

“CHRISTMAS 2025: JESUS, THE GOD WHO IS MAN”

HEBREWS 2:6-18

As fully God, becoming fully man...

1. Jesus Stands With Us (v. 6-7, 10-13)

"The second man," the first truly innocent, sinless human since Adam (the first man) -

1 Corinthians 15:47 NKJV The first man *was* of the earth, *made* of dust; the second Man *is* the Lord from heaven.

Sharing in our Humanity (v.6, 10 - *both He and they...are all of one...He is not ashamed to call them brethren*)

* Created, "begotten," (v.14) -

Psalms 8:3 NKJV When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

Luke 1:35 NKJV And the angel answered and said to her, "*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.*"

John 1:14 NKJV And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

* Process of maturing, growing up physically -

Luke 2:52 NKJV And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

* Limitations (time and space), walking by faith (v.13) -

Philippians 2:6-7 NKJV **6** who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, **7** but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men.

Matthew 3:14-15 NKJV **14** And John *tried to* prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" **15** But Jesus answered and said to him, "**Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.**" Then he allowed Him.

Sharing in our Humility (v.7-10)

* Living beside (not beneath, or under) sin's curse -

Romans 8:20 NKJV For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope;

* *Made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death* - angelic spirit beings cannot die

* Jesus had to be a man in order to give His life in our place...He had to be God (infinite) to die for all people

2. Jesus Suffers With Us (v. 14,17-18)

Suffering in Life's Trials (v.14, *He Himself likewise shared in the same [flesh and blood]*)

* Jesus knew poverty -

Luke 2:7, 24; 9:58 NKJV **7** And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. **24** and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." **9:58** And Jesus said to him, "**Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.**"

2 Corinthians 8:9 NKJV For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

* Jesus knew rejection -

Isaiah 53:3 NKJV He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

John 1:10-11 NKJV 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. **11** He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

* Jesus knew physical pain -

Mark 15:15 NKJV So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged *Him*, to be crucified.

Suffering in Life's Temptations (v.18, *He Himself has suffered being tempted*)

* Lust of flesh, lust of eyes, pride of life -

1 John 2:16 NKJV So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged *Him*, to be crucified.

* Yet impeccable, without sin -

Hebrews 4:15 NKJV For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we* are, yet without sin.

1 Peter 1:18-19 NKJV 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Suffering in Life's Termination (v.9, *the suffering of death...that He might taste death for everyone*)

* Death is the great leveler, unavoidable, inescapable -

Romans 5:12; 6:23 NKJV Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned— **6:23** For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

* All trans humanism, life extension, cryogenic storage...all efforts to “cheat death and avoid the unavoidable” -

Hebrews 9:27 NKJV And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

3. Jesus Succeeds For Us (14-16)

“The last Adam,” since He has succeeded where first Adam failed -

1 Corinthians 15:45 NKJV And so it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being.” The last Adam *became* a life-giving spirit.

Overcoming Death (v.14, *that through death He might destroy*)

* The resurrection of Jesus Christ was the “death blow” to death -

Romans 6:9 NKJV knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

* Death is the last enemy to be destroyed -

1 Corinthians 15:26, 54-57 NKJV 26 The last enemy *that* will be destroyed *is* death **54** So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” **55** “O Death, where *is* your sting? O Hades, where *is* your victory?” **56** The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law. **57** But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Overcoming the Devil and Hell (v.14, *He might destroy him who had the power of death, the devil*)

* God holds final authority over death -

Deuteronomy 32:39 NKJV ‘Now see that I, *even* I, *am* He, And *there* is no God besides Me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; Nor *is there* any who can deliver from My hand.

Matthew 10:28 NKJV And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

* Satan wields it, under God's permission -

John 10:10 NKJV The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

Job 1:12; 2:6 NKJV 12 And the Lord said to Satan, “Behold, all that he has *is* in your power; only do not lay a hand on his *person*.” So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord. **2:6** And the Lord said to Satan, “Behold, he *is* in your hand, but spare his life.”

Overcoming all Dread (v.15, *and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage*)

* Fear of dying, the unknown afterward, is the root of all fears - Mt 6.15,34; 2 Tm 4.8

Matthew 6:15, 34 NKJV 15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. **34** Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day *is* its own trouble.

2 Timothy 4:8 NKJV Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

* "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, Because He lives, all fear is gone,
Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living just because He lives!"