

Series - The Necessity of Jesus Christ.

Subject - His Human Body

The necessity of Jesus Christ was because of the work of God. God is the law giver and God is the condemner of sin and sinners. Before the foundation of the world was ever spoken into existence, before anything was ever created, God had already ordained that His Beloved Son would be the redeemer of sinful man. **Acts 15:18** *“Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.”* If we are going to understand the “necessity of Jesus Christ” then we must first understand God. Everything God done was done for one purpose, for His glory! **Psalms 104:31** *“The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works.”* God elected to create this world and God had elected for man to fall, so God created Satan to deliver Him His glory. **Proverbs 16:4** *“The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.”* The Pulpit Commentary had this quote, *“Everything in God’s design has its own end and object and reason for being where it is and such as it is; everything exhibits his goodness and wisdom, and tends to his glory.”* Everything created serves a purpose to God’s ordained end. The Sovereignty of God is His right to have His will done at whatever cost He ordained. God does not think like we do, He does not feel sorry for people, He does not act as people do, **God is not a man**. Therefore, God created many things to bring glory to Him, heaven, angels, other created beings in heaven, the earth, man, Satan, sin, and the fall of man. All of this to bring glory to Him, He even created a human body for His Son to bring glory to His name. If you will notice, everything God did, He did before the foundation of the world. God, while He did not cause man to sin, ordained man to sin, predestinated man would sin, and ordained a redeemer for fallen man before the world was created. **Revelation 13:8** *“And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of **the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**”* God had elected to prepare a way of salvation for his elect children, who He graciously elected before the foundation of the world, to be His. God gave this remnant to His Son and elected that His Son take on the form of a servant, take on a human body in the likeness of sinful flesh, surrender to His crucifixion, and carry the sins of His elect to the grave in His death. **1 Peter 1:19-21** *“But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.”* God had

before the foundation of the world elected to make His Son the Very Christ as the redeemer of sinful man, the only Messiah that could possibly redeem His elect. Therefore, God elected His own Son, Jesus, gave Him a human body, made in the likeness of sinful flesh, and ordained Him to surrender to Satan and the sinful people of this world and be crucified, so that His remnant of elected, children could be redeemed. God chose to have victory over Satan, thru the seed of the woman. So, God prepared a body For Jesus His own Son.

A. Only in a body could Jesus be the Redeemer.

1. **Hebrews 10:3-6** “But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, **but a body hast thou prepared me**: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.” – Only the sacrifice of God’s own Son in a human body could be sufficient for God’s demanded redemption.
2. Therefore, God elected Mary to bare a Son, but for that Son to be pure, she must bare a Son while a virgin for Him to be sinless. **Luke 1:35** “*And the angel answered and said unto her, **The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.***”
 - aa. I must admit, I cannot get mentally satisfied with the definition of “*shall overshadow thee*” – It means - to *cast a shade upon* - to invest with preternatural influence – Strongs. Some liken it to creation when "The Spirit of God moved over the face of the deep."
 - bb. We do know The Word (John 1:1) was conceived in the womb of a woman, not after the manner of men, but after the power and work of the Holy Spirit.
 - cc. We do know there is a common influence of God upon the forming of all children in the womb, **Job 10:8** “*Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet thou dost destroy me.*” - The hand of God molds and makes us from conception to death, just as the hand of God created a human body in Mary’s womb for the Son of God.

B. The Body of Jesus was God’s temple.

1. **John 2:21** “But he spake of the **temple of his body.**” – No doubt Jesus was speaking here of His death, burial, and resurrection.
 2. Anywhere God is present, it is a holy place. Your body as a Christian is God’s holy temple. **1 Corinthians 3:16 - 17** *"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? (17) If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."* - Let us not disgrace the temple of God!
 3. **1 Corinthians 6:18 - 20** *"Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. (19) What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? (20) For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."*
 4. When Christ visited Jerusalem at the time of the passover, He found the temple the center of carnal activities. **John 2:13 - 17** *"And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, (14) And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: (15) And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; (16) And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise. (17) And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up."* – The Temple of God, whether your body or God’s house, is not for **carnal activities**. This church building is **God’s house and should be treated like Holy property**. Just as your body should be, just as the body of Christ was. - The temple was God’s meeting place with men, it was to be cleansed from all carnal substance.
- C. In the perfection of Christ’s Body there was the fitness of perfect health.
1. Everything about Jesus was perfect, nothing was sinful or flawed.
 2. Body of the sinless Savior could not know corruption either in life or death. He was born incorruptible, meaning His body not subject to death or decay, He was born for everlasting.

