

Pentecost Explained - The Humanity Of Jesus

Acts 2:22

People say they need more faith

- I say no, they need more confidence in our Lord Jesus Christ
- Confidence in His work on the cross, authority to forgive sin, to keep every jot and tittle of the Law for us, in every single one of His promises and truths
- Confidence that allows us to go down into the deep ravines of life knowing He has ahold of the rope

The time for the fulfillment of Pentecost has come

- The prophet Joel said this time would come in with proclamation, but it would end with tribulation
- A time where the glory of God would be proclaimed not just by prophets, priests and kings
- By all kinds of people and all classes of society, even Gentiles
- It is called the “Age of the Spirit”

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- **Acts 2:12 NIV** “What does this mean?”
- We began answering that question last week
- **Acts 2:21 NIV** “All who call on the name of the Lord will be saved (graced).”
- Peter just blows their minds this week when he announces the Lord upon which men must call is none other than the prophet, they crucified 50 day ago in the city of Jerusalem—Jesus of Nazareth

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- “When David, without any outside armor, stood before the giant Goliath who "had a helmet of brass" and "a coat of mail" and his weapons, David faced him confidently, saying: "You come against me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come against you in the Name of the Lord of hosts (i.e., 'enclosed as in a tower in the Name of the Lord'), the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.”

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- David in that "strong tower" was stronger and safer than Goliath, in all his armor and weapons.
- To come "in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ" is not merely saying His Name over and over, but it is being enclosed in His Name, and representing that which His Name represents.

How can we see ourselves enclosed in His name like David?

- It begins by grasping the humanity of Jesus Christ
- You really cannot relate to a God who is holy, perfect and unseen
 - Like trying to relate to a strong wind
- You can try to understand a small set of facts about Him
- But you can't relate or comprehend Him

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- Tom Price, “Why is it that God does not seem to show himself in a much more obvious way? One answer is that perhaps God’s existence is not a matter of reality and facts.”
- In **Job (23:8-9)** we read, “But if I go to the east, he is not there; if I go to the west, I do not find him. When he is at work in the north, I do not see him; when he turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of him.”

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- **Acts 2:22 NIV** “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.
- Peter takes the crowd and makes them witnesses
- Accredited by God – To you – by miracles, wonders and signs

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- Notice it does not say anyone objected to Peter's statement
- They objected to the statement about speaking the glory of God in their own language
- Hear Peter say, "You know Jesus was real, human, marvelous and did things that only someone under the authority and power of God could do."

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- The method of authentication was by “miracles, wonders and signs”
 - Changing water to wine, stilling the winds and waves, multiplying the loaves and fishes, healing the sick, casting out demons, raising the dead

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- These were signs not done by Jesus because he was God
- It was God who did them through Jesus as He yielded himself to indwelling power and life of God within
- The secret of His life and ministry was that He was a man through whom God worked
- How do I begin grasping the humanity of Jesus?

See God the Son wrapped in flesh walking and intersecting with life just like you and me

- **John 1:14 NIV** The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and.
 - Notice full of grace and truth
 - But does Jesus really understand my life, experiences, hurts, decisions--ME???

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- Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, but He was born and lived like you and me
- Born in a castoff village known for nothing good coming out of it
- Accused of being illegitimate and not really knowing who his earthly father was
- You talk about not fitting in with the other children

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- He was rejected, scorned, abused, slandered, rejected....
- **Hebrews 5:8-9 NLT** 8 Even though Jesus was God's Son, he learned obedience (*from a human perspective*) from the things he suffered. 9 In this way, God qualified him as a perfect High Priest, and he became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey him.

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- Jesus came that we might know the true God, to see Him in action on our level, with/in our cares
- Not one of just sacrifices and laws but grace, mercy, love, acceptance
- All who call on the name of the Lord will be saved - **acceptance**

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- Jesus was tempted in every way just as us, yet without sin – **Pressure**
- Jesus had to spend time with the Father through prayer for **Strength and Direction**

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- Jesus even asked God for another plan than the cross
 - **Accepting God's Plan**
- He had to accept God's silence and forsakenness
 - **Humility**
- All for you, all for me

See the life and ministry of Jesus as the pattern of normal humanity God created mankind to live

- Something dreadful happened when man first sinned
 - We lost who we are to be - **Identity**
 - We lost what we were created for - **Purpose**

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 - **Psalms 8:3-5 NIV** 3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? 5 You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.

