

I'm Just Human?

I've done it before! I've reasoned that *being far less than divinely perfect* should excuse failures. I've said, "I'm just human." But since then I've learned that being human is not an excuse for failure, but it should be, with the support of God, a reason for success! There are several reasons I should not say, "I'm just human."

Saying, "I'm just human," diminishes God's creative power. When God said, "*Let Us make man in our image, according to Our likeness,*" He was making humans with exceptional privilege and ability. God said, "*let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.*" Considering the fact that all the fish, birds, and creeping things have survived magnificently; and in no need of excuses for failed "behavior," why should humans, who have dominion over all these, consider themselves to be naturally flawed? God made us in His likeness so we can powerfully exist and succeed in God's purposes.

Saying, "I'm just human," was not the tone of Jesus' existence. In fact, Jesus, whom we recognize as Divine, purposely announced His identity as human, the "Son of man." Both facets of His identity had importance.

- God had promised that the Savior would be "*born of a woman*" (Gen. 3:15; Gal. 4:4). The Savior would live in the likeness of humans.
- The Savior is the "*Son of man.*" "*For the Son of man is come to seek and to save the lost.*" (Matt. 18:11)
- The body with which Jesus accomplished the payment of our ransom was "*the Son of man.*" "*Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.*" (Matt. 20:28)
- "*The Son of man*" was raised the third day after His death. "*The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day.*" (Mark 9:31)
- "*The Son of man*" now sits on the "*right hand of the power of God.*" (Luke 22:69)

Thus, Jesus was not "just human." He was a human who accomplished His eternally powerful work!

Saying, "I'm just human," concedes defeat to death and Satan, whereas God purposed that victory over death and Satan would be accomplished by humans. Jesus got it done in a human body, and so can we. That had to be a real blow to Satan. It is a repeated blow for Satan when sinners are sanctified through Jesus, "*the captain of their salvation.*" (Heb. 2:10-11)

The greatest good we get done as a human is glorifying God. God is glorified when we partake of Christ's flesh and blood and live free from the bondage of sin. (Heb. 2:14-15)

God purposed mighty accomplishments for humans, not a life of flaws. So what shall we say: "*I'm just human,*" or "*I'm human, by which I will capably get the job of glorifying God done?*"

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