

Revealing The Soon-Coming All-Powerful Sovereign World Ruler

[Part 3]

Jesus the Glorified Human Being

Hebrews 9:11 [NIV] *“When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation.”*

Jesus the Son of God came from heaven to be our Saviour, then returned to heaven to be our perfect High Priest.

Hebrews 9:12 [NIV] *“He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.”*

Jesus the human Son of Man offered His own blood. Jesus is the only High Priest in all of human history who could offer Himself as a perfect offering to God.

Hebrews 9:13-14 [NIV] *“The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. **How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!**”*

All other human high priests offered inferior sacrifices of animals who did **not** have in them a human spirit. [See **Job 32:8**]

Jesus was conceived at His human birth by the Holy Spirit. [See **Luke 1:35**]

It was the Holy Spirit in Jesus the Son of Man that wrought all the miracles in His ministry and it was through or by the Holy Spirit that Jesus made His final offering on the cross.

1 Peter 3:18 [NIV] *“For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but **made alive by the Spirit,**”*

It was the Holy Spirit in Jesus that brought Him back to human life again.

This same passage of scripture can also be presented with a slightly different understanding.

Accepting that God is one God presented to human beings as three persons, it was the eternal logos [Word – see **John 1:1-4, 14**] or deity which dwelt in the human Jesus that enabled Him to live the sin-free life that made Him the perfect human sacrifice.

When we meditate on this we see that all three persons of the godhead are involved in this redemptive act, that brings us eternal salvation.

It was the resurrected and glorified human Jesus who offered His own human blood at the very altar of God’s throne.

Revelation 1:12 [NIV] *“I turned round to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands,”*

Like so many of us we were facing in the wrong direction when God calls out to us.

Revelation 1:13-16 [NIV] *“and among the lampstands was someone **“like a son of man”**, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash round his chest. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.”*

Our present High Priest, the glorified Jesus, the Son of Man.

This is what makes Jesus our perfect High Priest.

Hebrews 4:14-16 [NIV] *“Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”*

We have a glorified human being at the right hand of God, **not** a spirit but a man glorified.

This man Jesus Christ is there at God’s eternal throne interceding for us, representing the whole human race.

Let us all pause at this point and allow this truth to penetrate into our mind and spirit.

This is the security all believing Christians can have.

Matthew 28:16-20 [NIV] *“Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, **“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”***

This is Jesus the Son of Man who was giving to His disciples the commission that all of us as Christians have.

But note, *“all authority”* had been given to Jesus the Son of Man, our interceding High Priest by God the Father.

Colossians 1:10-14 [NIV] *“And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: **bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”***

This power and authority of Jesus the Son of Man is ours to use in our commission.

Colossians 1:15-23 [NIV] *“**He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fulness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour. But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you***

*holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation, if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. **This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.***

Note Jesus the Son of Man was the “*First born over all creation.*”

If Jesus the human Son of Man is the “*firstborn*” then there must be others in the physical creation who will be born physical, human, created children of God.

This is the kingdom of God that Jesus during His ministry on earth spoke so frequently about.

Jesus the Firstborn is also Ruler over all Created Children of God

Philippians 2:5-6 [NIV] “*Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,*”

Jesus the eternal Word and Son of God, who had **no** beginning and has **no** end.

Philippians 2:7-11 [NIV] “*but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross! **Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.***”

As we have already read in Colossians, Jesus has pre-eminence in all things.

Revelation of Jesus Christ to the apostle John tells us of the day when this triumphant victory of Jesus the Son of Man will be consummated and all humanity will acknowledge Him as the eternal ruler of the whole universe.

A Question that should be answered in every Christian Church

The Holy Spirit of God worked in and through the human Son of Man to bring about our redemption.

Are we honouring the Holy Spirit and allowing Him to work in and through us to allow Jesus the Son of God and Son of Man to bring redemption to all other human beings?

More than once in the revelation of Jesus to John is mentioned the “*seven-fold Spirit of God*” and his presence before the heavenly throne of God the Father.

Isaiah 11:1-3 [NIV] “*A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. **The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him, the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD, and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears;***”

This is speaking about Jesus the Son of Man.

John 1:26-28 [NIV] “*I baptise with water,*” John replied, “*but among you stands one you do not know. He is the one who comes after me, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.*” *This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.*”

John the Baptist’s ministry was to prepare a people for Jesus’ first coming as our Saviour.

John 1:29-30, 34 [NIV] “*The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who*

comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’” ... “I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God.”

Jesus did **not** begin His earthly ministry until His water baptism when the Spirit of God had become all of those things in Him as mention in **Isaiah**.

I believe that many people in Christian churches today are given leadership in the churches without ever having yielded to the wise and effective leading of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit alone can bring the gracious presence of the living God into our lives and ministries in the churches and the surrounding communities.

You may think it is out of place for me to say this, but there is strong evidence in the Christian churches that today human talents and educated abilities are in the forefront of church leadership, not spirit-driven humans.

The illumination of the Holy Spirit of God, that is essential in ministerial preparation, and administrative leadership functions is being ignored or side-tracked.

All Christian churches need:-

- a) The endurance of the Holy Spirit.
- b) The wisdom of the Holy Spirit.
- c) The counsel and knowledge of the Holy Spirit.
- d) The supernatural power of the Holy Spirit.

This will **only** come into church communities as the end product of reverence and fear of the Almighty Creator God.

We need the Holy Spirit more and more in church communions and **we need human helps less and less**, if we are to fulfil the commission given to us by our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

As long as each of us as Christians remain alive on this earth, God has not completed His work in us.

The Holy Spirit will help us discern what God desires us to do, as yielding instruments in His hand.

If you wish to experience joy that is far beyond anything that this world can offer, constantly ask your Creator God to place you in the centre of His will.

Notice the final recorded words of our Saviour and now High Priest, before He ascended through the clouds to the very throne of God the Father.

Matthew 28:20 [NIV] *“... and surely I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

What Jesus our Eternal High Priest has said to all believing Christians is *“whatever you need to fulfil this commission I have given you, just come to the throne of grace, anything you need you may have.”*

Why not believe this promise and exercise the dominion and power He will give us?

There is **no** reason for any of us to hide as Christians or to slink about as if we must get permission to live.

As created children of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we need **not** apologise for fulfilling the work our Father has given us.

Revelation 1:5-6 [NIV] *“and from **Jesus Christ**, who is the faithful witness, **the firstborn from the dead**, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and **has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father**, to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.”*

We all have the right to be believer-priests who can go to our great High Priest in the heavens, making our legitimate wants and wishes known to Him.