

Jesus Son Of Man and Jesus Son of God

The Reality Of The Son Of Man

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1 Tim. 2:5, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man.....Christ Jesus;"

I'm not going to center on His mediatorial works so much as what this scripture calls the mediator. I want you to notice something. The scriptures say, "There is one God and one mediator between God and man. But notice the next two words.... the man Christ Jesus. Now it says there is one God, and there's one mediator between God and man THE MAN This scripture did not put Jesus in the category of God but of man.

The scriptures have just as much to say about Jesus being a man as they do about Him being God. In fact, it is very important that we realize why Jesus had to become a man. This relates to the kingdom of God. Without the understanding of the reason for Jesus being a man, then we will miss much that God wants us to receive from Him. Jesus put much emphasis on the fact that He was man. He called himself "Son of man." Most of the time he did not call Himself Son of God. He called Himself son of man around EIGHTY times. Now I challenge you, get your concordance out and look up every reference he mentions about Son of man. You will be amazed. Since we know that Jesus did not speak frivolously, that is a lot of talking showing that it was obviously an important factor to Him.

Why Did Jesus Become Man?

Why did Jesus become man? He became man in order to make God known to a world in darkness. Before Jesus became man he would make himself known through divine events. God's desire is to express himself. Since God is spirit, he had no means of expressing himself in a material world except through supernatural happenings. Another way we could know Him is that we have a picture of Him by the things which are made. Visible showing forth the unseen spirit realm. But this only showed his glory and handiwork. Therefore it became necessary for Jesus to become man. The Word (spirit of Jesus) was robed in flesh.

The Place Of Man In The Plan

The Order Of Angels And Mankind

Creation was given into the hands of man. Man was to have rule and dominion but Satan interjected himself into God's creation. According to scripture, angels are stronger in power than man. We find in the first chapter of Hebrews, that angels are of a higher order than man. They are stronger in power and have more wisdom than man. Even Lucifer in his fallen, sinful state is much wiser than mankind. He was made that way. He is an angelic being originally a good angel. He was the anointed cherub. In his fall, there were many angels taken with him. All angels bad or good, are wiser and stronger in power than man.

God Wanted Man To Have Free-will

God took a very small portion of His authority and He gave it into the hands of man. He did that for a reason. God did not want man to be just a robot. For this reason He gave man a free will. He wanted to give man authority and freedom to choose without God intervening, or forcing him by making him do what He wanted. He wanted him to have free choice so that man could choose to love the Lord thy God with all his heart, soul, and strength. He wanted man to choose to serve God through an act of his will. For this to be so, God had to give him free will, and He had to give him a portion of authority.

God Ruled Through His Man

God does not control the earth except through man. Man came and talked with God in the cool of the evening. God would speak and Adam would follow, not because he must but because he choose to. Adam said, "I serve you, and you're my God, and I'm your man. He had free will, and he was choosing to serve God, and God loved it. It was as if God gave man his charge card. God no longer had possession of His charge card over the earth, but He had man. And He wanted to develop a man that would serve Him.....freely.

Free-Will

He wants us to willingly, not like a robot, not like an angel that is made to do the bidding of God. But man is the only creation that can willingly choose. God put the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the garden. Some might say, "Why did He tempt man like that?" The devil was not around and there was not sin. The only bad thing around was the tree of knowledge of good and evil. If that had not been in the garden everything would have been perfect. But God never would have gotten what He wanted, because man would have had to obey because there would not be any other choices. You may assume Adam was a perfect man but without any options you would never really know. That is what we try to do. We try to arrange everything around us in order to have no temptations.

Obedience And Free-will

He does not want to force his creatures. And he does not want to dictate to us when to get up and when to pray, etc. We think that obeying God is wrapped up with doing everything he tells us. He wants our will to direct us to Him and then we ask what would please him. But like Israel in Egypt, we would rather be told every action required. We want a step-by-step analysis so we can be robots. But He just says, "I want you to pray." So we may lay down, sit, or we may stand as we pray. That is our choosing. He wants us to be free. He wants you to be you!

He'd rather you be hot or cold. And to be cold, at least that is your choosing. Then He knows where you stand.

Adam Lost The Dominion

Adam was a man, and he brought death. How did that process work? The process worked by the fact that, God made man in His own image, He made him after this likeness. He then gave man dominion, by saying, "Take dominion over the earth and subdue it, and subject it, and have control over it."

Satan Took The Dominion

Lucifer or Satan tricked man. He took the dominion away from man. He brought man into disobedience with God, and man lost dominion of this earth. Satan took up that dominion, and since that day, he has ruled in cruelty, in hatred, in war. Man's dominion now is stolen and used by him for evil.

Satan Seized The Authority And Became God Of This World

Satan saw the fact that man now had a certain portion of God's authority. He knew he was no match for God, but he also knew he was stronger and wiser than man. Satan saw that God was ruling indirectly through man. Satan looked at the situation and realized that God had released part of His authority. All Satan had to do in order to gain control of it was to wrangle it out of the hands of Adam. Satan saw a way in which he could have control and have an area of authority that God no longer had. Man had that authority, but man fell into sin. It gave Satan the authority to get in.

