"THREE QUALITIES (& more) OF OUR SAVIOUR"

I TIM.4:10

<u>Introduction</u>: Jesus is the most important person who has ever lived since he is the Savior, <u>God</u> in human flesh. He is not half God and half man. He is ALL-GOD and ALL-MAN. In other words, Jesus has two distinct natures: <u>divine</u> and <u>human</u>. Jesus is the Word who was God and was with God and was made flesh (John 1:1, 14). This means that in the single person of Jesus he has both a human and divine nature, God and man.

The divine nature was not changed when the Word became flesh (John 1:1, 14). Instead, the Word was joined with humanity (Col. 2:9). Jesus' divine nature was not altered. Also, Jesus is <u>not</u> merely a man who "had God within Him," nor is he a man who "manifested the God principle."

Jesus is God in flesh, the second person of the Trinity. **Heb. 1:3** "Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and <u>the express image of his person</u>, and upholding all things by the word of his power...". Jesus' two natures are not "mixed together," nor are they combined into a half-God, half-man nature.

He is 100% God and 100% man. They are separate yet act as a unit in the one person of Jesus. He continued to exist as God when He became a man and added human nature to Himself (Phil. 2:5-11). Therefore, there is a "union in one person of a full human nature and a full divine nature." Right now in Heaven there is a man, Jesus, who is our Mediator between us and God the Father (1 Tim. 2:5). This is called the *Hypostatic Union*.

The following chart should help you see the two natures of Jesus "in action":

GOD

He is worshiped (Matt. 2:2, 11; 14:33)
He was called God (Jn 20:28; Heb. 1:8)
He was called the Son of God (Mk 1:1)
He is prayed to (Acts 7:59)
He is sinless (1 Pet. 2:22; Heb. 4:15)
He knows all things (John 21:17)
He gives eternal life (John 10:28)
All the fullness of God dwells in Him (Col. 2:9)

MAN

He worshiped the Father (John 17)
He was called man (Mark 15:39; Jn 19:5)
He was called the Son of Man (Jn 9:35-37)
He prayed to the Father (John 17)
He was tempted (Matt. 4:1)
He grew in wisdom (Luke 2:52)
He died (Rom. 5:8)

He has a body-flesh & bones (Lk 24:39)

Quality/Attribute = A characteristic, that which is considered as belonging to; an essential property. God has the qualities/attributes of Omnipotence, Omniscience, Omnipresence, Omnificence...

<u>I. LIVING - I TIM.4:10</u>

- (A) Giver Of Life Gen.2:7 Jn.1:1-4 John 14:6 Col.1:17
- (B) Guarder Of Life Col.3:3 Ps.91:9-11 Rom.8:35-39 I Pet.1:3-5
- (C) Gatherer Of Life Matt.13:30

II. LOVING - I TIM.3:16

**Manifest that we could:

(A) See His Glory - Jn.1:14

His glory is fourfold:

- 1. <u>Essential Glories</u> *Son of God* <u>Divine</u> Perfection; Deity-Virgin Birth
- Personal life; In His Death and Resurrection
- 2. <u>Moral Glories</u> *Son Of Man* <u>Human</u> Perfection; Meekness I Pet.1:16 Matt.17:5
- 3. Official Glories God-Man Mediatorial Perfection; Priesthood-Jn.17

Note: Jn.1:14

- Condescension Mt.1:23
- Chose Poverty II Cor.8:9
- Appeared in Weakness Lk.2:7

The Glory:

- Infinite Condescension
- Matchless Grace
- Fathomless Love.
- 4. Inherited Glories Bridegroom Obtained Perfection Kinsman

Rev.11:15 Phil.2:9 Jn.17:24 Acts 15:14

"The Law was given by Moses" "Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ"

Note some contrasts between Law and Grace:

LAW	GRACE
Old Creation	New Creation
Man Sinned	God Demonstrated Hid His Love
Sentenced Man To Death	Gives Dead Men Life
Demands Righteousness	Justifies Man For Believing
Man Must Do For God	God Has Done For Man
Reveals Sin	Removes Sin
Brought God Out To Man	Brings Man Into God

(B) Know The Ground - I Pet.1:20

III. LISTENING - I TIM.2:5

- (A) Continually Heb.7:25 Ps.34:15
- (B) Compassionately Mt.9:36
- (C) Coming We will face this Listener.

EXTRA

Lasting

<u>Leading</u>

LORD