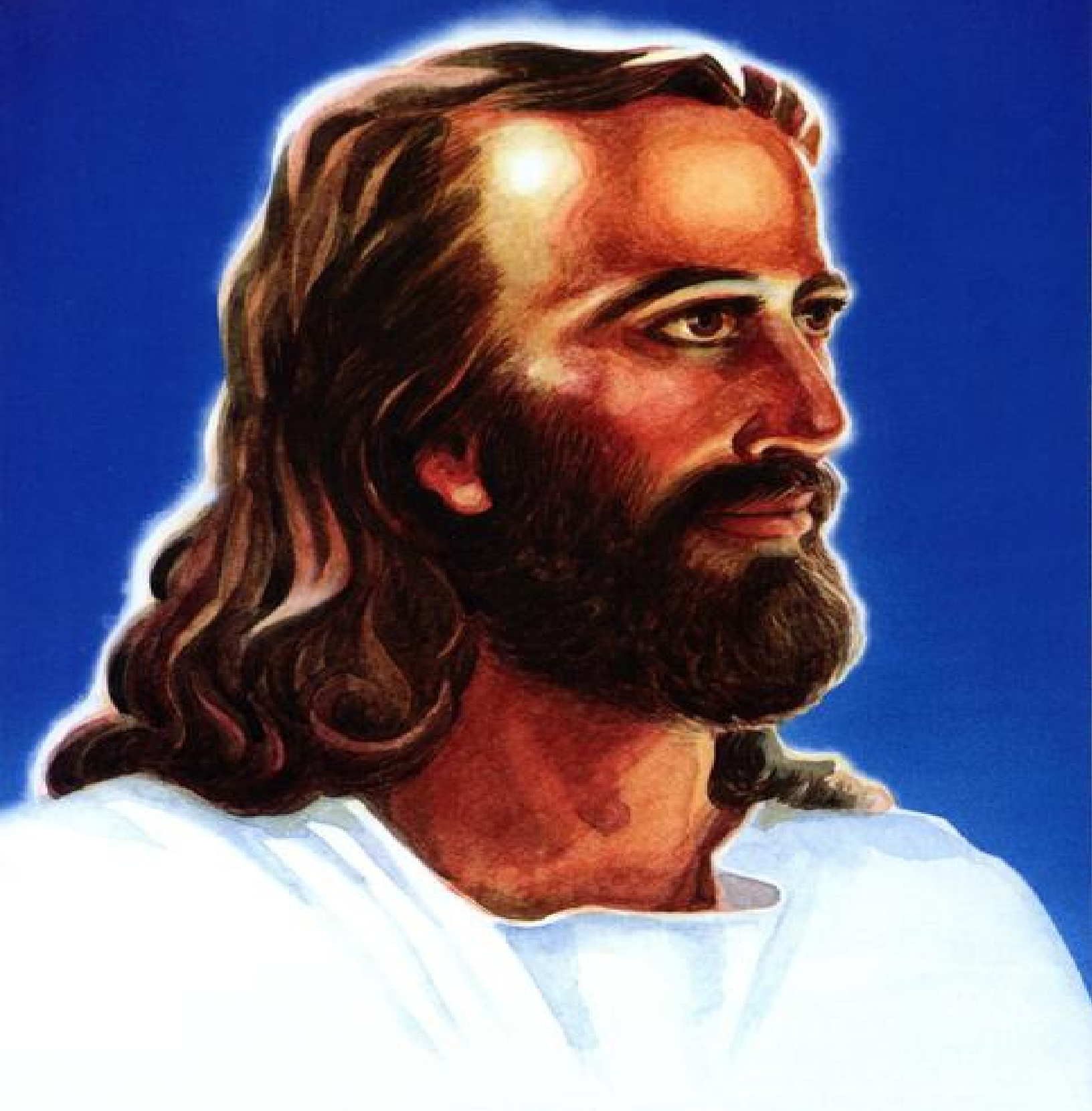
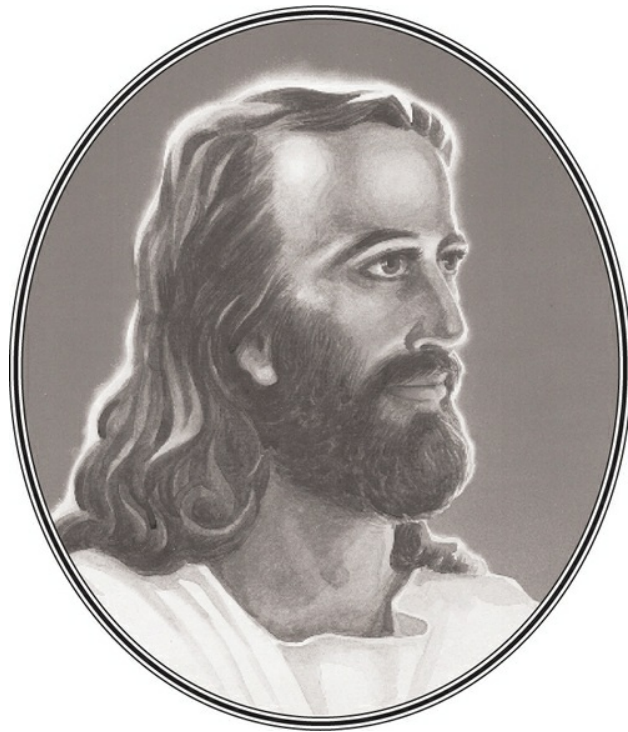