Satan is running around causing war and all this stuff. Everybody is blaming God, but God is not to blame. Man and Satan are to blame. Now it is very important to understand this because people see wars, rapes, etc, and say, "If God is love then why is He doing all this?" Let me make this clear: God is not doing these things. Satan is doing it through man by way of a fallen nature. Jesus looked at the Pharisees and said, "You are of your father, the devil." Man was originally in God's image, but when Adam fell they became in the image of Satan. They began proliferating the image of Satan.

Satan Exercises Authority Through Man

Satan knew that to gain possession of man was to indirectly take dominion over the earth. Only man has that area of authority in the earth. Only man and not Satan. But Satan through the instrumentality of man now ruled by a fallen nature will do what he wants. He will cause man to hate, curse, physically attack or whatever. If man having authority and a fallen nature would fight with his wife, well he would also fight another nation if the situation arose. Larger or lesser, it doesn't matter, for it is the same nature.

God gave Adam His credit card in the earth, and then Satan came and deceived him. He ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and it perverted his nature. Then Satan did not have to run around and control everything by causing us to sin, kill, or lie. Man's nature automatically does that. He just makes things worse than that. He gets in the middle of two evil natures and stirs it up until there's a war. He takes what is already fallen, and stirs that up. He is indirectly ruling. We have got a nature that automatically is selfish. All he does is trigger it, and then you go with it. There are some things he doesn't even have to trigger.

Satan is not omni-present like God. He is not everywhere at once. He has to go to and fro in the earth, just like God said in the Book of Job. "Where have you been, Satan?"..."Well, I've been going to and fro in the earth." Satan can not touch everybody at every moment. But he does not have to..... We've got a fallen nature. But God can touch everybody at every moment!! He placed Christ within every one of us that are born again. And He can move and manifest His glory and His power. We can commune with Him 24 hours a day at any given time. We can call upon Him and He is not too busy. You can rest in the fact that He is there. He'll never leave me nor forsake me. That's one reason why God put Christ in us.

Demons Must Use Man's Authority Also

Of course, there are fallen angels and there are demons out doing his work. Why do you think the demons are always trying to get into people? Because they need a body to have a legal right into the earth. God gave it unto man. Jesus Christ came in the form of man and took it away from the devil. The devil cannot do as much as he did before, unless he gets in men. Unless he gets possession of men.

Satan Is God Of This World

Satan became what the Bible describes as "the god of this world".

God Operates In Authority At This Time

Many wonder why the Lord left us on earth after we were saved. Why did not he just immediately take us to heaven? Did you ever wonder, "Why doesn't the Lord just make a clean sweep of everything and wipe Satan out?" This is one of the problems many Christians face. They are puzzled why God doesn't enable them to avoid difficulties. They wonder why God lets the devil run free. Since God is greater in power, why does not God just destroy the devil?" The reason is, now is a time period in which God is

preparing and making sons in the image of Christ. He is allowing the devil to tempt you in order to see what you are made of. Are you going to, by an act of your will follow God? Moses said, "sin has pleasure." There is a pleasure that the world can offer. It is tempting. Moses said, "I reject the pleasures of sin for a season, I choose rather to suffer with the people of God." "I choose!" That is an act of his will. It is forever and ever and ever but pleasures of sin are only for a season.

God Had To Get Authority Back In The Earth

God is trying to get back into the earth for the good of mankind. So He sent Jesus, but not just as "the Son of God" descending in power to destroy Satan for his crimes. No, that would be the Son of God "returning in power." And even in the end, the Son of God will not come back in power, the Son of Man will.

God Cannot Re-take The Dominion

God gave it to man, and if Satan steals it, God does not grab it out of his hand. He cannot touch it, for it is not His anymore. He gave it to man. The Bible says over in 1 Corinthians 15:20 that by man came death, so must by man come the resurrection of the dead. Redemption cannot come by any other order, but through a man. The changing of this creation, back from the power of darkness to the power of light, can only come through a human being.

Now, God cannot come down to the earth and just do things, change things and move things, because He does not have the legal right to do so. The earth did not belong to Him. It would be unrighteous to start stealing or taking away something that did not belong to him. Earth, at that time, did not belong to him. It belonged to the devil. The devil stole dominion from man, and only man would be able to get it back. God could not interject himself except as man prayed and gave him the right to act in the earth.

All Men Were Powerless Because They Have A Sin Nature

When Adam fell, sin was passed on to every man. The Bible says in Romans 5, "By one man sin entered into the world and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men." No man who had a fallen nature could take that dominion away from the devil, because man had given it up.

And so God laid out the Abrahamic Covenant. He laid out all the covenants, and He said to any man,, "If you will walk upright before me, I will show myself strong on your behalf." He said that to Abraham and to the nation of Israel. But no man could walk uprightly, because all were in sin.

The Answer? = Jesus Must Become Man

Only a man could exercise dominion in the earth. The only way dominion could be given back unto man, was that Jesus had to become man. Jesus came and was born into the

earth. He was born as a human being. He grew in stature and wisdom. You say, 'How can the eternal Son of God grow in wisdom?' He did not come as the Son of God only but also as the Son of man. Jesus as a man grew in wisdom. In Philippians 2, the Greek word there shows that Jesus emptied himself of his Godly attributes and powers and became a man. He walked this earth, in the form of a man, because only by man could that dominion be taken back.

