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All Authority in Heaven and on Earth

Matthew 28

- We have seen that Christ had to be both _____ and _____ in order to be God's Messiah to redeem us from the curse of sin (Gal. 3:13; Titus 2:14).

John 1:14 ...the [Divine] Word [logos] became flesh [Human]...

- This is the mystery, majesty and wonder of the Incarnation of YHWH (John 8:58).
- The God of glory [Acts 7:2], the Creator [Col. 1:16] and Sustainer [Heb. 1:3] of all, took to Himself our Humanity [Phil. 2:7] in all of its intrinsic weakness [2 Cor. 13:4], except for our sin [Heb. 4:15].
- The necessity of Christ's Humanity:

*Rom 5:12-19 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one **man**, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned...**15** But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one **man**'s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one **Man** Jesus Christ abounded for many. **16** And the free gift is not like the result of that one **man**'s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. **17** If, because of one **man**'s trespass, death reigned through that one **man**, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one **Man** Jesus Christ. **18** Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all*

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

- When Adam sinned [**Gen. 3:6**], his human nature became polluted by sin so that all humanity **in him** became ...*by nature children of wrath...* [**Eph. 2:3**] Therefore, for our us to be restored to God, another Man Jesus Christ, must represent us as to our sin to pay for that sin the full penalty of God's justice.

***Rom 8:3-4** For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh [John 1:14; Phil. 2:6] and for [the payment of] sin [[1 John 2:2], [God] condemned sin in the flesh [of Christ] 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us... [2 Cor. 5:21]*

- In the resurrection of Christ, God declared that the Incarnate Son [God in a Man] is the Divine Mediator [1 Tim 2:5] Who has relationally united God and man [Is. 7:14] [Rom. 1:3-4].

***Ps 2:6-8** ...as for Me [God is the Speaker], I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain." 7 "I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. 8 'Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance [Gen. 1:28; 26:4], And the very ends of the earth as Your possession*

- Now as a consequence, Jesus is given God's authority to represent [include] us before the Throne of God in His exaltation:

***Matt. 28:18** ...all authority has been given to Me...*

When Did Christ, the Risen God-Man, Receive this Authority?

- Before His resurrection, Christ was under the authority of the Spirit:

***Luke 4:1-2** And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness...*

***Matt 12:28** ...it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons...*

- In Luke 7:8, the Centurion recognized that Jesus was a Man under authority by say that he also is a man under authority.
- As to His Humanity, Christ fulfilled [Col. 2:17] the O.T. type of the high priest [Lev. 16:9] by making propitiation for sin through the sacrificing of His own body on the cross [Col. 1:20; 1 Peter 2:24].
- Then, like the O.T. priest who came out of the Sanctuary after the sacrifice was accepted by God, Christ also returned from the presence of God. He is given all authority.
- When did Jesus receive this? Two possible answers:
 1. After His death and before His resurrection, after He entered into the presence of God “by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption” [Heb. 9:12], God conferred on Him all authority.
 2. Or, God exalted Christ to His Right Hand after raising Him as to His Humanity.

- If this is so, then it would have been the reason Jesus told Mary:

John 20:17 *Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending [I ascend] to my Father and your Father, to My God and your God.'*

Matt. 28:8-9 *Then after this ... [the other women] departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him*

- Could it be that Jesus did not want Mary to cling to Him because He had not yet returned to the Father in His New Body to be exalted? Deut. 29:29
- What we do know is that after His resurrection, Jesus exercised new authority, an authority that He did not have before His resurrection.

John 20:22-23 *"Receive the Holy Spirit"*

- Now Christ as to His Humanity is exercising supreme authority by giving the Holy Spirit which He could not have done before His exaltation.

John 7:37-39 *On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" 39 Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*