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THE CONQUERING CHRIST

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF HEBREWS
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HEBREWS 10:13-14

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Let us get a corrected translation of verses 10-12.

Verse 10

"By means of which will, purpose and design we have been sanctified in the past with the result that we remain sanctified to God as Royal Family forever, through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ at one time (the Cross)."

Verse 11

"And to be sure every Levitical priest has stood up day after day officiating and offering time after time after time the same sacrifices which category of offerings never have the ability to make expiation for sin."

Verse 12

"But this one, Jesus Christ, when he had offered one unique sacrifice on behalf of sin for all time, sat down at the right hand of God."

And this is why we sit down when we worship. We are members of the Royal Family of God. The priests of the Old Testament had to stand to offer sacrifices and the people stood to watch it. But we sit down to worship. We are the Royal Family.

HEBREWS 10:13 "From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool." We begin with an adverbial use of loipos. So we have "from henceforth" or "from now on" or "from that time on." This was the sacrifice (the cross) that changed everything. The whole world changed because of the cross and that gave us a ticket to the Holy of Holies and we live there. It is not just grace provision for our needs. It means grace provision to shower blessings on us. It leads us on to spiritual maturity, occupation with Christ. This is a strong adverbial substantive--and it means from that time onward. In other words, you just can't overplay the cross. It accomplished exactly what God wanted accomplished. This was God's greatest victory of all time.

Now we have the word "expecting." We use this term of a woman who is pregnant and is waiting for her baby to come. It is a present, active participle of ekdechomai and the meaning here is "to wait in anticipation of something that you are going to enjoy." (Like marriage, or the football season, or some trip to an exciting place.) This is an exciting type waiting. You have happiness just waiting for it. This means that Christ is at the right hand of God waiting with happy anticipation for the coming victory. It is active voice and this means that he produces the action of this verb. He is waiting with happy anticipation to bring his Royal Family unto himself and then bring his bride back to the earth with him for the Millennium. He has the attitude of happy waiting. All Christ has to do is to watch over his own and intercede for us and to wait with happy expectation.

He Provides Blessings

Sitting in his victory seat the main thing the Lord has to do for you is to provide blessings for you. Now Christ enjoys thinking about this. Therefore, you and the Lord have a mutual pleasure. The Lord really looks forward to blessing you and every one of his believers. Next we have a temporal conjunction heos and should be translated "until." Now we meet the subject of his opposition and they are called "his enemies." His enemies are fighting a rear guard action and never will be able to defeat him. His victory mark is on all his believers and his mark of defeat are on all his enemies. The unbelieving angelic forces realize that they are no match for him and his power. They are now retreating to their certain doom. The word for enemies is echtros and this is followed by the possessive pronoun and it means he not only owns the universe, but he also owns a fantastic batch of enemies. It means "His very own enemies." He has already broken their backs. Next we have the aorist, passive, subjunctive of tithemi and it means, "to be appointed" or "have been appointed." This is a constantive aorist and it looks at this action in its entirety. It is a subjunctive mood indicating this is going to happen at some future time, and this portrays the perfect tense of the Hebrew in Psalm 40, from which this quotation is taken. So we have the phrase, "Until his enemies have been appointed." Next we have hupo podon and those are the words used for a human footstool.

Picture From Ancient Rome

This idea of footstool comes from Ancient Rome. Caesar would conquer his enemies and would bring them and place the Roman Standard on them and then would stand up on top of them and call them "his footstool." So this is not the picture of a little old woman sitting in her living room with her feet propped up on a little needlepoint covered footstool. Christ's footstool is Satan and all the unbelieving angels and all unbelievers.

Churchill

When Winston Churchill went to the front to visit the troops at the close of World War II, he saw some of his troops push the still warm dead bodies of German soldiers over and use their backs for the eating tray for their K-rations. Churchill said, "My word, this is victory!" This is what we call operational unconditional surrender. We have the word autou and it means "The footstool of his feet." Or "A footstool of the feet of him." This pictures Christ in a new light. He is the conqueror. This is the time when Isaiah 9:6-7 is finally fulfilled. Now the time is going to come when the government will be upon his shoulders. This is unconditional surrender.

