

"The Humanity of Jesus Christ"

Hebrews 2

Introduction: For the next several weeks we are going to step away from the book of Zechariah. Today we are going to look at a message that will be a prelude to Christmas. We often hear messages about the deity of Jesus Christ, but we don't hear many on His humanity. Christmas is the time when God became a man. But this brings me to a question that we are going to answer today;

"Why did God become a Man?"

Today in our message I want to give you several reasons presented by the writer of Hebrews as to why God became a man.

1. **God became a man to restore what man lost.**

Notice Hebrews 2:5-9a

Here is exactly what we have been looking at on Sunday evenings. When God created the world, He established a Theocratic Kingdom in which He would rule the earth through man. All of creation was put under man's dominion. The writer of Hebrews here quotes from Psalm 8 and these verses are very important. They tell of man's purpose on this earth.

Psalm 8:4-9

⁴ *What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?*

⁵ *For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.*

⁶ *Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:*

⁷ *All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;*

⁸ *The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.*

⁹ *O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!*

When man was created all of creation was put under man's dominion.

Genesis 1:26-28

²⁶ *And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*

²⁷ *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*

²⁸ *And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

When man sinned in Genesis 3 the Theocratic Kingdom disappeared from the earth as well as the Theocratic Administrator. Satan then became the God of this world. In all of this God made known what His desire is for the earth. That He will rule the earth through a man. Because of Adam's sin the entire world changed. The world came under the curse. Now creation groans to be set free.

Romans 8:19-22

¹⁹ *For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.*

²⁰ *For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,*

²¹ *Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*

²² *For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.*

So we are living in a world that is not under the authority which God desires. It is ruled by Satan.

But Jesus became a Man to restore the Theocratic Kingdom and to defeat the Devil.

Revelation 5:1-5

And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

² *And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?*

³ And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

⁴ And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

⁵ And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

One day Jesus will establish His Kingdom and we will rule with Him on this very earth.

2. God became a man to taste death for every man.

Notice Hebrews 2:9

The word "taste" here is not like taking a sip of something to see what it tastes like. Jesus did not just take a sip of death, He died!

He died for each and every person that has ever or will ever live. We are all sinners and God requires that all sin must be paid for. The only payment which God would accept is the blood of a sinless sacrifice.

Hebrews 9:22

²² And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

Jesus shed His blood as the payment for everyone's sin.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

³ For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

⁴ And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

Then why is not everyone saved? Because the blood of Jesus Christ is only applied to your life when you receive Him as your Savior.

John 1:11-12

¹¹ He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

¹² But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Jesus was able to pay our sin debt because He became a man. You see in order for man to have a sacrifice that would satisfy God there had to be a sinless man that would die. No man qualified so God became a man because He alone is sinless and as a man, He tasted death for every man.

This is exactly what the Christmas message is all about.

Luke 2:10-11

¹⁰ *And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.*

¹¹ *For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*

Jesus died to set us free from the penalty of sin and also the presence of sin. He died to make us new creations.

1 Corinthians 5:17

¹⁷ *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

Jesus died to free us from sin.

1 John 3:5-9

⁵ *And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.*

⁶ *Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.*

⁷ *Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.*

⁸ *He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*

⁹ *Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.*

3. God became a man to bring us to glory.

Notice Hebrews 2:10-13

Jesus became a man in to bring us to glory. This could also read, "He brings all the children of God to the final glorification." This speaks of the security which we have in Jesus Christ. Our glorification is brought about by Jesus Christ. He is the One who has finished the work which guarantees our glorification.

How sure is our glorification?

Romans 8:28-30

²⁸ *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

²⁹ *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

³⁰ *Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.*

Here we see that our glorification is already complete in the mind of God.

It is impossible once we are saved to not reach our glorification. Many people say that we can lose our salvation, but the Bible teaches the opposite.

John 11:25-26

²⁵ *Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:*

²⁶ *And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?*

Where we are saved, we will NEVER die spiritually.

Romans 5:19-21

¹⁹ *For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.*

²⁰ *Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:*

²¹ *That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Just as sin guarantees death, in the same way GRACE guarantees eternal life.

4. God became a man to set man free from the fear of death.

Notice Hebrews 2:14-15

There are two ways to view this thought.

a. Man has lived in fear of dying since sin entered into the world.

Jesus came to take away this fear in the believer. We know now that death is not to be feared because when we die, we are immediately in the presence of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:8

⁸ *We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.*

When we die, we go directly to be with the Lord. This is why Paul could write words of encouragement in Philippians.

Philippians 1:20-23

²⁰ *According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.*

²¹ *For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*

²² *But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not.*

²³ *For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:*

There is no reason for the believer to fear death. Listen to the words of one Bible teacher:

"If you are afraid of death as a Christian then you are living way beneath your privileges."

Jesus came to take this fear away. We are on a direct path to glory and there is nothing that will interfere.

b. Man fears missing out on life.

The second way to look at this is that death is the absence of life and therefore so many people are in bondage as they try to experience everything they can. They fill their lives with many things because they want it all while they are here. This keeps people busy so that they don't have time to think about eternity. This is another plan of Satan.

5. God became a man to identify with our suffering.

Notice Hebrews 2:16-18

The word "succor" here means "to bring aid to." Jesus became a man and as a man He suffered just like we do and now He can identify with what we face.

Notice Hebrews 2:10

Jesus was made "perfect through sufferings." This means He became experienced so that He can identify with us in our times of suffering.

Conclusion:

Jesus came as a man so that we could have a Savior. Have you received Him as your Savior?