

From Prince to Pauper to King of Kings

His Eternal Pre-physical Existence

Joh 1:1 **In the beginning** was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were **made by Him**; and without Him was not anything made that was made. (*Emp. Added*)

- Christ, along with Holy Spirit (*v. Gen 1:2*), was with the Father when He created everything thus not only was He there at the beginning, He existed even before the beginning of the creation.

Gen 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. (*Emp. Added*)

Psa 102:25 Of old hast Thou **laid the foundation of the earth**: and the heavens *are* the work of Thy hands. 26 They shall perish, but **Thou shalt endure**: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed: 27 **But Thou art the same**, and **Thy years shall have no end** (*...they had no beginning*). (*Emp. Added*)

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

His “First” Coming

- “First” because Jesus had appeared numerous times before and during the Mosaic age in different forms known as epiphanies. His originating in the flesh “of (*Gk.1537- from, by [the means of]*) a woman” (*Gal 4:4*) would be the form in which He became the ultimate sacrifice for sin.

Isa 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The **Prince of Peace**. (*Emp. Added*)

Zec 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: He *is* just, and having salvation; lowly, and **riding upon an ass**, and **upon a colt the foal of an ass** (*Mat 21:5*). 10 And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and **He shall speak peace unto the heathen**: and His dominion *shall be* from sea *even* to sea, and from the river *even* to the ends of the earth. (*Worldwide, to include the Gentiles*) (*Emp. Added*)

Mic 4:1 But in the last days (*of the Mosaic dispensation*) it shall come to pass, *that* the mountain of the house of the LORD (*the church*) shall be established in the top of the mountains (*above all other kingdoms- Dan 2:44*), and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. 2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and **the word of the LORD from Jerusalem**. 3 And He shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall **beat their swords into**

plowshares, and their **spears into pruninghooks**: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, **neither shall they learn war** any more. (*Emp. Added*)

Luk 24:46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: 47 And that **repentance and remission of sins** should be preached in His name among **all nations, beginning at Jerusalem**. (*Emp. Added*)

Act 2:14 But **Peter**, standing up with the eleven, **lifted up his voice, and said** unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell **at Jerusalem**, be this known unto you, and **hearken to my words**: (the first sermon in the kingdom, the church) (*Emp. Added*)

Mat 3:13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized (*Gk.907- to immerse*) of him. 14 But John forbad Him, saying, I have need to be baptized of Thee, and comest Thou to me? 15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer (*Gk.863- let [be]*) (*allow*) it to be so now: **for thus it becometh** (*Gk.4241- to be suitable or proper*) **us to fulfil** (*Gk.4137- [influence], satisfy, verify, accomplish, complete, perfect*) **all righteousness**. (or as Young's Literal Translation- "every righteous ordinance") Then he suffered Him. 16 And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and he saw the **Spirit of God** descending like a dove, and **lighting upon Him**: 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased. (*Emp. Added*)

- Because immersion **for us** is "for the remission of sins" (*Acts 2:38*) and Jesus knew no sin (*1 Cor 5:21*), why did He command to be immersed by John? Jesus was baptized in order to **become** the "Son of man" whereas we are baptized in order to **become** the "sons of God" (**Jn 1:12*). It was at this point that Satan was able to tempt Jesus because He became identified with His people as the Son of man. As God He could not be tempted (*James 1:13*) but as man He could. It was also at this point that He received the indwelling of the "*fulness" of the Holy Spirit in order for Him to perform *miracles because before this there is no record of His doing such. *("for a sign"- *1 Cor 14:22*)

* Joh 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to **become** the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on His name: 13 Which were **born**, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but **of God**. (*Emp. Added*)

Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except** a man be **born of water** (immersion) and of **the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (*Emp. Added*)

*Col 2:9 For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

Mat 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

----- His Poverty

Mat 8:20 And Jesus saith unto him (*speaking to "a certain scribe"-v. 19*), The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air *have* nests; but the **Son of man hath not where to lay His head**.

