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Words of Welcome

Psalm 9:1-2 (ESV)

- 1 To the choirmaster: according to Muth-labben. A Psalm of David. I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.
- 2 I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

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Scripture Reading

James 2:1-7 (ESV)

- 1 My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.
- 2 For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in,
- 3 and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet,"
- 4 have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?
- 5 Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?
- 6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court?
- 7 Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

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And Can It Be

Verse 1:

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love, how can it be
That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?

Chorus:

Amazing love, how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me

Verse 2:

He left His Father's throne above
So free, so infinite His grace
Emptied Himself in matchless love
And bled for Adam's helpless race
Tis mercy all immense and free
For, O my God, it found out me

Verse 3:

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray
I woke - the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off, my heart was free
I rose, went forth, and followed thee

Verse 4:

No condemnation now I dread
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine
Alive in Him, my living Head
And clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach the eternal throne
And claim the crown, through Christ my own

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Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Verse 1:

Jesus, Lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last!

Verse 2:

Other refuge have I none,
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me!
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
With the shadow of Thy wing.

Verse 3:

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within:
Thou of life the Fountain art,
Freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.

Ending:

Thou of life the Fountain art,
Freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart,
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Christ The True and Better

Verse 1:

Christ, the true and better Adam;
Son of God and Son of man.
Who, when tempted in the garden,
Never yielded, never sinned.
He, who makes the many righteous
Brings us back to life again.
Dying, He reversed the curse;
Then rising, crushed the serpent's head.

Verse 2:

Christ, the true and better Isaac;
Humble Son of sacrifice,
Who would climb the fearful mountain,
There to offer up his life.
Laid with faith upon the altar,
Father's joy and only Son;
There salvation was provided,
Oh what full and boundless love.

Chorus:

Amen, amen, from beginning to end.
Christ the story, His the glory;
Alleluia, Amen!

Verse 3:

Christ, the true and better Moses;
Called to lead a people home;
Standing bold to earthly powers,
God's great glory to make known.
With his arms stretched wide to heaven,
See the waters part in two;
See the veil is torn forever,
Cleansed with blood we pass now through.

Verse 4:

Christ, the true and better David;
Lowly shepherd, mighty king.
He the champion in the battle;
Where O death is now thy sting?
In our place He bled and conquered;
Crown Him Lord of majesty.
His shall be the throne forever;
We shall e're his people be.

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New City Catechism

22: Why Must the Redeemer Be Truly Human?

Full Answer

That in human nature he might on our behalf perfectly obey the whole law and suffer the punishment for human sin; and also that he might sympathize with our weaknesses.

Children's Answer

That in human nature he might on our behalf perfectly obey the whole law and suffer the punishment for human sin.

Scripture

HEBREWS 2:17

Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

Commentary

ATHANASIUS OF ALEXANDRIA

For the Word, perceiving that no otherwise could the corruption of men be undone save by death as a necessary condition, while it was impossible for the Word to suffer death, being immortal, and Son of the Father; to this end He takes to Himself a body capable of death, that it, by partaking of the Word Who is above all, might be worthy to die in the stead of all, and might, because of the Word which was come to dwell in it, remain incorruptible, and that thenceforth corruption might be stayed from all by the Grace of the Resurrection. Whence, by offering unto death the body He Himself had taken, as an offering and sacrifice free from any stain, straightway He put away death from all His peers by the offering of an equivalent. For being over all, the Word of God naturally by offering His own temple and corporeal instrument for the life of all satisfied the debt by His death. And thus He, the incorruptible Son of God, being conjoined with all by a like nature, naturally clothed all with incorruption, by the promise of the resurrection.

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Here is Love Vast as the Ocean (Everlasting Praise)

Verse 1:

Here is love vast as the ocean,
Lovingkindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our ransom,
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

Verse 2:

On the mount of crucifixion,
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy,
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
Poured incessant from above;
Heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

Verse 3:

On the morn of resurrection,
Mercy filled the thirsty grave;
Where the stone of death burst open,
Springs of life flow unrestrained.
Love no heart could ever measure,
Joy no sorrows will outrun,
Rush upon the soul believing
In the risen, reigning Son.

Verse 4:

Oh this love, vast love of Jesus,
Bids us come and drink and live.
To this weary world of longing,
What more could our Savior give?
Now to Christ who fully loved us
And who freed us from our sin,
Be all glory and dominion,
Everlasting praise to Him.

Ending:

Now to Christ who fully loved us
And who freed us from our sin,
Be all glory and dominion,
Everlasting praise to Him.
Everlasting praise to Him.

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Sermon
The Resurrection Who Calls the Dead to Life

John 11:1-44 (ESV)

- 1 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.
- 2 It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill.
- 3 So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill."
- 4 But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."
- 5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.
- 6 So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.
- 7 Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."
- 8 The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?"
- 9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.
- 10 But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."
- 11 After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him."
- 12 The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover."
- 13 Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep.
- 14 Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died,
- 15 and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."
- 16 So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."
- 17 Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.
- 18 Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off,
- 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother.
- 20 So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house.
- 21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.
- 22 But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you."
- 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."
- 24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."
- 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,
- 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"
- 27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."
- 28 When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you."
- 29 And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him.

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- 30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him.
- 31 When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there.
- 32 Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."
- 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled.
- 34 And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."
- 35 Jesus wept.
- 36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"
- 37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"
- 38 Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.
- 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days."
- 40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"
- 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me.
- 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me."
- 43 When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out."
- 44 The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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Great Redeemer

Verse 1:

Beneath my Great Redeemer's cross,
I kneel in streams of mercy;
His blood removes my guilty stain;
His grace has made me worthy
To stand before His holiness and bow my grateful soul;
Beneath my Great Redeemer's cross, I worship Christ alone.

Chorus:

Great Redeemer, Jesus
Great Redeemer, Jesus

Verse 2:

I long to see my Savior's face,
To gaze upon His beauty,
To lose myself in His embrace,
At last, behold His glory;
The Lamb of God Who died for me has made my sin His own,
And bore my shame upon the cross; I worship Him alone.

Ending:

O, Lamb of God, You died for me, and made my sin Your own,
And bore my shame upon the cross; I worship You alone;
I worship You alone; I worship You alone.

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Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26 (ESV)

24 The LORD bless you and keep you;

25 the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

26 the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.