

Hebrews 2; Lord's Day 15

HE SUFFERED

1. Its character.

1. Christ suffered all His life (Heb. 2:10; Isa. 53:3,4; Psalm; 69:8; Luke 9: 41), living in the shadow of the cross.

1. He suffered in His body (Matt. 8:17).

2. He suffered in His soul (John 12:27; Luke 22:44; Matt. 26:37,38).

- Of all that He suffered, He was always most sensitive to God's wrath (the righteous response against sin).
- Jesus suffering was unique , for He is the holy Jesus and the Son of God.
- Jesus' suffering was necessary.

1. Jesus suffered for sin.

1. As the propitiatory sacrifice He suffered God's wrath.

2. As the atoning sacrifice He made the payment for sin; satisfying God's justice, fully bearing His wrath.

3. His suffering reconciled, earning righteousness and eternal life.

- He bore God's wrath completely, so God has no more wrath against us - ever (Rom. 8:32-35).
- For whom did Jesus suffer? Catechism says, "the sins of all mankind."

1. This is not for every human in this world (John 10:14 with Matt. 7:23; John 10: 11,26; and there is a hell).

2. The expression "all mankind" conveys the Scriptural teaching that the elect form the essence of mankind.

- The implications of Jesus' suffering.

1. Believe in Jesus' suffering for salvation: our sins are fully covered!

2. In Jesus' suffering we see the greatness of the love and mercy of God.

3. Learn how horrible sin is in what and how much Jesus had to suffer because of our sin,.

4. Let us grow in thankfulness and love of Him.