**The Captain of our Salvation**

*Hebrews 2:10*

1. The “Captain”

* *Archēgos* – a chief leader.
  + Jesus obviously our chief leader – Matthew 28:18; 1 John 2:6
* *Arche* – to begin. *Ago* – to lead.
  + Colossians 1:18 – Preeminence – to be first.
  + *W. E. Vine – “Primarily signifies one who takes a lead in, or provides the first occasion of, anything.”*
  + *Thayer – “leading, furnishing the first cause or occasion.”*
  + *NIV uses “pioneer” – a person who is among those who first enter or settle a region, thus opening it for occupation and development by others.*
* Jesus led the way to the Father – John 14:6 (the way)
  + Analogy – “Suppose a ship was on the rocks, and suppose the only way to rescue was for someone to swim ashore with a line, in order that, once the line was secured, others might follow. The one who was first to swim ashore would be the a*rchēgos* of the safety of the others.”
* *Archēgos* is used in three other places.
  + Acts 3:15 – *Prince* of life
    - Acts 5:31 – *Prince*
  + Hebrews 12:2 – *Author* of our faith
  + Hebrews 2:10 – *Captain* of our salvation

1. *Prince (Archēgos)* of life.

*Acts 3:12-15 (Peter speaking to Jews who responded to healing the lame man.)*

* Originator, or beginner, or founder, of life.
* John 11:25-26 (to Martha after death of Lazarus); (Mention firstborn from dead – Col. 1:18); 1 Corinthians 15:12-22
* Prince – *Acts 5:29-32 (Peter, on trial, answering the high priest)*
  + Shows further what a big mistake they had made.

1. *Author (Archēgos)* of our faith.

*Hebrews 12:1-2*

* Originator of supreme faith.
  + His display of submission, and faith, toward God was, and is, the greatest ever.
* 12:3-4 (we get weary when persecuted, primarily verbally. Look what Jesus did, and what faith it took.)(Not yet, but take courage, have faith, and look at how Jesus handled it.)
* Finisher – 12:1 (All the examples before in Ch. 11 of great faith. Jesus surpasses them all and completed what was started in the OT.)(v. 2 – for the Joy – He did it to finally be sitting at “the right hand of the throne of God.” We are to follow His example. He was first to finish the race.)

1. *Captain (Archēgos)* of our salvation.

*Hebrews 2:10*

* The first to reach, and paved/led the way to, salvation.
  + Uncovered the only way to salvation for all to see.
* The wages of sin = death – Romans 6:23
  + Wages – earned pay for serving sin.
  + Jesus accepted, and took our place of, that wage.
* Made perfect (complete) through sufferings.
  + 2:14-18 – left His heavenly throne, took on flesh and blood, so He could lead us to salvation.
    - The only way He could aid us is to overcome that which He is aiding us in.
* Without Him first enduring, and overcoming, these situations, we would not have hope of salvation. Much less a path to it.
* Was first to enter the true Most Holy Place (heaven) so we could – Hebrews 9:23-28

**Conclusion**

* Many names are given for Christ.
* When we study them, we find they mean so much more than what we first thought.
* Jesus is indeed, *The Captain of our Salvation*.