

IN MY NEW FAMILY

HEBREWS 2:11-13

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

BACKGROUND: Chapter 2 is all about relationships—a personal relationship with Jesus Christ that cannot be ignored and new family relationships that have priorities to follow.

I AM HOLY. Not only did Jesus give His life so that you and I would be cleansed from sin. He gave us His righteousness and the Holy Spirit (Christ in us) whose power enables us to live out Christ's life. We are part of a new family, and our fellowship is with Jesus and our other brothers and sisters in Christ. We are to love those in the world as God did, but rich fellowship takes place only between those in the family of God. (**Hebrews 2:11, fn 2:11-13, Hebrews 10:10-14, fn 10:14, II Thessalonians 2:13, fn 2:13, Romans 8:14-17, fn 8:14-17, Hebrews 10:22-25, fn 10:22-25**) *What fellowships are vital in your new family and why?*

I PRAISE GOD. It is by His grace that you are continually delivered from the hurts and evils of this world, and it is by His grace that you are to tell the church (your brothers and sisters) of your deliverance! The family needs encouragement and your testimony to them of your times of deliverance shows them how God can also deliver them in their struggles. (**Hebrews 2:12, Psalm 22:19-22, fn 22:22, Hebrews 4:16, fn 4:16, II Corinthians 1:3-7, 12, fn 1:3-5, II Corinthians 5:11-20, fn 5:20, Romans 1:11, 12,**) *Why should you share in your small group how the Lord is helping you in your life's struggles?*

I TRUST JESUS by spending time with Him and letting His joy overflow in my soul. I let the Holy Spirit's companionship make me aware again and again of His presence within me. Then, I, even in all my circumstances, which include hurts, failures, and heartbreak, will not desire to trade my position with any other living person. For I know that I am where Jesus wants me to be, and I trust Him with my life. (**Hebrews 2:13, Romans 8:31-39, fn 8:35-39, II Thessalonians 1:3, 4, fn 1:4, I Thessalonians 5:11, Philippians 4:8-13, 19, fn 4:10-14, fn 4:19**) *Why and how should your personal relationship with Jesus supersede all other relationships?*

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?

According to this preparation how may we pray for you to be strengthened in your personal relationship with Jesus? How else may we pray for you?