

Message Two

Christ as the Son of Man, the Second Man, and the Last Adam Fulfilling God's Intention in Creating Man

Hymns:

Scripture Reading: Gen. 1:26; Matt. 16:13; 26:64; 24:30; 1 Cor. 15:45, 47; Luke 1:35

- Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.
- Matt 16:13 Now when Jesus came into the parts of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, Who do men say that the Son of Man is?
- Matt 26:64 Jesus said to him, You have said rightly. Nevertheless I say to you, From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.
- Matt 24:30 And at that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the land will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.
- 1 Cor 15:45 So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul"; the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.
- 1 Cor 15:47 The first man is out of the earth, earthy; the second man is out of heaven.
- Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore also the holy thing which is born will be called the Son of God.

Outline

I. Christ is the Son of Man, the second man, and the last Adam:

A. Christ is the Son of Man—Dan. 7:13; Matt. 16:13; John 1:51:

- Dan 7:13 I watched in the night visions, / And there with the clouds of heaven / One like a Son of Man was coming; / And He came to the Ancient of Days, / And they brought Him near before Him.
- Matt 16:13 Now when Jesus came into the parts of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, Who do men say that the Son of Man is?
- John 1:51 And He said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, You shall see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.

1. Without man, God's purpose cannot be carried out on earth; in order to accomplish God's purpose, it was necessary for Christ to be a man.

2. In His incarnation Christ is the Son of Man—Matt. 16:13:

- Matt 16:13 Now when Jesus came into the parts of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, Who do men say that the Son of Man is?

a. Because the Lord Jesus was conceived of the Holy Spirit, He is the Son of God—1:18, 20; Luke 1:35.

Matt 1:18 Now the origin of Jesus Christ was in this way: His mother, Mary, after she had been engaged to Joseph, before they came together, was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit.

Matt 1:20 But while he pondered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife, for that which has been begotten in her is of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore also the holy thing which is born will be called the Son of God.

b. Because He was also conceived in and born of the human virgin, He is the Son of Man—Matt. 1:23.

Matt 1:23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel" (which is translated, God with us).

c. On the divine side, He is the Son of God; on the human side, He is the Son of Man.

3. The Lord Jesus is the Son of Man in the heavens at the right hand of God since His resurrection (Acts 7:56), and He will be the Son of Man in His coming back on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory (Matt. 26:64; 24:30).

Acts 7:56 And he said, Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.

Matt 26:64 Jesus said to him, You have said rightly. Nevertheless I say to you, From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

Matt 24:30 And at that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the land will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

B. In His incarnation Christ is the second man—1 Cor. 15:47:

1 Cor 15:47 The first man is out of the earth, earthy; the second man is out of heaven.

1. In the entire universe there are only two men: the first man Adam and the second man Christ.

2. Out of heaven in verse 47 denotes both the divine origin and the heavenly nature of the second man, Christ.

1 Cor 15:47 The first man is out of the earth, earthy; the second man is out of heaven.

3. As the first man, Adam is the head of the old creation, representing it in creation; as the second man, Christ is the Head of the new creation, representing it in resurrection—v. 47:

1 Cor 15:47 The first man is out of the earth, earthy; the second man is out of heaven.

a. We believers were included in the first man by birth and became part of the second man by regeneration—Gen. 1:26; John 3:3, 5-6.

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

b. In regard to our being part of the first man, our origin is the earth and our nature is earthy; in regard to our being part of the second man, our origin is God and our nature is heavenly—1 Cor. 15:47.

1 Cor 15:47 The first man is out of the earth, earthy; the second man is out of heaven.

C. Christ is the last Adam—v. 45b:

1 Cor 15:45 So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul"; the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

1. First Corinthians 15:45 implies two creations: the old creation with man as a living soul to be its center, and the new creation in resurrection with the life-giving Spirit as its center.

1 Cor 15:45 So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul"; the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

2. Christ's being the last Adam implies a termination and conclusion of the old creation—v. 45b; 2 Cor. 5:17:

1 Cor 15:45 So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul"; the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

2 Cor 5:17 So then if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away; behold, they have become new.

a. The old creation ends with a man, the last Adam.

b. This man who terminated the old creation became in resurrection a life-giving Spirit—1 Cor. 15:45b.

