

## LESSON 10

# Humanity of Jesus Christ

**Objective** : Let us go near the mercy seat by realizing the fact that our great God and the Lord Jesus came into this World to redeem the mankind.

**Bible Portion** : Phili.2:1-18, Heb.2:5-18,4:14-16

**Memory Verse** : Phili.2:5-8

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.

## **Introduction:**

Why Jesus, our great God and the Lord became a man in the World? What do we do to save a man who falls into a deep well? We should go near to him. There is a need of a strong relationship. In such a way, men who lived under sin and death needed a savior who had a strong human relationship. As a human being Jesus is sympathetic to men. He could undergo through the temptations that men also face. We have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin. The greatness of Jesus Christ lies in the reality that the deity and humanity are collectively blended in a person.

**Following features indicate the reality of the humanity of Jesus.**

### **1. Jesus is given the human names.**

- a) **MAN:** Jesus talks about him as man (Jn.8:40). Apostle Paul uses the same term in 2 Tim.2:5.
- b) **The Son of Man:** The term is used for Jesus in 77 times (Ps. 45:2, Mt. 8:20, Mk.8:38, Lk 5:24 ,6:5, 21, 27;19:20, Jn. 1:21, Acts.7:55-56) Gospel of Luke commonly accept Jesus as the son of God.

### **2. The birth and genealogy of Jesus is mentioned in Bible.**

- a. **The son of woman:** He is called so because he was born of Virgin Mary. (Mt.1:21-23, Lk.2:7, Gal.4:4)
- b. **The son of David:** Jesus was born in Israel in the house of David that belonged to the tribe of Judea. (Mt.1:1-16, Acts.13:23, Rom.1:52, 1Tim.2:8, Heb 7:14)

### **3. Jesus had a physical body as that of men:**

Jesus had a body that could be looked like a human one. It is clearly seen in the Bible. The Word became flesh (Jn.1:14). He lived in this World with flesh and blood like mankind (Heb.2:14). The disciples saw the resurrected Jesus with a human body (Lk.24:39-40 , Jn.20:27). Jesus also has a glorious body in heaven. (Acts.7:56)

#### **4. Jesus had human limitations:**

- a. **Physical tiredness** (Jn. 4:6), Sleep (Mt.8:24), Hunger (Mt.21:18) , Thirst (Jn.19:28) , pain (Lk.27:44), Physical death (1 Cori.15:3). These were his human limitations. His physical growth was that of common men. (Lk.2:52)
- b. **Limitation in knowledge and growth:** (Lk.2:52, Mk.11:13.13:32) His spoken words were from God. (Jn.14:10)
- c. **He was tempted as a man and took victory over them** (Hb.2:18, 4:1, Mt.4:2-11) He had victory over temptations not because of his divinity, but by the Word of God (Mt.4:4), by the filling of the Holy Spirit (Mt.2:6), by constant prayers (Heb.:5:7). Jesus taught us that everyone who is reborn will be victorious over temptations.
- d. **The force of power:** Though Jesus himself was God, was under limitation to exert power. His activities had been in contact with God, the father. He did wonder because he was continuously filled with the Holy Spirit. The work I do can be done by those who believe in me. They will do greater works than I did as I go to father. Jesus revealed through his works about how far a believer by faith can be used with the Holy Spirit.

#### **5. Relationship with God:**

Jesus reflects the humanity by revealing his relation with God. Father is greater than me. (Jn. 14:28). I live because of father (Jn.6:57).These words show the humanity of Jesus. Jesus was equal to father in heavenly sense and was smaller the father in earthly perspective. (Phili.2:6, Jn.10:29). The greatness of Jesus is wonderful that he lowered himself since he was the son of God.

#### **The wonderful blending of humanity and divinity in Jesus Christ.**

The humanity and divinity were wonderfully blended in Jesus Christ. Jesus was human. It does not mean that he was a sinner. Adam was sinless when he was created. So, humanity cannot be connected with sin. Jesus was perfect God and perfect man. Jesus was the word became flesh. He was born of Mary. He did not receive the personality or being from her. Jesus is an eternal being; in him the human nature

was also naturally inherent. Jesus has neither beginning nor end. So calling Mary, the mother of God is blasphemy and not biblical. We must believe and propagate the perfect deity, humanity and being of Jesus Christ in a single person.

**Questions:**

1. What are the two natures of Jesus Christ?
  2. What are the names given to Jesus to show his humanity?
  3. How far the term 'the son of David' is suited for Jesus?
  4. Why Jesus is known as the son of woman?
  5. Jesus had a human body. Does it exist now? Establish the view:
  6. Prove the human limitations of Jesus Christ?
  7. In what sense Jesus talks of himself as smaller than the father? How Jesus is equal to God?
  8. The humanity and divinity is wonderfully blended in Jesus' single personality; Explain it?
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