


ADVENT – Why Jesus Came II



We've all said or heard these words. They seem to be an expression of deep humility and self-deprecation. In truth, however, the statement is an assertion that imperfection is a central ingredient of human-ness. This equivalence discredits the entire work of the Father.

Only **two human beings** have walked the earth: the **First Adam** (Genesis 2:20) and the **Second Adam**. (1 Corinthians 15:45) The Father created "*humans*" according to a specific design: "***God created humans in his own image. He created them to be like himself.***" (Genesis 1:27)

Sadly, the Creator's blueprint was slashed, eventuating in  the disfigurement of humankind. It was like **spiritual Alzheimer's**, the image of God disappeared; but the loss was instantaneous. By way of rebellion and disobedience the first

Adam forfeited his human state. Adam and his descendants have become **SUB-HUMAN**.

Of course, the Father of Lies (John 8:44) was and is a major actor in this catastrophe. " His primary strategy is deception. ... ***"I'm not perfect, I'm only human."***

"I am ... the Truth..." (John 14:6) Jesus came not only to display and demonstrate the character of God; he also came to display and demonstrate the design of the Creator; that is, **an authentic human being**. At Jesus' trial Pilate uttered words these words: *"Behold the man!"* (John 19:5) Pilate was clueless about the deep meaning of his words. *"Here's an authentic human"*

What's required to experience life as an authentic human? Richard Rohr writes: *"Surrender is not 'giving up', as we tend to think, nearly as much as it is a 'giving to'.* AA's third step captures the essence of surrender: *"Made a decision to turn our will and lives over to the care of God..."* *"You have begun life as the new man, who is out to learn what he ought to be, according to the plan of God."* (Colossians 3:8)

"I'm not perfect, I'm only human." Imperfection is completely antithetical to human-ness! **Jesus is proof positive!**