1 Cor 15:45 So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul"; the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

3. Through incarnation Christ became the last Adam to die on the cross for the termination of the old creation, and through resurrection He as the last Adam became the life-giving Spirit to germinate the new creation—Gal. 6:15.

Gal 6:15 For neither is circumcision anything nor uncircumcision, but a new creation is what matters.

II. Christ's incarnation and God-man living fulfilled God's intention in His creation of man—Gen. 1:26-27; John 1:1, 14; Luke 1:31-32, 35; 2:40, 52:

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

Gen 1:27 And God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

Luke 1:31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus.

Luke 1:32 He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of David His father,

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the

power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore also the holy thing which is born will be called the Son of God.

Luke 2:40 And the little child grew and became strong, being filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon Him.

Luke 2:52 And Jesus advanced in wisdom and stature and in the grace manifested in Him before God and men.

A. The incarnation of Christ is closely related to God's purpose in the creation of man in His image and according to His likeness—that man would receive Him as life and express Him in His divine attributes—Gen. 1:26; 2:9; Acts 3:14a; Eph. 4:24.

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

Gen 2:9 And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Acts 3:14 But you denied the holy and righteous One and asked that a man who was a murderer be granted to you;

Eph 4:24 And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

B. The Man-Savior was born of the human essence with the human virtues in order to uplift these virtues to such a standard that they can match God's attributes for His expression—Luke 1:35:

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore also the holy thing which is born will be called the Son of God.

1. As the One who was conceived of the divine essence with the divine attributes to be the content and reality of His human virtues, Christ fills the empty human virtues—Matt. 1:18, 20.

Matt 1:18 Now the origin of Jesus Christ was in this way: His mother, Mary, after she had been engaged to Joseph, before they came together, was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit.

Matt 1:20 But while he pondered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife, for that which has been begotten in her is of the Holy Spirit.

2. The divine attributes fill, strengthen, enrich, and sanctify the human virtues for the purpose of expressing God in the human virtues.

C. Through His incarnation Christ brought the infinite God into the finite man—Luke 1:35; John 1:1, 14; Col. 2:9.

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John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

Col 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,

D. Christ is both the complete God and the perfect man, possessing the divine nature and the

human nature distinctly—Lev. 2:4-5.

Lev 2:4 And when you present an offering of a meal offering baked in the oven, it shall be of fine flour, unleavened cakes mingled with oil or unleavened wafers anointed with oil.

Lev 2:5 And if your offering is a meal offering baked on a flat plate, it shall be of fine flour mingled with oil, unleavened.

E. Christ is the God-man, a person who is the mingling of divinity with humanity—Luke 1:35; Phil. 2:5-8:

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore also the holy thing which is born will be called the Son of God.

Phil 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus,

Phil 2:6 Who, existing in the form of God, did not consider being equal with God a treasure to be grasped,

Phil 2:7 But emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming in the likeness of men;

Phil 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient even unto death, and that the death of a cross.

1. In Him we see all the divine attributes and all the human virtues:

a. Because the Lord Jesus was conceived of the Holy Spirit with the divine essence, He possesses the divine nature with the divine attributes—Matt. 1:18, 20.

Matt 1:18 Now the origin of Jesus Christ was in this way: His mother, Mary, after she had been engaged to Joseph, before they came together, was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit.

Matt 1:20 But while he pondered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife, for that which has been begotten in her is of the Holy Spirit.

b. Because the Lord Jesus was born of the human virgin with the human essence, He possesses the human nature with the human virtues—Luke 1:26-35.

Luke 1:26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,

Luke 1:27 To a virgin engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

Luke 1:28 And he came to her and said, Rejoice, you who have been graced! The Lord is with you.

Luke 1:29 And she was greatly troubled at this saying and began reasoning what kind of greeting this might be.

Luke 1:30 And the angel said to her, Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found grace with God.

