**“Both Lord & Christ”**

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Text: Acts 2:22-36

Intro

1. Paul described the nature of Christ in *Phil. 2:5-11* as:
   1. Fully God *(Phil. 2:6)*
   2. Fully man *(Phil. 2:7-8)*
   3. Exalted *(Phil. 2:9-11)*
2. On the day of Pentecost, Peter stands with the 12 and preaches Christ and salvation, beginning with Joel 2:28-32:
   1. “Jesus of Nazareth…” (Acts 2:22)
   2. “Whom God raised up…” (Acts 2:24)
   3. “Both Lord and Christ…” (Acts 2:36)
   4. “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Acts 2:21)
3. Peter shows that Jesus is the “Lord” whose name must be called on from Joel 2!
4. Peter proclaimed Jesus as “both Lord and Christ!”
5. Jesus: The Man
6. From the time of Jesus till now, the humanity of Jesus has been oft misunderstood, maligned, and either outright rejected, or taught as the sole characteristic of Jesus *(ONLY a man),* etc.
7. Both the O.T. & N.T. teach the humanity of Jesus:
   1. Old Testament: *Ps. 132:11 (II Sam. 7:15-16; Acts 2:30); Is. 7:14-16; 11:1; 53:2-9; Micah 5:2*
   2. New Testament: *Gal. 4:4; Heb. 2:17-18; 4:15; 10:10; I Jn. 4:2-3*
8. Fully man! (Acts 2:22-23, 30 [from Ps. 132:11; II Sam. 7:15-16])
   1. Paul’s statement: The eternal Christ took “the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men” (Phil. 2:7-8)
   2. Peter’s statement: “Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst…” (Acts 2:22)
9. He became flesh to:
   1. Qualify Himself as man’s High Priest – *Heb. 2:16-18; 4:15-16 (Fully man!)*
   2. Die to save man from sin – *Jn. 1:29; Heb. 2:9; 9:28; 10:4, 11-12; Rev. 1:5*
   3. Deliver His people from the power and fear of death – *Heb. 2:14-15*
   4. Destroy the works of the devil – *I Jn. 3:8*
   5. Give us understanding of who God is – *I Jn. 5:20*
10. Jesus lived and was a man as we are, yet without sin! *(Heb. 4:15)*
11. Jesus: The Crucified
    1. Acts 2:23: “this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.” (Phil. 2:8)
    2. The death of Jesus was not an accident:
       * 1. Foreordained before the foundation of the world – *I Pet. 1:18-20 (Eph. 1:4; Heb. 4:3)*
         2. His death was a free will offering for sin – *Phil. 2:5-10; Heb. 5:8-9*
         3. Jesus knew He was going to die and did not avoid death – *Mt. 16:21; 17:22-23; 20:18-19, 28; 26:2, 12, 28, 31, 46, 53*
         4. Jesus preached that His death fulfilled the O.T. – *Mt. 26:55-56; Lk. 24:44-47 (Is. 53)*
    3. He died in accordance to the will of God for the sins of the world! (Heb. 10:5-14)
       * 1. God was not satisfied with animal sacrifices *(Heb. 10:5-8)*
         2. Only the death of the Son of Man would satisfy God *(Heb. 10:9-10)*
         3. Jesus offered that sacrifice for all time *(Heb. 10:10-14)*
    4. Jesus allowed Himself to be crucified to save the world from sin! *(Jn. 1:29)*

###### Jesus: The Resurrected

1. Acts 2:24, 32: Peter preached that though the Jews put Jesus to death, God raised Him up!
2. Some people use this point to deny the deity of Jesus and teach only His humanity: Their argument goes, “If God raised Jesus from the dead then Jesus only had power common to prophets.”
   1. Does this deny the unity of the Godhead? (No, all 3 of Godhead involved!)
      1. No more than creation – *Gen. 1:1-3; Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:16-17; Heb. 1:1-2*
      2. No more than miracles – *Mt. 12:28; Lk. 11:20; Acts 2:22*
      3. No more than inspiration – *Jn. 14:26; 15:26; 16:13*
3. It is said many times that God raised Jesus from the dead:
   1. *Acts 2:24, 32; 3:15; 4:10; 5:30; 10:40; 13:30, 37; 17:30-31; Rom. 4:24; 6:4; 10:9; I Cor. 6:14; 15:15; II Cor. 4:14; Gal. 1:1; Eph. 1:20-21; Col. 2:12*
4. As Jesus is part of the Godhead it is also said that Jesus raised Himself up from the dead!
   1. Lk. 24:4-7; Jn. 2:18-22; 10:17-18
5. Christ’s resurrection is the cornerstone of our faith – we do not hope in a mere man but in God!
   * + 1. *I Cor. 15:12-17*
6. Christ was raised from the dead, setting our hope in the resurrection and eternal life!

