

Christ The Son of Man

Introduction:

1 John warns that the spirit of antichrist denies Jesus Christ has come in the flesh. Why is the truth of His humanity—born in the likeness of sinful flesh, not Adam's original nature—so central to the gospel? What is at stake for our salvation, our sanctification, and our hope if we misunderstand how the Son of Man became one of us?

Satan's deceptions center on God's character, the nature of sin, and whether the law can be changed or set aside. Christ came in the likeness of sinful flesh to refute those lies. If Christ had taken Adam's original sinless nature instead of our post-fall likeness, could He still have answered Satan's charges against God's character, the nature of sin, and the permanence of the law? If He did not truly share our fallen nature, how could He destroy the devil's power, deliver us from the fear of death, and make the righteousness of the law possible in us?

Christ called Himself the Son of Man:

Matthew 16:13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of Man am?

In the book of Daniel, Christ is first called the "Son of Man."

Humanity is also called the son of man:

Hebrews 2:6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?

In the verse above, Paul is quoting Psalm 8:4.

Psalms 8:4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

The following verse states it in a little different way.

Psalms 144:3 LORD, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him! or the son of man, that thou makest account of him!

Christ was born of a woman:

Galatians 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

As we shall discover in this study one important reason Christ took on the likeness of sinful flesh was that He might save us from sin that leads to death. There is only one that can save us from sin and that is God.

Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins. 22) Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23) Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Christ was conceived of the Holy Ghost:

Though Christ was made in the likeness of sinful flesh, He was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Matthew 1:20 But while he (Joseph) thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

Christ took not on Him the nature of angels:

Christ was made a little lower than the angels for several purposes which we shall be examining in this study.

Hebrews 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Hebrews 2:16 For verily He took not on Him the nature of angels; but He took on Him the seed of Abraham.

Hebrews 1:5 For unto which of the angels said He at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to me a Son?

Christ was born in the likeness of men:

Christ was fully God and yet was willing to humble Himself and take on human nature.

Philippians 2:7 But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

Hebrews 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

1Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Christ in His humanity had the liabilities of sinful flesh and was subject to temptation and sin as we shall see.

Christ partook of human nature that we might be partakers of the divine nature.

2Peter 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Christ was born in the likeness of sinful flesh:

Christ took not on Him the sinless nature of Adam before the fall, but sinful man after the fall.

Romans 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

Christ was born of the seed of Abraham:

Scripture records the sins of Abraham as well as his life's journey to faithfulness.

Hebrews 2:16 For verily He took not on Him the nature of angels; but He took on Him the seed of Abraham.

Christ was born of the seed of David:

The sins of David are also recorded in the Scriptures.

Romans 1:3 Concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

Not only was Christ the offspring of David, but was also the root of David.

Revelation 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

Hebrews 11 mentions that both Abraham and David were found faithful having seen the promises afar off and embraced them, and will eventually receive the promises.

Hebrews 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Hebrews 11:39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: 40) God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

Purposes for the Humanity of Christ

Christ came to reveal the character of the Father:

Satan set about to deceive humanity regarding the character of God, the nature of sin, and the immutability of the law of God. When the truth regarding these three things was not properly understood by the Sanctuary services given to Israel, Christ came in the flesh to refute the deceptions of Satan.

Hebrews 10:4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. 5) Wherefore when He cometh into the world, He saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: 6) In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.

Before Christ went to the cross, He prayed and declared that He had finished the work the Father had given Him. Christ had manifested the character of His Father.

John 17:4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

Hebrews 1:2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds; 3) Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

John 14:8 Philip saith unto Him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. 9) Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

Christ came to taste death for every man:

Since God is immortal and therefore cannot die, Christ had to take on human flesh in order to taste death for every man.

Hebrews 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

1Timothy 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 5) For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 6) Who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

1John 2:2 And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Christ came to destroy the devil:

At the cross, Christ refuted the deceptions of Satan regarding God's character of self-sacrificing love, the nature of sin that it does in fact lead to death, and that the law cannot be transgressed without consequences.

Hebrews 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

Christ came to deliver us from the fear of death:

Having the deceptions of Satan as listed above refuted by the sacrifice of Christ, we no longer are fearful of the death, the eternal consequence of sin which take away any hope we have of eternal life.

Hebrews 2:15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Titus 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

Romans 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

Christ's resurrection from the dead brings hope to us.

1Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Paul teaches that if Christ be not resurrected we have no hope of eternal life, but are subject to the consequences of sin, the transgression of the law.

1Corinthians 15:12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13) But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: 14) And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. 15) Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ: whom He raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. 16) For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: 17) And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. 18) Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

But the truth is, Christ was resurrected and can be our substitute. His resurrection proved He had not sinned but was without spot and blemish and could atone for our sins. We have a hope that should we die, there will be a resurrection of the just to eternal life.

Acts 24:15 And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

The just who are resurrected to eternal life are those who have become righteous through a growing faith in Christ and His ability to sanctify us.

Galatians 5:5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

It is through faith in the truth of God's righteousness as revealed in Christ that the just, the righteous, shall live.

Romans 1:17 For therein (the gospel) is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

As the truths of the character (glory) of God are revealed to us, we progress from faith to faith, from glory to glory by the working of the Holy Spirit in us.

2Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

This is our hope of eternal life.

Romans 8:24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? 25) But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

James tells us that patience must have its perfect work.

James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3) Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4) But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Matthew 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Hebrews 3:6 But Christ as a Son over His own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

Hebrews 6:11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

To wait patiently for Christ to finish the work He has begun in us is to lay hold upon the hope, to be both sure and steadfast unto the end.

