

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- December 8, 2016
"The Pioneer of Salvation"

In 1775, Daniel Boone opened a trail through the Cumberland Gap enabling thousands of settlers to cross the Central Appalachia and put down roots in Kentucky and points west that were previously closed to them. As a result, Boone became a larger-than-life figure as one of the quintessential American pioneers braving danger and hardship to open a rich new world.

Hebrews 2 talks about Jesus Christ in similar but incomparably greater terms. He is "the Pioneer of Salvation" (Hebrews 2:10) through whom God will restore His glorious destiny for all humankind.

The title "pioneer" carries nuances of "initiator" and "trailblazer" – "one who is in solidarity with others" (Hebrews 2:11, 14) and leads them through danger to a new situation (Hebrews 2:10, 14, 15). Jesus came as the Christ Child to share in our humanity which we celebrate at Christmas. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus has broken the power of death and the devil. In doing so, He has opened for us a "world to come," a new world of redemption and life with God for now and for all eternity (Hebrews 2:5).

The Baby Jesus entered into a human birth canal and was born; but the Son of God (Jesus) precedes chronology, made all things, and outranks all Creation – Colossians 1:15, 16 expresses it succinctly:

*"The Son (Christ Child) is the image of the invisible God,
The Firstborn of all Creation. For by Him all things
Were created – things in heaven and on earth."*

The Christ Child is Lord over all Creation!

Have a nice week. See you in church Sunday.
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