

Bible Study Manual - Christ Above All - Episode 3:

The Necessity of Christ's Humanity

Introduction

Opening Statement: Welcome to **Supernatural Life Forum!** This is Episode 3 of our Bible Study Series on the book of Hebrews, titled *Christ Above All*. In our last episode, we marveled at Christ's supremacy over angels as revealed in Hebrews 1. Today, we shift our focus to a remarkable truth: the Son of God, who is far above all, humbled Himself to become one of us. Hebrews 2 unveils the necessity, purpose, and triumph of Christ's humanity.

Let's explore how Christ identifies with us, not just as our Savior, but as a brother, a pioneer of our salvation, and a merciful High Priest.

Outline of Today's Study:

1. Humanity's Original Purpose in Creation
2. The Tragic Fall of Humanity
3. Christ's Identification with Humanity
4. Christ's Restoration of Humanity's Purpose

By the end of this session, you will not only see why Christ had to become human but also find practical encouragement to live in light of His finished work.

Segment 1: The Necessity of Christ's Humanity

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 2:5–9

"It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. But there is a place where someone has testified: 'What is mankind that you are mindful of them, a son of man that you care for him? You made them a little lower than the angels; you crowned them with glory and honor and put everything under their feet.' In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present, we do not see everything subject to them. But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone."

Teaching Points

1. Humanity's Original Purpose in Creation:

- **Reference to Psalm 8:** The author of Hebrews draws on Psalm 8 to emphasize the grandeur of humanity's intended role. David marvels at God's mindfulness and care for

humans, describing how God crowned them with glory and honor and gave them dominion over creation.

- **The Imago Dei (Image of God):**
 - Genesis 1:26–28 establishes that humans were created in God’s image, tasked with ruling over the earth as stewards of His creation. This role was an incredible honor and responsibility, reflecting God’s character and authority.

2. The Tragic Fall of Humanity:

- **Loss of Dominion Through Sin:**
 - The Fall in Genesis 3 introduced sin and death, distorting humanity’s relationship with God, creation, and their purpose. Instead of ruling, humans became subject to sin and death.
- **The Present Reality:**
 - Hebrews 2:8b acknowledges, “*At present, we do not see everything subject to them.*” This statement highlights the brokenness of the world and humanity’s inability to fulfill its God-given purpose.

3. Christ’s Identification with Humanity:

- **Jesus as the Second Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45):**
 - Where Adam failed, Christ succeeded. He took on human nature to fulfill humanity’s destiny perfectly.
- **The Humiliation of Christ:**
 - Though He is divine, Jesus “*was made a little lower than the angels*” for a time (Philippians 2:6–8). This speaks to the depth of His humility and the necessity of His humanity for our redemption.

4. Christ’s Restoration of Humanity’s Purpose:

- **Crowned with Glory and Honor:**
 - Jesus’ resurrection and exaltation signify His triumph over sin and death. He restores humanity’s original purpose by becoming the pioneer of a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17).
- **Tasting Death for Everyone:**
 - Through His suffering and death, Christ opened the way for humanity to share in His glory. His sacrifice was both substitutionary and representative—He stood in our place to secure our destiny.

Illustration:

Imagine a masterpiece painting tarnished and obscured by layers of dirt and damage over centuries. A master restorer painstakingly works to remove the grime, revealing the painting’s original beauty and purpose. Christ is the master restorer of humanity, unveiling God’s original design for us by taking on our humanity and triumphing where we failed.

Key Insight:

Christ didn't come merely to "help" humanity; He came to fully identify with us and restore what was lost. His incarnation is the ultimate act of solidarity and redemption, proving that God is not distant from our struggles.

Application Questions:

1. How does understanding Christ's humanity help you see the value God places on your life?
2. In what ways can you align your daily life with the dignity and purpose Christ has restored to you?