

The Doctrine of Christ no 10
“Jesus could learn, God is Omniscient”

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This evening we will take a very short Message on point number 10 in our comparisons between the Father and Son, and that is this: Jesus the son of God could learn while God His Father is Omniscient which mean he is all knowing and therefore by definition can not learn because He already knows all things.

For our text we will read from **Hebrews 5:8** *Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things that he suffered.*

Let us continue reading for our text from the second chapter of Luke where we will see that Jesus could learn showing he was not omniscient.

Luke 2:40 *And the child grew, and increased in spirit, filled with wisdom:* (This word filled means to fill up, so if a vessel is said that it can be filled up, then what level did it have to begin with? In other words if it can be filled, it wasn't full to begin with.) *and the grace of God was upon him.* (Now grace is divine favor, especially the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; including gratitude) so in this verse we are told of the influence that God had upon His Son.

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. 43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. 44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. 45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him. 46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. 47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. 48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. 49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? 50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. 51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Now, let's stop here to look at this scene that we just read. William Branham vindicated prophet of God said in his sermon A paradox...

“Paradox 64-0206B P:104 Look here. She said, "Your father and I have sought You day and night with tears." She discredited her first testimony. She called Joseph His father. Now, look at this twelve-year-old Boy, not knowing what He said. He was just a boy, but He was the Word. See? He said, "Know ye not that I must be about My Father's business?" See

the Word correcting the error? See? She was giving testimony after He was raised up; it was all over now. See? "Your father and I have sought You," going exactly what... She said she had conceived this Child by the Holy Ghost, and then calling Joseph the father. And this little Boy, twelve-year-old Child, no wisdom at all, why, but just a twelve-year-old Boy... The Father didn't dwell in Him at that time, because He come on the day when He baptized Him; he saw the Spirit of God coming down (See?), and went in Him. But look, this little twelve-year-old Boy, being the Word; He was born the anointed One (See?), to be the anointed. And here He was. "Know ye not that I must be about My Father's business?" She said, "Your father and I have been looking for you." If Joseph was His father, he'd have been with Him on his business, making doors and houses. But He was in the temple straightening out those organizations. See? "Know ye not that I must be about My Father's business?" See how the Word of God corrected that error in that Child? Amen. God bless you."

Notice that he said this twelve year old child, no wisdom at all. So with his no wisdom at all he was able to ask questions and give answers that boggled the minds of the teachers, because let's face it, He was born to be the anointed One, and the Spirit of God (God-Life) was in him since birth, but the person of God Himself had not yet entered into him to indwell him at this time.

No we see this statement, *this little Boy, twelve-year-old Child, no wisdom at all, why, but just a twelve-year-old Boy... The Father didn't dwell in Him at that time, because He come on the day when He baptized Him; he saw the Spirit of God coming down (See?), and went in Him,*" shows us that the young Jesus did not at this time (at 12 years old) he did not yet possess the Wisdom that he would one day possess. That is why we can read in Luke chapter 2 that this child would grow in wisdom...

Luke 2:52 *And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.*

Now without any preconceived notions if we read what the Scripture here tells us, we must conclude that this child Jesus could go from one level of wisdom to a greater level of wisdom. He could grow from one stature to another stature. He could increase or grow in the Grace and Favor with God. So that tells us he is not the one that is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Therefore, we should be able to see from this that **Hebrews 13:8** *"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever"* is not the son of God, it is the God of the Son as we also see in **Malachi 3:6** *"For I am the Lord God, I change not."*

So the one who does not change, and therefore can not increase in wisdom, and can not increase in stature, and can not increase in favor with God, would have to be God Himself, or we are not reading this Scripture correctly. But I believe we are reading it just as it is written. We are not adding too it to say these things and we are not taking from it to say these things. We are saying exactly what the Scriptures teach us.

Now, we read three things in this verse that tells us of an ability that Jesus had in his ability to grow or increase.

So what are these three things that Jesus the son of God could grow or increase in?

