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The Son of Man (4)

Matthew 26:2

The Son of Man for Our Salvation

- The eternal Son of God, Who is God Himself and co-equal with the Father (**John 1:1**) took to Himself a human body and human nature of creaturely weaknesses yet *without sin* (**Heb. 4:15**).

Heb 2:17-18 Therefore He had to be made like his brothers in every [human] respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people

- Why? Because we were in Adam when he sinned.

1 Cor. 15:22a ...in Adam all [humanity] die...

- As a result, our natures became thoroughly corrupted and we became slaves to sin (**John 8:34**) under the dominion Satan (**2 Cor. 4:4; 2 Tim. 2:26**).

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

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

- We are all born with a corrupted unrighteous nature, morally weak as to the things of God. Our only hope was that God would give us the Righteous Nature of His Son.
- And this is what He did in the Incarnation, when the Son of God assumed our humanity (**John 1:14**) as the *Son of Man* so He could take our fallen nature upon Himself at the cross (**Gal. 2:20**).

2 Cor 5:21 For our sake [God] made [Christ], Who knew no sin [Heb.4:15], to be [the bearer of our] sin, so that in [...the Son of Man...] we might become the Righteousness of God

- Why could God do this? Because Christ, the Divine Human, represented us in His perfect obedient life and death (**Phil. 2:6-8**).
- As our Divine Representative, God credited Jesus' death to be the death of our corrupt nature:

Rom 6:3-4a Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death...

- We were also raised in Him with His new nature in us:

Rom 6:4b ...in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life

- The Spirit raised Jesus from the dead by transforming His beaten Body and weak nature into a glorious New Body and New Nature without any creaturely weaknesses:

Phil 3:20-21 ...we eagerly await a Savior..., the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 Who ...will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious Body

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

- As we were in Christ then, we remain in Him now and forever because He is the eternal Son of Man Who sits on the Throne of God as to our justification (**Heb.10:12**) and stands as to our sanctification (**Acts 7:56**).

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...

Colossians 2:9-15