

# The Good News of the Gospel – Part 4

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## -The Human Nature of Christ-

**\*Stop** – Important to do Lesson Part 3 First

**\*\*Remember to Pray for Wisdom Before You Begin**

- 1.) How important did the Apostle John consider of Christ's humanity? **1John 4:2, 3** *Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ is of God: 3 And every spirit that \_\_\_\_\_ not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of \_\_\_\_\_, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. 2John 1:7* For many \_\_\_\_\_ are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the \_\_\_\_\_. This is a deceiver and an \_\_\_\_\_. **NOTE: A solid biblically based view of the human nature of Christ is very important to our salvation, so important that it is considered "anti-Christ" teaching if it doesn't fall in line with Biblical teaching. When the early Christian church fell away into apostasy and compromise with paganism, it took on many false teachings that aren't based on God's Word -the Holy Scriptures. Today you'll look at a vital facet of truth that is important to the plan of salvation from the curse of sin and how Jesus Christ came in our weak fallen flesh without sin, bore our sins on the cross and gave a perfect example on how to live a victorious life over sin.**
- 2.) What did the Apostle John say about how Jesus came into this world? **John 1:14** *And the Word was made \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .* **NOTE: Glory is reference to God's character as the verse above says. Jesus reflected the character of His Father by abiding closely in Him.**
- 3.) Why was it important for Jesus to come in our flesh? **Galatians 4:3-5** *Even so we, when we were children, were in \_\_\_\_\_ under the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world: 4 But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his \_\_\_\_\_, made of a \_\_\_\_\_, made under the law, . . . 5 To \_\_\_\_\_ them that were under the \_\_\_\_\_, that we might receive the \_\_\_\_\_ of sons.* **NOTE: Jesus had to reach us right where we were at. To be able to die he had to take on fallen humanity which was already subject to death. He had to be made under the law. At the same time, He had to be without sin. He had to vicariously pay the penalty of our sins plus be an example to us so we could also know how to overcome as He overcame. He would redeem our failure.**
- 4.) Back in the Old Testament what interesting scenario was recorded in regards to Job's anguish about God being distant and removed from humanity because of sin? **Job 9:32** *For he is not a \_\_\_\_\_, as \_\_\_\_\_ am, that I should \_\_\_\_\_ him, and we should come*

\_\_\_\_\_ in judgment. **33** Neither is there any \_\_\_\_\_ betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us \_\_\_\_\_. **Now in a modern version (NKJV) Job 9:32,33** "For He is not a man, as I am, That I may answer Him, and that we should go to court together. **33** Nor is there any mediator between us, Who may lay his hand on us both. **NOTE: The context of this setting was the terrible suffering that the devil was causing Job and which God was allowing to test him on his motives for serving God. Job at this time just couldn't understand why he had to go through all this. He felt the need for God to sympathize with him in his broken sin-afflicted humanity. Naturally he probably argued in his mind how God could possibly understand and sympathize with fallen humans, when He (God) had never been where we (human flesh) are in our pitiful situation and experience what we have to go through. Job was probably craving this sympathy and understanding from a God who had been there in our flesh. Ever heard the expression, "Been there – done that!?" What Job may not have fully comprehended was that God in the process of time was about to step way down in the Person of His Son and enter into our human experience! Praise God for His wonderful plan of Salvation! A Mediator was on the way! This will be illustrated in a modern parable at the end of this Bible study.**

5.) What type of human flesh did Jesus come in –unfallen like Adam before he fell or fallen-like after Adam's fall? **Romans 8:3** For what the \_\_\_\_\_ could not do, in that it was weak through the \_\_\_\_\_, God sending his own Son in the likeness of \_\_\_\_\_ flesh, and for sin, \_\_\_\_\_ sin in the \_\_\_\_\_ : **NOTE: Surprising as it may seem, Jesus came in the likeness of sinful flesh which means He took on human flesh after sin had come into the world and damaged humanity. By overcoming in the same flesh that we have, He showed there was no excuse for us to sin in our flesh -thus the statement – "Condemned sin in the flesh." Adam fell into sin in "sinless flesh." Jesus conquered sin in already weakened "sinful flesh" after 4,000 years of sin-damaged flesh! Amazing Savior!!**

