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The Son of Man (3)

Matthew 26:2

The Son of Man for Our Salvation

- By the use of *bar enos* in **Daniel 7:13-14**, Jesus was also stressing that He was born having the same creaturely weaknesses that are common to all of us.
- As the *last Adam* (**1 Cor. 15:45**) Jesus came into the world as a finite Man, dependent upon others for His subsistence, needing to eat and sleep, needing to learn, living as a Man dependent upon God.

John 5:19 *I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing...*

- Jesus came into the world with the same creaturely weaknesses as Adam before the fall.
- *Why was this necessary?*
 - Christ has to be true Man to savingly represent us.

Heb 2:14a *Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things...*

Heb 4:15 *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin*

- We cannot be represented in Him unless He is the Divine Human

Col 1:18 *...[Christ] is the Head of the body, the church...*

Heb 2:14b-15 *...that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery...*

- Genesis explains why this is so.
- In **Genesis 1:26-28**, God created Adam with the same creaturely weaknesses that are common to all humanity.
- Adam's ability to accurately bear God's image was conditioned upon his complete and perfect obedience to God's revealed will.

Gen.2:16-17 *... And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat...for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die*

- When Satan tempted Adam to eat, he was tempting Adam to act contrary to his innocent nature. In this, Adam was not tempted *by* sin but was tempted *to* sin.
- This means that Adam *could have resisted* Satan's offer but did not.

2 Thess. 2:7...the mystery of lawlessness...

- From then on, Adam would have a nature that desired sin and that would sin at every opportunity, unable to not sin. This became true for all humanity as well, since all humanity was *in Adam* when he sinned.

1 Cor 15:22 ...in Adam all die...

Rom 5:12a ...sin came into the world through [Adam], and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned...

- When Adam sinned, we all became slaves to sin and Satan because of our position *in Adam*.

Rom 5:19 For as by the [Adam's] disobedience the many [the rest of humanity] were made [declared by God to be] sinners...

2 Tim. 2:26 being captured by [Satan] to do his will...

- BUT the Son of God came as the Son of Man.

Gal 3:13 to redeem ...us from the curse of the law...

2 Cor 5:19 ...God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation...

2 Cor 5:17 therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come

- We were in Christ when He perfectly obeyed the law: Heb.4:15.
- We were in Christ when He took our sin and its judgment upon Himself to the cross: Gal.2:20.

Rom 8:3-4 *By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, [God] condemned sin in the flesh, 4 [why] in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us...*

- We were in Christ when He rose from the dead:

1 Cor 15:20-22 *But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive...*

- And the great result of our being in Christ is:

Col 1:13-14 *[God] has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, 14 in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins...*

- Because of our position in Christ, God has changed our unrighteousness in Adam to Righteousness in Christ:

2 Cor 5:21 *For our sake [God] made [...the Son of Man...] to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the Righteousness of God*

- Take notice how Paul stresses the ministry of the Son of Man as to our position in Christ as the means of salvation:

Colossians 2:9-15