



Scripture nugget – By His Life, Death and Resurrection, Christ merited for us all the graces we need

Son though He was, He learned obedience from what He suffered; and when He was made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him, declared by God high priest according to the order of Melchizedek (Hebrews 5:8-10).

God appointed Jesus as the Eternal High Priest for the redemption of the world (cf. Hebrews 5:5-6, 10). The Sacrificial Lamb of God is none other than Himself, and for this purpose Christ has to assume lowly human flesh, a humbling He willingly accepted. The stupendous Incarnation made Christ truly man whilst still truly God. Christ has to assume human flesh so as to be like us in all ways except sin in order that He can understand our weaknesses, take punishment for our sins and intercede effectively for us before God. To atone for disobedience of man, Christ had to manifest in the flesh obedience to the Father. *Son though He was, He learned obedience from what He suffered (Hebrews 5:8).* Jesus has never been disobedient to the Father nor was He ever been in the flesh before. It was for our sakes that He assumed human flesh to manifest in the flesh obedience to the Father. Thus, Christ was made perfect in the flesh by His sufferings in the flesh, and accepted by God to be the source of salvation for all repentant sinners. Christ is the Eternal High Priest and the flawless Sacrificial Lamb. *The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29).*

By Christ's wounds, we are healed (cf. Isaiah 53:5). As Sacrificial Lamb of God, Jesus assumed human flesh so that He can take divine punishment for sins committed by human beings. To make atonement for our rejection of God, He was rejected from the very moment of His birth, having been denied a room for His birth. During His public ministry He was rejected by even the Jewish religious leaders who could not recognize in Him the Messiah they were awaiting for but instead planned for His death. He was wounded all over His Body so that we can be healed of all the wounds of sins on our souls committed by our bodies. Though King of kings, and Lord of lords He lived a poor life and on the Cross Jesus was deprived of all earthly belongings, so that we can be rich in graces and blessings from God (cf. 2 Corinthians 8:9). Jesus, the Author of all Graces, and purer than a newly baptized baby, was made sin for us so that we can stand in His righteousness before God (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:21). By His crucifixion on the Cross, Jesus took on our curse and redeemed us from the curse due to our sins for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole." (cf. Galatians 3:13). *He bore the punishment that makes us whole (Isaiah 53:5).*

Conversation with Jesus. Precious Lord, just a little drop of Your Precious Blood more than suffices to redeem the whole world many times over but You came not just to redeem the world but also to enable us to live life to the fullest (cf. John 10:10), giving us all the graces we need to overcome our human weaknesses, trials, adversities and temptations. You are human like us in all ways except sin and were subjected to the same human temptations, meriting for us the graces we need to live a truly Christian life. Magnify my love for You and for our Heavenly Father Who sacrificed so much so that I can be with Him in Paradise for eternity. I will always treasure my Salvation! May love, praise and thanksgiving be always on my lips and in my heart! Mary, Mother of Salvation, pray for me. Thank You, Jesus. Praise You, Jesus.