Jesus Was The Vessel For God In The Earth

Through man came death, and through man would have to come the resurrection from the dead. So God sent His man, Jesus Christ. "There's one mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Christ." He now has the authority of the Son of God. But when He spoke about his actions, He did not attribute them to his deity. He declared he did them because he was the Son of Man. He had authority because He was a man who has authority in the sphere of the earth.

Before Jesus came, just every once in a while somebody would become willing to be used of God, and so God could use them. But most the time the devil was controlling everything. Every once in a while you would hear of God being able to do something in the earth, but when was it? You would find some little women like Hannah praying and yielding to God. Her heart was so open to God, and prayed that she might give birth to one who would serve God all his days on the earth. She was a vessel and God used her to bring forth Samuel. Every once in a while God would find somebody that would let His authority into the earth, but most the time they did not.

When Jesus came, he came to replace the first man and become the second man (the first man's replacement). He came to fulfill the divine plan and be willing to live wholly to God. Jesus first consideration in coming was not evangelistic (towards man) but toward God. "I will live unto God." I will live by the life of the Father. I will be a vessel filled with the life of God. I will not do anything on my own. I will not show how much I can do, how much I know, how much power I have. I will not display my own attributes, but simply be a human vessel.

With my body I am able to express what I am but with Jesus' body he expressed what the Father was. That is why we are the body. We are not to express us. Jesus said, "I do nothing of myself." That is contrary to what I have thought. I thought Jesus could do anything. Jesus came as a man filled with God. God wants to work through man.

God joined in union with man. Originally God's sovereignty went through Adam but they were still separate. The big story of Jesus was not that He was man, but that Jesus was in union with God and was obedient to the Father. As such, he gave God place in the earth. He was the only one who never disobeyed God. He did exactly what God said. He was man under the authority of God. Jesus said, "the works that I do are not my own....as I hear, I do." When He was in the garden of Gethsamane, He said, "Not my will, but thine be done!" Was Jesus' will different than God's will? I thought Jesus and the Father were one. One God....one will. Jesus was not saying he did not want to obey the Father. But

He said, "Not my will" even if it was exactly the same. Everything Jesus did, He did because the Father showed it to Him, or did it through Him. He did not do anything in and of Himself except under the sovereignty of God. John Wesley said, "God does nothing in the earth except through prayer." It is an interesting concept.

Jesus Came As A Man

The scriptures in Phil. 2 give us a picture of the earthly walk of Jesus. Jesus came to this earth as man by entering this planet as a baby. He ministered as a man, and the scriptures in Phil. 2:5-8: (insert Phil. 2:5-8 here.)

Jesus laid aside his divine attributes (ceased to act in the power of his divine attributes). He chose while here on earth, not to avail himself of his sovereign rights. He came to live as a human vessel - a vessel knowing all the humiliations, limitations and temptation of humanity yet never at any point taking recourse to his own attributes as the Son of God.

Hebrews 2:3-16

3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

5 For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.

6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?

7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:

8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

11 For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

12 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.

14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

Jesus Had To Be A Different Kind Of Man

Everybody was born in sin with a nature of sin, because all were born after the image of that first man Adam. God tried working with fallen humanity. He tried Noah but Noah built the Ark, saved the righteous then got out and got drunk. It was for that reason that God had to send a flood. Just whipping them out was not the answer for they would just come back. So God tried Abraham. But Abraham went down to Egypt and began lying about his wife. So God tried Moses who promptly killed an Egyptian. Therefore God looked to David but David committed adultery and murder.

All men had a nature of sin and reproduced after their kind. So God looked for another kind of man. He needed a New man. So Jesus volunteered for the job. But if Jesus was like all other men then he would have a nature of sin. And so God had to start with a completely different kind of man that would be God's agent in the earth.

He Was Both Son Of God And Son Of Man

First of all, though he became man, Jesus never ceased to be deity or divine in nature. In his essential nature he is not earthly but is the Lord from heaven (I Cor. 15:45). These aspects show Him to be the Son of God. But it was the Son of man that said, "A spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have" (Luke 24:39). Christ the Son of man fills all things. Christ the Son of God fills the church. It was the Son of God in the son of man that said, "Before Abraham was, I am." "He is from above."

God made man on the earth. He was made from the dust of the earth. He is of the earth, earthy. But Jesus came as a man. His body was of this earth, but His nature was from heaven.

Two Kinds Of Mankind

Your mediator is not just God, he is a man, and there is a reason for that. I want to look at several scriptures. First is 1 Corinthians, chapter 15, verse 20-21. This is dealing with the resurrection of Jesus and the fact that He was a man. " But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits if them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." Adam was the first man, and all became in his image. That first man, when he fell into sin, reproduced seed after his kind and all men came from Adam and Eve. All men bore the image of the first man. You can see this in verse 45, " And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a life - giving or a quickening spirit." Verse 47-48 says, "The first man is of the earth, earthy: the

second man is the Lord from heaven." As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly."

Adam was the first man, so when we speak of the Adamic nature, we are talking about that first man, because all became like him, and all have that fallen nature. Jesus also became man; he became the "second man." He was man. This says, "for since by man came death, by man also had to come resurrection."

