

HEBREWS—HANDOUT 9

Hebrews 2:5-18 (Cont.)

v. 10— What shift is present here?

The first word in the Greek text is the word for “fitting”. Why does the author emphasize (puts it first!) this?

The word “author” is better translated _____. Cf. Heb. 12:2

Is there a sojourn motif in this passage?

Best resource on the nature of crucifixion in the Greco-Roman world:

Martin Hengel, *Crucifixion* (excellent book)

v. 11— The issue with the word “one”.

Concept of sanctification.

vv. 12-13— What texts are being cited?

What kind of texts are these?

Isaiah 7 (_____)

Isaiah 8 (_____)

Isaiah 9 (_____)

Charles Dennison’s series, “Isaiah’s Christmas Children” (Isa. 7-11) at Kerux.com.

vv. 14-15— What is the purpose of the incarnation?

Incarnation →

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Atonement →

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The proconsul then urged him, saying, “Swear and I will release you; reproach Christ.” Polycarp answered, “Eighty and six years have I served him, and he never once wronged me; how then shall I blaspheme my King, who has saved me?” The proconsul again urged him, “Swear by the fortune of Caesar.” Polycarp replied, “Since you still vainly strive to make me swear by the fortune of Caesar, as you express it, affecting ignorance of my real character, hear me frankly declaring what I am—I am a Christian—and if you desire to learn the Christian doctrine, assign me a day, and you shall hear.” Hereupon the proconsul said, “I have wild beasts; and I will expose you to them, unless you repent.” “Call for them,” replied Polycarp. “I will tame you with fire,” said the proconsul, “since you despise the wild beasts, unless you repent.” Then said Polycarp, “You threaten me with fire, which burns for an hour, and is soon extinguished; but the fire of the future judgment, and of eternal punishment reserved for the ungodly, you are ignorant of. But why do you delay? Do whatever you please.” (Martyrdom of Polycarp, ca. 156 A.D.)

“fear of death”—

- v. 16— Why does he not help angels?
Why Abraham and not Adam?
Who are the “seed of Abraham”?
“take hold” (cf. Heb. 8:9)

Exodus Imagery:

- v. 17— Initial appearance of _____ motif.
Full expansion of this motif in Heb. 4:14-10:25

What is the purpose of the incarnation according to this vs?

How is Christ “faithful”?

Atonement = (1) _____
(2) _____

Leon Morris, *The Apostolic Preaching of the Cross* (best orthodox work on the meaning of the OT and NT terms)

“people”—

“What Christ did not assume, he did not heal/redeem” (Gregory Nazianzus [329-390], *Letter to Cledonius*)

- v. 18— Closure of unit: 2:10
2:18

Recall alliteration in v. 18, ?parallel to alliteration in v. 1.

What is the meaning of Christ’s “suffering” in that he was “tempted/tested”?

Why does the author mention this to his readers?

?Foreshadowing device