"Offsides: End Zone"

Hebrews 2:1-13

- Victory is fought for on the field and won in the end zone!

- The Devil tempts us into forgetting our place above him in Creation.
 - Unlike the Devil, we are crafted in God's own image.
 - God gives man dominion over "every living thing that moves on the earth." (Gen 1:28)
 - In the Devil's rebellion he is cast out from his place heaven... ...when man rebelled God promises a way of redemption.
- God's plan for our redemption was more than hoping for the best with a hail mary!
- "...in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control." (vs 8)
- The promise of deliverance by grace was given while we were still in enemy territory... ...even when our faithfulness wanes, God fights for our place in the end zone!

- Our promise from Christ won't let us leave anyone on OR behind the line!

- No man is free, until all men have freedom.
 - Christ humbled himself to swallow up the bitterness of death once for ALL.
 - We can not simply cast off our chains & neglect our neighbor still bound in their's.
 - The Holy Spirit works through us to proclaim this freedom we have in Christ!
- Our acts of service are about more than easing someone's suffering on earth... ...we are called to lives of generosity and service because of who we are in Jesus!
- We only see as much of God's work as He allows us to... ...until we're in Heaven we have yet to see His full victory over death and the Devil!

Our end zone arrival carries us across the threshold!

- Even death has been subjected under the King's feet... ...as He walks with us across the end zone and into Heaven!
- We are called and invited into worship as we engage in the story of our salvation... ...to listen, learn, speak, and sing His praise! (vs 12-13)
- "...we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone." (vs 9)



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