

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

## LUKE CHAPTER 3:19-38

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### "**GOD'S PATTERN FOR SUCCESS**"

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,  
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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#### **Luke 3:19-23**

*((But Herod the tetrarch, being rebuked by him concerning Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done, :20 also added this, above all, that he shut John up in prison.))*

**:21** When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. **:22** And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

**:23** Now Jesus Himself began *His ministry at* about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) *the son of Joseph, the son of Heli,*

#### **Background to The Text Before Us;**

**John, called of God to Introduce the Coming of Jesus Christ, Performed a Baptism of Repentance from Sin.**

## **GOD'S PATTERN FOR SUCCESS**

### **I.) *Identifying with the Things of Heaven*      **v.21a****

When all the people were baptized,  
it came to pass that **Jesus** also was baptized;

**When all the people were baptized (*those concerned with eternity*)**

#### **Matthew 5:6**

Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

it came to pass that **Jesus** also was baptized;

**But Why Should Jesus be Baptized?**

**Matthew 3:15-16**

But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit *it to be so* now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. :16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water;

***Identifying with the Things of Heaven  
Is to Identify with the Things of Earth***

"it's fitting (right) for us to fulfill all righteousness"  
to do the right thing independent of opinions  
(including and mostly mine)

Jesus' Baptism by John was a Baptism of  
Association/Identification - *with Us*

It was a Baptism of Emersion  
down into a water symbolic grave, rising again in newness of life

**Jesus, by His Actions would be Saying**  
**"I am Identifying with These People.**  
**I am as One Among Them"**

**John 1:12-13**

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: :13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

**Notice With Me Please;**

That Jesus Didn't Glow in the Dark

Rather, He Identified with Us, He's in Association with Us!

at the Jordan river, John didn't seem to recognize Jesus until Jesus came right up to  
John personally  
<< The Physical Commonality of Jesus Christ >>

**Isaiah 53:2**

**"he has no specific beauty or gracious form about him."**

# John the Baptist Identified Well with The Things of Heaven

**Matthew 3:14-16**

...but John *tried to prevent Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?”*

**John 1:6-8**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. :7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. :8 He was not that Light, but *was sent to bear witness of that Light.*

**John 1:16-18**

And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. :17 For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. :18 No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him.*

**John 1:29-30**

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! :30  
This is He of whom I said, “After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.’”

**John 1:34**

And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”

**John 3:30-31**

He must increase, but I *must* decrease. :31 He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.

**John 10:41**

Then many came to Christ and said, “John performed no miracles, but **all the things that John spoke about** this Man were true.”

## GOD'S PATTERN FOR SUCCESS

**II.) Connecting with the Power of Heaven**

**v.21b**

and **while** He prayed, the heaven **was opened.**

The Setting is Significant - Jesus Here Prayed Publicly

## The Word Here Greek, **proseu/comai**

Is in the Present Tense and It Is a Powerful Word Which Implies Passionate, Fervent Praying

This is Jesus Praying Openly, Freely, Publicly and Passionately as though no one else was around

### **Verse 21b**

heaven was **opened**...

### **When Jesus Prayed**

3 Things Happened

1-Heaven Opened Up, 2-The Holy Spirit Came Down, 3-The Father Spoke

#### **The Physical Atmosphere,**

**The Sky, In Concert and Correlation with His** Passionate Praying, The Sky Opened Up, The Greek Word Means to Draw Back The Sky like it was Pulled Back **Like a Curtain or a Veil.**

### Those Present Would Have Seen This Happen

#### **Matthew 27:50-51**

And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. :51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,

The Veil Entrance was Now made Public

- Do We Desire The Presence of the Holy Spirit?
  - The Affirmation of The Father?
  - And the Lord's Power for Ministry?

The Lesson Jesus Shows Us

is That These Things Come by Connecting to Heaven Through Prayer

#### **Matthew 6:9**

In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven,

### **What Happens When We Pray?**

When We Pray

we begin to look at the situation from heaven's perspective

When We Pray

we draw closer to the source of the answer

When We Pray

we begin to experience heaven around us

When We Pray  
we begin to be molded into what the Lord wants us to be

do you need heaven to open up for you?  
(for the most part, I really don't think that many professing  
Christians want to hear from heaven)

### **The Pursuit of God is Sorely Lacking in Today's Christianity**

Someone Whose Life is Right with God  
is someone who's hungering after God.

they are tenacious for God  
they are thirsting for God  
They can't get enough of God

Jack - That's a Fanatic! - That's Exactly Right

If We Were All Biblical Extremists  
our enemies would be loved, our nation would be blessed, our lives would be  
dynamic for God

If We Were All Biblical Extremists  
the divorce rate would drop in the church!

If We Were All Biblical Extremists  
prayer meetings would be packed  
(you can tell how popular a church is by how many come out on a Sunday. You can tell how popular Jesus is by how  
many people come out to a prayer meeting)

### **The Sad Thing Is;**

we can only conclude that everything is going perfect for you, there are no problems in your life, your marriage is  
awesome, your children are saved, your family loves God, your city is wise and our nation is safe

### ***Connecting with the Power of Heaven***

Whenever We Are About to Do the Right Thing,  
The Lord Will be Present in Person and in Power

**Matthew 28:18-20**

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. :19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, :20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

**Acts 1:8**

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

## What If God Desired to Hear from Us Today?

**The 10.0 Verse**

**Psalms 46:1-3**

God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. :2 So we will not fear, even if earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea. :3 Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

Gabriel, One "10.0" if You Please!

**Psalms 27:4-5**

One *thing* I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple. :5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.