- This is the first mention in the New Testament of Jesus' reference to Himself as "the Son of man". It was after His baptism that He began to identify Himself with mankind. *(Emp. Added)*

Heb 2:17 Wherefore in **all** things it **behoved Him to be made like unto His brethren** (*Heb.10:5*), 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** (*His first experience with suffering as a man was to be tempted*), He is able to succour (*Gk.997- to aid or relieve*) them that are tempted. *(Emp. Added)*

2Co 8:9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, **though He was rich**, yet *for your sakes* **He became poor**, that ye **through His** (*physical*) **poverty might be** (*spiritually*) **rich**. *(Emp. Added)*

His Mission

Isa 42:1 Behold My servant, Whom I uphold; Mine elect, *in Whom* My soul delighteth; I have **put My Spirit upon Him**: He shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. (*Mat 3:16*) *(Emp. Added)*

Isa 42:6 I the LORD (*the Father speaking to the Son*) have called Thee in righteousness, and will hold Thine hand, and will keep Thee (*guard You until it is Your time; Jn 7:6-8; Mat 26:18*), and **give** (*sacrifice*) **Thee for a covenant** of the people, for a **light of the Gentiles**; 7 To **open the blind eyes**, to **bring out the prisoners** from the prison, and them that sit in darkness **out of the prison house**.*(Emp. Added)*

Luk 4:1 And Jesus being **full of the Holy Ghost** returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, (*where He was tempted of Satan- Mat 4*)*(Emp. Added)*

Luk 4:14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of Him through all the region round about. 15 And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all. 16 And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up: and, as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. 17 And there was delivered unto Him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written,

Luk 4:18 The **Spirit of the Lord is upon Me**, because He hath anointed (*Gk.5548- consecrate [Webster: to set apart as holy; devote to sacred or serious use]*) Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach **deliverance to the captives**, and **recovering of sight to the blind**, to **set at liberty** them that are bruised, 19 To preach the acceptable (*Gk.1184- approved*) year of the Lord. *(Emp. Added)*

Joh 18:36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if My kingdom were of this world, then would My servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is My kingdom not from hence. 37 Pilate therefore said unto Him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. **To this end was I born**, and **for this cause** came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth (*Gk.191- understands*) My voice. *(Emp. Added)*

Joh 17:4 I have **glorified Thee** on the earth: I have **finished the work** which Thou gavest Me to do. *(Emp. Added)*

Joh 19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, **It is finished:** and He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost. *(Emp. Added)*

His Obedience

Isa 50:5 The Lord GOD hath opened Mine ear, and **I was not rebellious**, neither turned away back. 6 **I gave My back to the smiters**, and **My cheeks to them that plucked off the hair:** I hid not My face **from shame and spitting.** *(Emp. Added)*

Mat 5:39 But I say unto you, That ye resist *(Gk.436- to stand against, that is, oppose)* not evil *(Gk.4190- sinners):* but **whosoever** *(any sinner who)* **shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.** *(Emp. Added)*

*Jas 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Resist the devil**, and he will flee from you.*
(Emp. Added)

Mat 26:67 Then did they **spit in His face**, and **buffeted Him**; and others **smote Him with the palms of their hands**, 68 Saying, Prophecy unto us, Thou Christ, Who is he that smote Thee? *(Emp. Added)*

Heb 12:3 For **consider Him** that **endured such contradiction of sinners** against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. *(Emp. Added)*

Mat 27:27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto Him the whole band *of soldiers*. 28 And they stripped Him, and put on Him a scarlet robe. 29 And when they had **platted a crown of thorns**, they **put it upon His head**, and a **reed in His right hand:** and they **bowed the knee** before Him, and **mocked Him**, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! 30 **And they spit upon Him**, and **took the reed**, and **smote Him on the head.** 31 And after that they had mocked Him, they took the robe off from Him, and put His own raiment on Him, and led Him away to crucify *Him*.*(Emp. Added)*

Php 2:8 And being found in fashion *(Gk.4976- external condition)* *[flesh and bones]* as a man, He humbled Himself, and **became obedient** unto death, even the death of the cross. *(Emp. Added)*

Heb 5:8 Though He were a Son, yet **learned He obedience by the things which He suffered;** 9 And being made perfect *(Gk.5048- to complete, that is, [literally] accomplish)*, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him; *(Emp. Added)*

- Not that Jesus was disobedient in the first place but that as a Person of the Godhead there would have been no need for obedience because of the “Oneness” that exists among Them. In His becoming the Son of man and experiencing temptation He would have been left vulnerable to the possibility to sin so there became a necessity to be obedient to His Father. If there was never a possibility for Jesus to sin, Satan would not have even tried to tempt Him, and He could not have become that perfect sacrifice for the redemption of mankind. (Heb 2:17-18)