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# Introduction

Since, as created human beings, we are limited to thinking in the dimensions of time, space, and quantity, it is difficult for us to grasp the idea of something that has no beginning, no end, and an unlimited capacity. But we must realize that God would not be God if His Eternal Existence and Infinite Power could be fitted into man's finite understanding.

All we can really know is that when we have probed, as far as our minds will reach back into Eternity, the bright rays of God's Light and Glory still stream out to us from areas beyond the reach of our minds. In other words, somewhere beyond the confines of our human thoughts, there exists an infinite ocean of God's Eternal Being. Within the Godhead is the Christ, the Eternal, Divine Word, Who had no beginning, and Who has no end. There is also the Divine Lord of Glory Who has always existed and Who will always be. The third Person in the Godhead is the Divine Spirit of God, the Holy Ghost.

The concepts in this book explain, as clearly as possible, the Truth of the beginning Existence of Jesus, God's Only Begotten Son, and continues with His Life on earth up to Jesus' eternal joining to the Christ and to the Lord of Glory, after His Crucifixion and Resurrection.

**For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord** (Luke 2:11).

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that **God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ** (Acts 2:36).

Jesus, Who lived on this Earth as the Son of Man, was both human and Divine. *Jesus* was His human Name; *Lord* and *Christ* were His Divine Names. After His crucifixion, the Son was exalted by God the Father into an *eternal* Union with both the Lord and Christ. As the Lord Jesus Christ, He now sits at the Right Hand of the Father in Heaven.

The same Bible that teaches the existence of a God, known as Father, Word (Christ), and Holy Ghost, without a beginning or an end, also teaches us about the beginning of God's Only Begotten Son, Whose Name is Jesus. The Bible is our sole source for the Truth because, within its pages, is hidden ALL Truth.

Whereas the *Christ* had *no beginning*, the Scriptures plainly declare the *Son's beginning* in Eternity-Past. Also, history clearly affirms the terrestrial beginning of the Son's Humanity. The Book of Psalms confirms the fact that the Son's beginning took place in the past ages of Eternity. This Truth is reiterated in the Book of Acts.

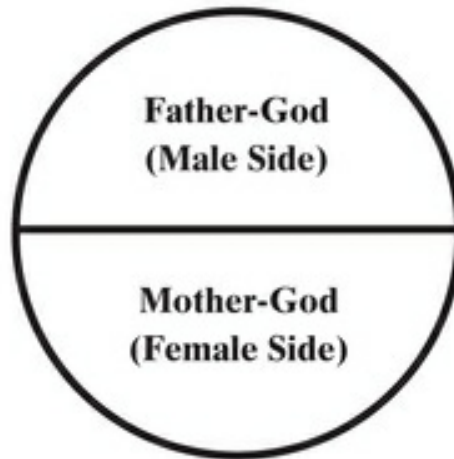
I will declare the decree: **the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee** (Psalm 2:7).

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** (Acts 13:33).

The word *begotten* means to procreate (properly, by the father, but, by extension, of the mother); to regenerate, to bear, to beget, to be born, to bring forth, to conceive, to be delivered of, gender, make spring. We become acquainted with many facts about God by studying His Names. For instance, we learn from the Hebrew Name for God, *Elohim*, that God exists in a plural form. *Elohim* is a uniplural noun that establishes that within God's Being there exists a plurality. Genesis, chapter one, verse one, reveals God's plural Form of being both Male and Female; it says that "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." God (the Father-Mother) brought forth all Creation, which consisted of male and female, and, finally, He created man (male and female) in His own Image (Male and Female).