Until we're Serious about God, I think the Lord will continue to be Outside of Our Nation, Our Families, Our Marriages, Our Churches - trying to get in

**Revelation 3:14,20**

"And to the church at Laodicea write... :20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

## GOD'S PATTERN FOR SUCCESS

### **III.) Obeying the Voice from Heaven**

**v.22**

:22 And the **Holy Spirit** descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a **voice came from heaven** which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

Again, Another Introduction into the Doctrine of The Trinity of God  
The Son is Mentioned Here, The Holy Spirit is Mentioned Here,  
and the Voice is Mentioned Here.

**John 1:1-2,14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. :2 He was in the beginning with God.

**John 1:14**

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

## Those Present Would Have heard This Happen

For Us - It's to Obey the Lord  
For the Lord - It's to Associate with Us

## The Trinity is Celebrating the Incarnation

*(heavens joy over God becoming a human being)*

### This All-Encompassing Verse

**1 Timothy 3:16**

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was  
(1) **Manifested** in the flesh, (2) **Justified** in the Spirit, (3) **Seen** by angels,  
(4) **Preached** among the Gentiles, (5) **Believed** on in the world, (6) **Received** up in glory.

**Hebrews 1:5**

For to which of the angels did He ever say: *“You are My Son, Today I have **begotten** (brought forth with honor) You”*? And again: *“I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son”*?

### It's the Meaning Behind John 3:16

**John 3:16**

For God so loved the world that He gave His only **begotten**  
(brought forth with honor) Son

**John 8:29**

And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.”

**Verse 22c**

“You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.”

### What was The Father "Pleased" About?

It's The Son-Ship of the Messiah Found Throughout the Scriptures

**A Messianic Psalm. 2:1-8,12**

Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? :2 The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, *saying*, :3 “Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us.” :4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision. :5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: :6 “Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion.” :7 “I will declare the decree: **The LORD has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.** :8 Ask of Me, and I will give *You* The nations *for* Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth *for* Your possession. :12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish *in* the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all those who put their trust in Him.

**Proverbs 30:4**

Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What *is* His name, and what *is* His Son’s name, If you know?

**Remember, Even Before Mary had Conceived...**

**Luke 1:35**

And the angel answered and said to her, “*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.*”

**Verse 22c**

in You I am **well pleased.**”

This "Well-Pleased"  
is a total satisfaction. a complete approval, an honoring of

**The Father Here "Praises" the Son**

**2 Corinthians 8:9**

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

**Philippians 2:5-10**

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: :6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, :7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. :8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross! :9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, :10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

# But What Exactly was The Father Pleased With?

1. The Willingness of Christ to Come to Earth
2. The Willingness of Christ to Become a Human Being, - Forever
3. The Willingness of Christ to Obey the Father in All Things as a Human
4. The Willingness of Christ to Suffer
5. The Willingness of Christ to Humble Himself
6. The Willingness of Christ to be Misunderstood
7. The Willingness of Christ to be Rejected
8. The Willingness of Christ to be Put to Death
9. The Willingness of Christ to Trust God the Father for All Things

## John 8:29

And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.”

## Matthew 12:47-50

Then one said to Him, “Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You.”  
:48 But He answered and said to the one who told Him, “Who is My mother and who are My brothers?” :49  
And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, “Here are My mother and My brothers! :50 For  
whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.”

## John 4:34-35

Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. :35 Do you  
not say, “There are still four months and *then* comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your  
eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!

## The Absolute Importance of Seeking the Lord

### GOD'S PATTERN FOR SUCCESS

#### **IV.) Recognizing the Plan of Heaven**

**v.23**

Now Jesus Himself began *His ministry* at about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) *the* son  
of Joseph, *the* son of Heli,

## Luke 3:24-38

*the* son of Matthat, *the* son of Levi, *the* son of Melchi, *the* son of Janna, *the* son of Joseph, :25 *the*  
*son* of Mattathiah, *the* son of Amos, *the* son of Nahum, *the* son of Esli, *the* son of Naggai, :26 *the* son  
of Maath, *the* son of Mattathiah, *the* son of Semei, *the* son of Joseph, *the* son of Judah, :27 *the* son  
of Joannas, *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 Elmodam, *the* son of Er, :29 *the* son of  
Jose, *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 Jonan, *the* son of Eliakim, :31 *the* son of Melea, *the*  
*son* of Menan, *the* son of Mattathah, *the* son of Nathan, *the* son of David, :32 *the* son of Jesse, *the*  
*son* of Obed, *the* son of Boaz, *the* son of Salmon, *the* son of Nahshon, :33 *the* son of Amminadab,

*the son of Ram, 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 Mahalalel, the son of Cainan, :38 the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, **the son of Adam, the son of God.***

## Just for the Record,

Then, Now & During the Tribulation  
Israel's Ancient Genealogical Records Have All Been Destroyed.  
The Roman 5th Legion Burned the Final Records in 70 a.d.

## The New Testament is What has Been Preserved

not so much for us today, but for those who will enter into  
the period of the Great Tribulation.

The Time When God Focuses Again upon The Nation of Israel

A Careful Examination of New Testament Genealogies  
reveal an awesome and detailed path that leads Straight to Jesus Christ.

Matthew's Gospel Links  
Jesus to His Legal (kingly) Line to the Throne of David

Luke's Gospel Links  
Jesus to His Biological (blood) Line to the Throne of David

### Verse 23

*the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, **the son of Adam, the son of God.***

## We're Peering into the Future Here

of those with Jewish backgrounds who will begin to seek the Lord

***the son of Adam, the son of God.***

### Romans 5:17-19

For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)  
:18 Therefore, as through one man's offense *judgment* came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act *the free gift came* to all men, resulting in justification of life.  
:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

**2 Corinthians 5:14-15**

For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; :15 and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

**1 Corinthians 15:22**

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

***end***