

Why Did Jesus Have to Take on Flesh and Humanity?

Why did Jesus have to take on flesh and humanity? This question was always on my mind growing up in the church. Why did Jesus have to come in the flesh? Since He is God, why couldn't He just say this is the way we are going to do things now for you to be saved from your sins. I found it hard to understand why God had to come in the flesh. The Hebrew writer gives us some answers in this area. Read Hebrews 2:9-18.

- He became flesh so that He could die. Vs. 9
- He became flesh so He could render powerless the one who had the power of death. Vs. 14
- He became flesh to release people from the fear of death. Vs. 15
- He became flesh to become a faithful high priest as a result of his suffering. Vs. 17a, 18
- He became flesh to make propitiation for the sins of mankind vs. 17b

Jesus has done all of this for us, so that we might be reconciled to God. If that isn't love I don't know what is. Jesus left His home in Heaven to save us, to appease God's wrath because of our sins. Let's not waste His sacrifice. Let's press forward knowing what He has done for us so that we can help others also.

—Travis Robertson, bulletinGOLD, 09/18

A Faithful Priest

In 2 Peter 3:5, we are told that Christians are a holy priesthood. Every Christian is a priest (Revelation 1:6). Under the Mosaic Law, only men could be priests. However, women and men are priests in the church. Every person, whether black or white or Chinese or Egyptian or able to walk or paralyzed, can be a priest if the person becomes a Christian.

We know that the priests under the Old Law performed sacrifices. The sacrifices they gave to God were animals in many cases. An animal had to be killed and placed on the altar. Christians perform sacrifices as well. Christians do not kill animals and place them on an altar. Instead, Christians pray, sing and give. Those go up to God as sweet-smelling sacrifices. Christians also make themselves living sacrifices (Romans 12:1).

Some professed Christians say that there really is nothing a person has to do once a person is a Christian. They say there are no works, commandments or regulations that God requires. That was not the case under the Old Law,

and that is not the case under the New Law either. God has always required service and obedience. Even under the Patriarchal Law, individuals had to be obedient.

This obedience principle is stated very well in 1 Samuel 2:35, where it says, “And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed forever.” God desires priests who follow Him. God desires priests that bring their hearts and minds to follow Him. Only those who do according to his commandments are faithful.

Study your Bible. Learn all you can about God’s will for us. Then, follow His commands and regulations. Make sure you are a faithful priest. If any of this is hard to understand, ask an adult to help you.

—Mark McWhorter, gospelgazette.com, 07/18

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Pressed for Time

Lately, it seems like I’ve been consistently adding things to my plate. Tasks, jobs and responsibilities seem to pile up pretty quickly, and those things tend to dominate our lives, don’t they?

Yet, as the burdens get more numerous and heavier, have you been guilty of leaving God out of your life every now and then? With the added responsibility you might have recently taken, did you make sure you still found time to read God’s Word and pray to Him?

If your life seems to be getting cluttered like mine, will you commit to making more time for God as your tasks and jobs increase? What would that look like practically in your life?

—Chad Ezelle, gospelgazette.com, 09/17

Items for Happy Haven

- Tomato juice
- Cereals: Golden Grahams, Toasted Oats, Rice Crispies, Strawberry Mini-Wheats, Honey Bunches of Oats
- Peanut Butter

Closing Prayer.....Mitchell Brooks

Prepare Communion for SEPTEMBER
Jacqueline Carver

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OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST

09/09/18

Wednesday.....43
Worship Sunday AM.....78
Bible Study Sunday AM.....60
Daily Bible Readers.....37
Worship Sunday PM(09/02).....57

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sept. 23rd- Fellowship Meal
Sept. 26th- Prepare Nursing Home Baskets
Sept. 30th- Young Men conduct evening services
Reminder: Collecting Happy Haven supplies until the end of the month

READING SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

01 Isa. 18-20	11 Isa. 50-52	21 Jer. 18-20
02 Isa. 21-23	12 Isa. 53-57	22 Jer. 21-23
03 Isa. 24-26	13 Isa. 58-60	23 Jer. 24-26
04 Isa. 27-29	14 Isa. 61-63	24 Jer. 27-29
05 Isa. 30-34	15 Isa. 64-66	25 Jer. 30-32
06 Isa. 35-37	16 Jer 1-3	26 Jer. 33-37
07 Isa. 38-40	17 Jer. 4-6	27 Jer. 38-40
08 Isa. 41-43	18 Jer. 7-9	28 Jer. 41-43
09 Isa. 44-46	19 Jer. 10-14	29 Jer. 44-46
10 Isa. 47-49	20 Jer. 15-17	30 Jer. 47-49
		31 Jer. 50-52