

## Message Five

### God's Intention with Job— a Good Man Becoming a God-man

MC Hymns: 403, 398

Scripture Reading: Job 1:1, 8; 2:3, 9; 27:5; 31:6; 42:5-6;

John 1:14; Rom. 1:3-4; 8:29

Job 1:1	There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and this man was perfect and upright, and he feared God and turned away from evil.
Job 1:8	And Jehovah said to Satan, Have you considered My servant Job? For there is none like him on the earth, a perfect and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil.
Job 2:3	And Jehovah said to Satan, Have you considered My servant Job? For there is none like him on the earth, a perfect and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil. And he still holds fast his integrity, though you have moved Me against him to destroy him without cause.
Job 2:9	Then his wife said to him, Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die.
Job 27:5	Far be it from me to declare you righteous! / Until I die, I will not put away my integrity from me.
Job 31:6	Let Him weigh me in a righteous balance, / And let God know my integrity -
Job 42:5	I had heard of You by the hearing of the ear, / But now my eye has seen You;
Job 42:6	Therefore I abhor myself, and I repent / In dust and ashes.
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.
Rom 1:3	Concerning His Son, who came out of the seed of David according to the flesh,
Rom 1:4	Who was designated the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness out of the resurrection of the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord;
Rom 8:29	Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;

#### I. Job was a good man, expressing himself in his perfection, uprightness, and integrity—Job 27:5; 31:6; 32:1:

- Job 27:5 Far be it from me to declare you righteous! / Until I die, I will not put away my integrity from me.
- Job 31:6 Let Him weigh me in a righteous balance, / And let God know my integrity -
- Job 32:1 Then these three men ceased answering Job, for he was righteous in his own eyes.
- A. Being perfect is related to the inner man, and being upright is related to the outer man—1:1.
- Job 1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and this man was perfect and upright, and he feared God and turned away from evil.
- B. Job was a man of integrity; integrity is the totality of being perfect and upright—2:3, 9; 27:5; 31:6:
- Job 2:3 And Jehovah said to Satan, Have you considered My servant Job? For there is none like him on the earth, a perfect and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil. And he still holds fast his integrity, though you have moved Me against him to destroy him without cause.
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- Job 31:6 Let Him weigh me in a righteous balance, / And let God know my integrity -
1. With respect to Job, integrity is the total expression of what he was.
  2. In character Job was perfect and upright, and in his ethics he had a high standard of integrity.
- C. Job feared God positively and turned away from evil negatively—1:1:
- Job 1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and this man was perfect and upright, and he feared God and turned away from evil.
1. God did not create man merely to fear Him and not do anything wrong; rather, God created man in His own image and according to His likeness that man may express God—Gen. 1:26.
- 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.

2. To express God is higher than fearing God and turning away from evil.
3. What Job had attained in his perfection, uprightness, and integrity was altogether vanity; it neither fulfilled God's purpose nor satisfied His desire, and thus, He was lovingly concerned for Job—Job 1:6-8; 2:1-3.

Job 1:6 Then one day, when the sons of God came to present themselves before Jehovah, Satan also came among them.

Job 1:7 And Jehovah said to Satan, Where have you come from? And Satan answered Jehovah and said, From roving the earth and going about in it.

Job 1:8 And Jehovah said to Satan, Have you considered My servant Job? For there is none like him on the earth, a perfect and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil.

Job 2:1 Then one day, when the sons of God came to present themselves before Jehovah, Satan also came among them to present himself before Jehovah.

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- D. Only God knew that Job had a need—he did not have God within him; therefore, God wanted Job to gain Him in order to express Him for the fulfillment of His purpose—42:5-6.

Job 42:5 I had heard of You by the hearing of the ear, / But now my eye has seen You;

Job 42:6 Therefore I abhor myself, and I repent / In dust and ashes.

## II. God's intention was that Job would become a God-man, expressing God in His attributes—22:24-25; 38:1-3:

Job 22:24 And place your gold nuggets in the dust / And your gold of Ophir in the stones of the brooks,

Job 22:25 Then the Almighty will be your gold nuggets / And precious silver to you.

