

The Captain of Our Salvation

Hebrews 2:10

*For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the **author** ["Captain" KJV] of their salvation through sufferings.*

This verse contains one of the New Testament names for Jesus. He is the author of our salvation. I prefer the King James word "Captain." The Greek is an ancient compound word *arche* (lead) and *ago* (off). Literally, it means one who "leads off" or "pioneers" or "authors" something. The reason I like "Captain" is because the word represents who Jesus is in terms of our deliverance.

I. This Captain is *responsible* for those whom He's been given.

God has chosen His Son as the Captain of our deliverance, bringing *many sons to glory*. There is a book written by Rob Bell entitled *Love Wins* and *USA Today* said the book "puts a pitchfork in how Christians talk about damnation." The book advocates universalism. This verse negates the idea that every soul will be "brought to glory." Many will, but not all. Those whom the Father gives to the Son will find that their salvation is His responsibility.

II. This Captain is *effectual* in the work He performs.

What our Captain did is bear the righteous wrath of God due our sin at Calvary on our behalf. Jesus died as our substitute. He paid the price. He died forsaken that we might live accepted. There are some who struggle with the idea of the cross, death, blood, pain, resurrection, etc. "*It was fitting for Him...to perfect the Captain of our salvation through sufferings*" (the cross).

- A. "It was fitting for Him"**... translates the phrase *eprepen autō*. To say something is "fitting" or "becoming" to a person means that it represents what the person likes, or who a person is. The Bible says that it was "fitting" or "becoming" for God that the Son, Jesus Christ, would be made perfect through His sufferings at the cross. The cross represents the gracious character of God, in that He sent His Son Christ to suffer all the legal penalties of God's law, for His people. Jesus is the Captain of our salvation.
- B. Who are we to argue with God?** "*For whom are all things, and through whom are all things.*" He is the **architect** (*of him*), **agent** (*through him*), and **appraiser** (*to him*) of all things. Or more directly, He is the **source of, sustainer in, and Sovereign over** all things.
- C. "To perfect the Captain"** ...but isn't Jesus Christ already perfect? Of course. The word "perfect" in Greek is the word *teleios*. It means growth or fulfillment (think telescope). The purpose of God from the beginning of time is to glorify Himself through His Son.

III. This Captain is *merciful* to those suffering in this life.

The Captain of our salvation has been touched by "sufferings." Notice the plural noun. Jesus suffered many things in this life as He performed the work of deliverance for you. "*For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore, let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need*" (Heb. 4:15).

1. When in doubt about yourself, turn your eye of faith toward your Captain.
2. When reminded of your failings in this life, turn your eye of faith toward your Captain.
3. When in time of need, turn your eye of faith toward your Captain. He will never fail you.