

**TITLE AND NUMBER:** 48. Brothers and sisters of Christ

**REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S):** Hebrews 2:5-12

In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises." (v10-12)

**LOOKING FURTHER:** Luke 8:19-21



### What does this Bible passage tell us?

Sometimes a bit of background information is useful when we read our Bibles.

We have a letter here, but we don't know who wrote it. We are pretty sure it was written to people who understood the Jewish faith, because it talks a lot about God's dealings with 'our forefathers' and about the sacrifices which were so important in the Old Testament.

We remember that on one special day in the year, the High Priest offered a sacrifice for the sins of the nation. The writer of Hebrews explains that Jesus sacrificed Himself for *everyone's* sins and that one sacrifice was for all time.

Now Jesus is 'crowned with glory and honour.'

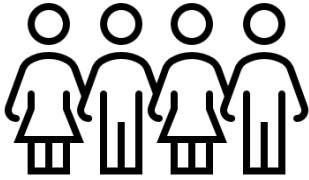
Then, our letter-writer says something strange. He says that the author of salvation was made perfect through suffering. Well, wasn't Jesus perfect anyway? Yes, He was, and is. What 'perfect' means here is that He finished all the work God gave Him to do. He fulfilled everything. It was perfect.

Now for a punch-line which refers to all of us, not just those to whom the letter was originally written: Jesus is not ashamed to call us brothers and sisters! What a thought! Jesus makes us holy- we belong to His family! We are His brothers and sisters.

### Reflections:

- How do you feel when you realise that Jesus, God's Son, thinks of **you** as His brother or sister?
- How do you imagine the expression on His face as He looks at you and loves you?
- Jesus makes us holy (v11). What does being holy mean for you?
- In v12, Jesus says He will sing God's praises in the presence of the congregation - that's us! Which hymns or worship songs would you choose to sing with Him?

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for?  
It's okay to talk to God about this.

