

## **The True Man**

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### I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Hebrews 2:5-18.
- B. We cannot exist without Christ.

### II. Angels will never do as mediators because no angel has ever been a man, but Jesus has become man.

- A. Jesus became a man so that He might capture our lost destiny.
- B. Man was intended to be in dominion over creation through the derived authority of the God who indwelt Him. (Psalm 8)
- C. Only when we accept dominion can we exercise it.
- D. At the Fall, man lost his relationship with God, and everything is marred by futility.
- E. However, the man Jesus already reigns over the universe fulfilling man's destiny. (John 5)
- F. Death keeps man from being what he wants to be.
  - 1. Disease and futility are insipient signs of death.
  - 2. The end of a man's life is but the end of this futility.
- G. Christ experienced death for every man and took his place through the cross.

### III. Reasons Christ became man.

- A. So that God could reveal Christ in a believer.
- B. So that man's lost unity could be recovered.
  - 1. Jesus was perfected in suffering.
  - 2. This means that Jesus had to perfect His work, not that He had any flaws.
  - 3. He restored man's relationship with God by completing the work.
- C. So that Jesus might destroy the power of death.
  - 1. This refers to the fearsomeness of death that men are held in bondage to.
  - 2. Because we hunger so much after life, we believe the devil that life is doing what we please.

3. Christ reveals a new expression of life. Freedom is giving up life for what God wants.
- D. So that Jesus might expiate the sins of the people.
  1. The cross is the basis of daily cleansing for the people of God. (I John 1:9)
  2. Christ is a refuge and a fortress.
  3. God can meet all your needs in Christ.

**Application questions:**

1. Why does man need a mediator between him and God?

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2. Which reason for Christ's incarnation stands out to you? What strikes you?

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3. What are some ways you have experienced futility recently? How does the message give you hope even in the midst of this?

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