Thus, one of our first concepts of God is that, very basically, the Wheel of His Being has two sides: a Male side and a Female side.

## The Two Sides of the Wheel of God's Being



Since man was created in God's Image and Likeness, this simple drawing helps us to understand why God created mankind in a male and a female form; both forms were needed to portray God's complete Image.

Abram was the first person to receive an open revelation of God's two sides.

And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, **the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God;** walk before me, and be thou perfect (Genesis 17:1).

The Name *Almighty God* is the translation of the Hebrew Name *El Shaddai*. The *El* is taken from God's Name *Elohim*, which means the *Strong One*. *El* refers to the male or procreating side of God. *Shaddai* is formed from the Hebrew word *shawdad*, which is akin to the word *shad*, which means the breast of a woman. *Shaddai*, then, refers to the Mother side of God. The Almighty is the Nourisher, the Strength-giver, the Satisfier, the One Who pours Himself into the hearts and lives of His children. As the Father, God is the Giver of Life; and as the Mother, God is the Sustainer of Life. As both Father and Mother, God has the capability of begetting Life and being a complete Parent.

Because the Son was *Begotten* Spirit, Soul, and Body, He was the only One of His kind. He was special in that He was begotten in God's Loins in Eternity-Past, before God created anything — invisible or visible. The Son had a Begotten Spirit that lived in a Spiritual Body of Glory; the Son had a Begotten Soul that lived in a Celestial Body of Glory. Then, in the fullness of Time, God begot, in the Virgin Mary's womb, a terrestrial Body, as a house in which His Son's glorious Spirit and Soul could dwell. Thus, the Son is a triune Being, begotten in God's express Image.

GOD, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, **Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son**, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; **Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person**, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; (Hebrews 1:1-3)

God also *begot* the spirits and souls of mankind; however, man's body was *formed* by God's Hands. After God had created Adam's terrestrial body, God breathed a begotten spirit and soul into Adam's created body. Thus, man was partly begotten (spirit and soul) and partly created (body). Man is a triune being.\*

The Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, is unique because His entire Being came forth out of God's own Procreative Loins. Jesus' Spirit and Soul were begotten before all Creation. Later, God brought forth the Seed of Life of His Son and sent it to the Virgin Mary's womb to be nurtured as a Body for the Son's Spirit and Soul. Therefore, it is simple to see the contrast of the Begotten Son's Being versus the creation of Angels and Adam-male and Adam-female.

In the natural world, man functions in the same two ways that God does in the spiritual world. Man procreates or begets out of his loins; he also creates with his hands. The *Son of God was begotten* completely out of God's Loins. The bodies of *men* and *Angels were made* by God's Hands.

Before Jesus took on a fleshly Body and was born of the Virgin Mary, He had Life. He existed from the time He was begotten as a Spirit and Soul.

In Eternity-Past, out of God's Love, which encompasses both Male and Female, the *Begotten Son* was born. The eighth chapter of Proverbs records His birth or beginning in Eternity-Past.