HEBREWS 10:14 "For one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified." We begin with a conjunctive particle gar and this introduces the reason why he is the conqueror, why he is the victor. Then we have "by one offering" and this is from mia pros phoria and it means "by means of one unique offering." This is his efficacious offering on the cross. Now we have the perfect, active, indicative of teleioo and it is translated "he hath perfected." It really means to bring something to a perfect goal. He has brought us through salvation and spiritual growth and the Edification Complex. He is on the way toward making us perfect. This is a completed action with existing

results. He gave us regeneration and the Holy Spirit and what he did for us was perfect. We are at this moment perfect positionally, not actually, not in experience. God the Father did the perfecting and the indicative mood means that this perfection is a reality. Then we have the words denekes eis and it means for all time. "Them that are sanctified" means to be earmarked. This is a present, passive, participle of hagaizo. This position continues from the moment of salvation, the passive voice means that we receive this from God, and the participle means that this is the way God's plan always works. You do not advance because of your effort, but Bible doctrine will advance you every time. This aristic present gathers up into one whole everything that transpires in the sanctification process. So this is what we have "For by means of one offering he has perfected for all time (on earth as well as in heaven) the ones being sanctified, with the result that they keep on standing forever."

THE MEANING OF SANCTIFICATION

1. DEFINITION.

- a. It means to be earmarked. It means you belong to God and no one else. In a moment of time you believed in Christ and you are in forever.
- b. Each one as Royal Family is under contract to God for time and for eternity.
- c. The actual death of Christ set aside the old contract. The old covenant was a covenant of shadows and ritual called the Mosaic Law. Now we have a new contract.
- d. This new covenant is for the Royal Priesthood of the Church Age. This is a strict sealed contract and it is never to be broken forever and forever.
- e. We sign this contract the moment we believe in Jesus Christ.

2. LOOK AT THE ETYMOLOGY OF THE GREEK WORDS THAT PERTAIN TO SANCTIFICATION.

- a. Hagios and this means an earmarked one. A new creature in Christ. A Saint. Moses and Abraham and Isaiah and David were Old Testament believers but they were not saints. We are born into his kingdom as saints. This word is a noun and means the one who is in the Royal Family.
- b. Hagiotes and this means holiness. The state of being royal family. (This is not what is known as the holiness movement today.) We are under contract forever.
- c. Hagiosune. This is a noun and is the name of the state we are in when we are under contract to him.
- d. Hagiasmos. Means the consistent one.
- e. Hagiazo and it is a verb and it means to be set apart, to be earmarked. Jesus is called "The Holy one of God."
(John 6:69) Jesus is called Hogios tou Theos.

3. PHASE ONE SANCTIFICATION.

The plan of God is divided into three phases.

- a. The conversion of the individual. This happens in an instant.
- b. The believer in time. This is the length of your whole life.
- c. The time we live with him in Eternity.

Phase one sanctification is the positional sanctification we receive at the moment of salvation.

(1 Cor. 1:2, 1 Cor. 1:30, 1 Cor. 6:11)
(Hebrews 10:10 and 10:14)

4. PHASE TWO SANCTIFICATION.
This is where we are now as believers. This means taking the high ground. This means living day by day on doctrine. This is the filling of the Holy Spirit and grace perception.
5. PHASE THREE SANCTIFICATION.
This is what we will be one day. He has prepared this for us. He has prepared a resurrection body just like that of Christ's. This will be the permanent residence of our soul just like the Bible is the permanent residence of Bible Doctrine. You can't get the Bible off the earth. It is permanent. (Rom. 8:21, 1 Cor. 1:8, Phil. 3:21, 1 Thess. 5:23, 1 John 3:1-2)
6. THE AGENTS OF SANCTIFICATION.
God does all the work in God's plan.
Christ--(Hebrews 10:10 and 14)
The Holy Spirit--(Romans 15:16, 2 Thess. 2:13)
The Word of God--(John 17:17 and Eph. 5:25)
Man has no part in this plan. There are no weak links in it.
7. ALL PHASES OF SANCTIFICATION ARE RELATED TO THE ANGELIC CONFLICT.
Phase one--This is regeneration and by this the Royal Family is positionally higher than angels. (Heb. 2:9. We were made a little lower than angels. But then will be higher.)
Phase two--This is when the super grace believer begins to occupy the high ground and learn doctrine and walk with the Lord.
Phase three--This is the Royal Family in their resurrection bodies higher than angels.
8. CONCLUSION
Sanctification is the uniqueness of the Church Age and the Royal Family. The Royal Family can only exist because the conjunction of the dispensations is past.
Sanctification is the baptism of the Holy Spirit plus positional truth, whereby, the Royal Family will live in the Holy of Holies forever. (Hebrews 10:19-20)
9. THE PURPOSE OF SANCTIFICATION FOR BELIEVERS IN TIME
The purpose of sanctification is to show that the believer is earmarked for blessing. This purpose will be realized just to the extent that the believer takes in doctrine. The only reason God keeps the Royal Family here on the earth is to bless them. It is God's objective to provide super grace blessings according to his eternal decrees. You wear a tag--"RESERVED FOR BLESSING." And blessings depend on maximum doctrine in the soul. The reversionist is kept alive so God can discipline him and attempt to bring him back into fellowship and spiritual growth.