

# The Personal Work of Christ

Text: Hebrews 2:11-13

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## 1. Through His death, Jesus Christ sanctified us and united us to Himself (Heb. 2:11a).

- **The One who sanctifies**

Jesus Christ is the One who sanctifies.

Jesus Christ fully obeyed His Father's will as God set Him apart to become the sacrifice for our sins.

Christ's obedience set Him apart for His task, but it also gave Him the authority to be the One who sanctifies.

- **Those who are sanctified**

Heb. 10:10 says we are holy. This is positional sanctification whereby at the moment we are saved we are declared holy in Christ through the HS and are forever saved from the penalty of sin.

We must each day work out our own salvation as we narrow the gap between our everyday living of practical holiness and our permanent standing of being positionally holy in Christ.

## 2. Through His mouth, Jesus Christ declares us as His brethren (Heb. 2:11b-13)

The Son of God calls us brothers and He is not ashamed of doing that! "Such is the magnificence of Christ's work that He can bring us into the presence of the angels, into the presence of the Father Himself, and say, 'These are my brethren'" (Gary Small Hebrews Notes Used by permission).

How did you and I become children of God? Through regeneration or the new birth (John 3:3ff). II Cor. 5:17 says that those who are in Christ are new creations. We are reborn into the family of God at the moment of salvation. Adoption is the process whereby based on God's righteousness and holiness we are placed as a believer into that family (Rom. 8:15ff).

Jesus is not just declaring the name of God but all that God's character entails, His actions, and His being.

This is proof again that the believers have been united into His body. Jesus Christ, greater than all the angels, made lower than the angels in His suffering, and He now identifies with the people that He came to save. Jesus sees us as His brothers with whom He declares everything about God to us.

Jesus has declared God to the brethren and now He has joined the brethren in the assembly to praise God together. This demonstrates that we are one of God's people, Jesus is our Brother, and we join together under the same Head to worship God.

We are His brothers based on His righteousness and His work on the cross. We came into the family of God on account of His faithful obedience to the sufferings on the cross. And so it is when we are called the sons and daughters of God we are called to follow Him, pick up our cross, die to self, and submit to God. We are called to live in total dependence to God because that is the path Jesus Himself walked. And here we find that He desires to walk with us, He is not ashamed to walk with us, and He will join us in thanking God for you and I who have been given to Him (John 17:22-24).