

**Use the Leader's Guide sent to you by Pastor Paul to go through this study in your 242 group.**

**Problem**

Do not drift away from Christ -do not neglect such a great salvation Hebrews 2:1-4

We WILL drift away from the superiority Christ and we WILL neglect the greatness of our salvation if we fail to grasp the full HUMANITY of Christ

Read John 19:5; 1 John 4:1-2; 2 John 7

**Warning:** this study contains many opportunities for error, many opportunities to go off on rabbit trails that lead to heresy - hold the handrails tight and do not go beyond what is written (1 Corinthians 4:6)

The following article illustrates the dangerous territory we are in and how it is easy to drift from THIS Christ:

<http://www.ibainfo.org/tt/qtum.html>

**Text:**

**How will we escape if we neglect such a great savior? (Hebrews 2:5-9)**

-Before examining the emphasis in this passage, the full humanity of Christ, we must establish the full deity of Christ. Read John 1:1, 18; Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-14.

-Here is a good resource on the Scriptural warrant regarding the deity of Christ:

<http://www.traviscarden.com/deity-of-christ-verse-list>

-Psalm 8 shows us that He was glorified in His humiliation in coming to save us- fulfilling psalm 8 regarding man. Philippians 2:1-11 demonstrates to us that Jesus was glorified as a man because of His obedience and humility and as a man He was crowned with glory.

-In essence God became a man and fulfilled Psalm 8 because we couldn't

-notice that His dominion is not felt right now- His glory is seen in His sacrifice not in His reign currently

**How shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? (Hebrews 2:10-18)**

-Verse 10 uses three words that are really helpful and carry a lot of the argument for us.

-fitting (appropriate) - Romans 5:12-21

-founder (pioneer) - Hebrews 6:20; 12:1-3

-made perfect (complete) - Hebrews 5:9; 7:28

-thus we see the Second Adam, become perfect as a forerunner for what we will become as we follow Him - Hebrews 10:14; 11:40; 12:23

***- it is important to understand at this point that the humanity of Christ never becomes deity. Literally the great truth of the Incarnation, (Immanuel = God with us) is matched by the equally shocking truth of the Ascension (Man with God)***

-We follow the forerunner made perfect and are called brothers - Literally we will reign alongside Christ - 2 Timothy 2:12; 1 Corinthians 6:13

-Regarding the power of death - John 8:44; 6:23 -> Job 2:4-6; 1 Cor 5:5

-Regarding death and the fear of death - Gen 2:17; 3:10; Matt 10:28, 39 (fear of death seeks earthly security); Rom 8:15

-Regarding Him not coming in the form of an angel - James 2:19 -> Matt 8:28-32 (demons know and believe but there is no salvation for them); 2 Pet 4

-Regarding His incarnation fully as a man - John 4:6-8; Mark 4:38-41

-Regarding His full temptation -Hebrews 4:15

-The following quote from Dwight Pentecost is helpful here:

One question that might arise here is how Jesus, because He was sinless, could really understand and respond to our testings and temptations. We must

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recognize that Jesus, who is indeed sinless, does not identify Himself with us in our solicitation to sin. As 1 John 3:4 points out, sin is lawlessness, which is the tendency to declare oneself independent of God. This temptation can come from the sin nature within or from Satan without. Whatever the source, however, the testing is essentially the same.

At His temptation in the wilderness, Jesus was enticed to lawlessness. The temptation did not come from a sin nature within Him, but from Satan without. Therefore Christ understood the nature of temptation. We suffer because we live in an unredeemed body in an unredeemed world with an unredeemed sin nature within us. Jesus Christ did not have a fallen sin nature within Him but He did live in a corruptible body in this unredeemed world. He therefore was subject to the same sufferings to which we are subject, even without that fallen sin nature. As a consequence He can be sympathetic with us, a compassionate, merciful, and faithful High Priest. His sympathy is related to our testings, not to our sin. His sympathy does not depend on personal experience of sin, but upon the experience of the strength of sin as He did in His temptation, again in Gethsemane, and finally at the cross.

The sufferings Christ endured from the world and Satan were far greater than any of our individual experiences. Satan conserves his energy and exerts no more pressure on any individual than it takes to conform that individual to his desire. Because of our weakness, we conform to Satan's will when we experience only a small portion of the pressure he has available to bring to bear on us. By contrast, in his attempt to conform Jesus to his will, Satan exerted all available pressure—and found that Jesus could not be made to sin. Jesus Christ therefore has endured a far greater weight of testing than any individual has experienced. And because He has endured the full weight of Satan's testings, He understands our weakness, our need, and is able to respond. This testing from Satan was possible only because of Christ's true humanity, and because of this He is able to respond to any cry of help that comes from those He represents as a merciful and faithful High Priest.

-Here is a phenomenal article by John Piper regarding the full humanity of Christ:

<http://www.desiringgod.org/blog/posts/jesus-is-fully-human>

### **Behold, The Man**

-fix your eyes on the full humanity of Christ so as to pay attention to your great salvation

-Rom 8:1-4 - no condemnation

-Rom 8:12-17 - exaltation

-Rom 8:18-25 - so look past present suffering

-Rom 8:31-38 - nothing can separate you from His love

### **Main Idea:**

we must know THIS Christ to know THIS salvation

we must know the humanity of Christ

### **Implication: Job wanted a mediator - 1 Tim 2:5-7 - The Man Christ Jesus is our mediator**

The Christ we must know is not just a man as the atheists, liberal and Unitarians will tell you

He is not just God disguised as a man either as the gnostics believed

He is definitely not a chief angel like the JW's believe

nor is He a man who became a god as the Mormons believe

none of these versions of Christ can save you

here is the one who can:

**The Christ who is fully and actually God, who added to Himself full and actual humanity is the only one who can save us fully and actuality forever.**