Jesus Ministers As The Son Of Man

He was born a man and he lived his first 30 years on this earth just like you and I. But when he became 30 years old, something different happened. On that day, he stepped into the Jordan River, the Spirit of God came upon him, and he came out of that water, and began to minister as a man anointed of the Spirit. You can read about it in Luke 4. In verse 18, he states the purpose of his ministry. He came to set man free. Verse 16 says, "And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and as his custom was, he entered into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet, Isaiah. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, '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 broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.'"

Jesus began his earthly ministry but did not minister as the Son of God. He ministered as the Son of man. He said several times, "I could have called ten thousand angels. I could do all kinds of things, I am the Son of God." And he was, but he had to walk down here as a man. The Son of God could not take back that dominion from the devil, only man walking in union with God could. As Son of man, Jesus would do nothing out from himself as the source. He had to resist using godly things but we must resist using the old humanity. Proof is found in the Book of Acts. Jesus of Nazareth was Son of man. and was the eternal Son of God. Over in the 10th chapter, verse 38: "How God hath anointed Jesus of Nazareth, with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good, healing all that were oppressed of the devil, for God was with him." It speaks of how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus just did not operate as the Son of God. God anointed him with the Spirit. God anointed him with the same power that you and I have access to. And he did to a human man. In the synagogue, the first thing out of his mouth was, 'The Spirit of God is upon me, He hath anointed me to do this, to do that, heal minister.'

Jesus describes Himself as the bread of life. He says, "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man....my flesh is meat indeed." It also says that the "bread of God came down out of Heaven and gives life to the world." As bread and flesh, He is man. But because He came from heaven, he is a different kind of man. Just any man could not do what Jesus did because the angelic order is higher, wiser, and stronger than man. Man had to get into union with God. If man won that back, if man did that righteously. To have this life you must become a partaker and eat (in knowledge) the reality of the Second Man, or you will have no life in you.

Sin Brings Death God Cannot Work With Sinful Man

Man had to walk in union and give God a legal right into the earth. Since man was given dominion in the earth, only man can give God place in the earth. But God cannot just join himself with any man. God is a holy God. Even if man has dominion God cannot ignore the condition of mankind. If man walks righteously and upright before Him, then God can come down and minister.

Jesus Never Sinned Therefore Could Not Die

Jesus never sinned. Sin was never found in him, therefore, he, as man, had the legal right to the earth. He had a legal right to have dominion. He won that right through righteousness. He never sinned. He was without spot and blemish.

Legally he had a right to raise him from the dead. Jesus had no legal right in hell. He had not sinned. He is the only man that walked this earth, that gained a legal right into heaven. Everybody else deserved hell. And so he was resurrected. Legally that spirit took that man up and he is seated.

Jesus Was An Acceptable Sacrifice

Jesus of Nazareth was a man. As Messiah, he related to an earthly nation. He walked as a man and as a man, he did not sin.

Sinless Blood

The power which the blood of Jesus has is not found in the fact that it was God's blood but because it was a sinless man's blood. When he shed his blood, it was human blood. Only a man can shed his blood not God. Shedding of blood means the life of the flesh is poured out. This is the price for the satisfaction for sin and the token of the covenant. The only reason blood is involved in the covenant is because of man's failure which must be atoned for.

Jesus said, 'Heaven and earth will pass away but not one jot or one tittle of this law will cease until all be fulfilled.' So Jesus walked under the covenants and fulfilled them. He did all righteousness and He loved his brother and he had no idols before him, he loved his neighbor as himself. He ministered in every point. In every jot and tittle he fulfilled. Jesus' keeping of the covenant could not be substituted for us. He perfectly kept the covenant in order to be an acceptable, sinless sacrifice. Jesus' sacrifice was acceptable because he was righteous. Had Jesus sinned, his death could not be as a substitute. He would have died for his own sins. The lamb had to be without spot but all the spots of humanity were put on him. It had to be the just for the unjust.

As an individual, Jesus fulfilled the first covenant and by the shedding of his own blood has extended to us a new covenant. The new covenants says, 'Drink, for the life is in the blood.' We drink in token of the truth which is to partake of his life. We eat bread

signifying that we are the bread representing the body. God does not have a body, but man has a body. The God-man that has the body is Jesus Christ. We are not the body of the Son of God but of the Son of man.

How Son Of God And Son Of Man Relates To The Church

A lot of people tend to overemphasize the human side and some people tend to overemphasize the spiritual side of Jesus nature, but both are true. Though he is the Son of God, Jesus will always be man and will always have a flesh and bone body. So will you. Let me tell you a little secret, you will always be mankind, you will always be man. But you will have a glorified body at that day. Your body will be changed.

Union Of God And Man

Let's go back to this point of man. Have you ever asked, "Why repentance, why faith, why prayer." God gave man a realm of His authority that God no longer had control over except through man. God would not move in a certain sphere, only man can. And man can not do certain things, but only God can.

Man has a certain amount of authority in the earth, and God has a nature. God wants to bring these two together. He wants to combine the authority of man and the nature of God. Man has authority in the earth but is not stronger or wiser than Satan. None of us are. However, God is stronger and wiser, but He does not have the authority. And so, there must become a God-man.

