

(Gen. 3:15; Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:22, 23). To deny this truth is to destroy the foundation of Christianity.

b. By His genealogies. (Matt. 1:1-17).

1) The Matthew account. 41 names are included in this account. It traces our Lord's line from Abraham through David and Solomon. This is the royal line and provides the geneology of Joseph. The name Jechonias is given in the listing. He is probably Coniah (Jehoiachin of Jer. 22:24-30), who was cursed and from whom no one was to reign in Israel. The Salathiel (Matt. 1:12) may be one of the sons of Neri (whom he adopted (Luke 3:27) and this seems supported by other texts (Zech. 12:12). Jesus was not the son of Joseph for had he been, he would have been human born and under a curse. But Jesus' step father is given a geneology to show that when he took Christ by adoption as his eldest son, Jesus thus became the royal heir through Solomon and right in line for David's throne. (Luke 3:23-38).

2) The Luke account. 74 names are given here and this follows the line from Abraham through David and Nathan (v. 31). There is no cursed Coniah here and thus Christ is declared to be the legal heir to the throne through Nathan! The Geneology of Luke is provided to show that Mary has a true lineage (for it was of her that Christ was born (Matt. 1:16). Christ, therefore is royal, legal, and legitimate Messiah. There is none other!

Conclusion Paul asked the question: "Who art Thou, Lord?" (Acts 9:5). The answer has been given in this study. Knowing Who He is ought to bring everyone to his knees. Thank God, for the Spirit Who opens the eyes of the heart to desire such a prostration before HIM! Have you bowed to the Lord yet and received Him as Saviour? Amen.

THE BOOK OF ROMANS  
"The Word Became Flesh"  
Romans 1:3

Introduction

1. The world system has an entirely strange and untrue evaluation of the coming of Christ into the world. Their suggestions are, in the main, of the humanistic sort and these do violence to the Scriptures and Christ!

2. The Bible is the only revelation from God. It alone provides the valid evaluation of the coming of Christ into the world and the purpose thereof. Happily, there is no paucity of verses on the subject in the Word. Numerous passages deal with the subject and our text is one of them.

3. The text is found in the midst of several which serve as the introduction to the epistle of Paul to the Romans. Part of these verses speak of the Gospel of Christ and it is recorded that the Gospel is:-

- 1) Of God (1:1).
- 2) By the prophets (1:2).
- 3) Concerning Jesus Christ (1:3).
- 4) For obedience of faith (1:5).
- 5) To all the saints (1:6).

It is the third of these regimen that concern this present study. The Gospel concerns "His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh" (v.3). Tremendous truths are given here concerning the Person of Christ. Truly, there is none other like HIM. See this confirmed in the following items:

1. CHRIST'S PERSON DESCRIBED.

a. "His Son" describes HIS DEITY.

Those modernists who claim that this is merely a title synonymous with the term Messiah are wrong. It is not, on the other hand, an outworn category of pattern of thought as some radicals would have us believe. This is only speculation of a depraved humanity and unworthy of our wonderful Lord or the Bible which speaks of Him. But, His Sonship may bear three connotations:

1) His earthly existence. By this is meant that by virtue of His human birth, He is the Son of God. True, the idea is there in relationship to His perfect humanity, but this is not the essence of the idea here.

2) His heavenly existence. The elevation of our Lord is really not in view here, hence this idea is inconsistent with the verse. It is certain that His identity as the Son of God was made forever clear through the resurrection, but that is not what is spoken of here.

3) His eternal existence. This is the valid thought expressed here. And it is totally consistent with the Word of God. It is only as one believes in His eternal existence as the Son of God that other important Scriptures can be understood (cf. 1 Cor. 8:6; Phil 2:6; Col. 1:15-17). The truth of the matter is this: He was conceived of the Holy Spirit in the womb of Mary and this makes Him the Son of God as none other (Luke 2:35 cf. the term for "unique" in John 5:18). Thus, the mystery and miracle of Christ is taught by this simple unadorned phrase.

b. "Jesus" describes HIS HUMANITY.

The name mentioned here was predicted about Him prior to His birth (Matt. 1:21). It is really a name which means "Saviour." and that is the notation included in the Matthew passage (1:21). In the Old Testament, this name is written as "Joshua" and is derived from a Hebrew verb form meaning "Save". Once the AV New Testament mistakes these two names; Joshua for Jesus (Acts 7:45).

c. "Christ" describes HIS PROPHECY.

The term "Christ" is equivalent to the O.T. "Messiah" and both terms mean "Anointed One." Specifically, the Lord Jesus Christ was set apart by the Holy Spirit (as oil for kings in the O.T.) and thus anointed (cf. Matt. 3:16, 17; Acts 4:27; 10:38). The whole of O.T. prophecy concerning the Messiah is fulfilled in Christ our Lord.

d. "Lord" describes HIS ROYALTY.

It is true that the Jews sought to make Him a king (John 6:15). Nonetheless, He refused - albeit He was the King of the Jews at birth and still is (Matt. 2:2; 27:37). This verse notes His connection with David and that certainly speaks of royalty.

2. CHRIST'S PERSON ILLUSTRATED

One glance at the material just presented concerning our Lord notes that He is at once God and Man. This means that He has two natures, but is one Person. He is not a divine man nor a human God, but rather the God-Man. The joining of the two natures in One Person is called the "hypostatic union of the natures. If verbal locution is required to make certain that there is no misunderstanding of His true Person, let it be written that He is forever identical with the true God, with the Holy Spirit. as one trinitarian God! To show that this is what He is, study these marvelous examples:-

a. Christ on Galilee (Mark 4:35-41).

Here is an ordinary experience in the life of our Lord. Historically, it was one of the busiest days of His earthly sojourn and the disciples, we read, took Him "even as He was in the ship" (v. 36). When the storm rose on the sea, he stilled it (v.39). He slept and was tired, yet He stilled the sea. Both humanity and deity were in the boat that day. He is Man, but He is also God!

b. Christ on taxes. (Matt. 17:24-27).

It was human to pay taxes and He did! It was divine in the way by which He paid them! Humanity is subject to the laws of the land, but deity knows where lost coins are, which fish swallowed the coin, and where that particular fish is! Hallelujah!

3. CHRIST'S PERSON EXPLAINED.

a. By His virgin birth.

Numerous attacks have been made on this all important doctrine of the Bible. The Bible states it and that is sufficient for the child of God.