

The Lordship Of The Son Of Man

1 Timothy 2:5 [King James] *“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;”*

Jesus Christ is still referred to as human. [Acts 7:56; Revelation 1:13; Revelation 14:14]

This was the powerful revolutionary message of the early Christian Church.

That a man named Jesus who had been crucified was now raised from the dead and exalted to the right hand of God the Father.

Acts 2:36 [King James] *“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.”*

God the Father had made the man Jesus both Lord, [Greek “*kuriōs*” meaning supreme in authority] and Christ. [Greek “*christōs*” anointed One that is the Messiah]

Even among those who acknowledge the deity of Jesus Christ there is often a failure to recognise His humanity.

We are quick to assert that when Jesus walked on earth, as the Son of God, He was God with humans, but we overlook a truth equally as important, that where Jesus now sits on His mediatorial throne He is a human with God, who is also a Person within the Triune Godhead.

[Please download and study our article ‘*The Two Natures Of Jesus Christ*’ which expands on this subject, listed under main heading ‘*Jesus Christ*’.]

The teaching of the New Testament that there is a human being at God’s throne, in the presence of God the Father for us, is great encouragement.

Jesus Christ the Son of God, One Person within the Triune Godhead, knows perfectly by Personal experience what it is like to be human, with all the physical weaknesses and temptations.

Jesus Christ is a Man glorified, but this glorification does **not** dehumanise Him.

Today Jesus Christ is a real man, of the race of mankind, bearing our human dimensions, a visible and audible man whom any other human being would recognise instantly as one of us.

Add to this Jesus is heir to all things. [**Romans 8:16-17; Matthew 28:18**]

Jesus is Head of the Church. [**Ephesians 1:22; Ephesians 4:15-16; Colossians 1:18**]

Jesus is first-born human from the dead to be the Lord of the created family of God.

Colossians 1:15-20 [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.”*

The list of who and what Jesus Christ the Son of Man is is only touched on in this passage of scripture, but this in brief is the Jesus Christ that the Christian Church is to preach about.

For human sinners Jesus Christ is the **only** escape from the wrath of God to come.

With Jesus Christ rests **all** hopes and dreams of all human beings.

The natural longing for immortality that is in the mind and human spirit of every human will **only** be fulfilled in Jesus Christ. [Ecclesiastes 3:11]

There is no other way. [John 14:6]

Salvation for all humans comes **not** by “accepting the finished work of Jesus Christ” or “deciding for Jesus Christ.”

Salvation only comes from believing on the Lordship of Jesus Christ in our lives, and only then can we show God the Father our faith in what His Son, Jesus Christ, has done for all humanity.

Romans 12:1-2 [NIV] *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is, his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

I come back to this scripture often to check if I am still submitting my life to my Lord Jesus Christ as I should, out of pure gratitude for what He is and what He has done for me as part of all humanity.

I would like to repeat this scripture as expanded in the Message Bible as I have found it very revealing.

“So here is what I want you to do, God helping you. Take your everyday, ordinary life, your sleeping, eating, going to work and walking around life and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for Him. Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead fix your attention on God. You will be changed from the inside out. Readily recognise what He wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings out the best in you, develops well-formed maturity in you.”

To look on Jesus Christ as less than Lord over our lives is poetic fiction not the truth as revealed in God’s Word, the Christian Bible.

The false image of Jesus Christ is widespread in society, in and outside the Christian fellowship.

Jesus is represented as a gentle, dreamy, shy, sweet, almost effeminate person who will adapt to whatever society He may find Himself in.

Jesus is patronised by pro-tem celebrities and recommended by psychiatrists as a model of well-integrated personality.

Jesus is used as a means to almost any carnal end, but He is never acknowledged as Lord.

These quasi-Christians want Jesus Christ’s help but **not** His interference, they flatter Him but **never** obey Him.

The writer of Hebrews starts off with proof of the superiority of Jesus Christ.

Jesus the Creator of all things [Hebrews 1:2] and heir of all things, the very Son of God and expression of the glory of the Triune Godhead.

For the Jews specifically Jesus is presented as far greater than angels [**Hebrews 1:4-8**], greater than Moses [**Hebrews 3:1-6**], and the High Priest [**Hebrews 5:5-10**].

The first Christians believed that Jesus, a man they knew had been raised to a position of Lordship over the whole universe.

Jesus was still their friend [**John 15:14-15**], still one of them, but had left them for a while to appear in the presence of God the Father on their behalf.

The proof of this was the presence of the Holy Spirit Jesus had promised to send. [**John 16:7**]

A cause of weakness within the Christian fellowship today is failing to consider Jesus as a glorified man who has received all power and authority from God the Father.

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 belief was the powerful driving force of the early Christian Church.

At the right hand of God the Father was a man whom they knew as their Lord but also High Priest representing them at God’s throne in heaven and a friend they all loved dearly.