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HUMANITY OF CHRIST

Lesson 16

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In the last three lessons we proved the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. In this lesson we will see the humanity of Jesus Christ. It is just as important to prove that Jesus Christ was really a man as it is to prove that He is very God. It was man's sins that He died for, and only by becoming a man could He qualify as man's substitute. He must be a sinless man, for a sinful man would have to die for His own sin and, thus, could not die for the sins of others. It was necessary to show that only one sinless man could keep God's law.

Jesus Christ did live a sinless life. He did keep the law perfectly. Did He do it as a man or did He do it as God? If He did it as God He failed to prove that a man could keep the law. But we will see in this study that while He was truly God, Jesus Christ was also really a man.

1. Jesus Christ was really human. We know this because He ate, slept, grew tired, wept, and died, as a man. Consider this event from the life of our Lord. *Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.*

(John 4:6-7). Here is the man Christ Jesus, wearied from a long journey, asking a woman from Samaria to give him something to drink.

Take another case: *And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us.: we perish.*

(Matthew 8:24-25). Here is the man Christ Jesus sleeping in the hold of the ship, taking rest.

By comparison we read, *Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand* (Psalms 121:4-5). Jesus Christ was fully God. In the flesh He was truly the Son of man. Some people in their minds draw to a conclusion of contradiction. This is because as natural man cannot see the things of the Spirit of God... 1 Corinthians 2:14 *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

2. His favorite expression in referring to Himself was **Son of man**. He used this designation over eighty times. On the human side He was really the son of Mary. The Son of man, this title is His racial name as a representative of man, a member of the human race.

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In 1 Corinthians 15:45-47: *And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.* The Lord from heaven came as the second Adam and called himself the Son of man.

Again, we read, *But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine houses And he arose, and departed to his house.*

(Matthew 9:6-7). We see Jesus Christ taking this designation for Himself.

In Galatians 4:4-5 we find, *But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.*

In Luke 2, a very fine distinction is made by the Authorized King James Version of the Bible, a distinction that is perverted and corrupted in the new and modern translations. In Luke 2:33 the Bible says, *And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.* This verse clearly sets forth not only the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, but also the dual aspect of Jesus' nature. He is the Son of God and the Son of man.

Almost all of the modern Bible translations, read, "his father and his mother," Joseph was not the father of Jesus Christ. God Almighty was the Father of Jesus Christ. Mary was indeed the mother of Jesus Christ. God is His Father; thus He is God. Mary is His mother, the mother of the human body in which God dwelt; thus, He is the Son of man. Jesus is human in Mary's line and divine still as the Son of God.

3. He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin. In order for that to be true, He must have met temptation as a man, on the human plane, or He could not have been tempted LIKE AS we are. We are tempted as men. We are not tempted as God, for we are not God. We are men, and we are tempted as men.

The Bible says in Hebrews 4:15, *For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.*

Again in James 1:13, we read, *Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man.* So the very fact that the Lord Jesus Christ was tempted as a man, and the very fact that the Bible states that God cannot be tempted with evil, is a very clear statement of the humanity of Jesus Christ.

4. The deathless God humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Let us consider this Bible passage in

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Philippians 2:5-6 *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:* Jesus Christ was not robbing, or stealing, when He asserted His equality with the Father. Indeed, He had every right to assert His equality with the Father, for He was, and is, and always will be, equal with God. *But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.* The Lord Jesus Christ existed prior to His incarnation. But in His incarnation, that is, His birth in a human body, **He** was made in the likeness of men. *And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross* (Philippians 2:7-8).

5. His miracles were performed, not in the power of His deity, but in the power of the Holy Spirit's anointing. That is very important. Let me cite some examples of this for you from the Bible. In Luke 4:14-19 we are told: *14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. 15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all. 16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. 17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, 18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.* Notice from this passage of scripture the Bible says twice that it is the Spirit of the Lord which was the power behind the working of Jesus' miracles. He had humbled Himself and taken upon Himself a position whereby the operation of the Spirit was essential for the working of His miracles.

In Acts 10 we read, *Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:) That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: Him God raised up the third day, and skewed him openly;* (Acts 10:34-40).

Here we see that Peter, preaching under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, attributes to Jesus Christ miracle-working power, but affirms that this miracle-working power was the anointing of the Holy Ghost.

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Jesus said, *But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.* (Matthew 12:28).

The mystery of the God-man is beyond finite understanding. You are not going to understand it by your ability to reason. Some things are very plain and you just have to accept them. God wouldn't lie to you. God wouldn't deceive you. The Lord Jesus Christ was very God and He was very man at every moment. It was in His humanity that He died. He took upon Himself humanity that He might die for the sins of man. In the Spirit-filled manhood of Jesus Christ we get our example and our ideal of real living. Christian living is the life that Jesus Christ lived. If this wonderful life was not lived as a man, it loses its grip upon us. What possibilities of achievement in holy living and in sacrificial service would open up before us? None.