Man, in and of himself could never do what God wanted. Even good men could not. There is only one that had not failed and that was Jesus Christ. When Jesus became man two things came together for the first time since the creation. The first was that man, who had authority in the earth, joined with the authority of God and the nature of God. Jesus had authority over the devil because the Father who was in him was greater. He had a sinless nature because He lived by the nature of the God. Also he had authority because he was a man who was fulfilling the covenant therefore God was blessing him. God was in Christ the man, reconciling the world unto Himself. That is what II Cor. 5:20-21 declares.

The Good News: Another Nature

The gospel means "good news." What is the good news? While it is good news to find out I am not going to hell, that is not the good news. That is a result of the good news. Jesus did not come to give us the good news, Jesus came as the good news. Jesus did not come to give us the message of God, He came as the message of God! The good news is, Christ in you the hope of glory.

When Jesus left the earth, He sent the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit came and placed Christ within us. The plan of God is Christ in you, the hope of glory. God in man ruling supreme. When I recieved Jesus, I did not just ask for a ticket to live a long time after I

died. I needed a new beginning. The big thing that happened to me was I received Jesus as my life. He came into my heart and He lives in me. And when He came in, my joy to this day is not just that I am going to heaven but Christ dwells within me. What nature is imparted to you? It is God's nature. We have become partakers of the Divine nature. By the Spirit of God I am being changed from glory to glory into that image. We need to be conformed to the image of Christ and Romans 8:28 says that is the purpose of God.

Man Must Give Place To God In The Earth

Man has the authority in the earth. God can do nothing for He has got to do it through man because He gave man that portion of his authority. Before Jesus died on the Cross, God did not have the legal right to interject Himself into the earth. To this day, God cannot interject Himself into the earth, except through man. It is necessary for Him to have those who are yielded and vessels unto Him. God needs a vessel in order to have a legal entry. "We have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power will be of God, not of us." We have this treasure in us for this purpose; that God's power can be released. He ministers through mankind. He wants to heal, but He ministers through people and through people's prayers. It is God that heals and that does the work. But it is only through a man.

There is coming a day when the Man will come back, take up all the authority in Himself, and that man will deliver all of it back to God. The Head man, Jesus Christ, will deliver it all to God, and then God will be all in all. But right now man has to give it back unto God because man has a small, limited portion of authority.

Man's Part In Prayer

If we do not understand the dominion of mankind, and that we are workers together with God, we will not know how to pray properly. By prayer man gives God a legal right into the earth. From the scriptures we find there are messenger angels who fight through the forces of darkness in order to bring answers to men on earth who have prayed. But the angels do not make it through by reason of their superior power over demons, but because they ascend and descend on the Son of man (John ?).

As Son of man, Jesus is the link between God and man. "What if you should see the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man." In Jesus was Jacob's ladder, the vehicle by which God through His messenger angels can touch the earth and through whom He can hear from man. Jesus as Son of man is mediator between God and man. He has the power through his nature and he has the authority through being a man.

Many times our prayers are prayed without any evidence of the dominion of man or the union that has taken place between God and man. We simply pray to the Creator. Do you know God cannot do a thing except through a human being that is plugged into Him? God needs a sanctified, born again son of God that has a human body. When we see a circumstance that is contrary to the Lordship of Christ, we usually wish that God would change it. Many times our prayers are based on what we want God to do for us. Instead,

we should submit ourselves to him, combining our dominion with the sovereignty of God. That is not overruling or overriding God. It is under God, in connection with God, working with God, to the same degree that Jesus did.

We are the legal right for God to minister in the earth. And to whatever degree we pray, is the degree God has legal right in the earth. If we pray a little, that is all God can move. If we believe for small things, that is all God can move. If we pray for big things, God can do big things. But it is according to the power that worketh in us. The Bible says he can do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think. But it is always based and prefaced on the power that works in us; on our ability to give God that dominion on the earth.

Satan Is Against The Son Of Man

I John 4:1 warns to not believe every spirit but to try them. The criterion in determining which spirits are of God and which are not is based on if Jesus came in the flesh. One bitter fight is the denial of the Incarnation of Jesus.

Nowhere do we ever find the enemy referring to Jesus as the Son of man. In the temptation of the wilderness he said "If thou art the Son of God." Demons cried out "Son of God" but never son of man. The demon possessed woman who followed Paul cried "These are the servants of the Most High God." The enemy concedes His divinity but does not want us to address Him as Son of man. Many insist more on the Son of God's power than on His humanity. The scope and purpose of every diabolical doctrine is to deny the humiliation and sufferings of the Son Of Man.

The Need For A New Creation

That is why there has to be a new birth. God could not accomplish His plan with the old creation. The old man may do the best he can but he will always fail because of his nature. The new creation is the joining of man's authority and the nature of God. God's plan was for a God-man. But not just one man that is a God-man; there has to become a new creation, a new man. Just as Jesus was man with God in him, so we must have Christ in us the hope of glory. God in man, working together. So God brought them together in the Body of Christ. Jesus did not fail when he walked the earth and he will not fail in us. What you could not do, God does through you. That is how it is supposed to work. God wanted Adam to chose to love and follow him but man failed. So God's solution for man was to put Christ within us.

