Intro: Having declared the ____________ of the Jesus of Nazareth over and above everyone and everything (earthly prophets and heavenly angels included), showing Him to be the only begotten Son of God who alone made purification for our sins, the Author of Hebrews then warned that we must be careful to ______ close ______________ to what we have heard concerning the Lord Jesus.

A. Upon exalting Christ, showing Him to be the ____________ One over and above all else, the Author then asked this thought provoking question: “How shall we escape (that is, escape the just judgment of God) if we ____________ so great a salvation?” (Heb 2:3)

B. Three weeks ago we learned from verses 5-9 that this salvation is so great because: 1. It has been ______________ for us ____ the sacrificial ________ shed of Christ Jesus; 2. It is freely granted us by the benevolent grace of God; 3. Through it we are reconciled to the Heavenly Father; and, 4. ____________ to that for which He created us: _____ and dominion! We who believe will live and reign with Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord forever and ever!

C. And then two weeks ago we learned from verses 9-13 that this salvation is so great because: 1. Christ Jesus died upon the cross in our stead (in our place as our ____________), saving us from the curse of sin unto the manifold blessings of everlasting life; 2. It is the distinguishing magnificent expression which befits the only wise, _____ and merciful God; 3. Through it we become children of God; 4. By it we brought to glory; 5. Jesus is the Author (cause and means) of it; 6. Through Christ we are sanctified - legally and ________ pronounced holy and blameless; 7. In Christ we are ____ ________ into the household of God, and as God is our Father so is Christ Jesus our elder brother; 8. It is the fulfillment of what Christ spoke of long ago; 9. By it we are the living testimony of the Father’s faithfulness to His only begotten Son; and, 10. In it we are the __ __________ of the Father to the Son. And dear church! Christ is not ashamed to call us brethren, but is ____________ in us!

I. The ____________ which Christ provided for us is so ________ because:

A. To ____________ it He being God, very God became a true man with flesh and ________. Jesus’ sacrifice was great!
   1. Jesus became the ______________ God, God in flesh with blood to shed so He could in time and space actually _______ for our sins!

B. It was purchased for us by the very ______________ ______________ of Himself.

C. He rendered ____________ him who had the power of death, that is, the _______.
   1. 1 John 3:8 says, “The _______ of God appeared for this purpose, that He might _________ the works of the ________.”

D. Through it He ____________ us from the slavery __ the _______ of death.
   1. In all truth Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the _______; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies” (John 11:25). What a hope we have – what a great salvation we possess ________!
2. We stand with the Apostle Paul saying, Phil 1:21-24, "For to me, to live is Christ, and to ______ _______. 22 But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. 23 But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be ______ ________, for that is very ______ _________."

3. Jesus said, John 6:39-40, "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. 40 "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I, Myself ______ ________ ______ on the last day."

4. 1 Cor 15:50-58, "Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be ______ ________ imperishable, and we shall be changed. 53 For this perishable must put on the ____________, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in _______. 55 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; 57 but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through ______ ________ Jesus Christ."

D. It is ________ to no other creature but ____ alone.

1. And it is because He came in the flesh to redeem men that Romans 8:1-3 can say, "There is therefore now ______ for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 3 For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own ______ in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an ______ ________ for sin, ..."

Finally then: Having just celebrated the birth of Christ this holiday season, we see in the baby laid in the manger the picture of ______ ________ ______ to help us. God came lower uniting humanity to divinity that we could come higher sharing in His divine nature! And by the death and resurrection of the God-man Jesus, the devil has been rendered powerless for death no longer holds us in fear but death has become the means by which at the appointed time we leave a fallen world to be with our precious and heavenly Lord and Savior, time without end, glory upon glory.

John 11:25-26, "Jesus said ... "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this__"

What help does Jesus offer us! As He bore our sins in Himself upon the cross, so is His helping hand extended. Do you believe this? Will you receive Him, believing upon Him, receiving Him as Savior and Lord? Here is His invitation today: Believe upon ______ ________ Jesus Christ and you will be saved. This __ so _______ a salvation!

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