

For Our Information

John Jackson is still going to physical therapy for his shoulder.

Adene Gray is doing better.

Bill Venable's brother is getting stronger and is able to sit up for short periods. He still is unable to talk much at this time.

Remember Ricky and Theresa Ragsdale. They will be moving to Little Rock shortly.

Prayer can do much good.

Keep our brothers & sisters in mind

We seek only to serve God according to His Will!

(This article originally appeared in StraitWay following last week's. As I wrote last week, it was written at a time when many were questioning the Deity of Jesus while he was fulfilling his ministry on earth. Though such teaching has died down some over the past decade, we can be sure that it will arise again just as it has in centuries past.

These articles contain a little more Greek than our usual fare. While the English translations are often very clear we must remember that there are times when we may need to consider the original a little closer to fully help some see what has been written. Those who twist the scriptures to fit their own ideas may need a little extra to help them see the error of their proclamations. We need to use the tools at our disposal to refute false teachers.

I hope these articles are helpful and, as Glenn was fond of ending his articles, I hope you "Study Carefully". DLH)

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Jesus, Son of God

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"And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest...therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:30-35 emphasis mine, gm).

Question: What does "... he shall be called the Son of God" mean?

"...the Son of God..." equals "...the Son of the Highest..." Both refer to the Divine nature of the spirit in the physical body of Jesus Christ.

And Jesus began to say, as He taught in the temple, "How is it that the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David?"

Mark 12:35



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In **John 5:17**, Jesus said, *“My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.”* The Jews knew what He meant: *“...the Jews sought...to kill him, because he...said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God”* (**John 5:18**). In what sense did they think He was claiming equality with God? They correctly thought He was claiming to be of the same nature with God the Father: Deity.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him: and without him was not anything made that was made” (**John 1:1-3**). Here is a Holy Spirit-inspired statement that Jesus was God. In **John 1:14**, John wrote, *“And the Word was made flesh....”* Does the word “made” mean that the Word changed into flesh and became “just a man”? No! The word “made” is translated from ginomai. Concerning ginomai Thayer says: “1. to become, i.e. to come into existence, begin to be, receive being...5. to become, be made, ‘in passages where it is specified who or what a person or thing is or has been rendered, as respects quality, condition, place, rank, character...John 1:14” (p. 115). Ginomai can be used of a person whose condition changes. The condition of the Word changed from heaven to earth. In this change, the Word’s nature was not changed (which would be impossible, **Malachi 3:6**), only His circumstances. From the beginning to His coming to earth, He was in heaven. For about thirty three years He abode in a fleshly body. He is now in heaven. He was the same Divine person before, during, and after His stay on earth.

Store In My Heart Ephesians 4:11-13

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

Teachers were given so that saints could be prepared to teach, strengthen and grow closer in unity with God and withstand what ever Satan may throw at us.

Those gifted by God with a talent to help others understand or to be leaders need to be using that talent in God's service.

In **Romans 1:3-4**, ginomai is translated “made” where it refers to Jesus being the seed of David: *“Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which **was made** (emph. mine, gm) of the seed of David according to the flesh; And declared to be the **Son of God** (emph. mine, gm) with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.”* Physically, Jesus was made (born, came into being physically) of the seed of David, spiritually (His inner being), Jesus was the Son of God. According to Paul, Jesus’ resurrection declared His Deity.

What did Gabriel mean by *“...that holy thing (to hagian, gm)...”*? Concerning to hagian and its use in **Luke 1:35**, Mr. Thayer says: *“...that worshipful offspring of divine power”* (P. 7). *“...that holy thing...”* is one more reference to Jesus’ Divine nature. The expression is never used of a “mere man.”

Gabriel told Mary her son would be THE SON OF GOD. Since Jesus was a Divine being on earth, HE NEVER DID ANYTHING AS JUST A MAN. Everything He did was done by the Divine Spirit within Him. How could it be otherwise? The Divine Spirit can do everything a created spirit can do and MUCH MORE. Therefore, he was tempted as a Divine being and faced temptation as Divine being, not as a mere man.

The eternal plan of God was settled in the beginning. That plan involved a Divine being (the Word) coming to earth by being born of a virgin, suffering, dying for sin, being buried, being raised, and ascending back to heaven to be seated at the right hand of the Father. That plan has NEVER been in doubt, except in the mind of some men.