6.) Since Jesus took on sinful flesh (without sinning), to what extent did He take on sinful human flesh? How far did He step down to reach and save us? **Heb 2:16-18** For verily he took not on him the \_\_\_\_\_ of angels; but he took on him the \_\_\_\_\_ of Abraham. **17** Wherefore in \_\_\_\_\_ things it behooved him to be made \_\_\_\_\_ unto his brethren, that he might be a \_\_\_\_\_ and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. **18** For in that he himself hath \_\_\_\_\_ being \_\_\_\_\_, he is able to succor them that are tempted. **Romans 1:3** -Concerning his Son \_\_\_\_\_ our Lord, which was made of the \_\_\_\_\_ of David according to the \_\_\_\_\_; **NOTE: According to this text Jesus came into this sin-cursed world in the likeness of sinful flesh after 4,000 years of sin and was "made like unto His brethren," -like those around Him. He had to reach us where we were so He could save us from sin. As He experienced physical suffering and temptation He could more understandably sympathize and be merciful to us because He had been there and gone through what we**

*had gone through yet without sin. Romans 1:3 as quoted above is basically referenced to the genealogy as given in [see Matthew 1:1-17]*

- 7.) Was Jesus tempted as we are tempted? Hebrews 2:18; 4:15 *For in that he himself hath \_\_\_\_\_ being \_\_\_\_\_, he is able to succor[help] them that are tempted. 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the \_\_\_\_\_ of our infirmities; but was in \_\_\_\_\_ points \_\_\_\_\_ like as we are, yet without sin. NOTE: "All points" means just what it says. Jesus felt the pull of temptation through His fallen "sinful flesh," suffered through it and was victorious! He was totally filled by the Holy Spirit.*
- 8.) What is the Bible definition of temptation? James 1:14 *But every man is \_\_\_\_\_, when he is \_\_\_\_\_ away of his \_\_\_\_\_ lust, and \_\_\_\_\_.* NOTE: *Lust is basically internal natural desires that spring from within our human natures. Temptation is not sin. But when we yield to the enticement of those unlawful desires then we commit sin. Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit from His mother's womb and He constantly stayed intimately connected to His heavenly Father. But as Heb. 2:18 brought out, it says He "suffered being tempted." So He truly was tempted and suffered from it. He just didn't yield to those temptations. By His grace we can do the same. (see Rom. 8:8,9)*
- 9.) In what way was Jesus different from us? Luke 1:35 *And the angel answered and said unto her, The \_\_\_\_\_ shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that \_\_\_\_\_ thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of \_\_\_\_\_.* Hebrews 7:26 *For such a high priest became \_\_\_\_\_, who is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, separate from \_\_\_\_\_, and made higher than the heavens; NOTE: Jesus was holy and undefiled and separate from sinners. He had no propensities to evil. He had no corruption in His heart even though physically He took on likeness of sinful flesh. Through Mary He was conceived by the Holy Ghost right from the womb and probably the best way to describe it was - He was born with the spiritual converted heart (like our "born-again" experience) which He received from God – like the scripture describes "that Holy Thing," yet as we have seen from above scriptures, He had also taken on fallen humanity (through Mary) so He could reach us right where we were at -yet being totally innocent Himself. When we become "born again" we can begin a life of victory over sin by staying connected to our [same] heavenly Father.*
- 10.) How great was the sacrifice and how far did Jesus go in order to redeem us? Philippians 2:5-8 *Let this mind be in you, which was \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_, and was made in the \_\_\_\_\_ of men: 8 And being found in \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto \_\_\_\_\_, even the death of the \_\_\_\_\_.* NOTE: *Jesus was Divine, He was God because the text says He didn't consider it "robbery to be equal with God." But in spite of*

*this He loved us so much He was willing to step down, WAY DOWN to our level, even to the level of the generation that He lived with. Keep in mind that He was still fully God. Divinity and humanity were mysteriously combined. [See Study on “The Divinity of Christ”] This was a love so deep that it can hardly be comprehended. How anyone can turn away from this kind of love and kindness is beyond reason and they will have no excuse in the judgment day.*

**11.) In what unmistakable way does the Apostle Paul describe Jesus for having come in our human flesh? Hebrews 2:14- Forasmuch then \_\_\_\_\_ the children are \_\_\_\_\_ of flesh and blood, he \_\_\_\_\_ himself \_\_\_\_\_ took part of the \_\_\_\_\_; that through death he might \_\_\_\_\_ him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; **NOTE: Notice how these words are used consecutively—HE—ALSO—HIMSELF—LIKEWISE--SAME.** The apostle wanted to make it clear with no misunderstanding that Jesus Christ truly came in the flesh. If Jesus had come in something even a little different from us, He couldn't have been our perfect example as other scriptures state and we as fellow humans would have despaired of ever overcoming like as He did. Jesus, as He was, proved that there was no excuse for sin and that victory is possible for every born-again Christian. Not only that, in light of the controversy between God and Satan such as seen in the book of Job and elsewhere in scripture, Satan would have capitalized on the issue of Jesus being unfairly advantaged over us if Jesus overcame with an advantage that we didn't have.**