3. Corruption is the consequence of the fall, therefore He had not human father and was not subject to the fall or corruption.
4. Christ's body was in no way flawed, every part of His being as a man was perfect.

D. However, He was a man in a human body.

1. God Himself called Jesus, the Son of man. Some 85 verses and 89 times God called Jesus "the Son of man" and not the Son of God. – This has meaning, this is reference to Mary's Son, the seed of the woman. God is not a man!
2. His Body was capable of pain and weariness, but not of sickness; it was capable of death, but not subject to it, because He had no flaws, no sin, He was born incorruptible. **2 Corinthians 5:21** "For he hath made him to be sin for us, **who knew no sin**; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." – *"The conception and birth of Jesus, while they linked Him to human nature, did not connect Him with human depravity."* From a writer.
3. But outside of sin and the affects of sin, He was just like man. **Hebrews 4:14 - 15** *"Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. (15) For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."*
 - aa.** The word "infirmities" means – feebleness, moral frailty: - disease, infirmity, sickness, weakness.
 - bb.** He not only could sympathize but empathize with us in temptation, in weakness, in pain, suffering, and even death.
 - cc.** Wuest, in his "word studies" had this quote defining the word "touched" – *"The compound word means "to suffer with" another person, thus to sympathize with him to the extent of entering into his experience and feeling his heartache yourself. The use of the word here means more than a knowledge of human infirmity. It points to a knowledge that has in it a feeling for the other person by reason of a common experience with that person. Our Lord's appreciation of our infirmities is an experiential one, based upon the fact that He was tempted like we are."*
 - dd.** Therefore, it goes beyond just sympathizing, to an actual act or experience.

4. All Jesus suffered in the entire crucifixion from start to finish was real pain, and a real death.
 5. His temptation was real, just as a man. **Matthew 4:1 - 2** “*Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. (2) And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.*”
 6. In His human body He prayed, hungered, slept, and rested because he was a man. **Acts 2:22** “*Ye men of Israel, hear these words; **Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:***” A man From Adam thru Mary, but not by Adam thru man. Not simply a man, but also deity.
 7. He labored by the joy of doing the Father’s will. **John 4:34** “*Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.*”
- E. The Temple of Christ’s Body was offered once as a sacrifice for sin.
1. **Hebrews 10:10, 14** “*By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the **body of Jesus Christ once for all.** (14) For by **one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.***”
 2. If Jesus Christ suffered in His Body only, He would have been a redeemer of bodies only; but his Soul also was made an offering. **Isaiah 53:10** “*Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: **when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.***” His soul suffered; it did not die.
 3. The body of Jesus died. **Hebrews 2:14** “*Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, **he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;***”
 4. Through the death of the Body of Christ sanctifies the believer forever, once and for all. Remember Heb. 10:10 said, “...*sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*” It is true that the words “for all was added by the KJV translators. However, look at the Greek definition.
 - a. The word “once” comes from the Greek word, (hapax) and it means - once, one time – but this Greek word in this verse is “ephapax or ef-ap'-ax” and here is its definition, **a strengthened form of hapax, once for all.**

- b. Therefore, the translator's addition is spot on. The death of the body of Jesus Christ, and the suffering of His soul was enough to purchase our salvation.
5. Thru His total sacrifice, the propitiation for sin was so complete that God now remembers the sin no more forever; this indicates that He has forgiven the sinner. Forgiveness signifies that God "forgets away" every sin of ever one Christ died for. **Romans 5:11** *"And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement."* The word "atonement" here means – a restoration to (the divine) favor – or "reconciliation" **2 Corinthians 5:18-21** *"And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."*
6. **Isaiah 44:22** *"I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee."*
7. **Psalms 103:10 - 13** *"He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. (11) For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. (12) As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. (13) Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him."*
8. Also, The resurrection of His body will be like the resurrection of our bodies.