###### Jesus: The Exalted

1. Acts 2:33: “Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God…”
   1. *Acts 5:31; Rom. 8:34; Eph. 1:20; Col. 3:1; Heb. 10:12; 12:2; I Pet. 3:22*
2. Paul said, “God highly exalted Him” (Phil. 2:9-11)
3. The importance of Jesus sitting at the right hand of God:
   1. We will be like Him – *I Jn. 3:2*
   2. He is our motivation to be pure – *I Jn. 3:3*
   3. He is the source of help in time of need – *Heb. 4:15-16*
4. Jesus is exalted and to be worshiped to the glory of the Father *(Phil. 2:10-11)!*

###### Jesus: The Divine

1. Acts 2:34-36: Peter quoted from Ps. 110:1 & Ps. 16:8-11 as proof of the deity of Jesus!
   1. Jesus made this same argument to the Pharisees – *Mt. 22:41-46*
   2. The Hebrew writer makes the same argument – *Heb. 1:1-13*
2. Peter ascribes to Jesus the Greek word *“Kurios” (G2962)* which is the Hebrew equivalent to YHWH *(H3068: “Yahweh”)*
   1. *Yahweh (G2962 Kurios: Lord)* – Acts 2:34-35 (From Ps. 110:1: “The *Yahweh* said to my *Adonay*”) Peter uses *Kurios*, which means “Supreme Authority” and is used of both God and Jesus.
   2. Jesus also equated Himself with *YHWH (Kurios)* – *Jn. 8:57-58* (“I AM”: *G1510 eimi:* “I exist”)
3. Paul said, “He existed in the form of God” (Phil. 2:5-7)
4. Fully God! (Joel 2:32; Acts *2:16-21*, 36)
   1. Peter began with *Joel 2:28-32*, where God foretold that one day the people could call on the name of the Lord and be saved, and he then tells the people who that “Lord” is!
   2. Joel 2:32: LORD = *YHWH (H3068: “Eternal; Self-Existent”)*
   3. Acts 2:36: Says Jesus is LORD = *Kurios (G2962: “Supreme authority; God, Lord)* and Christ = *Christos (G5547: Equivalent to Heb. “Messiah;” Anointed of God)*
5. Jesus is both Lord and Christ and will save those who call upon His name in obedience to the gospel through baptism! *(Acts 2:38; 22:16)*

#### Conclusion

1. Is. 53:8-10:
   1. Perhaps the only O.T. passage that says what Peter *(Acts 2:22-36)* and Paul *(I Cor. 15:1-8)* preached concerning Jesus: Death, burial, resurrection.
   2. All 3: Death (53:8: “cut off from the land of the living,” 53:10: “putting Him to grief,” “guilt offering”), Burial (53:9 “grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death”), Resurrection (53:10: “He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days”).
   3. How will God see a dead man’s offspring? How will God prolong the days of a dead man? Because God raised Him up from the dead! ***Foretold long ago!***
2. Peter preached Jesus as:
   1. The Man
   2. The Crucified
   3. The Resurrected
   4. The Glorified
   5. The Divine
3. Those who put Him to death were pricked in their heart upon hearing Who it was they put to death! (Acts 2:37)
   1. They became concerned for their souls and asked what to do.
4. Peter’s answer to their dilemma was to “Repent!” and “Be baptized in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins” and they would receive the “gift of the Holy Spirit (salvation, forgiveness of sins) – Acts 2:38
5. Have you believed in Jesus and obeyed Him to be saved? *(Acts 4:10-12; Heb. 5:9)*
6. If not a Christian, need to be! Repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins!
7. If a Christian in error, repent and be renewed!
8. Whatever your requests, let them be known ***NOW*** while we stand and sing!