

GOD AND HUMAN AT THE SAME TIME

Select Passages • December 9, 2007 • Pastor Mike Newman

December 9, 2007..... "God and Human at the Same Time"
December 16, 2007..... "Jesus—God's Love Gift"
December 23, 2007..... "The Impossible Made Possible"
December 30, 2007..... "A Reason for Living"

UNWRAPPING
THE GIFT
OF Jesus

Matthew 1:18-23 (NLT) This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph, her fiancé, was a good man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! **She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'**"

Romans 8:3 (NLT) The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins.

Hebrews 2:14 (NLT) Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death.

Matthew 1:20 (NLT) As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Romans 5:12 (NLT) When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.

Hebrews 4:15 (NLT) This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin.

John 1:1-3 (NLT) In the beginning the Word (Jesus) already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him.

John 10:30 (NLT) The Father and I are one."

"Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words!"
- 2 Corinthians 9:15

Jesus was not some ordinary baby when He was born. Jesus was both God and man at the same time. And because He was both God and man at the same time, His life and death has a huge impact on our lives.

Two Biblical Principles:

1) The Bible teaches us that Jesus was FULLY HUMAN in every way like you and me with two exceptions.

✓ See Romans 8:3 and Hebrews 2:14

In Jesus' day, people doubted whether Jesus was God because they saw Jesus in His human form. Today, we tend to downplay the fact that Jesus was fully human because we think of Him as God.

"For 33 years he would feel everything you and I have ever felt. He felt weak. He grew weary. He was afraid of failure. He was susceptible to wooing women. He got colds, burped, and had body odor. His feelings got hurt. His feet got tired. And his head ached. To think of Jesus in such a light is -- well, it seems almost irreverent, doesn't it? It's not something we like to do; it's uncomfortable. It is much easier to keep the humanity out of the incarnation. Clean the manure from around the manger. Wipe the sweat out of his eyes. Pretend he never snored or blew his nose or hit his thumb with a hammer. He's easier to stomach that way. There is something about keeping him divine that keeps him distant, packaged, predictable. But don't do it. For heaven's sake, don't. Let him be as human as he intended to be. Let him in to the mire and muck of our world. For only if we let him in can he pull us out."
- Max Lucado in the book "God Came Near"

Two Exceptions:

- a) Jesus was conceived through the HOLY SPIRIT and was not born with a sinful nature. (Matthew 1:20, Romans 5:12)
- b) Jesus NEVER SINNED. (Hebrews 4:15)



Otterbein Church & Ministry Center
801 Park Street • Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, 17268 • Rev. Michael Newman, Senior Pastor
Helping People Look Biblically at the Real Issues of Life!

CDs and DVDs of this message are available by contacting the church office at 717-762-7147 or info@otterbeinchurch.org or online at www.otterbeinchurch.org

John 14:6-11 (NLT) Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!" Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Any one who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you? Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me. Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen me do.

Philippians 2:6 (NLT) Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.

Colossians 1:15 (NLT) Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.

Colossians 2:9 (NLT) For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body.

John 14:7 (NLT) If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!"

Romans 3:23 (NLT) For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Romans 6:23 (NLT) For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hebrews 9:13-14 (NLT) Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a young cow could cleanse people's bodies from ceremonial impurity. Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins.

Hebrews 9:24-28 (NLT) For Christ did not enter into a holy place made with human hands, which was only a copy of the true one in heaven. He entered into heaven itself to appear now before God on our behalf. And he did not enter heaven to offer himself again and again, like the high priest here on earth who enters the Most Holy Place year after year with the blood of an animal. If that had been necessary, Christ would have had to die again and again, ever since the world began. But now, once for all time, he has appeared at the end of the age to remove sin by his own death as a sacrifice. And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment, so also Christ died once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people.

Galatians 4:5-7 (NLT) God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.

2) The Bible clearly teaches us that JESUS WAS
GOD.

- ✓ See John 1:1-3, John 10:30, John 14:6-11, Philippians 2:6, Colossians 1:15, and Colossians 2:9

Three Reasons This Is A Big Deal:

1) We are able to have a better and MORE COMPLETE
understanding of who God is.

- ✓ See John 14:7, Colossians 1:15, and Hebrews 1:3

2) Jesus' perfection (His deity) made it possible for Him to be the
PERFECT SACRIFICE for our sins.

- ✓ See Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Hebrews 9:13-14, and Hebrews 9:24-28

*No one except Jesus could pay the
"once and for all" price for our sins.*

3) Jesus provides the only way for us to have a PERSONAL
RELATIONSHIP with God free of fear and guilt.

- ✓ See Galatians 4:5-7 and John 14:6

John 14:6 (NLT) Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

How to Begin a Relationship with Jesus

Believe that Jesus is who He said He was, that He came and died on the cross, and that He arose from the dead three days later.

Acknowledge your sins and ask God to forgive you.

Submit yourself to follow God's teachings for life.

Express your desire to have this kind of relationship to God.

For more information about what it means to become a follower of Christ or what to do after you make a decision to follow Jesus, speak to one of the elders or pastors following the service today (they can be found by the prayer room in the church lobby) or contact the church office (717-762-7147) to set up an appointment. You may also request materials and find additional information to help you on your spiritual journey on our website by clicking on the "Beginning Your Journey" link.

www.otterbeinchurch.org



Otterbein Church & Ministry Center
801 Park Street • Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, 17268 • Rev. Michael Newman, Senior Pastor
Helping People Look Biblically at the Real Issues of Life!

CDs and DVDs of this message are available by contacting the church office at 717-762-7147 or info@otterbeinchurch.org or online at www.otterbeinchurch.org