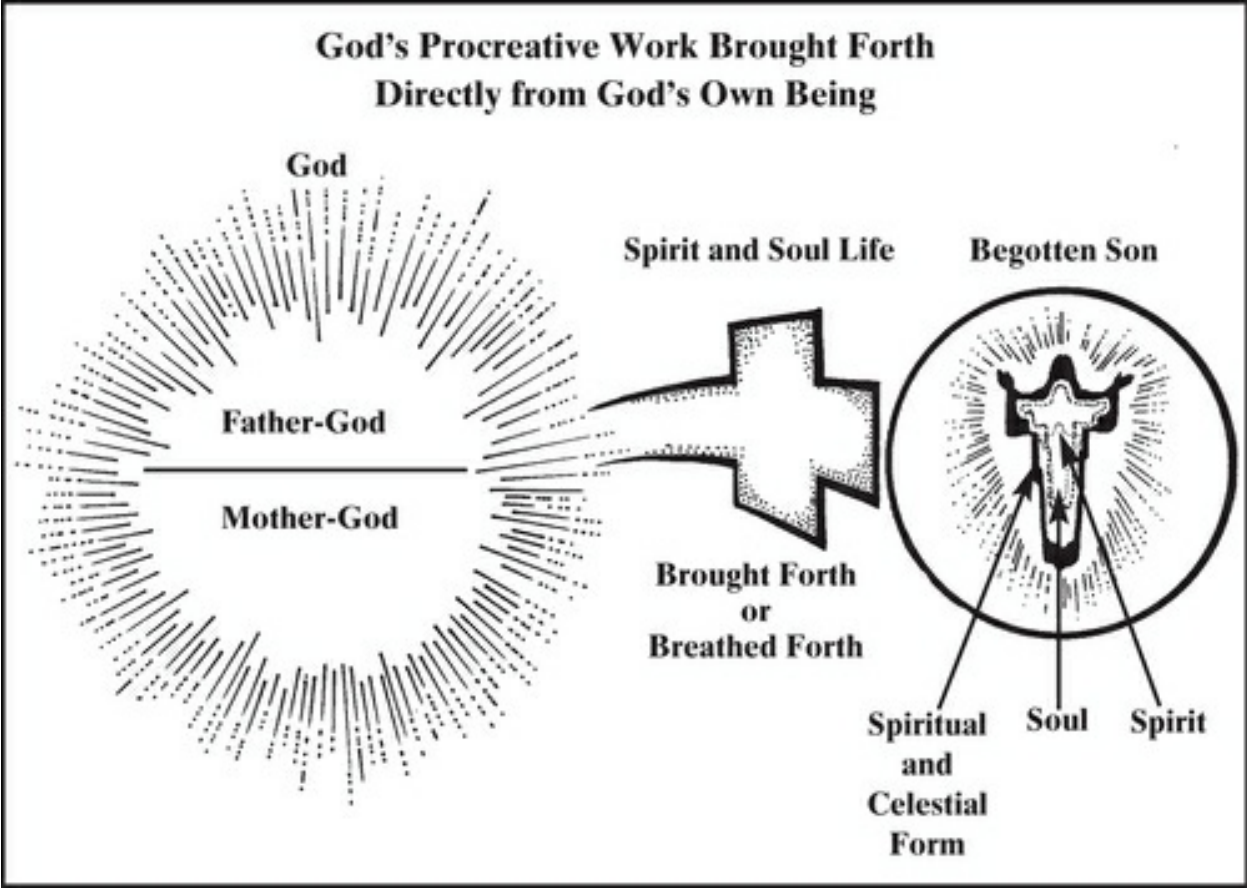
**The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When *there were* no depths, I was brought forth; when *there were* no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:** While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. **When he prepared the heavens, I was there:** when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: **when he appointed the foundations of the earth: Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;** (Proverbs 8:22-30).

Undeniably, the happenings of these verses occurred before God manifested His visible Creation. Notice the term *brought forth* in verses twenty-four and twenty-five. The Hebrew words for this term mean to twist or whirl (in a circular or spiral manner), to dance, to writhe in pain (especially of parturition or fear). Since God's Son was *brought forth*, it is evident from the meaning of this expression that the Father-Mother God travailed Him into being in Spirit and Soul Form. The Scriptures state clearly that the Son was *brought* into existence, and since the Son did not appear in a physical, terrestrial Body until untold ages later, when a special, terrestrial Body was prepared for Him in the Virgin Mary's womb, it is evident that He existed as a Spirit and Soul in Eternity-Past.

The best example of God's Work of uniting a spirit and soul within a body is illustrated in His creation of mankind.

**And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life;** and man became a living soul (Genesis 2:7).

God formed man's terrestrial body out of the dust of the ground, but his body was without Spirit and Soul Life until the LORD God exhaled His Breath, in a Spirit and Soul form, into man's nostrils. Since God used the Principle of Breathing Spirit and Soul Life into His created Beings, we know that He used the same Principle to impart Spirit and Soul Life to His Begotten Son. God travailed forth the *spiritual* and *celestial* Body or Form of the Spirit and Soul of Jesus and, then, breathed the Spirit and Soul into it.



The Spiritual and Celestial Form that clothed the Only Begotten Son consisted of Christ the Word and the Lord of Glory from the Father.

When God began His Creative Works, He worked through His only procreated Son to bring all other Creation into visibility. God brought forth all His Creative Works as His Breath of Life was breathed out through the Spirit and Soul Form of His Begotten Son.



The following Scriptures substantiate this Truth:

**Giving thanks unto the Father**, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: **Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:** In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins: **Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all *things*, and by him all things consist.** And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell; (Colossians 1:12-19).

