



Part 1: He came to give, not take

Jesus had <u>all wisdom</u>, <u>all power</u> and <u>all</u>
<u>riches</u> but did not regard it as an advantage.
On God's word the Son joyfully gave it up to take on human form, a slave to the word of his father.

Christ emptied himself of his privilege and his position. Not his nature.

He had no self-interest!

Humiliation & Exaltation

Phil 2:8-11 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Rev 5:1-10

Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals.

- 2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?"
- 3 But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it.
- 4 I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside.

5 Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

6 Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

7 He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.

8 And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people.

9 And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

What is John, the angels, the 24 elders and the 4 creatures looking at?
What are we looking at?

Jesus(man&God) the mediator

What does the scroll represent and why does Jesus qualify to take the scroll

What is the implication for Jesus triumph for us



Heb 5:8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.

The Lion of the tribe of Judah (Gn. 49:9), has triumphed through his death and resurrection, and so he is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.

The redemption affected by the Christ was the means by which God's kingdom of salvation was established.



Our eternal liberation has been accomplished at the cost of the Redeemer's blood. The redeemed become a kingdom and priests to serve our God (Ex. 19:6). Their reign on the earth will be their 'service' - serving like Jesus did

Luk 17:21 There! for lo, the kingdom of God is within you.



Hebrews 12:1-3 And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

- 1. fixing our eyes
- 2. perfecter of faith + endured the cross
- 3. sat down at the right hand
- 4. not grow weary and lose heart



God is in control, His son who can do nothing out of his own will has the future in his hand

Nothing will happen to us that is outside the control of God.

God loves us deeply and desires an intimate relationship with his creation.

He is gracious and merciful, not giving us what we deserve. We can trust him

