

Sunday Session 1 - October 20, 2013

"The Glorified Christ" - (Revelation 1:13, 14)

Revelation 1, Verses 13, 14:

"(13) And in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. (14) His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire."

There are three visions experienced by John on Patmos, presented in this passage:

- I. Jesus Christ as the One Who controls history
 - II. Jesus Christ as the Great High Priest
 - III. Jesus Christ as the Sovereign Ruler of the universe

And in the midst of the Lampstands
καὶ ἐν μέσῳ τῶν λυχνιῶν
one like A Son of man, having been
ὅμοιον υἱὸν ἀνθρώπου ἐνδεδυμένον
(PPP a.m.s. of ἐνδύω)
clothed to the feet and having been
ποδήρη καὶ περιεζωσμένον
(PPP a.m.s. of περιζώνυμι)
girdled round at the chest with a
πρὸς τοῖς μαστοῖς
golden girdle.
ζώνην χρυσᾶν

Revelation 1:13 refers to Jesus Christ as The Son of man, while Luke 1:35 refers to Him as the Son of God. A quote from R. G. Lee states that Jesus was born of a woman so that He might be the Son of man, and He was born of God so that He might continually be the Son of God.

υἱὸν ἀνθρώπου
Son of man

- I. Jesus Christ is the only human being in history that had a virgin conception and a virgin birth.
 - II. Jesus Christ was born apart from any act of human copulation.
 - III. Since the sinful nature is passed down to the human race through the human father, it was necessary that Jesus not be born from an earthly father.
 - IV. In the garden the man sinned in awareness, but the woman sinned in ignorance.
 - V. Thus all members of the human race except the Lord Jesus Christ are born spiritually dead.

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- VI. The only way to enter into the human race without a sinful nature was by virgin birth.
- VII. Jesus Christ entered physical life without imputed (Adam's original) sin and lived a sinless life, uniquely qualifying Him alone to be the Savior of mankind.
- VIII. Had there been no virgin birth, there could have been no salvation.
- IX. Genesis 3:15, Isaiah 7:14 and Isaiah 9:6 contain prophesies of the virgin conception and virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- X. Matthew 1:19-25 and many other New Testament present the fulfillment of the virgin birth of our Lord.

Jesus chose to live His life depending on the power sphere, which is divine, the same power sphere God has provided every born-again believer to live our lives. Paul presents this in Philippians 2:7; it is the doctrine of KENOSIS: "*Who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, and being made in the likeness of men*"

KENOSIS

- I. Jesus Christ is not depraved: because the sinful nature is passed down through the human father, the only way to enter into the human race without a sinful nature was to do so *without* a human father, by virgin conception through the Holy Spirit, as He was born.
- II. No attribute of deity – Sovereignty, Righteousness, Justice, Love, Eternal Life, omnipotence, omnipresence, Omniscience, Immutability or Veracity – was surrendered by our Lord.
- III. Jesus Christ was both deity and humanity; sovereignty is not subject to obedience, yet humanity is.
- IV. Despite His deity, then, He thus voluntarily chose to submit in obedience to the Father's Plan for His humanity. To do so He refused to utilize the attributes of His deity for His own glory or benefit.
- V. Jesus was Holy Spirit dependent during His thirty-three year earthly ministry.
- VI. FORM-SCHEMA
- VII. PERSONAL CHOICE