Heb. 2:5-18: KEEP CALM BY UNDERSTANDING CHRISTMAS

| 1. Heb. 2:8: In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him. |
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| UNDERSTAND: THIS ISN'T THE WORLD GOD He created a world – Gen. 1 – "very good." Sin messed it up. One day Christ will set it straight. |
| The right question is: "Why would God create a world where mankind could mess with a perfect world?" God wanted us to love Him because we to. And so He created us with the ability to choose whether to love and serve Him, or to live life our own way. The message of Christmas is that Christ came to this earth to make it possible for us to live life to God and to be forgiven of our sins. |
| 2. Heb. 2:10, 18 ¹⁰ In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted. |
| UNDERSTAND: CHRIST CAME TO SHARE IN OUR John 16:33 - "In this world you will have trouble, but be of good cheer – I have overcome the world!" Heb. 4:15 – KJV - "touched with the FEELINGS of our infirmities" |
| 3. Heb. 2:14, $15 - {}^{14}$ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. |
| UNDERSTAND: CHRIST CAME TO GIVE US FOR THE FUTURE. |
| His life and death had to do with our sin and our suffering; but also with Satan's! |
| *The sting of is removed - I Cor. 15:55 - 57 Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! |

*We don't need to fear Judgment - Rev. 12:10,11

The accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before God day and night, has been hurled down. They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony!

* Resurrection is assured - I Cor. 15:22

The dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.....and then the saying will come true - death has been swallowed up in victory!

4. Heb. 2:17 - . ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

UNDERSTAND: CHRIST CAME TO GIVE US _____ WITH GOD.

Heb. 4:16 Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.