



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of August 22, 2021

Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.

Sermon Text

Luke 3:21-38

[21] Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, [22] and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." [23] Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli, [24] the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph, [25] the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai, [26] the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda, [27] the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri, [28] the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er, [29] the son of Joshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, [30] the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim, [31] the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David, [32] the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Sala, the son of Nahshon, [33] the son of Amminadab, the son of Admin, the son of Arni, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah, [34] the son of Jacob, the son of

Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor, [35] the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah, [36] the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, [37] the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan, [38] the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiiikaichurch.org/sermononline>

Summary

In our passage this week, Luke introduces the now grown Jesus Christ. Although the sinless Jesus has no need for the sinner's baptism, He nonetheless submits Himself to it, in order to identify with a sinful humanity. Luke's mention of the Father and the Holy Spirit makes it clear that the Godhead's love for man is an overflow of the deep love and communion that is shared between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In Luke's genealogy of Christ we are reminded of the great dilemma of fallen humanity - that even the best of us are plagued by sin.

Discussion Questions

1. Jesus did not immerse Himself in the sinner's baptism because He was sinful, but He did so in order to identify with sinful humanity. How does Hebrews 2:17-18, help your understanding of why Jesus had to become a man in order to atone for our sins? What does this tell you about God's love for and understanding of His people?

17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted."

Hebrews 2:17-18

2. In our passage, we are meant to see that the love that moves Jesus to identify with sinful man is an overflow of the great love that exists within the Trinity. Our salvation is the result of the love shared between the three persons of God Himself. Think about the purest most intense love humans can experience in this life - compared to that, what do you think it will be like when you one day experience for all eternity, the love that exists within the three persons of the Trinity? How should such an eternal love encourage you today?

3. In Luke's list of Jesus' human ancestors, we are shown that even within the line of the Messiah - even in the godliest and best of humanity - every single one is still plagued by sin. What does Jesus' lineage reveal about the hopelessness of fallen humanity?...about the need for a Savior?...about the love of God for fallen man?...about how we ought to love God?

4. Martin Lloyd Jones famously said about man, "We are as glorious as the angels and as dreadful as an ape". Do you agree? If so, what do you think he meant by this statement and why do you think it is true? Why should we never lose sight of, or underestimate our potential for evil? What should be our proper response to this potential?