Job 38:1 Then Jehovah answered Job out of the whirlwind and said,

Job 38:2 Who is this who darkens counsel / By words without knowledge?

Job 38:3 Gird up now your loins like a mighty man; / For I will ask of you, and you shall inform Me.

- A. God ushered Job into another realm, the realm of God, so that Job might gain God instead of his attainments in his perfection, righteousness, and integrity—42:5-6.

Job 42:5 I had heard of You by the hearing of the ear, / But now my eye has seen You;

Job 42:6 Therefore I abhor myself, and I repent / In dust and ashes.

- B. God's intention was to make Job a man of God, filled with Christ, the embodiment of God, to be the fullness of God for the expression of God in Christ—1 Tim. 6:11; 2 Tim. 3:17.

1 Tim 6:11 But you, O man of God, flee these things, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, meekness.

2 Tim 3:17 That the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.

- C. God's stripping and consuming were exercised over Job to tear him down that God might have a base and a way to rebuild him with God Himself so that he might become a God-man, the same as God in His life and nature but not in His Godhead, in order to express God—Eph. 3:16-21.

Eph 3:16 That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man,

Eph 3:17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

Eph 3:18 May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are

Eph 3:19 And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.

- Eph 3:20 But to Him who is able to do superabundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power which operates in us,
- Eph 3:21 To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.
- D. God does not want us, the believers in Christ, to be a good man; He wants us to be a God-man—John 1:12-13; Rom. 8:16:
- John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name,
- John 1:13 Who were begotten not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
- Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.
1. God created us in His own image for the purpose of expressing God and with His dominion to represent Him—Gen. 1:26-28.
 

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.

Gen 1:28 And God blessed them; and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.
  2. If we are merely a good man, we cannot express God or represent Him.
  3. It is not a good man but a God-man who expresses God and represents God—2 Cor. 3:18.
 

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.
  4. God-men who express God are God's representative and have God's authority over all things—Gen. 1:27-28.
 

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### **III. The incarnation of Christ, the embodiment and expression of the Triune God, produced a God-man—Luke 1:31-32a; John 1:1, 14, 18, 51:**

- Luke 1:31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus.
- Luke 1:32a He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High; ...
- 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.
- John 1:18 No one has ever seen God; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.
- 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.
- A. The Gospel of Luke is a revelation of the God-man who lived a human life filled with the divine life as the content—1:35; 2:7-16, 34-35, 40, 49, 52.
- 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 2:7 And she bore her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger because there was no place for them in the inn.
- Luke 2:8 And there were shepherds in the same region, spending their nights in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night.

Luke 2:9 And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they feared greatly.

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 2:12 And this will be the sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

Luke 2:13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God and saying,

Luke 2:14 Glory in the highest places to God, and on earth peace among men of His good pleasure.

Luke 2:15 And when the angels departed from them into heaven, the shepherds spoke to one another, Let us go then to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.

Luke 2:16 And they came in haste and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger.

Luke 2:34 And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, Behold, this One is appointed for the falling and rising up of many in Israel and for a sign spoken against—

Luke 2:35 And a sword will pierce through your own soul also—so that the reasonings of many hearts may be revealed.

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

Luke 2:49 And He said to them, Why is it that you were seeking Me? Did you not know that I must be in the things of My Father?

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

B. In Christ, God and man have become one entity, the God-man—1:35; John 1:14; Matt. 1:18, 20-23:

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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.

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.

Matt 1:21 And she will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins.

Matt 1:22 Now all this has happened so that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,

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).

1. Because the Lord Jesus was conceived of the divine essence and born of the human essence, He was born a God-man; hence, for His being as the God-man, He had two essences—the divine essence and the human essence—v. 18.

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2. The conception of the Holy Spirit in a human virgin constituted a mingling of the divine nature with the human nature, producing the God-man, the One who is both the complete God and the perfect man—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.

