

"5 REASONS JESUS HAD TO BECOME A MAN"

PART 1

Heb. 2:9-13

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- 10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.
- 11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,
- 12 saying,
 "I WILL PROCLAIM YOUR NAME TO MY BRETHREN,
- IN THE MIDST OF THE CONGREGATION I WILL SING YOUR PRAISE."
- 13 And again,
 "I WILL PUT MY TRUST IN HIM."
- And again,
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5 Reasons Jesus Had to Become a Man:

Jews believe that the Messiah will assume no physical form. God is Eternal, above time. He is Infinite, beyond space. He cannot be born, and cannot die. Saying that God assumes human form makes God small, diminishing both His unity and His divinity.

1. To taste the suffering of death for everyone. (9,10)

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Gen 2:17

17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

Rom 6:23

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Rom. 5:12, 15, 21

- 12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned --
- 15 But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.
- 21 so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The 4-fold purpose of this entire plan of salvation:

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 - 1. Grace would reign. (21a)
 - 2. The righteousness of Christ would be the basis of justification. (21b)
 - 3. Eternal life would be the possession of the believer. (21c)
 - 4. The Lord Jesus Christ would be praised and worshipped for all eternity. (21d)

7 Applications of the Effect of the Cross on the Curse:

- 1. The first Adam brought sin, death, the Curse, condemnation and judgment.
- 2. The second Adam (Christ) brought forgiveness, grace, righteousness, justification, and eternal life.
- 3. The Cross brings man into a right relationship to God.
- 4. The Cross broke once for all the Curse of sin and death.
- 5. The Curse was a consequence of the pouring out of the wrath of God on us for sin. The Cross absorbed that wrath.
- 6. The Curse pronounced an eternal judgment on mankind. The Cross has enabled the believer to find purpose and fulfillment living under the Curse and to view the Curse as temporary which is part of the hope of our inheritance.
- 7. The Curse is a burden. The Cross is a blessing.

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Rom 11:36

- 36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.
- **God is no less sovereign (in control) after the fall than before the fall. The only thing that has changed is the setting in which his sovereignty operates. It is not now that satan is sovereign. This is just a further revealing of God's plan and the depth of his sovereignty which will bring him the most glory (most fully display his attributes).

2. To achieve positional righteousness which leads to our practical sanctification. (11-13)

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- **Christ never referred to His followers as "brethren" before the cross. Not until after the cross, when they had been imputed with His righeousness.

Heb 10:14-15

14 For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.