**12.) Since the Son of God came down to this world and took on Himself human flesh, how does the Father and the Son refer to humanity that has chosen to be saved? Hebrews 2:11 For both \_\_\_\_\_ that sanctifieth and \_\_\_\_\_ who are sanctified are \_\_\_\_\_ of one: for which cause he is not \_\_\_\_\_ to call them \_\_\_\_\_, **1John 3:1** Behold, what \_\_\_\_\_ of love the Father hath \_\_\_\_\_ upon us, that we should be called the \_\_\_\_\_ of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. **NOTE: This is a love that is so amazing that it will tug at the heartstrings of anyone willing to stop and meditate on this marvelous theme. After the human race through the sin of Adam and Eve had fallen, and became damaged and separated from God by this sin, Jesus as the Son of God was willing to make an infinite sacrifice –step down, down, down and take on our human flesh with the risk of eternal failure and loss and buy us back by His blood. Then ever after call us “brethren” and the heavenly Father call us “children.” This is one of the reasons why the “Gospel” is called Good News!****

**13.) What did Jesus say that shows He was helpless and dependent on His Father just as we are? John 5:30- I can of mine \_\_\_\_\_ self do \_\_\_\_\_: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I \_\_\_\_\_ not mine own \_\_\_\_\_, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. John 6:38- For I came down from \_\_\_\_\_, not to do \_\_\_\_\_ own \_\_\_\_\_, but the will of him that sent me. John 5:19- Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do \_\_\_\_\_ of himself, but what he seeth the Father do:**

for what things soever he doeth, these \_\_\_\_\_ doeth the \_\_\_\_\_ likewise. **NOTE: Jesus, to be our perfect substitute and example laid aside His Divine powers and became dependent on His heavenly Father even as we also need to be dependent on our heavenly Father to overcome sin and lead a life that would glorify Him. This is all part of the plan of salvation in the recovery from sin and ruin.**

**14.) Can we live on this earth the same way that Christ did after we have been born again?**

**John 6:57** -As the living Father hath sent me, and I \_\_\_\_\_ by the Father: so he that \_\_\_\_\_ me, \_\_\_\_\_ he shall live by\_\_\_\_\_. **John 17:18,19** As thou hast \_\_\_\_\_ me into the\_\_\_\_\_, even so have I \_\_\_\_\_ sent them into the world.**19** And for their \_\_\_\_\_ I sanctify myself, that \_\_\_\_\_ also might be \_\_\_\_\_ through the\_\_\_\_\_. **John 17:22, 23** And the \_\_\_\_\_ which thou gavest me I have \_\_\_\_\_ them; that they may be\_\_\_\_\_, even as we are\_\_\_\_\_: **23** I \_\_\_\_\_ them, and thou in me, that they may be made \_\_\_\_\_ in one; and that the \_\_\_\_\_ may know that thou hast \_\_\_\_\_ me, and hast \_\_\_\_\_ them, as thou hast loved me. **2Corinthians 4:11** For \_\_\_\_\_ which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the \_\_\_\_\_ also of \_\_\_\_\_ might be made \_\_\_\_\_ in our mortal \_\_\_\_\_. **NOTE: The Scriptures are very clear about the human nature of Christ and how we are to parallel Him in our lives. The disciples who became apostles after the resurrection and ascension of Christ learned this secret and this is why they were victorious and turned the world "upside down" with the Good News of Salvation! God is now waiting for us to take hold of these same truths, live them out, proclaim it to the world so that Jesus can come and take His children home.**

**15.) As Christians is Jesus to be our example and pattern for how we live in this life? 1Peter**

**2:21** For even hereunto were ye \_\_\_\_\_: because Christ also suffered for us, \_\_\_\_\_ us an \_\_\_\_\_, that ye should \_\_\_\_\_ his steps: **1John 2:6** He that saith he abideth in him ought himself \_\_\_\_\_ so to \_\_\_\_\_, even as he \_\_\_\_\_. **Matthew 16:24** Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If \_\_\_\_\_ man will come \_\_\_\_\_ me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and \_\_\_\_\_ me. **John 13:15** For I have given you an \_\_\_\_\_, that ye should do \_\_\_\_\_ I have done to you. **Philippians 2:5** Let this \_\_\_\_\_ be in you, which was \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus: **NOTE: Again, the scriptures are very clear about how God wants us to live. First He sent Jesus down here to show us how to live a beautiful Godly, moral upright life, then at the end of His ministry He offered up Himself to take the death penalty upon Himself thereby setting us free from sin and not only providing us an example but pouring out His Divine grace to enable and empower us to live victorious lives. The most unspeakable gift was given to us in the Person of Jesus Christ. Eternal life & happiness as well as freedom from sin can be yours!**