Luke 1:31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus.

Luke 1:32 He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of David His father,

Luke 1:33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.

Luke 1:34 But Mary said to the angel, How will this be, since I have not known a man?

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore also the holy thing which is born will be called the Son of God.

2. Christ's human living was the living of a man who lived God to express the divine

attributes in the human virtues—7:11-17; 10:25-37; 19:1-10.

- Luke 7:11 And soon afterward He went into a city called Nain, and His disciples went with Him, as well as a large crowd.
- Luke 7:12 And as He came near the gate of the city, behold, one who had died was being carried out, an only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a considerable crowd from the city was with her.
- Luke 7:13 And when the Lord saw her, He was moved with compassion for her and said to her, Do not weep.
- Luke 7:14 And He came near and touched the bier, and those carrying it stood still. And He said, Young man, to you I say, Arise.
- Luke 7:15 And the dead man sat up and began to speak. And He gave him to his mother.
- Luke 7:16 And fear took hold of all, and they glorified God, saying, A great prophet has been raised up among us, and, God has visited His people!
- Luke 7:17 And this report concerning Him went out in the whole of Judea and in all the surrounding region.
- Luke 10:25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?
- Luke 10:26 And He said to him, What is written in the law? How do you read it?
- Luke 10:27 And he answered and said, "You shall love the Lord your God from your whole heart and with your whole soul and with your whole strength and with your whole mind, and your neighbor as yourself."
- Luke 10:28 And He said to him, You have answered correctly; do this, and you shall have life.
- Luke 10:29 But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, And who is my neighbor?
- Luke 10:30 Jesus, taking up the question, said, A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who having both stripped him and beat him, went away, leaving him half dead.
- Luke 10:31 And by coincidence a certain priest was going down on that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.
- Luke 10:32 And likewise also a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the opposite side.
- Luke 10:33 But a certain Samaritan, who was journeying, came upon him; and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion;
- Luke 10:34 And he came to him and bound up his wounds and poured oil and wine on them. And placing him on his own beast, he brought him to an inn and took care of him.
- Luke 10:35 And on the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, Take care of him; and whatever you spend in addition to this, when I return, I will repay you.
- Luke 10:36 Which of these three, does it seem to you, has become a neighbor to him who fell into the hands of the robbers?
- Luke 10:37 And he said, The one who showed mercy to him. And Jesus said to him, Go, and you do likewise.
- Luke 19:1 And He entered and was passing through Jericho.
- Luke 19:2 And behold, there was a man whose name was called Zaccheus; and he was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.
- Luke 19:3 And he was seeking to see Jesus, who He was, and could not because of the crowd, for he was small in stature.
- Luke 19:4 And he ran on ahead and climbed up in a sycamore tree in order to see Him, for He was about to pass through that way.
- Luke 19:5 And as He came to the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay in your house.
- Luke 19:6 And he hurried and came down, and received Him, rejoicing.

- Luke 19:7 And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, He has gone in to lodge with a sinful man.
- Luke 19:8 And Zaccheus stood and said to the Lord, Behold, the half of my possessions, Lord, I give to the poor, and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore four times as much.
- Luke 19:9 And Jesus said to him, Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham.
- Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which is lost.

F. Christ expressed in His humanity the bountiful God in His rich attributes through His aromatic virtues—7:36-50; Heb. 2:17:

