

132. Christ's Human Nature Partakes of the Majesty of His Divine Nature.

The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin. / John 1,7.

When Christ shed His blood according to His human nature, it received all-sufficient saving power from His divine nature. According to His divine nature Jesus has life in Himself "as the Father hath life in Himself." Now, that which constitutes the very nature of God, having life in Himself, is given to Christ as the Son of Man. In Him the attributes, or properties, of each nature are common to the whole Person.

The human nature of Christ partakes of the majesty of the divine nature. He says: "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth." He promised: "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." He does not say: My divinity shall be there; He says: I that speak to you, I, Jesus of Nazareth, am there. To Nicodemus He said: "No man hath ascended up to heaven but He that came down from heaven, even the Son of Man, which is in heaven." While He was speaking with Nicodemus, He, the Son of Man, His humanity, was also in heaven.

The humanity of Jesus Christ, received into unity with the person of the Son of God, is permeated by the divinity and is become omnipotent and omnipresent and possesses all divine glory which also shone forth from His countenance on the Mount of Transfiguration. Let me illustrate. Iron in its own nature is dark and cold, having neither light nor heat; but if permeated by fire, it becomes shining and burning; yea, a lump of it heated red-hot is all fire. And yet it remains iron. Thus the divine nature of Christ, permeating His human nature, communicates all its attributes to it. Therefore our Savior was surely able to redeem us.

Prayer.

O Christ Jesus, Thou eternal Son of God, we honor, praise, and magnify Thee that Thou didst become our Brother and Emmanuel, that is, God with us; that out of unspeakable love to us Thou hast befriended us and clothed Thyself with the garb of our flesh and blood. Thou hast humiliated Thyself in order to exalt us; Thou didst come down upon this earth that we might go up to Thee in heaven. Thou didst lie in the manger in abject poverty and didst suffer on the cross, so that, having enriched our souls, Thou couldst make us great lords in Thy heavenly mansions. Praise be to Thy holy name! Amen.

Shall we still dread God's displeasure,
Who to save Freely gave
Us His dearest treasure?
To redeem us He hath given
His own Son From the throne
Of His might in heaven.

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