See the life and ministry of Jesus as the pattern of normal humanity God created mankind to live

- We lost our purpose
 - – to take the very good of the Garden of Eden and spread it out over God's entire creation
- It did not take long for the effects of sin to bear fruit

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- **Genesis 6:5-6 NIV** 5 The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. 6 The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled.

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- When you look at the life and ministry of Jesus you see what God created you and me to be
- Not one controlled by pride, selfishness, fear or hopelessness, especially not our emotions
- But peace, love, joy and a sound mind

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- **Galatians 5:22-23 NIV** 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance (*patience*), kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.
- Notice this fruit is not something you will in your life
- Not even faith in your life

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- You yield it into your life
- You get yourself out of the way and let the Holy Spirit grow it into your everyday life
 - It is already planted upon salvation
- He may need to break the soil to allow the seed to grow

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- We are still called to spread the very good of God all over His earthly creation.
- By allowing the fruit of the Spirit within us to be seen then planted in the hearts and minds darkened by sin and ignorance

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- Since Jesus is the pattern of normal humanity
 - We are to be living like this man
 - We are to be acting, thinking and reacting as Jesus did

Martin Luther speaking on the humanity of Christ

- “The mystery of the humanity of Christ, that He sunk Himself into our flesh, is beyond all human understanding.”
- Truth that must be accepted and lived out if we want to live 'enclosed as in a tower in the Name of the Lord'

The great French painter Renoir, in old age, suffered from arthritis, which twisted and cramped his hand.

- Henri Matisse, his artist friend, watched sadly while Renoir, grasping a brush with only his fingertips, continued to paint, even though each movement caused stabbing pain. Matisse asked Renoir why he persisted in painting at the expense of such torture. Renoir replied,
 - **"The pain passes, but the beauty remains."**

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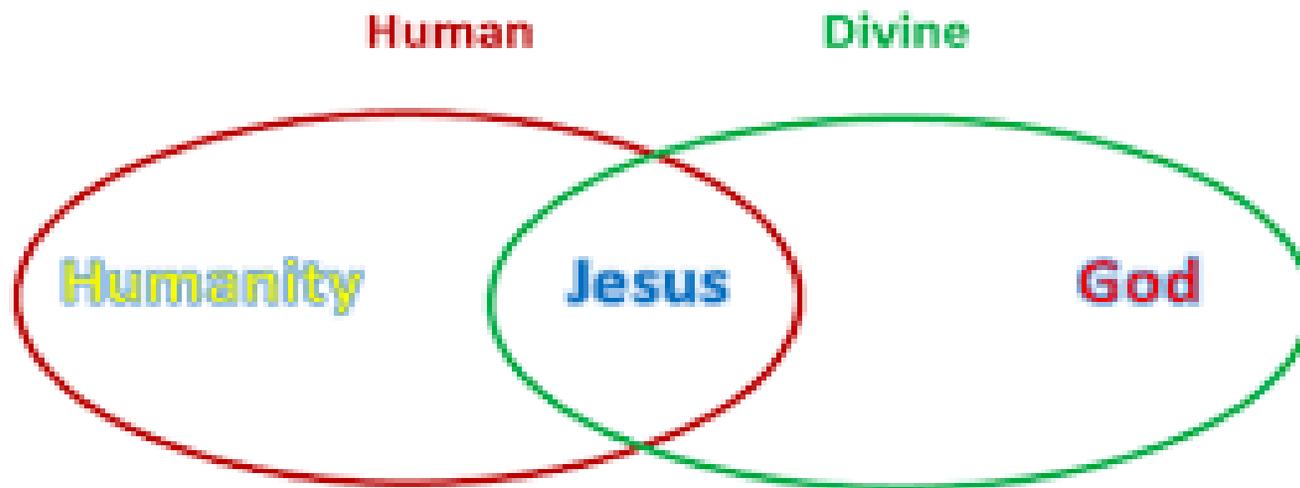
- Paul said it like this:
 - **Romans 8:18 NLT** Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later.

Hebrews 12:1-3 MSG

- Do you see what this means—all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we'd better get on with it. Strip down, start running—and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins. Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in.

Hebrews 12:1-3 MSG

- Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever. And now he’s there, in the place of honor, right alongside God. When you find yourselves flagging (*becoming tired or less dynamic; declining in strength*) in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he plowed through. That will shoot adrenaline into your souls!



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