3. As a perfect man and the complete God, the God-man has the human nature with its virtues to contain God and express Him with the divine attributes.
- C. As the God-man, the Lord Jesus lived on earth not by His human life but by the divine life—John 5:18-19, 30; 6:57a:
- John 5:18 Because of this therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath but also called God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.
- 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.
- 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 6:57a As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, ...
1. When the Lord Jesus was on earth, although He was a man, He lived by God—v. 57a; 5:19, 30; 6:38; 8:28; 7:16-18:
 

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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 6:38 For I have come down from heaven not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.

John 8:28 Jesus therefore said to them, When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am, and that I do nothing from Myself, but as My Father has taught Me, I speak these things.

John 7:16 Jesus therefore answered them and said, My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me.

John 7:17 If anyone resolves to do His will, he will know concerning the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself.

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.

    - a. The Lord Jesus lived God and expressed God in everything; whatever He did was God's doing from within Him and through Him—14:10.
 

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.
    - b. The Lord Jesus lived as a God-man by the life of God, not by the life of man—6:57a.
 

John 6:57a As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, ...
    - c. His human living was not lived out by the human life but by the divine life—1:4; 11:25; 14:6.
 

John 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live;

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, I am the way and the reality and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.
  2. Because the Lord Jesus always lived by rejecting His human life—by always putting Himself under the cross—His human living did not express humanity but divinity in the divine attributes becoming human virtues—Matt. 16:21, 24.
 

Matt 16:21 From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised.

Matt 16:24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

3. All His days on the earth, He denied Himself and took up the cross so that He might live God to express God in His divine attributes becoming human virtues; this was the life of the first God-man as a prototype—Luke 1:31-32a; 7:11-16; 10:25-37; 13:10-16; Rom. 8:3, 29.

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

Luke 1:32a He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High; ...

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 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 13:10 And He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

Luke 13:11 And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and she was bent double and could not stand erect at all.

Luke 13:12 And Jesus, seeing her, called her to Him and said to her, Woman, you are released from your infirmity.

Luke 13:13 And He laid His hands on her, and instantly she was made erect and began to glorify God.

Luke 13:14 But the ruler of the synagogue, being indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, answered and said to the crowd, There are six days in which man should work; therefore, come on them and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day.

Luke 13:15 But the Lord answered him and said, Hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away and water it?

- Luke 13:16 And this woman, being a daughter of Abraham whom Satan has bound, behold, for eighteen years, should she not have been released from this bond on the Sabbath day?
- Rom 8:3 For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,
- Rom 8:29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;

#### **IV. Initially, the Bible speaks of the God-man; through His resurrection this God-man was reproduced as the many God-men—Rom. 1:3-4; 8:29; Heb. 2:10:**

- Rom 1:3 Concerning His Son, who came out of the seed of David according to the flesh,
- Rom 1:4 Who was designated the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness out of the resurrection of the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord;
- Rom 8:29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;
- Heb 2:10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in leading many sons into glory, to make the Author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.
- A. The Lord Jesus, the first God-man, is the prototype for the producing of the many God-men, His reproduction—1 Pet. 2:21.
- 1 Pet 2:21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered on your behalf, leaving you a model so that you may follow in His steps;
- B. God became man to have a mass reproduction of Himself and thereby to produce a new kind; this new kind is God-man kind—Rom. 8:3, 29; Heb. 2:10.
- Rom 8:3 For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,
- Rom 8:29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;
- Heb 2:10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in leading many sons into glory, to make the Author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.
- C. The Lord Jesus, the God-man, was a grain of wheat falling into the ground in order to produce many grains as His reproduction—John 12:24:
- John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
1. The first grain—the first God-man—was the prototype, and the many grains—the many God-men—produced by this one grain through death and resurrection are the reproduction of the first God-man.
  2. The many grains, as the many God-men, are the reproduction of God; such a reproduction makes God happy because His reproduction looks like Him, speaks like Him, and lives like Him—1 John 2:6; 3:2; 4:17b.
- 1 John 2:6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk even as He walked.
- 1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not yet been manifested what we will be. We know that if He is manifested, we will be like Him because we will see Him even as He is.
- 1 John 4:17b ... because even as He is, so also are we in this world.
- D. The first step of the reproduction of the God-man is that we must be reborn of the pneumatic Christ in our spirit with His divine life and nature—John 3:3, 6.
- 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.
- E. For the reproduction of the God-man, we need to be transformed by the pneumatic Christ in our soul with His divine attributes to uplift, strengthen, enrich, and fill our human virtues for His expression in our humanity—2 Cor. 3:17-18; Rom. 12:2.
- 2 Cor 3:17 And the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

