

## *"Made Like Unto His Brethren"*

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John 14:1-3, 14  
Hebrews 2:14, 15  
Romans 1:1-3  
Romans 8:1-41  
John 4:3

Philippians 2:5-7  
John 5:19, 30  
John 8:28  
Mark 13:32  
Mark 15:34

John 6:38  
Matthew 26:39, 42  
John 16:7  
2 Peter 1:3, 4

It would have been an almost infinite humiliation for the Son of God to take man's nature, even when Adam stood in his innocence in Eden. BUT Jesus accepted humanity when the race had been weakened by four thousand years of sin. Like every CHILD of Adam He accepted the results of the working of the great law of heredity. What these results were is shown in the history of His earthly ancestors. He came with such a heredity to share our sorrows and temptations, and to give us the EXAMPLE of a SINLESS life. DA 49

Notwithstanding that the sins of a guilty world were laid upon Christ, notwithstanding the humiliation of taking upon Himself our FALLEN NATURE, the voice from heaven declared Him to be the Son of the Eternal. DA 112

In taking upon Himself man's nature in its FALLEN condition, Christ did not in the least participate in its sin. He was subject to the infirmities and weaknesses by which man is encompassed, 'that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses' (Matt. 8:17). He was touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and was in all points tempted like as we are. And yet He knew no sin. 1SM 256

In OUR humanity, Christ was to redeem Adam's failure. But when Adam was assailed by the tempter, none of the effects of sin were upon him. He stood in the strength of perfect manhood, possessing the full vigor of mind and body.... It was NOT THUS with Jesus....For four thousand years the race had been decreasing in physical strength, in mental power, and in moral worth; and Christ took upon Him the infirmities of degenerate humanity.... Our Saviour took humanity, with all its liabilities. He took the nature of man, with the possibility of yielding to temptation. We have NOTHING to bear which He has not endured. DA 117

He rested not in the possession of almighty power. It was not as the 'Master of earth and sea and sky' that He reposed in quiet. That power He had LAID DOWN, and He says, 'I can of Mine own self do NOTHING.' John 5:30. He trusted in the Father's might. DA 336.

'God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son.' He gave Him not only to live among men, to bear their sins, and die their sacrifice. He gave Him to the fallen race. Christ was to identify Himself with the interests and needs of humanity. He who was one with God has linked Himself with the children of men by ties that are never to be broken. Jesus is 'not ashamed to call them brethren'; He is our Sacrifice, our Advocate, our Brother, bearing our HUMAN FORM before the Father's throne, and through ETERNAL AGES one with the race He has redeemed, - the Son of man. SC 14

In our conclusions, we make many MISTAKES because of our ERRONEOUS views of the human nature of our Lord. When we give to His human nature a POWER that is not POSSIBLE for man to have in his conflicts with Satan, we DESTROY the COMPLETENESS of His humanity. 7BC 929.

The obedience of Christ to His Father was the SAME obedience that is REQUIRED of man... The Lord Jesus came to our world, not to reveal what a GOD could do, but what a MAN could do, through FAITH in God's power to help in every emergency... Jesus, the world's Redeemer, could only keep the commandments of God in the SAME way that humanity can keep them. 7BC 929.

Jesus revealed no QUALITIES, and exercised no POWERS, that men may not have through FAITH in Him. His PERFECT humanity is that which all His followers may POSSESS, if they will be in SUBJECTION to God as He was. DA 664.