

# The Word of Life Messenger

*“Holding forth the word of life” Phil. 2:16*

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## **WHAT CHRIST WAS MADE**

*“But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his Son made of a woman, made under the law to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.” (Galatians 4:5-6)*

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How easy it is to forget what great things Christ has done for us and will do for us. Jesus our representative, our redeemer, our preserver, our surety, and our coming king is the grand subject of the Bible. Never has there been one who lived like the Lord Jesus Christ lived. He was compassionate, without being weak, strong without being coarse, humble without being servile, holy but never Pharisaic. He was passionate for the truth, but full of love and mercy. He never made a false step, never spoke a false word; He never had the wrong attitude or tone in His voice. There are three simple and significant words which are used or implied in the Scriptures— “He was made”— to remind us of who He was, why He came, and what He will do.

First, as to his person He was made three things for us.

A.) He was made flesh (John 1:1-2). The Scriptures declare that “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. These words teach us that Jesus was eternal, (In the beginning), that He was equal with the Father (and the word was with God - that is existing in a face to face relationship with the

Father), and that He was deity (and the Word was God). Finally, we see His preexistence (the same was in the beginning with God). He could truthfully tell the Pharisees “Before Abraham was I am.” Yet, the Scriptures declare something even more startling to us.

“And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14). “For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin condemned sin in the flesh” (Romans 8:3). “Made of the seed of David according to the flesh” (Romans 1:3).

Here we see that the preexistent, eternal Christ who was not flesh back in the past became one of us by being made flesh. Every nerve, every bone, every muscle displayed the divine handiwork. Born of the Holy Spirit, born of a woman, and made flesh for us. He had a body of real flesh in which he went about doing good, doing the will of His Father. He was tempted in a real body, yet He never yielded to sin, was never too weary to do the Father’s will, to help the needy, to commune with His Father. Think now of the one who went to the cross for our salvation. It was real

flesh that they plucked the beard from His face, real flesh that the whip of Pilate’s soldiers tore into, real flesh that they forced the crown of thorns on his head, real flesh that they drove the nails into his hands and his feet. It was a real body of flesh which suffered there on the cross for us. He was made flesh for us.

B.) He was made of a woman (Gal. 4:4-5). The Scriptures declare “But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his Son made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.” He was born of a virgin irreproachable. He was born of the Holy Spirit. He had a real birth as a baby in human flesh. He was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. He who created all things and sustains all things became a baby born of a woman. Luke writes that the angel told Mary “And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David; And he shall reign over the house of

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# THE ARK

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When God told Noah to make an ark in Genesis 6:14, He was providing in His divine grace a refuge from the judgment of the flood that was coming on the earth. God saw the wickedness and depravity of man on the earth, “but Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord” (Gen. 6:8).

As I think of the ark of Noah, I am reminded of two other arks in the Bible. There was the ark of bulrushes that protected baby Moses from Pharaoh. Then there was the ark of the covenant that sheltered and protected the tables of stone. The believer in Christ Jesus is sheltered from God’s wrath, as Noah and his family were. The believer is sheltered from Satan’s assaults, as we see in the ark of bulrushes. The child of God is protected from the condemnation of the law as portrayed in the ark of the covenant.

Because Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord, God provided an ark that protected him from the judgment of the flood. God has provided grace to every believer in Christ Jesus. Jesus is surely an ark of safety from condemnation. Through His death on the cross, His burial and resurrection, every believer in Christ is safe and secure even as Noah and his family were.

Noah and all his house were invited to come into the ark (see Gen. 7:1). This is the first time the word “come” is used in the Bible. It is a word of invitation from God.

The ark was a place of security for Noah and his family. Noah was commanded to “pitch it within and without with pitch” (Gen. 6:14b). No water of judgment could get into the ark. The word “pitch” is the same word translated “atonement” in

Leviticus 17:11. “For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.” When we come to the New Testament the word is used in Romans 5:11: “And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.” The word “atonement” in this verse is “reconciliation.” “And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; to wit that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation” (2 Cor. 5:18, 19). The believing sinner is reconciled to God and God is propitiated to the sinner. Jesus became the propitiation for our sins through His shed blood on the cross. He was buried and our sins are one. He was raised as a guarantee that the sin penalty has been paid.

