

## The Wednesday Word, July 26, 2023: Fully God and Fully Man

In Christ Jesus, the sovereign majesty of deity meets with the perfect man. Christ Jesus is both God and perfect man ... one person with two natures. If Jesus was only the great all-powerful God but not also man, we would feel very nervous about going near Him. And rightly so. But what does Isaiah say of this mighty God? The great prophet says that the coming King (*Christ*) would be a man who would be a hiding place from the wind, and a covert (*a shelter*) from the tempest (*storm*)." (See Isaiah 32:1-2). There's, therefore, no need for the believer to be afraid of Him.

Isaiah also clearly tells us that our Lord would be both God and man. (See Isaiah 9:6). So, let's be unmistakable on this matter, in Jesus we meet the mighty God and the perfect man. This is one of the excellent gospel truths which we have the privilege to feast upon.

My friend, Daniel E Parks, Gospel Minister in Great Falls, Montana, says on this matter, "Jesus Christ possessed both the divine and the human natures. His divine nature is inherent to Him, for He is expressly declared to be God from eternity. His human nature was assumed by Him when "God was manifested in the flesh." Jesus Christ is therefore the one and only *God-Man*.

He continues, "We find many proofs of both the divine and the human natures in Jesus Christ. For example:

Jesus' *hands* were human hands, but they had divine ability. He could touch lepers and not become unclean (Matthew 8:3). He could with His touch cure people of fever (Matthew 8:15), restore sight to the blind (Matthew 20:34; Mark 8:22-25), and restore an ear that had been cut off (Luke 22:50f). He could break a few pieces of bread and fish into enough pieces to feed thousands of people until they were full – and have much food remaining afterward (Matthew 14:13-21; 15:32-39).

"Jesus' *feet* were human feet, but they had the divine ability to walk on the sea even during a terrible storm (Matthew 14:25).

"Jesus' *eyes* were human eyes, but they had divine ability. He had the *omnipresent* ability to see a man in a far-off place sitting under a fig tree (John 1:48). He had the *omniscient* ability to look into men's hearts and know their thoughts (Matthew 9:4; Luke 5:22; John 2:25), and to see and know everything a woman had ever done before the first time He ever saw her (John 4:7-29).

"Jesus' *ears* were human ears, but they had the divine ability to hear others having private conversations (Mark 8:14-17), and to hear the prayers of His people from far-away places, and to hear the cries of His lost sheep desiring to be found.

"Jesus' *mouth* was a human mouth, but it had the divine and omnipotent ability. Through the power of His words: a sinner was forgiven of his sins – a deed which only God can do! (Matthew 9:2); a bed-ridden paralytic rose up and walked (Matthew 9:2-8); a leper was cleansed and healed (Mark 1:41); a deaf and speech-impaired man both heard and spoke well (Mark 7:31-35); demons were driven from those whom they had possessed and oppressed (Matthew 8:28-32);

dead people were restored to life (Luke 7:12-15; 8:49-55).

“Jesus’ *body* was a human body, but divine power was in it. For many were healed of their infirmities by merely touching Him or His garment (Mark 6:56; Luke 6:19; et.al.). And from Jesus’ human body flowed “God’s own blood” with which God’s church was purchased (Acts 20:28).

“Truly in Jesus Christ “God was manifested in the flesh.”

And that’s the Gospel Truth!