

ONE GOD TWO NATURES - PART 2

A LOOK AT THE HUMANITY OF CHRIST

“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus.”

- 1 Timothy 2:5

1. The Importance of this Issue

- a. It is where people break their backs, JW's, Unitarians, Christadelphians, Muslims
- b. It affects the preaching of the cross: was it an example, a fraud, or a payment?
- c. *Christ could only die if he was man, he could only die for our sins if he was God.*

2. The Nature of Man

- a. Man was created in the image of God; thus cannot become God - Gen 1:26-27
- b. Man was formed of the dust of the ground (made flesh) – Gen 2:7
- c. Man is a spirit, soul, body – 1 Thess 5:23, Heb 4:12
- d. Man's nature and limitations: temporal? (2 Cor 4:18), power? (Col 2:9-10), knowledge(1 John 2:20, 1 Cor 13:2), holiness(Lev 19:2), earthy(1 Cor 15:47-48)
- e. Sin has changed man – Genesis 2:17, 5:3, Rom 5:12, Rom 1:20-25
- f. It is man's whole duty to keep God's commandments – Ecc 12:13, Psa 8:4-6

3. The Two Natures of Christ

- a. Jesus is a person of the Godhead; he is God: Col 2:9; Rev 1:11-17; Isa 44:6
- b. He became man, added humanity not subtracted deity: Joh 1:3,10,14, Heb 7:24
- c. Wrong views of the Two Natures in Christ
 - i. He only appears to be man – then his death was not real
 - ii. He is mixed God and man –then he is not your kinsman, but a new thing
 - iii. He is part man/ part God – then he is not either completely
 - iv. He can only be one at a time – then he ceases to be the other

4. Jesus' Human Nature

- a. Jesus is God, but he is also a man - 1 Timothy 2:5, 1 John 4:1-3, 2 Cor 5:16
- b. Being human meant taking on flesh and blood, not flaws – John 6:54, Phil 2:5-7
- c. He was made of a woman – Isaiah 7:14, 9:6, Gal 4:4, Mat 1:1, 16-18
- d. He ate, slept, cried, walked, touched, talked, bled, and died.
- e. As man he is not required to sin or die – Heb 4:15, 2 Cor 5:21, John 10:17-18
- f. He had body, soul, and spirit, when he died and rose – Luke 23:42-52, 24:39
- g. His humanity does not diminish, abandon, remove, or give up his deity.

5. Why Jesus Needed to Be Man

- a. To be a proper mediator - Heb 2:9-18, 1 Tim 2:5, Gal 3:20
- b. To manifest God to man – 1 Tim 3:16, John 1:18, 31
- c. To sit on David's throne – Luke 1:32, Acts 2:29-30, 2 Tim 2:8
- d. To be preeminent in all things – Col 1:16-18
- e. To reconcile all things to himself – Col 1:20, Rom 8:19-21