- Luke 7:36 Now a certain one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He entered into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table.
- Luke 7:37 And behold, there was a woman in the city who was a sinner, and when she learned that He was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster flask of ointment.
- Luke 7:38 And she stood behind Him at His feet weeping and began to wet His feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head, and she kissed His feet affectionately and anointed them with the ointment.
- Luke 7:39 But when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said within himself, This man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching Him, because she is a sinner.
- Luke 7:40 And Jesus answered and said to him, Simon, I have something to say to you. And he said, Teacher, say it.
- Luke 7:41 A certain moneylender had two debtors: one owed five hundred denarii and the other fifty.
- Luke 7:42 But since they had nothing with which to repay, he graciously forgave them both. Which of them therefore will love him more?
- Luke 7:43 Simon answered and said, I suppose the one whom he graciously forgave the more. And He said to him, You have judged correctly.
- Luke 7:44 And turning to the woman, He said to Simon, Do you see this woman? I entered into your house; you did not give Me water for My feet, but she, with her tears, has wet My feet and with her hair has wiped them.
- Luke 7:45 You did not give Me a kiss, but she, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing My feet affectionately.
- Luke 7:46 You did not anoint My head with oil, but she has anointed My feet with ointment.
- Luke 7:47 For this reason I say to you, Her sins which are many are forgiven, because she loved much; but to whom little is forgiven, he loves little.
- Luke 7:48 And He said to her, Your sins are forgiven.
- Luke 7:49 And those who were reclining at table with Him began to say within themselves, Who is this who even forgives sins?
- Luke 7:50 But He said to the woman, Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.
- Heb 2:17 Hence He should have been made like His brothers in all things that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in the things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

1. Christ expressed the divine attributes of love, light, holiness, and righteousness—Eph. 3:19; John 8:12; Acts 3:14a.

- Eph 3:19 And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.
- John 8:12 Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall by no means walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.
- Acts 3:14 But you denied the holy and righteous One and asked that a man who was a murderer be granted to you;

2. Christ's aromatic virtues include His mercy, compassion, meekness, forbearance, lowliness, obedience, faithfulness, and truthfulness—Heb. 2:17; Matt. 9:36; 11:29; 2 Cor. 10:1; Phil. 2:8; Rom. 5:19; 2 Cor. 11:10.

Heb 2:17 Hence He should have been made like His brothers in all things that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in the things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

Matt 9:36 And seeing the crowds, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were harassed and cast away like sheep not having a shepherd.

Matt 11:29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

2 Cor 10:1 But I myself, Paul, entreat you through the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who (as you say) in person am base among you, but while absent am bold toward you,

Phil 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient even unto death, and that the death of a cross.

Rom 5:19 For just as through the disobedience of one man the many were constituted sinners, so also through the obedience of the One the many will be constituted righteous.

2 Cor 11:10 The truthfulness of Christ is in me, that this boasting shall not be stopped as it regards me in the regions of Achaia.

G. As the first God-man, Christ lived as a man, but He did not live by man's life to express man in man's virtues—John 5:19:

John 5:19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, The Son can do nothing from Himself except what He sees the Father doing, for whatever that One does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

1. He did not live by His own mind, will, and emotion; rather, He had a genuine human living by God's mind, will, and emotion.

2. In His God-man living, the Lord's mind, will, and emotion were organs containing God's life and God's mind, will, and emotion.

H. In His God-man living, the Lord Jesus never did anything out of Himself (v. 19), did not do His own work (4:34; 17:4), did not speak His own word (14:10, 24), did everything not by His own will (5:30), and did not seek His own glory (7:18).

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John 4:34 Jesus said to them, My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work.

John 17:4 I have glorified You on earth, finishing the work which You have given Me to do.

John 14:10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak from Myself, but the Father who abides in Me does His works.

John 14:24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.

John 5:30 I can do nothing from Myself; as I hear, I judge, and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.

John 7:18 He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of Him who sent Him, this One is true, and unrighteousness is not in Him.

I. In His living, the Lord Jesus achieved the greatest thing in the universe—He expressed God in His humanity—Heb. 1:3; John 14:9-10.

- Heb 1:3 Who, being the effulgence of His glory and the impress of His substance and upholding and bearing all things by the word of His power, having made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;
- John 14:9 Jesus said to him, Have I been so long a time with you, and you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how is it that you say, Show us the Father?
- John 14:10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak from Myself, but the Father who abides in Me does His works.

III. Christ's God-man living constituted Him to be a prototype so that He may now be reproduced in us and live again in us—Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:20-21a:

- Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
- Phil 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.
- Phil 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

A. The Gospel of Luke records the history of the God-man living of the first God-man; now this history needs to be written into our being—2 Cor. 3:3.

