



## Christ Person & Work Salem Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Only the Son of God by Nature can make us sons of God by grace

- The Status of sons Justification,
- the nature of sons: new birth
- the relationship of sons: reconciliation & fellowship with God

The Fact of Jesus' divinity **Jesus is the Word John 1: 1** the Logos of God Jesus is Lord Kyrios

**Jesus the great I am** the personal name of God YHWH Before Abraham was, I am John 8 58; I am the Alpha and the Omega Rev. 22 13

**Jesus' omnipotence**- He stilled the storm Matt. 8 26-27; multiplied the loaves and fishes Matt. 14 19; He changed water into wine John 2 1-11

**Jesus' omniscience**- Jesus demonstrated His omniscience in knowing the very unspoken thoughts of people Mark 2 8 and in knowing "from the first who those were that did not believe, and who it was that would betray him John 6 64; He knew even the belief or unbelief that was in the hearts of all people John 2 25; 16 30

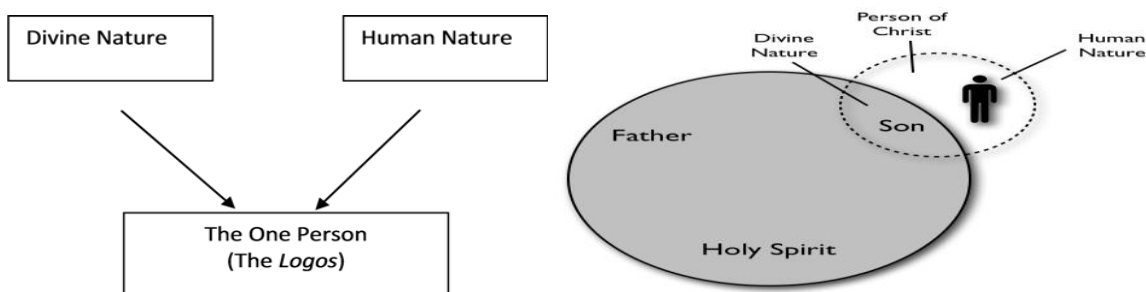
**Jesus' omnipresence**, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst Matt. 18 20; I am with you always even to the end of the age Matt. 28 20

**Jesus' sovereignty** in forgiving sin Mark 2 5-7; but I say to you Matt. 5 22, 28, 32, 39, 44; Jesus spoke with the very authority of God Himself because He Himself was fully God.

**Jesus worshipped** Heb. 1 6; Rev. 19 10; Phil. 2 9-11 Is. 45:23

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The Incarnation of God the Son: The Word became flesh & dwelt among us John 1: 14



The incarnation only He who is both God and man can pay the price of man's sin

The Son of God "emptied Himself" by taking unto His person a full human nature, "the form of a servant" Phil.2: 7

**Jesus as man makes actual atonement for man's sin- Man sinned the penalty of sin should be borne by a man** the debt to God is man's & the wages of sin is death Heb. 9 22; Lev. 17 11; Jesus had to be fully man to atone for man's sins.

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### Jesus' True Humanity, yet a New Humanity

1. **Jesus born of a virgin, since He is God and only God can beget God.**
2. **Jesus born of a virgin, a true humanity, yet a new humanity, untouched by Adam's guilt.** "For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given" Isaiah 9 6. He did not emerge from the human race, He entered into it; John 6 38,51; 1 Tim. 1 15; Heb.10 7.
3. **Jesus did not share our guilt as a sinner so that He might bear our sins as our Saviour** He had to be a sinless man for one sinner cannot atone for the sins of another, Ps. 49 7-9 Heb. 7:26.

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Christ had to be fully human, in order to offer Himself as our true substitute (**Hebrews 2:17**) -

If the Son did become one with us in every way, he could not redeem us in every way: the whole being of Adam fell, every part of our humanity if fallen; every aspect of humanity needs to be redeemed; the Son took every aspect upon Himself at the incarnation "...[Christ Jesus] had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation(ιλασκεσθαι) for the sins of the people." (**Hebrews 2:17**)

*The penalty borne by Christ was the wrath of God on our sin*

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The Vital Significance of Christ's Divinity: The Incarnation of God the Son: only the Son of God by nature can make sons by grace

Only the one who is infinite God could bear the full penalty of sin against the infinite worth of God: Sin against God is infinitely great because God is *infinitely worthy of all love, worship, reverence, honour, & obedience & there is **no limit to the love God deserves from us, to the love we owe our God*** and the full penalty for all the sins of every single person who believe in him. Salvation is from the Lord Jonah 2 9, no human being, no mere creature could ever save man-only God himself.

