

**(Matt. 22:41-46)** – *“WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST? WHOSE SON IS HE?”* This is one of the most important questions that we can consider and seek to find the answer. This question is one of salvation and eternal life as they are all from God and are founded upon and given to His people through this glorious Person Who is the Messiah, the Anointed One, and the work He has accomplished as the Surety, Substitute, Redeemer, Life-Giver, and Preserver of His people. They answered correctly that He is *“THE SON OF DAVID,”* but their answer did not tell the whole story. They left out a vital truth concerning the Person of Christ. So, the Lord asked them, *“HOW THEN DOTH DAVID IN SPIRIT CALL HIM LORD,”* and quoted David’s words in *Psalms 110:1*, *“THE LORD SAID UNTO MY LORD, SIT THOU ON MY RIGHT HAND, TILL I MAKE THINE ENEMIES THY FOOTSTOOL?”* This means that King David recognized the Messiah as being both Divine and human, both God and man in one Person as He is both the Son of God, the second Person of the Holy Trinity, and the Son of man, a sinless human being with body and soul. So, *“IF DAVID THEN CALL HIM LORD, HOW IS HE HIS SON?”* How could Messiah be both David’s God and David’s Son? They were unable to answer Him, and they decided not to ask any more questions. They had become trapped in their own devices and failed miserably to discredit Jesus of Nazareth as the one true Messiah, the Savior of sinners, and God manifest in the flesh.

The answer to this all-important question is found in God’s Word. Consider the following Scriptures:

*Isaiah 7 – (14) Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel. (cf. Matthew 1:21-23)*

*Isaiah 9 – (6) For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (7) Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*

*Romans 1 – (1) Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the Gospel of God, (2) (Which He had promised afore by His prophets in the Holy Scriptures,) (3) Concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; (4) And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:*

*John 1 – (1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) The same was in the beginning with God. (3) All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. ... (14) 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.*

These verses speak of Christ's incarnation (literally, "in flesh") as in Him there is the union of two natures, one fully God and one fully man without sin. There is no mixture of these two natures, but there is a union that will last throughout eternity. He experience the sinless infirmities and weaknesses of human flesh (Heb. 4:14-16), and He also has and claimed divine authority (Matt. 28:18), forgiving sins (Mark 2:5-12), performing miracles (John 2:1-11), and accepting worship (Matt. 21:9). The Lord Jesus Christ is the great *"I AM"* of Scripture showing that He is the Author and Finisher of salvation for His people (John 8:56-58). As He was with the Father and the Spirit in the beginning, before the world was created and before the fall of man in Adam, He was given the responsibility of fulfilling all the conditions of the everlasting covenant of grace for the people the Father gave to Him to save. To accomplish the salvation of these whom the Father gave to Him, He had to be appointed by God (John 17:1-3; Matt. 3:15-17); He had to be willing to do all that was (and is) required (John 17:4-5; 10:14-18); and He had to be able to do what was required (Heb. 2:9-18; 7:22-28). As the Surety, Substitute, Redeemer, Life-Giver, Protector, Preserver of God's chosen people, He accomplished their redemption and preservation unto glory (Isa. 52:13-15; 53:10-12; Dan. 9:24; John 6:37-40; 19:30; Rom. 1:16-17; 2 Cor. 5:19-21).

To accomplish the righteousness of God, which is the entire merit of the obedience unto death of the Lord Jesus Christ which God has imputed to all His people, Christ had to be both God and sinless man. He had to suffer unto death for the sins of His people imputed to Him. But God cannot suffer and die. However, this glorious Person Who is God did suffer and die for His people. This suffering unto death can only be attributed to His sinless humanity (1 Cor. 11:24-25; Heb. 10:4-10), but it was an act of His entire Person. He had to put away the sins of His people and accomplish a perfect righteousness that would bring and sustain spiritual and eternal life for them. But man cannot bring and sustain life. However, this glorious Person Who is sinless man did put away all the sins of all His people and accomplished a perfect righteousness that brings and sustains spiritual and eternal life for them – the very righteousness of God. In the glorious Person and powerful work of Jesus Christ, we witness the fullest expression of God's glory, His character and nature (2 Cor. 4:6; Col. 2:9; Heb. 1:3). There is no greater glory to be revealed, and there is no salvation, including the forgiveness of sins, righteousness to justify, no spiritual and eternal life without this glorious Person, the Lord Jesus Christ. What do His people think of Him? *"Unto you therefore which believe HE IS PRECIOUS" (1 Pet. 2:7).*