His Passion *(experience of suffering)*

Isa 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. 4 Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did **esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted**. 5 But He *was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities*: the **chastisement of our peace *was* upon Him**; and **with His stripes** we are healed. (*Emp. Added*)

Isa 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. (Lk 23:34) (*Emp. Added*)

*Eph 3:16 That He would grant you, according to **the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man**; (*Emp. Added*)

*Mar 15:27 And **with Him they crucify two thieves**; the one on His right hand, and the other on His left. (*Emp. Added*)

Psa 22:15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and My tongue cleaveth to My jaws; and Thou hast brought Me into the dust of death.

Psa 69:21 They gave Me also gall for My meat (*Heb.1267- food*); and in My thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink.

Mat 27:34 They gave Him **vinegar to drink mingled with gall** (*Gk.5521- [by analogy] poison or an anodyne [Webster: anything that removes pain or soothes]*); and when He had tasted *thereof*, He would not drink. (*Emp. Added*)

- Jesus wanted His mind to be clear when He finished the work He was sent to do.

Psa 22:18 They **part My garments** among them, and **cast lots upon My vesture**. (*Emp. Added*)

Luk 23:34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they **parted His raiment, and cast lots**. (*Emp. Added*)

Act 3:13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified His Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied Him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *Him* go. 14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and **desired a murderer to be granted unto you**; 15 And killed the Prince of life, Whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses. (*Emp. Added*)

Mat 27:26 Then **released he Barabbas** unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered *Him* to be crucified. (*Emp. Added*)

Pro 21:18 The **wicked shall be a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright**. (*Emp. Added*)

His Triumph

Psa 2:7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee. (Since Jesus always existed the day of His resurrection was the day He was begotten from the dead but never to die again!)

Rom 6:9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over Him.

Act 5:30 The God of our fathers **raised up** Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. 31 Him hath God exalted with His right hand *to be* a **Prince** and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. *(Emp. Added)*

Dan 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *One* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and **came to the Ancient of days**, and they **brought Him near before Him**. 14 And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and **a kingdom** *(the church)*, that **all people, nations**, and languages, **should serve Him**: His dominion is an **everlasting dominion**, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed. *(Emp. Added)*

Heb 12:28 Wherefore we **receiving** *(Gk.3880- to receive near, that is, associate with oneself; figuratively to learn)* a kingdom which cannot be moved *(Gk.761- unshaken, that is, [by implication] immovable)*, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: 29 For our God is a consuming fire. *(Emp. Added)*

Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall **reign for ever and ever**. *(Emp. Added)*

Dan 2:44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom (the church), which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

Rev 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, Who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was **caught up unto God, and to His throne**. *(Emp. Added)*

Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the **kingdom of our God** *(the church)*, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. *(Emp. Added)*

His Title

Rev 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before His throne; 5 And from Jesus Christ, *Who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the **prince of the kings of the earth**. Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, 6 And hath **made us kings and priests unto God** and His Father; to Him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. *(Emp. Added)*

Rev 19:16 And He hath on *His* vesture and on His thigh (*implies a covenant according to Gen 24:2, 9; 47:29*) a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. (Dan 7:14/ Acts 2:33)

His Return

Act 2:34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, 35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool.

1Ti 6:13 I give thee charge in the sight of God, Who quickeneth all things, and *before* Christ Jesus, Who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; 14 That thou keep *this* commandment without spot, unrebukeable, **until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ**: 15 Which in His times He shall shew, *Who* is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; 16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; Whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to Whom *be* honour and power everlasting. Amen. (*Emp. Added*)

1Co 15:24 Then *cometh* the end, when He shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when He shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. 25 For He must reign (*the present figurative thousand year reign- Rev 20:4-15*), till He hath put all enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed is death.

Our Mission Until Then

Mat 28:19 **Go** ye therefore, and **teach** all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 **Teaching** them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

Hear: Romans 10:17 ... "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Believe: Heb 11:6 ... "for he that commeth to God must believe that He is"...

Repent: Lk 13:3 ... "except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Confess: Mat 10:32 "Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him will I confess before My Father which is in Heaven."

Be baptized: Acts 2:38 ... "repent and be baptized...in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins"...

Remain faithful: Rom 6:4 ... "even so we also should walk in newness of life."

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