

In 2008 Alex Rodriguez signed a 10 year deal worth 275 million dollars, which averaged out to \$169,753.09 per game. In 2001 he also signed a 10 year contract worth 252 million dollars. This deal earned him an average of \$155,555.56 per game. Why do athletes make so much money? To simplify this debate, they make so much money because they are so much better at what they do than other people. They also have someone working for them whose job is to get them the most amount of money possible. That person is his agent. I looked up a job description for a sports agent and wikipedia said this. "A **sports agent** procures and negotiates employment and endorsement contracts for an athlete. In return, the sports agent generally receives between 4 and 10% of the athlete's playing contract, and 10 to 20% of the athlete's endorsement contract, though these figures vary." This morning I would like to turn our attention to a representative that does not negotiate rewards based on the abilities of someone else. Those whom He represents are given an inheritance based upon **His** unchanging attributes. His attributes never fade or change like the abilities of an athlete. We have an inheritance greater than we can imagine because He is so much better than anyone or anything else. Jesus is the perfect Representative.

**During temptation, you must trust your perfect representative for help.**

**I. Trust your perfect Representative for help because He cares for you.** (Heb. 2:5-7)

When you are being tempted and you don't know where to turn, remember that Jesus cared enough to humble Himself and come to this earth for you. He is mindful of you. You may act up because you think that no one cares, no one will notice. Jesus did. You may give into temptation and satisfy your flesh because you feel that no one cares. You may feel that the only way you will feel love is to put your own needs above everyone else's. Jesus placed your needs above His own and died for you. Trust Him.

**II. Trust your perfect Representative for help because He suffered for you.** (Heb. 2:9-10)

Jesus did not have to endure suffering that rightfully belongs to sinful people. I don't know many people who would take suffering that I deserved. Jesus tasted death for me so that I did not have to taste eternal death. He suffered more on this earth than any of us will ever have to in order to adopt us into His spiritual family. This sounds like a Representative that I can trust to help me when I am in the middle of temptation. He suffered so I don't have to suffer for eternity.

**III. Trust your perfect Representative for help because He redeemed you.** (Heb. 2:14-18)

Without Christ as hope, we would all be in slavery to the fear of death. "What is going to happen to me when I die?!" Jesus has redeemed us from slavery to this fear. He can also set us free from our fear of temptation. He suffered through every temptation that we face yet He did not sin. He is able to help those who are being tempted- present tense. Jesus, as man, had to endure temptation, but He never gave in like we so often do. **Christ is greater!**

Jesus knows our weaknesses. He knows and understands what we face. He is able to help. So what should our conclusion of that fact be? Verse 16 of chapter 4 tells us...

**16** Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

We can come boldly, with confidence before the throne of grace. There we are promised to find mercy and grace in time of need. We can have rest through faith in Christ. **Christ is greater!**