The ark had a window in the top. The only place Noah could look was above. The judgment of the flood was on the outside. Noah was safe on the inside looking up to God for his provision. “Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth” (Col. 3:2).

The ark had one door placed in the side of the ark. There was only one way into the ark and that was through the door. When Noah and his family and all the animals were safe in the ark, “the Lord shut him in” (Gen 7:16). May I remind you that Jesus is the door of salvation for the believer. “I am the door: by me if

any man enter in he shall be saved...” (John 10:9). Jesus is the only way to God and when we believe in Him we are safe and secure, shut in and sealed by the Holy Spirit. Aren’t you glad we are “shut-ins” safe in the Lord?

When the fountains of the deep were stopped and the rain from heaven was restrained, the waters began to decrease continually. At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark and sent forth a raven. Since the raven feeds on dead things (typical of the old nature), it did not return to the ark. Noah also sent forth a dove to see if the waters were abated from the face of the ground. The dove found no rest in the earth and she returned to the ark, for the waters were still on the earth. Noah kept the dove for seven days and sent her forth again. This time the dove returned with an olive leaf. Noah waited seven more days and sent the dove out again. This time the dove did not return. She could rest in the earth because the judgment was over. I mention this to remind you of a beautiful truth. The dove is a symbol of new life and of the Holy Spirit. When Jesus was baptized “the heavens were opened unto him” (Matt. 3:16). In the account of the flood the dove could not come to rest in the earth until after the judgment of the flood was over. The Holy Spirit does not come to rest in the believer until after the judgment of the cross of Calvary where Jesus made peace by the blood of His cross. In the gospel of John, Jesus promised the coming of the Holy Spirit to dwell within us after He went away.

- Gladwin Carpenter

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Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end." Joseph was told to take unto him Mary for his wife, but he was to have no relations with her until after the child was born. The Holy Spirit was to come upon her and the power of God was to overshadow her and that one who was to be born was to be the Son of God. Jesus, the Eternal Son, made flesh, made of a woman for us! How this elevates motherhood. How this speaks of His great love for sinners. He came

as the last Adam, not born with our sinful nature, but born of the Holy Spirit, born of a woman.

C.) He was made under the law (Galatians 4:4-5). Paul in Galatians declares that He "was made under the law to redeem them that were under the law." Jesus came as one of us subject to the Father. We were sinners and constantly violated God's law and rightfully stood condemned before God. But Jesus was made under the law, that is, that He was subject to the law for our sakes

that He might fulfill the law for us and redeem us from the guilt and penalty of the law. Jesus fulfilled the law perfectly; He was always obedient to the Father and did no sin neither had any sin in Him. He did not have the sin nature that every descendant of fallen Adam had; He was born of the Spirit. Yet, He was tempted in all points, like as we are, yet without sin.

*- Larry Windham*

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# GOD MUST DO RIGHT

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He cannot do wrong. What God does is right. He must be just in all His dealings with His creatures. All sin, every sin must be dealt with according to absolute justice. If we preach that God saves sinners, and do not show how He is just in this gracious transaction, we leave the sinner without peace and with a distorted notion of God. The conception of God he has is lacking

in the attribute of justice. God keeps before His people always and clearly what He states in Isaiah 45:21; "And there is no God else before me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me." Every bloody sacrifice taught His people that He was just in passing over their sins. By this He taught and teaches us He punishes our sins in as innocent substitute. Jesus was the fulfillment

of all those sacrifices. God put away our sins on His only begotten Son and settled them according to His justice. Read the Gospel accounts of the crucifixion. Also read Romans 3:23-26. Now God can "be just and the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus."

*- E.R. Henderson*

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## THINK ON THESE THINGS

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"Think on these things." Paul in Phil. 4:8 mentions eight worthy and wholesome things and then says, "Think on these things." It is wise and well to keep on hand a good supply of food to eat, a good stock of clothes to wear. It is more important to keep a good stock of wholesome things to think on.

"Think on these things." The death and resurrection of Jesus, 1 Cor. 15:1-4.

"Think on these things." The ascension of Jesus and the promise of His coming again, Acts 1:9-11.

"Think on these things." Jesus, our High Priest and Shepherd, Hebrews 9:11-14.

"Think on these things." "Ye are not your own...Therefore, etc." 1 Cor. 6:19, 20; Romans 12:1-2.

*- The "Bulletin"*

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7:30 p.m. - Fred Hartley  
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