

## Sermon Notes

### *There Is No Reason to Turn Back!* *An Exposition of the Book of Hebrews*

#08 – “He Destroyed Him Who Had the Power of Death”  
– Hebrews 2:14-18

#### I. Introduction

##### A. Heresies in the early church.

1. Two common ones
  - a. Jesus not fully God
  - b. Jesus not fully man
2. The Nicene Creed
3. The Westminster Shorter Catechism

##### B. The writer of Hebrews settled the issue years earlier!

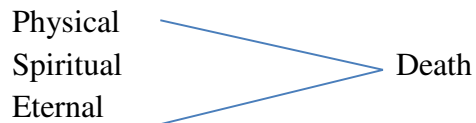
1. His deity – Hebrews 1:8
2. His humanity – Hebrews 2:10-18

##### C. Today’s text – Hebrews 2:14-18

#### II. Exposition

##### A. Hebrews 2:14

1. The second Adam
2. “Share” from Greek KOINONIA – to have fellowship
3. “He himself partook of same” – METECHO – “Taking hold of something”. – II Peter 1:4
4. He is the second Adam – I Cor. 15:45
5. “Rendered powerless” the devil
  - a. Death is Satan’s weapon.



##### b. Defeated in three ways

1. Conquered spiritual death
2. Physical death does not hold people in the grave.
3. There is no eternal death for the saved  
– Rev 20:13-15

##### B. Hebrews 2:15

1. A reference to the unregenerate state.
2. We no longer fear death – Phil. 1:21; I Cor. 15:55
3. A. W. Pink

##### C. Hebrews 2:16

1. The author returns to his discussion on angels.
2. No help offered to them – only the seed of Abraham
  - a. Genesis 3:15; Galatians 3:7

##### D. Hebrews 2:17

1. The high priest
2. Jesus as only mediator – I Timothy 2:5
3. Made propitiation – synonym for atonement
  - a. Expiation means sin is cancelled out while propitiation satisfies God’s wrath.

##### E. Hebrews 2:18

1. God knows where we hurt.
  - a. Not felt needs.
2. God is not indifferent – Psalm 103:10, 14
3. He sympathizes with the sinner.

#### III. Points for Reflection

##### A. The seed of the woman destroyed the seed of the serpent.

1. Gen. 3:15; Heb. 2:14-15; I Cor. 15:45

##### B. The defeat of Satan also means the defeat of accusation brought by the accuser.

1. Rev. 12:16-17; Rom. 8:33-34; Heb. 2:18

##### C. How should we mourn for the departed?

##### D. Death has been defeated, but do we live like it?

1. Gen. 2:17; I Cor. 15:54-55; II Tim. 1:10

##### E. We have confidence to face temptations because Jesus is our aid to overcome it.

1. Matthew 4:4, 7, 10