Resurrection for Limping Christians

*For that which He has not assumed[[1]](#footnote-1) He has not healed; but that which is united to His Godhead is also saved. If only half Adam fell, then that which Christ assumes and saves may be half also; but if the whole of his nature fell, it must be united to the whole nature of Him that was begotten, and so be saved as a whole* (Gregory of Nazianzus [died AD 389]).

**Since Jesus took on our whole human nature, His resurrection will raise us—finally made whole—unto God.**

**1. The risen Jesus gives us *life***

Romans 8:9-18. He gives—

A. *Eternal life* to our spirits

B. *Resurrection life* to our bodies

**2. The risen Jesus heals our *limps***

(Revelation 5:6); Isaiah 53. He bears—

A. Our *sins* to make us *holy*

B. Our *sorrows* to give us *joy*

C. Our *suffering* to share His *glory*

**Application** John 17:22-24. When you are limping along through life dwell much on the destiny to which Christ will raise you—

*Union with the Triune God*

**For Personal Reflection or Family Discussion**

1. What was the most important or helpful thing you heard in the sermon?

2. What questions did the sermon raise in your mind?

What was the most convicting part of the message?

3. The present high-priestly ministry of the risen Christ is based on the fact that He assumed (took on Himself) our whole human nature. How does His humanity help Him to deal with the things that cause you to limp along through life?

Hebrews 2:14-18

Hebrews 4:14-5:10

Hebrews 7:24-25

Hebrews 9:11-14

Hebrews 10:19-22

4. If you are limping now, you will be leaping in glory (Isaiah 35:3-6). How can you use this wonderful promise to find help and encouragement now?

*Having become with us the Son of Man, He has made us with Himself sons of God. By his own descent to the earth He has prepared our ascent to heaven.*

*Who could do this unless the Son of God should also become the Son of man, and so receive what is ours as to transfer to us what is His, making that which is His by nature to become ours by grace* (John Calvin [died 1564]).

1. Assumed = taken on to Himself. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)