In Christ alone: Fullness of Revelation of God John 1:18; Heb. 1:1-2

Only the one who is truly and fully God could be the one mediator between God and man 1 Tim. 2 5, only God could bring us to God 1 Peter 3:18 John 1 18; 14 7, 9

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- ❑ **Jesus as man makes actual atonement for man's sin-** Man has sinned against God, therefore there needs to be a man who will represent man; making atonement on behalf of man. Jesus took unto His person a full human nature; as a man to represent man, to make atonement for man's sin,

- **Jesus as God the Son-makes effectual atonement**, since He offered up in Himself a sacrifice of infinite worth and rendering perfect obedience to the law of God as an infinitely costly sacrifice, sufficient to atone for the profound seriousness of sin against the infinite worth of God; a sacrifice sufficient to bear the penalty for all the sins of all united to Him in faith Col. 1 19-20; Jonah 2 9; 1 Tim. 2 5;.

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1. **The status of sons of God Full Atonement in Christ Alone: Justification**
2. **The nature of sons of God Regeneration [ & sanctification]in Christ Alone the image of God in man restored**
3. **The relationship of sons of God Reconciliation & Fellowship with God in Christ Alone:**

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### **The status of sons of God Full Atonement in Christ Alone : Justification**

**Christ in His incarnate obedience unto death, took our place with respect to the law of God:**

- A. Man's first debt is obedience to God. When that debt has not been paid,
- B. it is followed by the debt of sin to God's justice, namely death.

**Christ paid for us our debts to our God-**

1. Christ's substitute sacrifice paid for us the law's penalty on the cross, bearing the penalty of our disobedience, God's wrath.
2. Christ's representative obedience perfectly obeying God's law on our behalf. That we might be reckoned positively righteous, [justified] receiving Christ's perfect obedience- credited, or imputed- to us

\*Where are your sins? Are they still resting on your own head, or has Christ borne them in your place?

### **The nature of Sons of God : Regeneration [ & sanctification]only Christ can give us the nature of sons of God**

**Regeneration**, [new birth] the Holy Spirit imparts a new holy nature in union & communion with the risen Christ John 3 5-8. 1 John 1 :3; 1 Peter 1: 8,23;

**Christ fulfilled the law of God for us, in order that the Holy Spirit might fulfill the law of God in us ; sanctifying us into conformity to it: all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God Rom. 8 14**

Who do you live for? And He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who for their sake died and was raised 2 Cor. 5 15

**You know if you're born again if you have hunger for the word, the will & fellowship of the All-Holy God**

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### **The Relationship of sons of God Reconciliation in Christ Alone:**

In regeneration God makes us His children by nature; in **adoption** God recognizes & treats us as His children

God could only be reconciled to sinners such that His Spirit could come to indwell them, through Christ's redeeming cross; and thus, God reconciled by Christ comes to indwell believers in the Person of His Spirit granting new life, writing His laws on renewed hearts. "In Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them 2 Cor. 5: 19

If we have received God's reconciliation in Christ, we are reconciled to Him

**If we have been reconciled to God then the Holy Spirit has taken away our hostility toward God, our rebellion against Him, His Word & His reign in our lives**

When the Holy Spirit breathes new life into us through His Word rebellion against God is forsaken and we admit Christ as Lord on the throne of our lives-our hearts, our minds and our wills

Have you been reconciled to God?

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### **The Relationship of sons of God Fellowship with God in Christ Alone:**

**Only the Son of God who shares by His divinity in the eternal fellowship[communion] of God could bring the reconciliation that would restore us into that very fellowship : " our fellowship is with the Father & His Son Jesus Christ." 1 John 1:3-2**

**Communion between God & man :impossible without Christ's incarnation & Atonement .** Believers sharing by grace in the loving communion that the persons of the Trinity share by nature

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous **that he might bring us to God 1 Peter 3: 18**

**"But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God." John 1: 12-13**