

Acts 13:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

Analysis

God hath fulfilled (ἐκπεπλήρωκεν) uses the perfect tense—God's fulfillment stands complete and permanent. The promise made to 'the fathers' now reaches 'their children' (ἡμῖν τοῖς τέκνοις αὐτῶν), demonstrating covenant continuity across generations.

Paul quotes **Psalm 2:7—Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee** (Υἱός μου εἶ σύ, ἐγὼ σήμερον γεγέννηκά σε). The phrase 'this day' (σήμερον) points to resurrection as the moment of Christ's public declaration as Son (Romans 1:4). The verb **begotten** (γεγέννηκά) doesn't mean Jesus became God's Son at resurrection—He is eternally Son—but that resurrection was His coronation, the public vindication of His Sonship.

This is apostolic hermeneutics: Old Testament psalms about Israel's king find ultimate fulfillment in Jesus. What David's sons shadowed imperfectly, Christ fulfills perfectly. Psalm 2's enthronement psalm becomes resurrection declaration—the crucified Jesus is God's anointed King.

Historical Context

Psalm 2 was used in Davidic coronations, celebrating the king as God's 'son.' But no Davidic king conquered death or ruled eternally. Paul, like other NT writers (Hebrews 1:5, 5:5), applies this psalm to Jesus' resurrection-exaltation, showing

how Christ alone fulfills royal psalms completely. First-century Jews debated Psalm 2's fulfillment; Paul declares it fulfilled in the risen Jesus.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does understanding Psalm 2 as a resurrection text change your reading of the Old Testament?
2. What does Jesus' resurrection-coronation as 'Son' teach about His authority over your life today?

Interlinear Text

ὅτι	ταύτην	ὁ	θεὸς	ἐκπεπλήρωκεν	τοῖς	τέκνοις	αὐτῶν	
G3754	G3778	G3588	God	hath fulfilled	G3588	children	their	
		G2316		G1603		G5043	G846	
ἡμῖν	ἀναστήσας	Ἰησοῦν	ὥς	καὶ	ἐν	τῷ	ψαλμῷ	τῷ
unto us	again	Jesus	as	also	in	G3588	psalm	G3588
G2254	G450	G2424	G5613	G2532	G1722		G5568	
δευτέρῳ	γέγραπται	Υἱός	μου	εἶ	σύ	ἐγὼ	σήμερον	
the second	it is	Son	my	art	Thou	have I	this day	
G1208	G1125	G5207	G3450	G1488	G4771	G1473	G4594	
γεγέννηκά	σε							
begotten	thee							
G1080	G4571							

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 2:7 (Parallel theme): I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

Hebrews 5:5 (Parallel theme): So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.

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