

Jesus Is Demonstrated to Be the Son of God in Two Ways: By the Power of the Holy Spirit in the Prototype Divine Dynasphere & the Resurrection, Rom 1:4

Romans 1:4 - Who [Jesus Christ] was demonstrated [ὁρίζω, *horizō*] the Son of God by means of power belonging to the Holy Spirit, by means of the resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 21) The word “demonstrated” (“declared” in all major English translations) is the aorist passive participle of the verb:
- ὁρίζω, *horizō*** - “to define, determine, explain, to set forth distinctively”
- aorist: Constativ: contemplates the action in its entirety and gathers it into a single whole. The constative aorist indicates nothing relative to duration. The duration is therefore determined by the context and in this case it refers back to eternity past when the Incarnation of Messiah was placed in the divine decrees.
- passive: Christ received the action of having the First Advent assigned to Him in eternity past.
- participle: Circumstantial.
- 22) This looks retrospectively back to eternity past when it was decreed by God that Jesus of Nazareth would be the “Son of God” and brings it into time as a thing accomplished by means of a demonstration.
- 23) Jesus was “demonstrated” to be the Son of God by means of the “resurrection from the dead,” which comes up later in the verse.
- 24) It is by means of the power of the Holy Spirit that this was accomplished, the instrumental of means from the prepositional phrase, **ἐν δύναμις, *en dunamis***: “by means of omnipotence according to the Holy Spirit.”
- 25) What we have here is a proclamation that in the Incarnation Jesus Christ was sustained by the indwelling and filling ministries of the Holy Spirit and it was through the Spirit’s power that the Lord in His true humanity was able to arrive at the cross impeccable.
- 26) Therefore, we are able to conclude that the prototype spiritual life that was utilized by our Lord during His earthly ministry was a demonstration of the system’s capability to maintain status quo perfection and also, by application, that Jesus of Nazareth was the Son of God.
- 27) It is also by the power of the Holy Spirit that Jesus Christ was demonstrated the Son of God by means of the resurrection, the ablative of means from **ἐξ ἀνάστασις, *ex anastasis***, “by means of resurrection from the dead.”
- 28) These are said to be a “demonstration”: *horazō* does mean to “appoint, declare, endorse, or decree,” but the participle indicates that what is going on here is a demonstration of what was decreed in eternity past.
- 29) It was the effectiveness of the prototype divine dynasphere, utilized by Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit, that demonstrated Him to be Messiah, a fact further demonstrated by His resurrection from the dead, also by means of the power of the Holy Spirit.
- 30) Therefore, from this use of *horazō* we develop the concept of an experiment. “Demonstrate” and “experiment” are defined as follows by:

Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary, 11th ed., s.v.:

Demonstrate. To show clearly; to prove or make clear by reasoning or evidence; to illustrate and explain especially with many examples; to show or prove the value or efficiency of.

- 31) This obviously speaks of a process that leads to a revelation that results in a conclusion, in other words, an experiment:

Experiment. An operation or procedure carried out under controlled conditions in order to discover an unknown [from the standpoint of the human race] or to illustrate a known [from the standpoint of the divine decree].

- 32) Paul makes reference to the transfer of the divine power experiment from the dispensation of the Incarnation to the dispensation of the Church in:

Ephesians 1:16 - I do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers:

v. 18 - that since the eyes of your *kardia* have become enlightened so that you may have permanent knowledge of ...

v. 19 - what is the surpassing greatness of His power [δύναμις, *dunamis*: divine omnipotence that is able to execute whatsoever He desires] to us, the believing ones [the imputation of the operational divine dynasphere], according to the operational power [ἐνέργεια, *energeia*: of the Holy Spirit that energizes the divine dynasphere] of the ruling power [κράτος, *kratos*: the authority of biblical truth] of His inner power [ἰσχύς, *ischus*: doctrine resident in the soul],

v. 20 - which [[ἐνέργεια, *energeia*: the power of the Holy Spirit] He [the Holy Spirit] put into operation in Christ when He [the Holy Spirit] raised Him [Christ] from the dead and seated Him [Christ] at His [the Father's] right hand in the heavenly places.

- 33) This means that the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead is available to every Church Age believer inside the divine power system.
- 34) The Church Age believer—from Pentecost to the Rapture—has the greatest power available in all human history for learning doctrine and serving God.
- 35) The spiritual life of the Old Testament involved calling upon faith-rest. This is a technique that was used by believing Gentiles and Jews to achieve soul tranquility. It involved, then as now, claiming promises and mixing them with personal faith in God's faithfulness to fulfill them. It is reliance upon the veracity and immutability of God so that His invisible Word is more real than the visible reality one must face.