

8—Fellowship of the Son

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INTRO:

I. → Hebrews 2:14-18

14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too **shared in their humanity** so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. 16 For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants.

→ 17 For this reason he had to be made **like them**, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. 18 Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

BODY:

I. A Shared Humanity

*14 Since the children [partake in] (koinonéo) flesh and blood, he too **shared in their humanity***

A. Jesus did more than just appear human, he came in the flesh.

1) 2 John 7-8

I say this because many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist.

2) THE RISE OF DOCETISM (doketaí—illusionists)

- a) Marcion—Christ was too divine to be human
- b) Ebionites—Denied his divinity and subst. atonement
- c) Cerinthus—“Christ” descended on Jesus at baptism
- d) Polycarp tells the story of John fleeing Cerenthus

“Let us fly, lest even the bath-house fall down, because Cerinthus, the enemy of the truth, is inside!”—Irenaeus, Against Heresies, 3.3.4

B. The incarnation of Christ is about being present.

1) **Philippians 2:6-7**

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

2) Grk (*homoíomai*) made the same

3) **NORFOLK SOUTHERN CEO VISITING EAST PALESTINE**

II. A Shared Redemption

17 For this reason he **had to be made like them**, fully human in every way . . . that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

A. He shared our nature so that we could share His.

1) Grk (*homoióo*) made alike

2) **2 Peter 1:4**

*Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may **participate in the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.*

3) **THE ONE SONG THAT THE ANGELS CANNOT SING**

B. The core of our hope is the common destiny we share.

1) **1 John 3:2-3**

*Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall **be like him**, for we shall see him as he is.*

2) **BEING TOGETHER IN THE HOUSE ON THE HILL**

III. A Shared Compassion

18 Because he himself **suffered** when he was tempted, he is **able to help** those who are being tempted.

A. Shared suffering is what helps us to help each other.

1) **Philippians 3:10-11**

*I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and **participation in his sufferings**, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.*

2) **BIG HERO 6—I WOULD LIKE TO HELP**

B. Jesus is able to save us because He understands.

1) **Hebrews 4:15**

*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to **empathize** with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are*

2) **ADOPTING ZIVA WITH BROKEN LEG**

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

Luke 24:39

“Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

John 20:27

Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

1 Peter 5:1

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ’s sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed.

1 Corinthians 1:9

God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 John 4:2-3

This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.