
Made Right!

Why God Became Man—pt 2

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The problem of sin

Genesis 6:5 The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

- a. Being a sinner by nature means that we are naturally inclined to disobey God.
- b. We naturally prefer gratifying the sinful desires of our own hearts more than the desires God has for us.
- c. Nothing in our heart is willing to overcome our preference for disobeying God.
- d. Nothing in our heart is able to overcome our preference for disobeying God.

The problem of the consequences of sin

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Romans 5:17 For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

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How are we made righteous?

Jesus' active obedience

2 Cor. 5:21 God made Him Who knew no sin to be sin for us, so that, through Him, we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

Jesus' passive obedience

John 10:17 "The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life--only to take it up again.

¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

Philippians 2:5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

⁸And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Power for righteousness

Philippians 2:12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed--not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence--continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,

Philippians 2:13 ... for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

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