

Eleutheros Newsletter

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News of Interest

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Here is your invitation to understand salvation.

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(CURRENTLY OFFERING)

[The Ramifications of Our Salvation 101](#)

[The Ramifications of Our Salvation 102](#)

Coming soon: an online course on I Corinthians! Details on this in next month's newsletter!

Thoughts on Romans

1:3 Concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh.

The word “son” here is **υἱός** in the Greek New Testament. Two things should be emphasized about this: 1. Jesus is God’s Son (*His Son*)! He is very God of very God Who is (**ὁ ὢν** indicates a continual condition) in the bosom of the Father. What an amazing truth! Considerable evidence could be cited to demonstrate that Jesus, the second Person of the Trinity, has *eternally* been generated by the Father. The theologians sometimes refer to eternal generation and eternal spiration. This relationship is ongoing, and yet it never had a beginning, because both God the Father and the Son are eternal (See [John 1:1](#); [I John 1:1](#); [Hebrews 13:8](#) and many other verses).

2. The noun **υἱός** means “a fully adult son.” In His relationship with the Father, it certainly would not be true to say that Jesus had to grow up in order to exercise certain rights. In His deity He has always been eternally generated and always has had full adulthood Sonship!

Jesus (**Ἰησοῦς**) is rightly understood to mean “Savior.”

Christ (**χριστός**) is rightly understood to mean “anointed One.” In Old Testament times there were three categories of God’s servants who were anointed: prophets, priests, and kings. Jesus is all three!

Lord (**κύριος**) is rightly understood to mean “master, owner, lord.” Paul recognized this immediately after his amazing salvation experience: *And he trembling and astonished said, LORD, what wilt Thou have me to do* ([Acts 9:6b](#))?

Who was made (**τοῦ γενόμενου**) is rightly understood to mean “who became.” Another amazing truth! The aorist tense here indicates a one-time reality. The eternally generated Son of God became man, yet maintaining His deity! This, of course, was accomplished by the conception of Jesus by the Holy Spirit in the womb of Mary and our Lord’s subsequent virgin birth. We celebrate this Biblically revealed fact yearly in the Christmas season: *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth* ([John 1:14](#)).

Of the seed of David according to the flesh. In our Lord’s humanity He was a descendant of David. This is made clear from numerous Biblical references ([Matthew 1:1, 6, 20](#); [Luke 1:27](#); [John 7:42](#); [Acts 13:23](#), among other passages).

Consider the richness of this verse: the Gospel, having been promised by God (Romans 1:2) was prophesied in the Old Testament Scriptures and fulfilled by our Savior.

Who is this Savior according to this verse?

He is God's Son (υἱός)! He is the Christ (Χριστός)! He is Lord (κύριος)! He became human (τοῦ γενομένου)!

Here is the significance of all this:

On the one hand, in order to be the sinless sacrifice required by the Gospel of God ([Romans 1:1](#)), the Person Who shed His blood had to be God. Jesus is the eternal Son of God and therefore offered the sinless sacrifice that the Father insisted on when He died for us on the cross!

On the other hand, God did not send His Son to die for angels or animals! He came to *seek and save that which was lost* ([Luke 19:10](#)). Consequently, the required payment for our sin needed to be made by a human.

In other words, the Father required our Redeemer to be sinless God and man. According to this verse Jesus is BOTH God and man and accomplished the work of salvation which God had promised by His prophets in the holy Scriptures ([Romans 1:2](#)).

Paul recognized these great facts and was overwhelmed by them!

Surely, we should do the same!

*My faith has found a resting place—
Not in device or creed;
I trust the ever-living One—
His wounds for me shall please!
I need no other argument,
I need no other plea;
It is enough that Jesus died,
And that He died for me!*

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

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We will continue our thoughts from Romans in next month's newsletter.