

4 | For Us and For Our Salvation

HEBREWS 2:1-18

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Jesus came down and **BECAME** human, (v. 11-17)

↕ among us, not above us Phil 2:6-8; John 1:14; Isa 7:14

human in every way Luke 2:52; John 11:35; Matt 4:2; Mark 4:38; Heb 4:15

was crucified **FOR US**, (v. 9-10)

he died in our place Isa 53:5-6; Rom 5:8; 2 Cor 5:21; Mark 10:45; Gal 2:20

he wrought (worked) our salvation 1 Pet 3:18; John 19:30; Heb 9:12; Heb 10:14; Col 2:14

and rose to **REIGN** (v. 5-9)

not yet fully subjected 1 John 3:2; 1 Cor 15:25-26; 1 Cor 15:28; Ps 8:6

but already crowned Eph 1:20-22; Phil 2:9-11; Acts 2:33; Rev 5:12; Col 2:15

—do not **NEGLECT** so great a salvation! (v. 1-4, 18)

» careful! — you're prone to drift... 1 Cor 10:12; 1 Pet 5:8; Jer 17:9; Isa 53:6; Heb 3:12-13

We are sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made;

who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets;

and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;

we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;

and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Learn More

Read Chapter 4 of "The Nicene Creed" by Kevin DeYoung.



Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? — Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Groups!

Each week we'll spend part of our time getting to know more about one another.

Share with the Group:

What's a warning or piece of advice you ignored once—and later really wished you hadn't?

Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

1. **Read Hebrews 2:1-18.** **Then Read the Nicene Creed.** Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
2. The early church wrestled hard over whether Jesus was truly and fully human—not just appearing to be, but actually born, growing, learning, suffering, and dying as a real human being. Why does the answer to that question matter so much for what salvation actually is and what it can accomplish?
3. **Read Philippians 2:5-8.** Paul describes the Son choosing to descend (or condescend)—taking on flesh, becoming a servant, humbling himself all the way to death. What does it mean that God came in that way? Not sending a representative, not appearing temporarily, but actually entering the human condition?
 - What does it say about God that he was willing to go that far?
4. The author of **Hebrews** says Jesus died to "destroy the one who has the power of death" and to "deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery" (2:14-15). Fear of death isn't just fear of dying physically, it's the anxiety that quietly shapes decisions, relationships, and what people are willing to risk. Where do you see that kind of fear operating in people's lives? What about in your own?

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At Wawasee, each of us is growing to increasingly live out these four roles as we follow Jesus together.



Secure Son/Daughter

I live each day increasingly confident in being a loved child of God—resting in grace, not striving to achieve approval.



Courageous Connector

I cultivate honest relationships that cross barriers and create belonging—even before belief.



Ready Storyteller

I live each day with a sense of sentness, ready to reveal my story and God's story.



Legacy Builder

Because of Jesus, I multiply what has been given to me by spiritually investing in others for kingdom impact.

Word Find in the **Word**

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for Hebrews 2:1-4 (NLT)

Find the words **bolded** below.

1 So we must **listen very carefully** to the **truth** we have **heard**, or we may **drift away** from it. 2 For the **message** God **delivered** through **angels** has **always stood firm**, and **every violation** of the law and **every act of disobedience** was **punished**. 3 So what **makes us think** we can **escape** if we **ignore** this **great salvation** that was **first announced** by the **Lord Jesus** himself and **then delivered** to us by those who **heard** him **speak**? 4 And God **confirmed** the **message** by **giving signs** and wonders and **various** miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever he chose.

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- Read Isaiah 53:4–6.** Isaiah wrote this 700 years before Jesus's crucifixion. What strikes you about the specificity of the language, "*he has borne our griefs*," "*stricken for the transgression of my people*," "*by his wounds we are healed*"?

 - What does it mean that Jesus died as a substitute, not merely as an example?
- Read 1 Corinthians 10:12.** The warning in **Hebrews 2:1** isn't against outright rejection of the gospel, it's against drifting. The image is nautical. Like a vessel slipping past its harbor because it was never properly moored. What conditions in ordinary life make drift most likely?

 - How does someone drift without realizing?
 - If you're willing, share a time you've found yourself drifting. What happened? How did you "right the ship"?

Taking It Home

- The author of **Hebrews** calls this "so great a salvation". It is something that cost the Son everything. Where in your own life is the most honest answer to the question: **have I been treating this salvation as great?**

 - A **Secure Son/Daughter** lives "*increasingly confident in being a loved child of God—resting in grace, not striving to achieve approval.*" The Son who was crowned with glory and honor is not ashamed to call you his brother, his sister (2:11). That standing isn't something you earn — it's something he secured.

As you close, take time to pray for each other.



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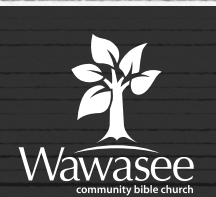

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