



December 7th, Rev Hugh Barlett

Hebrews 2:14–16 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.

Christ shared our life to save us

- Christ took on a human nature
- Christ destroyed death
- Christ set us free from fear

In the Context of Hebrews 2, we are part of a family with Christ as our redemptive “Big Brother”. How has your family sacrificed so that you could be helped?

How does Christ’s sharing of our experience help us when we face life?

What does the fact that Christ shared suffering and death for us do to our hearts?

How does it impact my perspective to think that Christ fought & defeated the Devil?

How does fear work on our lives to enslave us? Limit us?

How does the fear of death impact the days of our life?

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Isaiah 62:1–5 For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ² The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the



hand of your God. ⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

God stirs us from our sullen silence to a hopeful plea

“Lord have mercy, Thy Kingdom Come, Come Lord Jesus”

God will vindicate us

God will beautify us

God will reign thru us

God will fill the world with Joy

Have you experienced when life has with all of its’ struggles taken your breath away and left you in sullen silence?

How has God brought you back to place of praise?

How helpful is it to know that while we are getting “run over “by this world, we will one day in Christ rule in Him?

What words in this passage stir you to real gratitude? What images grab your heart?

Have you ever received news so good – you just could not stay silent?