

GOD'S MISSION—SAVING YOU AND ME

HEBREWS 2:5-10

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: These Scriptures show that God has love for mankind and wants to help. (vs. 6) However, man is in his fallen condition—a slave to sin, and living an unrighteous life inherited from Adam. (vs. 8)

JESUS NEEDED TO RESCUE MANKIND from the captors in the jungle of sin to break the bonds of sin's enslavement and entanglement. God saw man in his state of sin and loved him anyway. He knew that man is unable to free himself from his Satanic web. Man had become what God had not intended him to be when he was created. (**Hebrews 2:5-8, fn 2:8, 9, Romans 5:13-19, fn 5:15-19, I Corinthians 15:21, 22, fn 15:21, Romans 3:23, fn 3:23, Isaiah 64:6, fn 64:6**) *What was your life like before you were saved?*

JESUS PROVIDED THE WAY TO ESCAPE. Only Jesus, the incarnate God, could live a perfect life and suffer and die for the sins of every person. By receiving (believing in and trusting in) Jesus as my Savior, I receive what He has provided—a way to escape the kingdom of darkness and be transferred to the eternal kingdom of God. For providing this way for mankind, God the Father crowns Jesus the Son with glory and honor. (**Hebrews 2:9, fn 2:9, 10, Matthew 1:19-23, fn 1:20-23, John 14:6, fn 14:5, 6, Romans 5:6-8, fn 5:6, Colossians 1:12-14, fn 1:13, Ephesians 2:3-9, fn 2:3, fn 2:4, 5**) *How did Jesus save you?*

JESUS NOW LEADS ME OUT OF HARM'S WAY. God poured His grace out upon me and changed me. Now He, by His Word and His Holy Spirit, continues to change me into the person that He created me to be and to know more and more the glories of Jesus Christ. In bringing me to glory, God, by His grace, is continuing to change me into the image of His Son. (**Hebrews 2:10, fn 2:10, Titus 2:11-14, fn 2:14, Hebrews 5:8, 9, fn 5:8, fn 5:9[2nd], Hebrews 12:1-4, fn 12:1-4, II Corinthians 3:18, fn 3:18**) *How is God's grace changing you?*

As you daily study the truths about Jesus, in what ways is the presence of the Holy Spirit revealing to you God's majesty and glory?