It is not the same relationship which Adam had with God in the garden of Eden where He came down and fellowshiped with man. No! Now there is a blending of the two, where it is Christ in you. You are not Christ nor are you God, and you never will be. But he is in you. We are to walk in newness of life.

Because we have recieved the nature of the Son of God, the church is not from the earth. As was declared of Jesus, "He is from above." This is the Sonship side of the issue

concerning Christians. That is why the term "worldly Christian" is so bad. That new life is much more than just being good. God did more this time than just lay down the law. Many Christians are still living by the old nature though they have received a new spirit within them. They need to come to the reality of the new creation.

You must understand man's part and God's part. You must understand how they are to work together as treasure in earthen vessel. God does not just want the treasure. He wants a treasure in earthen vessels. "We have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us"

The Holy Spirit And The New Creation

I used to wonder why the Holy Spirit could not come into the earth fully. Before Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was doing things in the earth but not as fully as after Pentecost. But Jesus informed his disciples that after the resurrection He would send the Holy Spirit. He made it sound as if the Holy Spirit could not come in power before that time. The Son of man ascended and sat at the right hand of God. Do you remember when Stephen was being stoned by the Pharisees? As he was about to die Stephen looked up into heaven and saw the Son of man (not the Son of God) standing at the right hand of God. Jesus, as man was in authority in the heavens. After he was glorified, this man gave to the Holy Spirit the freedom to move in the earth.

Everything Is Waiting For The Realization Of The New Creation

This old creation because of sin, is groaning and travailing. It is ready to break forth. The Bible says in Romans 8, "It is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God." Man is the one who put this world in the mess that it is in. But now, the sons of God are the hope of its redemption.

So the whole creation is waiting for a Body, an army, a new creation to arise out of the ashes of the old. And as we bore the image of the earthly, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly. The first man was of the earth, earthy. The second man, which we are a part of, is the LORD from heaven. He is waiting for us to acknowledge what He did in Christ, and what Christ is in us. He is waiting for the whole church to begin to come to the knowledge of the new creation. Once we begin to move as man with God under His sovereignty, we will begin to see the power of God go forth. Then the world will be changed, but not until.

We say, 'Why does not God stop all the killing?' God is not killing. That is the work of the devil. They say, 'If God was a righteous and merciful God, why does not He stop all this?' He has stopped it in the spirit. He is waiting for you and I to take up our dominion. Pray for the right president. Pray against this spirit of anti-Christ. One of the major laws in the universe is, you reap what you sow. There is so much wickedness going on that only the prayers and the power of the saints is going to be able to stop this huge devastation. In fact, we will not be able to stop all of it. That is why God has got to take us out of this earth.

Power-Hungry Christians

There are many Christians who are asking for more power from God. They see the power that the Son of God as the answer to all of life's dilemmas. Some Christians think they have understood the authority of the believer and look at themselves as something special. There is certain teaching in this area that can puff-up your flesh and mind. People begin to think of themselves more highly than they ought. But when it is Christ in you, then you will not be puffed up. You become broken and contrite before Him. Your will is under the subjection of Him. God is able to heal through you or do miracles and you are not puffed up because you know the source. People try to make you something but you give the glory to God. God said "lay hands on the sick and they will recover". You simply obeyed. There are two factors in that scripture. The first is the fact that God uses human hands to accomplish his ends. The second is that it is the power of God that produces the healing. It is this union of God and man. I have heard the man-side preached without the sovereignty of God. But God does not want it just man-sided. He wants Christ in man. That is alot different than just being super-saints.

Spreading The Kingdom

There is something we believe God is trying to accomplish here. If He can do it in this church, then it can spread. But if He can not do it in you and me. We can not be responsible for the whole world but we can be responsible for ourselves.

Union Between Man And God

The disciples ministered, God working with them. Paul writes that we are workers together with God; that we are joint heirs with Jesus, we are in partnership with God. This was God's plan in the very beginning, that God would work in union with man. By the new birth, we are sons of God by Christ. But we are also men, who, if we are born again, have a legal right to have dominion in the earth. As sons of God we have a relationship and a nature that lets Christ live in us. As men, we exercise dominion in the earth.

We Live By Another

Jesus was Son of man. As Son of man he is weak and dependent. He stated, "The Son of man can do nothing of himself." What he meant was that he did not do the work as the Son of God, but he let the Father do it through him. So as he trusted, he received the power of the Father to overcome. The Father did the works. He did that so when the time came, we might all say, "The works that I do are not mine either. It is Christ that dwells within." He lived as our example. That was his purpose. Because Jesus did that, we also may because we have that same authority now. But even greater than that, we have the same Jesus dwelling within.

Paul, in Galatians 2:20, Colossians 1:27, and Philipians 1:21 continually declared this to be the way in which regenerated men were to operate. It is Christ in you, the hope of

glory. Paul said, "The life I live in this flesh, I live by the life of Christ because I am crucified with Christ. Nevertheless I live, but not I, Christ liveth in me." Therefore the works we do are not our own works.

