

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for January 12, 2014**

**Christ is Superior to the Angels**  
**Hebrews 2:11-13**

The author of the Book of Hebrews saw Christ as superior to the Old Testament prophets in Hebrews 1:1-4.

The author of Hebrews saw Christ as superior to the angels in Hebrews 1:5-2:18.

The author of Hebrews explained Christ's superiority to the angels in Hebrews 1:5-14.

After the author had explained the superiority of Christ to the angels, he then sounded a warning in Hebrews 2:1-4.

Christ's superiority to angels is not contradicted by His humanity (Hebrews 2:5-9).

Christ's superiority to angels is not contradicted by His sufferings, because His sufferings were necessary (Hebrews 2:10-18).

Christ's sufferings were necessary to complete His identification with humanity (Hebrews 2:10-13).

The author in seeking to communicate that Christ's sufferings were necessary to complete His identification with humanity began by communicating to his readers the appropriateness of Christ's sufferings (Hebrews 2:10).

The author in order to show Christ's sufferings were necessary to complete His identification with humanity emphasized His fraternal relationship in Hebrews 2:11-13.

The word translated "to sanctify" (HAGIAZO) means "to set apart."

The one "who sanctifies" would set apart those "who are sanctified" by making it possible for them to become the sons of God (Hebrews 2:10).

The Greek phrase (EK HENOS) translated "from one Father" in the NAS literally means "out of one" and should not be understood as "out from one Father" but rather should be understood as "out from one shared, common, physical, human experience."

Because Christ the sanctifier and those who are sanctified have all shared the same common, physical, human experience, Christ is not afraid to call them "brethren."

The author after making the point that Christ is not ashamed to call those whom He sanctifies “brethren” then drove this point home by quoting Psalms 22:22 and Isaiah 8:17-18.

May God give us the grace to understand that Christ who has sanctified us and set us apart as sons is not ashamed to call us brethren.