However, when we see the Spirit-filled manhood of Christ as our highest ideal and example, we are encouraged to yield ourselves to the Spirit's control, and follow Jesus.

Jesus Christ as the God-man meets every claim of justice and qualifies in every particular as the sinners' substitute. He provided the perfect payment for sin and for transgression. *Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin* (Romans 3:20).

God has given rules, commandments, laws, regulations, and ordinances, and no man can be saved by the keeping of those rules, commandments or ordinances for one simple reason - no man can keep them. By the law is the knowledge of sin. That is, as you try to live according to God's standard of holiness, you find out that you cannot do it. You are a sinner. *But now the righteousness of God* (Romans 3:21-22) *not the righteousness of man, without the law is manifested,* (God manifest in the flesh, God made visible, so that we can see it) *being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:* Not by them keeping the law or turning over a new leaf or even attempting to live a holy life, all for the same reason, "not by doing something" Titus 3:5 *"Not by works of righteousness"*, Isaiah 64:6 *and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags;*

This is the biggest obstacle in the Christian and non-Christians' life, feeling obligated to do something to get salvation or keep salvation.

Salvation is a gift, you do not need to do anything other than BELIEVE WHAT GOD HAS TOLD YOU. believing does not take any effort, it is just a change of mind and heart. Once a man or woman has taken that step of faith and believed, they always want to step back into the realm of "doing." Then comes two pitfalls.

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1. The new Christian fails to grow by not reading God's word and applying its' principals to their lives.
2. The new Christian failing to read God's word and applying it to their life, begins to listen to false teachers, believing what they say rather than what God says.

Let's look at a subject many false teachers distort the Bible – "faith without works is dead" James 2:20 (yes this is in the Bible) but, what have we learned in our studying? We need to read the verse in context.

- who
- what
- where
- when

James 2 goes on to use the example of Abraham, James 2:21 *Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?*

- who was Abraham justified to?
- what made him justified?
- where was he justified?
- when was he justified?

Genesis 15:6 *And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.* This is where Abraham was saved (the usage of the word "saved" is for clear understanding) Every man, woman and child since the beginning of time are all saved the same way – by believing what God says.

Did Abraham's life reflect this fact after Genesis 15? NO, look in Genesis 16:4 *And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived:* Abraham slept with his wife's handmaid, and she conceived, What was the result of that sin? Thousands of thousands have died by the hand of the descendants of Ishmael, yet Abraham's righteousness still remained with God as shown in Genesis 17 - God reassured Abraham that: *As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.* In Genesis 18 God reassured Abraham again by sending messengers to tell him of the pending destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah, In Genesis 18:23-32 when Abraham realized that his kin folk (Lot) would be part of the pending destruction, God allowed Abraham to negotiated for his release, and God honored his request. In Genesis 20 Abraham lied about his wife to Abimelech being his sister to save his own hide.

When was Abraham justified by works to God, never!!! When was Abraham justified by works to those around him? Not until Genesis 22:3-19.

Romans 3:22-24 *Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all*

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have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely (no price, no merit, you cannot make yourself worthy) by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Someone has to pay for my sins. Who paid for my sins? God, by His grace, gave His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who fulfilled the Law, who did not sin, to redeem me.) Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus (Romans 3:20-26).

The Bible says God has set forth Jesus Christ to be a propitiation through faith in His blood to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins. Who is justified? Whom does God justify? ***Him which believeth in Jesus.***

If you cannot honestly say that you are a child of God without any reservation, if you are not sure or if something in you wants to argue, beware of one thing: if you do not humble yourself and trust Jesus Christ you are going to willingly walk into hell.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved

Notes

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Name _____

1. What is God's # 1 law for all mankind?
2. How did Jesus Christ live a sinless life?
3. In Luke 2, what do the new bible versions try to make the novice reader believe?
4. Who was the second Adam?
5. *"robbery to be equal with God,"* explain this statement.
6. How does Peter work miracles?
7. What is the biggest obstacle in the Christians and non-Christians' life?
8. What do it mean by reading the Bible in its' context?
9. What are the principals we need to apply when reading and studying the Bible?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.

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10. When was Abraham justified with God?
11. When was Abraham justified with those whom he lived around?
12. Who was the only one who could pay for our sins?, why?
13. Ignorance of the Law is never acceptable, in being ignorant to God's # 1 Law you willingly sentence yourself to Hell, why?
14. How did Jesus Christ perform the miracles that He did?

True/False

- Man is never justified by works with God
- People will never know you are a Christian unless you prove it to them
- Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man



Scripture memorization Romans 3:20; 1 Corinthians 15:45-47 (write out these verses on the back of this page) must be in KJV

Any questions?