This Christian walk is a walk of being delivered over to death. It is not a life of overcoming power in which we meet every trial and easily overcome. Rather, we overcome by Christ. We see Jesus who did not do of himself but trusted God to raise him up. It is a life of constant death and resurrection. That is not our theology alone but our lifestyle.

The Disciples Preached The Resurrected Man

Jesus said to the disciples, "Who do they think, I, the Son of man am?" Peter said, 'You are the Son of the living God.' But Jesus was not walking as the Son of the living God; He was walking as a man. Therefore Jesus said, 'You could have only gotten that by revelation, because I am not walking as Son of God. I am walking as a man under the anointing of the Spirit, and when I lay my hands on them, I do not do the works, God does. But because I am a man in covenant with God, God has the legal right to be injected into the earth.'

Also on the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit revealed to Peter that the man Jesus is the one who has gained the dominion. An example is found in Acts 3:6, "Then Peter said, 'Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have, give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk. And he took him by the right had, and lifted him up; and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.'

Peter said, "In the name of Jesus of Nazareth." Who is Jesus of Nazareth? What if Peter said to a demon, "In the name of Jesus of Nazareth" and that demon said back, 'Who is Jesus of Nazareth?' Peter's reply would have been, "He is the man that walked the earth in union with God, without sin, and won back dominion who has now been resurrected." Jesus was the only man that was immediately raised up and given dominion over you, the devil, sickness, diseases, and over all things. He is the one who is seated at the right hand of God, yet He is still Jesus of Nazareth. He is a resurrected man.

The dominion and the right to heal, and minister is not because of the eternal Son of God. It is because the Son of God came down, emptied himself, walked under the same conditions and pressures as you and I, was obedient, and proved that a regular man, under the sovereignty and power of the Holy Sprit could walk in this earth, could minister, could set men free, and could literally turn the world upside down.

The High Priest Is A Man

There is one mediator between man and the man is Jesus. The position of mediator had to be man but fallen man could not approach a holy God. So Jesus became that man. He became the mediator of a better covenant. The high priestly position held by Jesus was his only after he was a man. To be a faithful High Priest, Jesus had to be tempted and

through it trusted in the living God who raises the dead. He had to have fellowship in the sufferings of man. When God raised him from the dead, he had lived life as a man. He knows what we are going through and he knows we can overcome.

He said, 'I am not ashamed to call you my brethren.' He said, 'I could have become like an angel.' It behooved him to become like us. And he said, 'I became just like you were. I lived the problems you lived and I lived under the power of the Spirit, and I am here at the right hand of God, interceding for you. I know what you are going through. I am making intercession for you to pull you through. I am praying that the power of the Holy Spirit will overshadow you so that you will walk in the dominion that is yours. That is what it says in Hebrews 2. He won it as Son of man. He won that right. Raised up far above, he has got dominion, might, and power over all things.

The Church Gives God Legal Entry

One important reason why He has raised the church up is because He needs a legal right into the earth. He needs it through men and women. If he could just do it, He would do it.

I Give You Authority

When Jesus rose from the dead, he said to his followers, "I give you authority. I give you that dominion." The question is: What are we going to do with it? But the devil blinds the eyes lest they believe the glorious gospel.

There is a legal right, and every Christian has that legal right. It is like the Emancipation Proclamation that declared the slaves to be free. President Lincoln signed it, the Congress passed it, and all slaves were free. As each slave heard about it, they began to act on it. He no longer picked cotton but may have started his own business. But there were other slaves who never heard about it, or heard about it but were too fearful.

There are a lot of Christians just like that. They have never heard the freedom that is in Christ. The Bible declares, "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." Ephesians 1:8 says, "That the eyes of your understanding being enlightened that you might know what is the hope of his calling, what is the riches of his glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power toward us who believe." If you do not believe, it is not yours. God will not throw you down and work miracles through you. He is not going to come in and take dominion over the powers of darkness in your life. You are going to have to believe it.

John said, "He must increase; I must decrease." There is an increase and a decrease process going on. The more you yield, believe, step out, the more it happens. So we die in that sense, to all of our effort. All we do is give God a legal right. Jesus said to lay hands on the sick and they would recover. So in obedience to the King of kings and Lord of lords, I obey His word. We can fully expect him to carry out the authority of the throne.

As many as receive him, gave he authority to be sons of God. We must receive it. It does not come automatically just because we are saved. But many have not received the authority. They have the legal right to it, but not everybody has received it.

All Things Under His Feet

Hebrews 2 says, 'but we do not see all things under his feet yet, not that it is not there. It is there, he has won it. Jesus is Lord and King, but we see not yet all things under His feet. We do not see it outwardly. We look around and it looks like the devil is ruling and reigning. You know why? Now we do not go by what is seen, but what is not seen. We see the resurrected Son of man by the Spirit.

He is Lord over all. But during this time He rules by authority. He does not force man. Therefore we do not see his Lordship displayed everywhere. This is a time to learn to trust in that Lordship and the God of resurrection. Believing just because we see now His Lordship does not make us spiritual beings. He is Lord now and could immediately assert his Lordship in power over the devil and all else. But he is trying to use this time. He is trying to move us from sense creatures to sons of God. Reversals are opportunities for Jesus to manifest His resurrection power that we claim we trust in. The sons of the Kingdom are under the Lordship of Christ. They walk by faith and not by sight.