- 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.
- 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.
- F. We need to see that we are God-men, born of God, possessing the life and nature of God, and belonging to the species of God—John 1:12-13:
- John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name,
- John 1:13 Who were begotten not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
1. As children of God, born of God with the divine life, we are God-men, divine persons; we are the same as the One of whom we are born—1 John 3:1; 5:1.
 

1 John 3:1 Behold what manner of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and we are. Because of this the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

1 John 5:1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten of God, and everyone who loves Him who has begotten loves him also who has been begotten of Him.
  2. Since we have been born of God, we may say that we are God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead—John 1:12-13; Rom. 8:16; 2 Pet. 1:4.
 

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Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.

2 Pet 1:4 Through which He has granted to us precious and exceedingly great promises that through these you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world by lust.
  3. To think of ourselves as God-men and to know and realize who we are revolutionizes us in our daily experience—1 John 2:20; 3:1-2; 5:13, 20.
 

1 John 2:20 And you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know.

1 John 3:1 Behold what manner of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and we are. Because of this the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not yet been manifested what we will be. We know that if He is manifested, we will be like Him because we will see Him even as He is.

1 John 5:13 I have written these things to you that you may know that you have eternal life, to you who believe into the name of the Son of God.

1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding that we might know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.
  4. We are not merely Christians or believers in Christ; we are God-men, God-man kind, the reproduction of God—John 12:24; Rom. 8:16, 29; Heb. 2:10-11.
 

John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.

Rom 8:29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;

Heb 2:10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in leading many sons into glory, to make the Author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Heb 2:11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of One, for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brothers,

**V. Christ's God-man living constituted Him to be a prototype so that He might be reproduced in us and live again in us, the God-men—John 14:19; Gal. 2:20:**

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.

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.

A. As the reproduction of the God-man, we need to live the life of a God-man—Phil. 1:19-21a; 3:10.

Phil 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

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 1:21a For to me, to live is Christ ....

Phil 3:10 To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

B. Christ's human living was man living God to express the attributes of God in the human virtues; His human virtues were filled, mingled, and saturated with the divine attributes—Luke 1:26-35; 7:11-17; 10:25-37; 19:1-10.

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.

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.

C. As the expansion, increase, reproduction, and continuation of the first God-man, we should live the same kind of life that He lived—1 John 2:6:

1 John 2:6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk even as He walked.

1. The Lord's God-man living set up a model for our God-man living—being crucified to live so that God might be expressed in humanity—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.

2. We need to deny ourselves, be conformed to Christ's death, and magnify Him by the bountiful supply of His Spirit—Matt. 16:24; Phil. 3:10; 1:19-21a.

Matt 16:24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

Phil 3:10 To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

Phil 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

- 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 1:21a For to me, to live is Christ ...
3. We must reject self-cultivation and condemn the building up of the natural man; we need to realize that the Christian virtues are related essentially to the divine life, to the divine nature, and to God Himself—Gal. 5:22-23.
- Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
- Gal 5:23 Meekness, self-control; against such things there is no law.
4. The One who lived the life of a God-man is now the Spirit living in us and through us; we should not allow anything other than this One to fill us and occupy us—2 Cor. 3:17; 13:5; Eph. 3:16-19.
- 2 Cor 3:17 And the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
- 2 Cor 13:5 Test yourselves whether you are in the faith; prove yourselves. Or do you not realize about yourselves that Jesus Christ is in you, unless you are disappointed? Or do you not realize that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man,
- Eph 3:16 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
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- Eph 3:18 May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are
- Eph 3:19 And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.
- D. The Christ in Philippians 1:21a is the God-man in Philippians 2:5-8; therefore, to live Christ is to live the God-man by the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ—1:19.
- Phil 1:21a For to me, to live is Christ ...
- 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.
- Phil 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
- E. 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.