

## Questions

1. Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man. Those two natures remain fully intact in one person, with no division, separation, or confusion. Do you believe that?
2. Read Psalm 8. What does this Psalm say about God's unique concern for human beings? How does this Psalm also point to Jesus?
3. Hebrews 2:8 says God the Father subjected everything to the Son. But "we do not yet see everything subjected to Him." Jesus already rules, but His rule is not fully apparent in our broken world. Does that help you navigate trials and temptations? If so, how?
4. What does Hebrews 2:9 indicate about God the Father's connection to the suffering and death of the Son?
5. Read Hebrews 2:10. The word *perfect* can mean to complete or finish something. How does that help explain the Father's perfecting of the Son through suffering?
6. What does it mean for you that, by His death, God the Son has defeated the one holding the power of death?
7. Jesus is the most unique of all High Priests. He offers the one satisfactory sacrifice to God the Father, and He is also that sacrifice. This work saves us by atoning for our sins, but according to Hebrews 2:18, what else does it provide for us?

Need prayer? Someone will be up front by the piano to pray with you after the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> services.

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# Why Jesus Became the God-Man

**Hebrews 2:5-18**

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Hebrews 2:5-18 explains why almighty and eternal God the Son had to become fully man, while remaining fully God. And the answer explains His suffering on the cross and our solidarity with Him.

As a theological term, *incarnation* describes when almighty and holy God the Son was conceived by the Holy Spirit as a fully human son in the womb of a virgin named Mary. At that moment He became fully human, while remaining fully God.

## I. The Subjection of Creation to the Son (2:5-8)

God the Father subjected all of creation to Jesus, such that creation is the footstool of God the Son (cf. Psalm 8 & 110).

The subjection of creation to the Son IS a present reality, and yet it is not fully evident in our broken world. When Jesus returns His rule will be seen by all.

### **III. The Solidarity of Believers with the Son (2:11-18)**

#### **II. The Suffering of the Son (2:9-10)**

God the Father deemed suffering to be the Son's path to exaltation, and the Son willingly gave Himself to endure it.

In order for God the Son to die, He had to take on the full nature of a man.

Through His death, Jesus makes atonement for sinners and frees them from the slavery of fear of death.