Jesus came and won that dominion. He knows we can not see it right now, but He wants us to walk by faith. After Jesus was raised from the dead, he returned to the upper room. The disciples were scared so the doors were locked. Jesus had a human body, but walked right through the wall. Of course they said, "We have seen a ghost." But Jesus declared that he was not a spirit but a man for a spirit does not have flesh and bone. Then he said, 'All power in heaven and earth has been given unto me, a recreated human man. I am man. I give it unto you and I tell you. Now take that dominion and that authority in my name. Cast out devils in my name, lay hands on the sick.' What name? In the name of the man that won dominion back from the devil, that you can say the man Jesus Christ. It is not because he is the Son of God that he rules and reigns. It is because he is the Son of man.

Communion

We are not just the Body of Christ in some organizational way. No, we have that Life! When we partake of Communion we are publicly declaring this fact. The Bible tells us that the life is in the Blood. The communion wine represents his blood. That is what pouring this communion wine into us represents. Jesus' life was in His Blood. When we pour it in we are communing with God's plan, and saying "It is Christ in me and by the authority given man I willingly choose to serve and obey." God's nature which tends toward righteousness, goodness, and blessing is what I need poured into me.

Two Kingdoms: Two Methods Of Rule

Through manipulation, power, and force, he uses men. That was never God's plan or will. Neither is that how God operates. God does not want to use force or to manipulate anybody; He wants us to have free will. He does not want us to obey because the Holy Spirit's is pressuring us. He wants us, by an act of our will, when we are free from Satan, to choose to obey God.

By What Kingdom Are We Operating Our Churches?

It does not please God if a pastor forces or manipulates people. Did you know that all cults are based on power? They are based on one person exerting his will over others. In the church, the will of God is to be supreme. Men or ministers ought to be able to express, and to communicate the will of God; but should not bring pressure to force somebody to do God's will. If they do, God would not be pleased with it.

If churches are getting results by some man's forcing, or manipulating, whether through causing things to happen, or through his sweet personality, it is still man and not God. But some examine the results and think the end justifies the means. But the most important thing to God is not just what is done for Him but what means it is accomplished by also.

Is what is accomplished done willingly by those who do it? Did you know that there can be peer pressure in a church? There are things people do for the church in order to not look bad to other people. That is not the proper motivation. Some people would complain over such a teaching for without pressure and manipulation, nothing would get accomplished in their churches. But if we can not operate based on God's Kingdom, then what is the point? The end does not justify the means.

If the pastor dictates when you pray, etc. then that is wrong. However, if a man of God, or somebody, says, "I really think I heard from God, and I think we're supposed to pray, just pray for 20 minutes before service tonight." Then, and, of course, if you don't do that, you may be missing the leading of the Lord. There is a big difference between the two. Somebody saying, "EVERYBODY PRAY!" And then he is looking....."YOU'RE NOT PRAYING!" Ya know, "GET HIM!"

There are Christians who refuse to operate by the methods of Satan's kingdom. Many times there are situations that others have to intervene and just do the job that someone else should have done. What keeps you from getting bitter? It is because you do it for Christ's sake and the gospel. Some might think you are just wearing yourself out and not getting much done. What is getting done is that you are bringing pleasure to God for doing it His way. God sees your heart. He knows what and why you are doing it. He sees the spirit in which you do it. I know people that work feverishly doing ministry yet they are mad all the time. Anything that says "look at me!" is wrong anyway. When your motive is, "Lord, I do for your glory because I want to."

Son Of Man

There are certain principles you must understand in order to progress. Each step has to be settled in order to proceed. Many people try jumping steps and end up falling back further. Then they wonder why it is not working. It does work, but it works God's way and not man's way.

Dealing With Temptation Through The Divine Nature

If you face something that draws on your soul is there not a pull? That is what temptation is. Temptation is not sin. Sin is sin. Everybody is tempted. Even Jesus was tempted. He could not have been tempted unless there was a pull. Temptation is real and powerful thing. The goal is not found in getting stronger than temptation or sin. The goal is to depend on the nature of Christ within. That is why God put Jesus in you and me. That is why the old man was crucified and God has given you another life. So what is it we should grow in? Bible facts? Scriptures memorized. Those are fine, but that is not true growth. True growth is in the knowledge of Christ. "But grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord." "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh." It did not say "put on good thoughts." But put on a person, not a concept.

You Are What You Eat

You need Christ in you. John said, ""He must increase but I must decrease." He did not just say, "I hope I get more spiritual." He said, "I must decrease." You are either feeding the old man or you are feeding the new man. You are what you eat. What are you feeding yourself on a daily basis? What are you reading? What are you watching on TV? What are you listening to? What kind of music are you putting in your ears? What kinds of books and tapes are you putting before you? What kind of places do you go? Some say, "I don't know why I can't be any stronger." You want to know why? Because you are feeding the old man, and he is growing and increasing.

The wisest man in the world said, "Don't stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of the scornful, or walk in the council of the ungodly." Proverbs says, "A wise man runs around wise men." We get to feeling the pleasures of it, and pretty soon it grabs you. If you give it enough place, it will get you.