- 1) Wisdom
- 2) Stature
- 3) Favor with God

So then what is wisdom? The Greek word for *wisdom* is *Sophia* and it literally means *wisdom*. So what does the word *wisdom* mean? **1. Understanding of what is true, right, or lasting; insight: 2. Common sense; good judgment:** therefore, “It is a characteristic of wisdom not to do desperate things” **3. Knowledge.**

So we see that Jesus grew or increased in wisdom, that means he grew or increased in *commonsense*, he grew in understanding, he grew in knowledge of what is true and what is right and what is lasting. Therefore Jesus was not omniscient, or all knowing because we are told that he grew in these things.

No. 2) stature. What is it? The Greek word translated as stature is “*helikia*” which means maturity. The English word Stature is defined **1. The natural height of a human being or an animal in an upright position. 2. An achieved level; status.** Therefore since the Greek definition is maturity this tells me that the Trinitarian mind that translated this verse could not cope with the thought that the son of God could grow in maturity since in their mind he is God. Thus they did not properly use the right word to translate this verse of scripture because when you think in terms of stature you would think of statue or the height and physical features, but that is not what the Greek word means at all. It means maturity.

Now, God could never be thought of as increasing in maturity for if you have a God that is not already fully mature then he would or could make some awfully wrong decisions because the word mature means having reached a desired or final condition. And God alone changes not, so this shows the humanity of the child Jesus who could grow in wisdom and level of maturity.

And No. 3) Favor with God shows he was not God, or the sentence would be totally written in an other way altogether. But to grow in Favor with God means he grew in *approval* with God, and the divine influence of God upon His heart is what Grew in him until he entered into such a state that all his thoughts were of God and he could do nothing, say nothing, except it be to please his Father.

John 14:31 *But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.*

John 8:29 *And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.*

Easter seal 65-0410 P:75 *Watch the action of those disciples: a-scared? They knew Jesus was the truth; but you see, it was against the popular idea, the popular religion of the hour. The most strictest religion--Pharisees, Sadducees, and so forth (their cults, clans and denominations) they were against that heresy; but Jesus was the identified Word, and Jesus is the Holy Ghost in Spirit. "A little while and the world seeth Me no more, you shall see Me," not the body, the Life that was in Him: God is upon the church to call sons like*

He did then, **obedient**; "I always do that which is pleasing to My Father. Which one of you can accuse Me of sin." In other words, sin is unbelief. "What has the Word said about Me that I haven't done? (There it is.) Show Me what the Word said that I'd do that I didn't do? Which one can accuse Me? Which one can lay your fingers on Me and say that I haven't fulfilled My Father's Word?" Oh, when the Pentecostal church gets to that spot, "Who can accuse Me of unbelief?"

And we know that the father was well pleased with Jesus because he said so.

Luke 3:22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

Mark 1:11 And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Matthew 17:5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

Matthew 12:18 Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.

Matthew 3:17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Colossians 1:19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

2 Peter 1:17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Law or grace 54-1006 P:44 When God looked down, He said, "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I'm well pleased." Said, "Your sacrifices become stink under My nose, but This is Who I'm well pleased." Now, He was well pleased. And to make us well pleased to God, He had to become crushed on Calvary, and the sin of this world had to squeeze out the life, out of Him. And He died, bearing the sins of the world, that we might be anointed with the Rose of Sharon. He was the Lily of the Valley. "He was wounded for our transgressions," a sweet-smelling Saviour. "By His stripes you were healed," the Lily of the Valley that give us the opium to ease our sicknesses and pain. What a marvelous picture.

Jehovah Jireh 61-0226 P:37 Don't look at yourself. Look at your Lamb. God don't accept you; He accepted the Lamb. And the Lamb took your place. O God, can't you see it? Not you, you're not worthy. I'm not worthy. There's none of us worthy. But, see, is He worthy? **God said so.** He accepted Him. He said, "This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased. This is My Son. Hear ye Him," on the day of the adoption, "This is Him."

Our hope is in God 51-0929 P:12 We think how He was born in this world, the Son of God. But at the age of thirty, God placed Him. Upon the banks of Jordan that day, when He was standing in the water, dripping from His locks, God vindicated that as His Son and said, "This is My Beloved Son; in Whom I am well pleased." Adoption, placing, placing into His Kingdom for the work that He was to finish. Let's bow our heads in prayer.