**16.) Again how dependent was Jesus on His heavenly Father? John 8:28b** -I do \_\_\_\_\_ of myself; but \_\_\_\_\_ my Father hath \_\_\_\_\_ me, I speak these things. **John 12:49-50** For I have not spoken of \_\_\_\_\_; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a \_\_\_\_\_,

what I \_\_\_\_\_ say, and what I should \_\_\_\_\_. **50** And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: \_\_\_\_\_ I speak therefore, \_\_\_\_\_ as the Father said unto me, so I speak. **NOTE: Since Jesus was also God, He could have used His own power to do as He pleased. Even Rom. 15:3 says "For even Christ pleased not himself;" This means that Jesus voluntarily laid down His Divine power so that by example and as our Substitute, made Himself dependent on His heavenly Father even as we are dependent on our same heavenly Father.**

**17.) How dependent are we as God's children on our Father in heaven? John 15:5 I am the vine, ye are the \_\_\_\_\_: He that \_\_\_\_\_ in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much \_\_\_\_\_: for \_\_\_\_\_ me ye can do \_\_\_\_\_. Philippians 4:13 I can do \_\_\_\_\_ things \_\_\_\_\_ Christ which \_\_\_\_\_ me.**

**18.) Let's finish with this modern parable: A good illustration of this lesson's topic comes from an old parable of the end-time judgment with all the people who have ever lived being brought before God. Not submitting to God they come with a complaint. One group made the claim that they suffered persecution. They had died in gas chambers and concentration camps. They wanted to know how God could judge them. What would He know about their suffering? Another group were ones who had been slaves and suffered. They had no homes and no place to sleep. They had been poor and just had enough to pay for their needs. There were others who had been sick most of their lives. How could God judge them? God lived in heaven where there is only goodness and light, no tears, no worries, no fears, no hungers, no mistreatments. These groups appointed a committee to draw up a case before God. They stated that before God could judge them He must first endure what they went through. They said He would have to live on earth and be subject to all they had gone through. They cried out, "Let Him be born a Jew! Let Him be poor! Let Him be rejected by His own people! Let Him have friends who betray Him! Let Him have false charges brought on Him! Tried by a jury! Convicted by a judge! Abandoned by His friends! Let Him be lonely! Let Him be tortured! Let Him die at the hands of the enemies!" The crowd stood back and gave approval to each sentence. . . . Then there was a hush to be heard all over the room, for they realized God already had served that sentence. For Jesus in His coming as a man identified with us, in His sufferings, in struggles and temptations, in His pain of body, mind and spirit. He felt it all completely, totally and personally just as we have. So we ask why? It was so we could know the depth of God's love for us. So we could know how far God was willing to go to prove He loved us. So that in all that we go through we can turn to God and see One who has proven His LOVE for us in His Son Jesus Christ. - **1John 4:10 "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."****

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## Brief Quiz

### CIRCLE ONE

- 1.) **True/False** - It is not very important what type of humanity Jesus came in.
- 2.) **True/False** –For salvation from sin Jesus had to reach us where we were at.
- 3.) **True/False** –Jesus was defiled by committing sin.
- 4.) **True/False** –Jesus as the Son of God came down in like manner of flesh as the human race after 4,000 years of sin.
- 5.) **True/False** –Jesus doesn't need to be our example, just die for the penalty of our sins.
- 6.) **True/False** –The power of sin is greater than the power of God.
- 7.) **True/False** –One of the characteristics of anti-Christ is -it doesn't teach that Jesus truly came in the flesh.
- 8.) **True/False** –By God's grace it is possible to keep the law of God in fallen sinful flesh.

### *My Response*

*I understand clearly what the scriptures teach regarding Jesus coming in the flesh of fallen humanity and how He gave us a living example on how to be connected to Him and our heavenly Father to be victorious over sin. It is my desire by His indwelling Holy Spirit to live a life surrendered to His keeping.*

*Signed* \_\_\_\_\_