- 2 Cor 3:3 Since you are being manifested that you are a letter of Christ ministered by us, inscribed not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tablets of stone but in tablets of hearts of flesh.

B. When the Lord Jesus saves us, He comes into us as the One with the human virtues filled with the divine attributes—Luke 2:10-11, 25-32; 19:9-10:

- Luke 2:10 And the angel said to them, Do not be afraid; for behold, I announce to you good news of great joy, which will be for all the people,
- Luke 2:11 Because today a Savior has been born to you in David's city, who is Christ the Lord.
- Luke 2:25 And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. And this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.
- Luke 2:26 And it had been divinely communicated to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.
- Luke 2:27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the little child Jesus for them to do according to the custom of the law concerning Him,
- Luke 2:28 He received Him into his arms and blessed God and said,
- Luke 2:29 Now You release Your slave, Master, according to Your word, in peace;
- Luke 2:30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation,
- Luke 2:31 Which You have prepared before the face of all the peoples,
- Luke 2:32 A light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel.
- Luke 19:9 And Jesus said to him, Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham.
- Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which is lost.

1. As the life-giving Spirit, He enters into us to bring God into our being and to fill our virtues with God's attributes—1 Cor. 15:45b; 6:17.

- 1 Cor 15:45 So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul"; the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.
- 1 Cor 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

2. Such a life saves us from within and uplifts our human virtues, sanctifying and transforming us—Rom. 5:10; 12:2.

Rom 5:10 For if we, being enemies, were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled,

Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

C. The Christ who lives in us is still the One who possesses the human virtues strengthened and enriched by the divine attributes—Gal. 2:20:

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

1. The Christ who is being dispensed into us is a composition of the divine nature with its divine attributes and the human nature with its human virtues—4:19.

Gal 4:19 My children, with whom I travail again in birth until Christ is formed in you,

2. Christ is now seeking to live in the believers the kind of life that He lived on earth; within us He is still living a life that is a composition of the divine attributes and the human virtues—John 14:19b; 2 Cor. 10:1; 11:10.

John 14:19 Yet a little while and the world beholds Me no longer, but you behold Me; because I live, you also shall live.

2 Cor 10:1 But I myself, Paul, entreat you through the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who (as you say) in person am base among you, but while absent am bold toward you,

2 Cor 11:10 The truthfulness of Christ is in me, that this boasting shall not be stopped as it regards me in the regions of Achaia.

D. If we would become a reproduction of the first God-man and live Christ as the God-man, we must be reborn of the pneumatic Christ in our spirit and be transformed by the pneumatic Christ in our soul—John 3:3, 6; 2 Cor. 3:18.

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

2 Cor 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

E. When we love the Lord, pursue Him, and fellowship with Him, we spontaneously live in a condition that is beyond human description:

1. We live not according to the environment but according to the Lord's moving and leading within us—Phil. 2:12-13; 4:11-13.

Phil 2:12 So then, my beloved, even as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only but now much rather in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

Phil 2:13 For it is God who operates in you both the willing and the working for His good pleasure.

Phil 4:11 Not that I speak according to lack, for I have learned, in whatever circumstances I am, to be content.

Phil 4:12 I know also how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in everything and in all things I have learned the secret both to be filled and to hunger, both to abound and to lack.

Phil 4:13 I am able to do all things in Him who empowers me.

2. When we open ourselves to the Lord, love Him, and desire to be joined to Him as one, we are filled and possessed by Him and live out the glory of divinity and the virtues of humanity—1 Cor. 2:9; 6:17; Phil. 4:4-9.

1 Cor 2:9 But as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard and which have not come up in man's heart; things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

1 Cor 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

Phil 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

Phil 4:5 Let your forbearance be known to all men. The Lord is near.

Phil 4:6 In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

Phil 4:7 And the peace of God, which surpasses every man's understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.

Phil 4:8 Finally, brothers, what things are true, what things are dignified, what things are righteous, what things are pure, what things are lovely, what things are well spoken of, if there is any virtue and if any praise, take account of these things.

Phil 4:9 The things which you have also learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things; and the God of peace will be with you.