

# The Person of the Lord Jesus Christ

## Philippians 2:5-13

### Introduction

- A. The second most serious mistake one can make is to misunderstand the Person of Jesus Christ. Such mistakes follow us into eternity!
- B. All of Christianity and life itself revolves around the Lord Jesus. He is to have the preeminence in all things. Colossians 1:18.
- C. It is important that we recognize Him for Who He truly is and to respond correctly to Him. John 8:24

### I. Jesus Christ is the Son of God: Emphasis on Deity.

- A. The Lord Jesus Claimed Equality with God in His Person.

*"I and my Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father, for which of those works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not, but for blasphemy, and because thou, being a man, makest thyself God." John 10:30-33*

Comment: The Lord Jesus used the neuter for the word "one" not the masculine. By this He said that He was of the same essence or nature with God. Again we see that the Jews fully understood His claim and accused Him of blasphemy.

- B. The Lord Jesus Claimed the Title of "I Am."

*"I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins, for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." John 8:24*

Comment: In attempting to explain this verse the translators added the word "He." To the Jews of the NT days, however, it was much more emphatic for the Savior to claim, by the words "**I am**," equality with God the Father. He claimed the most unusual name of God in the OT "**I Am That I Am**" as found in Exodus 3:14. He made the same claim later in this chapter when He said, "**Before Abraham was, I am**" V58.

- C. This brief summary emphasizes **the desire of the Lord Jesus to set us free from our sin and bondage. He is God and Holy Love.** (See also John 5:2,17,18; 12:47,48; Mark 2:5,7,10,11; 14:61-64; Matthew 8:2; John 7:37,38)

## II. Jesus Christ is the Son of Man: Emphasis on Humanity.

### A. The Lord Jesus Claimed the Title **Son of Man**.

*"For even **the Son of man** came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."* Mark 10:45

Comment: Daniel prophetically used this title of the coming Messiah, Daniel 7:13,14. The Lord Jesus claimed its fulfillment in Himself with a twofold purpose: (1) to show He was the Messiah and (2) to emphasize His humanity.

### B. The Lord Jesus became a member of our race.

*"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, **made under the law**, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."* Galatians 4:4,5

Comment: While remaining 100% God, the Lord Jesus became 100% man. This was a spiritual necessity if He were to redeem us. The human race had sinned and only a member of the race could make the atonement. Paul reminds us He was "**made under the law**." He came into the world to be our substitute before God.

### C. The humanity of the Savior emphasizes **His right to set us free**.

## III. The Lord Jesus is the Promised Messiah: Emphasis on Redeemer.

### A. The Lord Jesus redeemed us through dying for us.

*"**Who gave himself for us**, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."* Titus 2:24

Comment: By dying as our substitute the Lord Jesus bore the judgment we deserve. He suffered in our place. He paid our debt. Romans 5:8,9.

### B. The Lord Jesus redeemed us through dying vicariously for us.

**"I am crucified with Christ**, nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

Comment: By stating he died with Christ Paul reminded us that all believers possess all the value of the Savior's redeeming work. He died in such a way that the merit and power of His death and Resurrection could be transferred to others. Ephesians 1:3; II Peter 1:3

### C. This truth was emphasized by Paul in Rom 1:16.