The Wednesday Word, October 27, 2021: Refreshment in the Gospel

One of the wonderful qualities of the gospel is that it brings refreshment to the believers who listen. My friend Daniel E Parks of Saint Croix, US Virgin Islands wrote the following very refreshing piece saying,

"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*.

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

<u>Jesus' hands</u> were human hands, but they had divine ability. He could touch lepers and not become unclean (Matthew 8:3). He could with but 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).

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

<u>Jesus' eyes</u> 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).

"<u>Jesus' ears</u> 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."

Believers in God believe this truth."

All I can possibly add to this is to say, "Hallelujah!"

And that's the Gospel Truth!