

**QUESTION 6:** Why was it necessary for Jesus to be God-man when Adam was man only? Wouldn't this contradict the Bible's description of Jesus' 'ransom sacrifice'?

We Bible-believing Christians believe in the doctrine of the Hypostatic Union, the permanent union of two distinct natures, human and divine, i.e. Jesus is fully 100% God and fully 100% man, yet one person.

It was necessary for Jesus to be 'the second man' and 'last Adam' (1 Cor. 15:45-48) in order to complete successfully the test of obedience which the first Adam, the first man, failed.

By becoming flesh, the eternal Son of God, the Word, was able to be tested as we are tested, thereby having empathy for our weaknesses under temptation (Hebrews 4:15).

One day He will judge all mankind (John 5:22). As the God-man Jesus has the wisdom, authority and experiential knowledge to do so, having walked in our shoes.

Moreover, as human He could die a substitutionary penal death for His people. As God, he could not because God cannot die. Thus, on the cross Jesus took upon Himself our sinful guilt which the Father imputed to Him. In turn, He paid the sin debt of His people in full, thereby benefitting them in several ways:

- (1) The Elect (chosen by the Father and given to Christ) will not experience the second death.
- (2) The Elect will be conformed to the image of Christ which image of God was lost by Adam.

- (3) The Elect will be given the gift of repentance.
- (4) The Elect will be given the gift of faith in Christ.
- (5) The Elect will be justified from all things.
- (6) The Elect will perform good works for which they were created.
- (7) The Elect will be glorified, ever in the presence of God.

Had Jesus been only human, His atonement would not have the value and worth to pay the sin debt of countless humans. However, as the God-man, His dignity and worth have infinite value, able to redeem all the Father had given Him.

It was the human nature of Jesus who died on the cross, but it was the person of the God-man Jesus who hung there.

I do hope this clarifies the position of Bible-believing Christians.

Finally, I wish to point something out, re: 1 John 5:20.

The 2013 NWT states, “And we are in union with the one who is true, by means of his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and life everlasting.”

However, the Westcott Kingdom Greek Interlinear states a different truth, “...and we are in the true one, in His Son, Jesus Christ. This one is the true God and life everlasting.”

The demonstrative pronoun οὗτος – ‘this one’ – refers back to the antecedent, Jesus Christ. This is fundamental Koine Greek grammar. The subject is Jesus Christ who has come, and who has explained, to our understanding, the true God.

The 2013 NWT misses completely the truth John is revealing. John is NOT needlessly repeating himself by stating the 'true God is the true God', as the NWT would have it. Rather, he is imparting crucial information regarding the subject, Jesus Christ. This One, Jesus Christ, is the true God and eternal life.

Certainly, it is undeniable Jesus proclaimed 'I am the resurrection and the life.' That 'life' is eternal.

Who can deny He claims to be 'the life'? (John 14:6).

The definite article, *the*, refers to the absolute power of Jehovah and no other.

Jesus has the power and authority to give eternal life to those given Him by the Father (John 17:2).

Why? Because Jesus Christ is Jehovah the Son in the flesh.

This is what we biblical Christians believe because the inerrant divine Word of God states these truths over and over again.