**R811 - Rumination for Aug. 16, 2020 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme: **The Son of God and the Son of Man**[berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

The **T**ext: *Lo a voice from heaven, saying,* ***This is my beloved Son****, in whom I am well pleased.* Mt. 3:17
The **T**hots:

1. **Jesus is the Son of God. Matt. 3:17**
2. At His Baptism, the Father from heaven **S**aid: *This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased.*
3. At His Transfiguration, the Father **S**poke: Matt. 17:5

*Behold a voice out of the cloud…said, This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him.*

1. Peter recalled the Incident and **S**tated: II Pet. 1:17

*He received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to Him from the excellent glory, This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased.*

1. **P**aul quoted the **P**salmist to **P**rove his **P**oint in his **S**ermon at Antioch: Acts 13:33

*He* [God] *hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm,*

*Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee.*

1. **Jesus is the Son of Man.**
2. The **S**tatus of Man: *Thou madest him a little lower than the angels;*  Heb. 2:7a
3. The **S**tate of Man: *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin;*

 *and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:* Rom. 5:12

1. Jesus Became the **S**on Man to **S**uffer death for **S**inners.
2. ***W****e see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death.* Heb. 2:9
3. ***W****ho, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God*

*as something to be used for His own advantage.* Phil. 2:6, HCSB

1. *Instead He emptied Himself by assuming the form of a slave, taking on the likeness of men.*
2. *And when He had come as a man in His external form, He humbled Himself*

*by becoming obedient to the point of death— even to death on a cross.*

1. On earth, Jesus was **S**uperior to all as Man:
2. Jesus was before John, so **S**tated John, the Baptist: Jn. 1:30

*This is He of whom I said, After me cometh a Man which is preferred before me: for He was before me.*

1. The **S**amaritan **W**oman **W**itnessed: Jn. 4:29

*Come, see a Man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?*

1. The Jews wanted to **S**tone Jesus because He claimed to be God: Jn. 10:33

*The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy;*

*and because that Thou, being a Man, makest Thyself God.*

1. Jesus became Man to **S**ave **S**inners:
2. *The Pharisees and* ***S****cribes* *murmured,* ***S****aying*… Lk. 15:2; Mt. 11:19

 *This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.*

1. *The* ***S****on of man came eating and drinking, and they* ***S****ay, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber,*

*a friend of publicans and* ***S****inners. But wisdom is justified of her children.* Matt. 11:19

1. Paul the Pharisee **S**aid: I Tim. 1:15

*This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world*

*to* ***S****ave* ***S****inners; of whom I am chief.*

1. Scripture Says: *The Son of man came…to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.* Mk. 10:45
2. **Jesus, the Man is God.**
3. Jesus **A**nswered that He was before **A**braham when confronted by the Jews: Jn. 8:53, 56-58
4. The Question: *Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead?*
5. The Answer: *Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day: and he saw it, and was glad.*
6. The Puzzle: *Then said the Jews unto Him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast Thou seen Abraham?*
7. The Claim: *Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I Am.*

 Jesus was Claiming to be God, the *I AM*: Exo. 3:14

1. *And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM:*
2. *and He said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.*
3. *Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon Him...said unto them, Whom seek ye?*

 *They answered Him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them,* ***I am*** *(He).* Jn. 18:4, 5a

1. Jesus the Man, the **S**on of God, was **C**rucified to be the **S**aviour of **S**inners on the **C**ross. Matt. 27:54

*Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.*

*Verily God, yet become truly human,
  Lower than angels to die in our stead…*

*Lord, Thou art worthy: Lord, Thou art worthy;*

*Lord, Thou art worthy, and worthy alone!* H. d'A. Champney

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 811**

1. Today, many so-called professing Christians do not believe that Jesus is verily God and verily Man. Jesus’ mission to save the people of the world from sin, cannot be complete if a person believes that Jesus is only God or Jesus is only Man, and that He is not the God-Man that He claims to be.

Paul states very specifically and emphatically that the fulness of Deity is in Christ Jesus Col. 2:9-10, NRSV - *For in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,*

 *and you have come to fullness in Him,*

 *Who is the head of every ruler and authority.*

*There is no "fullness" (plērōma) in philosophy based on vain human reasoning. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives. Hence only in Christ can one have fullness. Apart from Him is emptiness. As philosopher Jean Paul Sartre put it, "Life is an empty bubble on the sea of nothingness" (cf. Ecc. 1:14-18). The word for "Deity" is theotētos, a strong word (used only here in the NT) for Christ's essence as God. The full deity of Christ is nonetheless in bodily form—a full humanity (cf. Col. 1:22). Both Christ's deity and humanity were challenged by this early Gnostic-like heresy. Those heretics diminished Christ to an angel whose "body" was only apparent, not real. Paul affirmed here that Christ is both fully God and truly man (cf. 1 John 4:1-6).*

Col. 2:10. *Not only is all the "fullness" (plērōma) of God in Christ (v. 9), but also believers have been given fullness in Christ. Their fullness of life comes from Christ's fullness*

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Hence, Paul again states very specifically because Christ is God, therefore…*God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.* (II Cor. 5:19)

Also because Christ is verily Man, He understands our weakness and infirmities, *for in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted.* (Heb. 2:18) *For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.* (Heb. 4:15)

We see now how important for Jesus, our Lord, Saviour and High Priest of our Salvation to be both verily God and verily Man. Do you believe in Jesus, the Son of God and the Son of Man – His titles point to the fact that He is God and that He is Man.

Do you believe this? **REFLECT.**

1. Consider the two texts below:

I Corinthians 11:3 - *But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.*

I Corinthians 15:28 – *And when all things shall be subdued unto Him* [Christ], *then shall the Son also Himself be subject unto Him* [God] *that put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.*

From the above two texts, how can Jesus be God, when it is stated that *the Head of Christ is God*, and *then shall the Son also Himself be subject unto Him* (God).

At the same time, how can Christ be equal to God?

Clue: Know the differences between Rights, Roles and Responsibilities of a person.

For instance, a man and a woman have equal Rights before God (Gal. 3:28) but each has different Roles in the local church (I Cor. 14:34, 35; I Tim. 2:9-12) and both have the Responsibility to act out their different Roles in their Respective spheres. Are you playing your Role where you are? REFLECT.

**Points To Ponder:** Jesus said, “*If ye believe not that* ***I am*** *(He), ye shall die in your sins*. (Jn. 8:24). How and Why is this so?