

# Simply Christ

Gospel Newsletter

## IT'S NOT A SIN TO BE HUMAN

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I often tell people that it is not a sin to be human. It is, however, a sin to be sinful. When the apostle Paul describes the kinds of people who shall not inherit the kingdom of God, he concludes by saying *“And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.”* <sup>1</sup> *Corinthians 6:11* Those whom Christ has washed, sanctified, and justified, are no longer unrighteous or sinful, but they are still human. This means that, although they are children of God with his heart and nature within, they are still subject to the weaknesses and limitations of humanity. Contrary to popular belief, the weakness of a child of God is not sin. Sin is stricken from our hearts and lives by the cross of Christ and the power of his shed blood. Our weaknesses are revealed in the fact that we still live in a mortal body and are subject to the limitations that go along with such. Of course, being mortal, we can age, get sick, or die, but these weaknesses are not the true weaknesses of humanity. Our true weaknesses are that we see with natural eyes, hear with natural ears, and reason with human reasoning. Because of this, our understanding and knowledge is limited and we rarely see and hear things as they truly are. When this happens we sometimes get things wrong. We judge situations and people by what we think we know, and often come to wrong conclusions. We sometimes take paths that we think are good paths, but because we cannot see where they truly lead, we end up in confusion. Such are the weaknesses of our humanity that the apostle Paul tells us that we do not even know what to pray for as we ought to. But this was not how Christ walked upon this earth. Although he also was clothed in human flesh,

the prophet told us that *"...he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth..."* Isaiah 11:3-4 Why was Christ not subject to the weaknesses and limitations of his humanity? The answer is simple. He said *"The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise."* John 5:19 Jesus did not walk according to what he saw with the natural eyes, heard with the natural ears, or understood with natural reasoning. He would get alone to pray and to hear his Father's voice. What he saw and heard of his Father, he would then speak and do among men. The apostle Paul tells us that *"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities(weaknesses): for we know not what we should pray for as we ought..."* The intercession of the Holy Ghost rising up within a child of God comes because even in prayer, he knows what we do not. So is it in every aspect of our walk with God. If we will seek the Lord to always be presently filled with the Spirit, he will show us things that natural eyes could never show us, and we will hear precious words that natural ears could never bring to us. By his Spirit you can understand heavenly things that the even wisest among men can never perceive. Without him, our natural hands can never touch the sick and cause them to be healed, but the Spirit of God can easily quicken your members for such a work. One of the greatest works of the Spirit is that he will anoint and quicken our natural tongue to do something we can never do of ourselves. He will cause the words he gives us to speak to be "spirit and life." Yes, being human is not a sin, but without the Spirit of God presently filling and working in us, even a saved human can sometimes make a mess of things, or at least miss the glories that God has prepared for us to walk in. I will leave you with this: Recently I asked our congregation if they understood what a great difference it makes when we earnestly seek the Lord. Almost everyone consented

that they did understand this. I replied: "Then we must understand that it also makes just as great a difference when we do not prayerfully seek God."