

A. JESUS ACCEPTED CERTAIN LIMITATIONS (:10-13)**1. As A Man, Jesus Was Limited By A Human Body & Nature**

- a. (:14) "flesh & blood"
- b. (:17a) He was made like us in every way
- c. Philippians 2:6-8 "...did not consider equality with God something to be grasped..."
- d. He experienced hunger, thirst, tired, sorrow, disappointment, frustration, heartbreak, sickness, suffering & death

2. As A Man, Jesus Was Limited By The Conditions Of Life Among Men

- a. The source of all power became a helpless infant...
- b. The source of all wisdom went to school to learn to read & write & study God's word...
- c. He left His throne in glory & became a servant
 - 1) (:Mark 10:45) "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve & to give his life as a ransom for many."

3. As A Man, Jesus Was Limited Spiritually To The Resources Available To All Of Us

- a. He operated in God's strength & power - mainly through prayer
 - 1) (Mark 9:14-29) - Jesus relied on prayer
- b. He went to God's house & studied God's word
- c. When confronted by Satan, He applied God's word to the situation
 - 1) (2 Tim 2:15) "*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed & who correctly handles the word of truth.*"
- d. He told everyone that His miracles were done by God's Spirit working through Him & that His teaching was simply what God had told Him to say

B. JESUS WAS ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH FOUR THINGS ON OUR BEHALF (:14-18)**1. Revelation: As A Man, Jesus Showed Us What God Is Like**

- a. God's forgiveness to woman caught in adultery, healing the sick, loving the unlovable, etc..
- b. By hanging out with Gentile sinners, tax collectors & prostitutes & the like, He revealed God's deep, unconditional love of all mankind
- c. (:11) We become members of the same family (all have one Father)

2. Preparation: As A Man, Jesus Was Prepared For A Successful Mission (:10)

- a. (:10) Captain = author/pioneer/trailblazer of our salvation
 - 1) First to jump in, brave the waters, so that everyone else could go safely
- b. (:10) Made perfect = fully prepared
- c. He was perfected/made adequate to the task through suffering everything we suffer
- d. (:18) He endured/withstood every kind of suffering by depending on God's truth & Spirit
- e. It was appropriate that God would have Jesus suffer as man suffers to make Him fully adequate & perfectly equipped for the task of being the trailblazer of salvation.

3. Substitution: As A Man, Jesus Died In Man's Place (:14-16)

- a. (:10c) By His death Je. is able to bring us into the glory that God wants us to experience & know
- b. Satan's power over death has been broken (:14)
- c. We have been freed from slavery to fear of death (:15)
- d. He helps people, not angels (:16)
- e. (Romans 5:12; 18)
 - 1) Adam gave in to temptation & brought death into the world. Jesus endured temptation & conquered death so we could have life.

2) We no longer need to fear death - 'cuz we will never die, just graduate!

4. Mediation: As A Man, Jesus Bridged The Gap Between God & Man (:17-18)

- a. (1Timothy 2:5) "*For there is one God & one mediator between God & men, the man Christ Jesus*"
- b. Hebrews 4:15
- c. As our merciful & faithful High Priest before God, He made reconciliation for our sins
 - 1) (:17) Merciful to us & faithful to God in dealing with our sin
 - 2) Propitiation = atonement, expiation, reconciliation
 - a) to receive the full consequences of sin, so that others are free from those consequences
- e. Jesus showed us God's mercy & remained faithful to God's perfect justice by turning away His anger & wrath against guilty sinners
 - 1) and even when we don't live holy lives, God sees us as holy in Jesus
- f. We have been made holy (:11)
 - 1) (Colossians 1:21-22)