Hebrews 6:18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: 19) Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

1John 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as He is pure.

Christ the Lamb of God:

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Revelation reveals, even though Christ was crucified after 4000 years from the foundation of the world, that as soon as there was sin there was a Saviour from sin.

Revelation 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

As soon as there was sin, grace, the eternal attribute of God, did much more abound!

Romans 5:20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

For sin to exist, there must be a law to transgress since sin is the transgression of the law. Wrath is the natural consequence of sin.

Romans 4:15 Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ took the curse or natural consequence of transgression of the law in our place and therefore is referred to as the Lamb of God.

Galatians 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

Since the wages of sin is eternal death, had Christ sinned He would not have been resurrected therefore it was necessary that He be without sin and blameless if He were to take the curse for us.

1Peter 1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

1John 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. 5) And ye know; and in Him is no sin.

All are in need of a Saviour to save us from the curse, the eternal consequence of sin.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Will all be saved then? No. Salvation is extended to those that believe. To believe is to be living obediently by faith in Christ's ability to save us to the uttermost and present us without spot and blameless..

Galatians 3:22 But the Scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

2Peter 3:14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

Jude 24 Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

Christ our Passover:

1Corinthians 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

Hebrews 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Hebrews 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Notice the Scripture above speaks of purging our conscience from "dead works," not from works. Dead works being those works that are believed to be meritorious and wages due. These are "dead works" because the motives are not from love and therefore are just for show and not truly righteous. The Bible describes these as "having a form of godliness."

2Timothy 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

Romans 10:3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

Christ came to be tempted in order to save those who are tempted:

The Scriptures state that God cannot be tempted. Therefore Christ must take on human flesh in order to be tempted, and to deliver us from temptation.

Hebrews 2:18 For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted.

Hebrews 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. 15) For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16) Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

It was by the same grace that is available to us that Christ was able to endure the cross.

Hebrews 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Christ our Captain:

Hebrews 2:10 For it became Him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11) For both He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren,

1Peter 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps: 22) Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth: 23) Who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously:

Peter goes on to explain why Christ suffered for us and bare our sins in His own body, “that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.”

1Peter 2:24 Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Christ the Author of our salvation:

Hebrews 5:8 Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; 9) And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him;

1John 4:19 We love Him, because He first loved us.

John 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

1Timothy 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

Christ the Finisher of our faith:

Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

1John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. ... 9) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Hebrews 12:4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. 5) And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him: 6) For whom the

Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. 7) If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?) But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. 9) Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? 10) For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but He for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness. ... 14) Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Philippians 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13) For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.

Hebrews 13:21 Make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Ezekiel 36:25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. 26) A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. 27) And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

Jeremiah 13:23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.

Matthew 19:25 When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? 26) But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

Hebrews 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

Psalms 40:8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

1John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. 2) Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.

Romans 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together. 18) For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Christ our Redeemer:

Christ came to ransom us, to rescue us from death.

Galatians 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5) To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Romans 3:19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Scripture reveals that all are subject to the law of love, and all are guilty of transgressing the law and all are under sin,

Galatians 3:22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

Therefore, all are under the curse and in need to be redeemed from sin.

Galatians 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

“Under sin” and “under the curse” is also referred to by Paul as, “under the law of sin and death,” death being the inevitable consequence of sin.

Romans 6:23 23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has redeemed us from the curse, having been made the curse for us.

Galatians 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

Christ our Sanctifier:

Christ came to save us from sin, to redeem us from the law of sin and death.

Hebrews 2:11 For both He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren,

1Thessalonians 4:3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

We have learned that Christ saved us from the eternal consequence of sin which is death. It only makes sense that we must be saved from sin that leads to death.

Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins.

To be saved from sin is not something we can do because we are weak and not able to keep the law in our own strength. Christ came that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us by abiding in Him. The righteousness of the law cannot be fulfilled BY us.

Romans 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4) That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Because we are descendants of Adam, we have a carnal mind, a mind that is at enmity with God and cannot keep the law in our own strength.

Romans 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8) So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 7:24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

There is a remedy for the sin sick soul!

Romans 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.

Christ took on human flesh that He might sanctify us and take away our sin, "that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."

2Corinthians 5:21 For He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

Galatians 1:4 Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.

Romans 11:27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

Hebrews 9:26 For then must He often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

What is our part in our salvation?

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

Christ our High Priest:

Hebrews 2:17 Wherefore in all things it behoved Him to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. 18) For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted.

Hebrews 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16) Let us

therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Christ our Intercessor:

Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Romans 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Isaiah 53:12 Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; because He hath poured out His soul unto death: and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Romans 8:34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Christ came to restore dominion to man:

Hebrews 2:5 For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak. 6) But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? 7) Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: 8) Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. 9) But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Psalms 37:11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

Matthew 5:5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Antichrist teaches Christ is not come in the likeness of sinful flesh:

We have an adversary who has deceived the whole world, who was a liar and a murderer from the beginning. As long as we are deceived regarding the character of God, the nature of sin and its consequences, and that the law does not have to be kept, Satan remains alive and well on death row.

Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

1Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Revelation 12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

1John warns that the spirit of antichrist is the one that denies Jesus Christ has come in the flesh. Why is the truth of His humanity so central to the gospel? If Christ did not truly share our nature, how could He be our merciful High Priest, our Captain who was made perfect through suffering, or the One who can present us faultless? Our salvation is at stake if we misunderstand how the Son of Man became one of us so that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us.

1John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2) Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3) And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

2John 7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.