Jesus determined to trust God, did He only do it once or did He continually trust God?

- Did Jesus determine that those God gave Him would only trust God once or live in constant trust of God?
- Do you believe that persuasion of truth and trust in God can be two separate things?

- Can a person trust God if he doesn't obey Him?
- Can a person trust God if he refuses to conform his way of life to His commands?
- Can a person trust God without confidence in Him?
- Can a person trust God if he does not practice principles that cause him to constantly depend upon Him?
- Can a person trust God if he doubts what He says or fears what He will let happen?
- Now, what do you live in disciplines that force you to be dependent upon the Lord and separate from dependence upon the world?
- Do you believe that you could suffer through the hardships of the transformation of dependence?
- How would you describe your resources of dependence?
- In your dependence, do you go to the world as a resource for your needs or does God send the things of the world to you to supply your need?
- See Lk. 6:38 – Do you give and as a result of being a resource for others' needs that God causes men to give to you so you can continue to be a resource for others?
- This is the true identification of dependence upon the Lord.
- Don't you think that the world needs the example of Christians who can give a financial alternative in the process of investment and income which will provide financial stability?
- Do you realize that there is a difference in God giving to my needs from the world rather than the world charging me interest on loans for my needs?