From the moment of His birth, the Begotten Son had a joining with Christ, the Eternal Word of God. Yet the foregoing verses cannot be speaking of Christ, the Eternal Word of God, because Christ was not *born*; He always has existed. These verses refer to Jesus, the Begotten Son, Who is the Firstborn of every creature. Before Jesus received a terrestrial Body that made Him visible in the natural realm, God brought forth His Son's Spirit and Soul and made them visible in the Spirit Realm. Then, through the Spirit and Soul of His Son, God performed all His Creative Works.

In time, God prepared a terrestrial Body for His Son in the womb of the Virgin Mary, who brought forth into this world the Son in Human Form. During the days of His Flesh, Jesus kept His human Will in subjection to Christ's Divine Will, even as He walked all the way down into and Hell and Death in order to redeem fallen mankind from sin. Because of His Faithfulness, on Resurrection Morning, the Man Jesus was eternally made both Lord and Christ.

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that **God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ** (Acts 2:36).

Jesus, the Begotten Son, is now Omnipresent because He has gained an Eternal Union with the Lord of Glory and with Christ, the Eternal Word.

These Truths briefly introduce the Person of the LORD Jesus Christ so that we will have an overall picture as we study the separate facets of His Being. The person who studies God's Word with an open heart and mind will find his faith in the Begotten Son's Divinity and Humanity confirmed beyond doubt.

— The Author

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\* For more information about man's being, read: B. R. Hicks, [\*Man's Threefold Nature, Volume One: His Body, Soul, and Spirit\*](#) (Jeffersonville, Indiana: Christ Gospel Churches Int'l., Inc., 1999).

# Chapter One

## The Deity Of The Lord Of Glory

When God sent His only Begotten Son into the world to redeem mankind, He sent Him in Union with Christ the Word and the Lord of Glory.

In Eternity-Past, Jesus, the Only Begotten Son of God, was clothed with both the exalted and the humility Glory of the Lord. The Lord of Glory rules and reigns, above and below, through His exalted and humility Glory. The Name *Lord*, spelled with a capital and lower case letters in the English translation of the Bible, refers to the Hebrew Name *Adonai*, which means Sovereign Ruler, Lord, Master, Husbandman, Owner. Thus, the name *Lord* pertains to the Begotten Son's joining with Divinity. The Lord of Glory has always existed because He is God. Because *Jesus* was the Only Begotten Son of God, He was clothed with the Lord's humility Glory, even when He took on Flesh.

In order for God's Begotten Son to walk the way of humility, He willingly laid aside the exalted Glory of the Lord and the exalted Glory of the Christ, to which He was joined in Eternity-Past. Then, as a reward for the Son's obedience and sufferings in His earthly life, as He made His way to Calvary's Cross and through Hell and Death, the Father resurrected the Son with His exalted Glory and Word. Through His Resurrection, the Begotten Son was restored to the exalted Glory and Word that He had with the Father before the world was.

I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. **And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was** (John 17:4,5).

When Jesus was born in the manger in Bethlehem, an Angel took the humility Glory of the Lord and displayed it before the shepherds on the hillside.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. **And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them:** and they were sore afraid (Luke 2:8,9).

The Angel of the Lord, with the Glory of the Lord, graciously visited the shepherds on the hillside, giving a divine witness that the Lord of Glory had come down to man in the form of a Babe. This Babe was called by the Name Jesus. The exceedingly great, dazzling, humility Glory of the Lord turned the shepherds' dark night into brilliant, glorious day and filled their hearts with joy and rejoicing. This Glory was the manifestation of God's Good Will toward man in sending His Only Begotten Son as the Messiah and Redeemer of mankind.

People thought little of the Lord of Glory in His days of visitation to earth in a human Body. At His birth, there was no room found for Him in the inn. His mother, the Virgin Mary, had to place Him in the midst of the wood, hay, and stubble in a stable. He lived an unknown, unrecognized life as far as the world was concerned. Although He performed great miracles, few persons had the spiritual eyes to recognize His true identity. As a final insult, they crucified the Lord of Glory on a wooden Cross, hanging Him between two thieves and two malefactors. Ironically, the only person who recognized Jesus as the Lord of Glory was one of the dying malefactors. "And he said unto Jesus, *Lord*, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom" (Luke 23:42).

The proud arrogance of the principal men of that day prevented them from knowing the Lord of Humility Glory. This included the men in positions of authority, power, and wisdom in both the religious and political worlds. The Apostle Paul said that if the princes of this world had known the Lord of Glory, they would not have crucified Him.

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even the hidden wisdom*, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which **none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory** (1 Corinthians 2:7,8).

Realizing that His crucifiers did not recognize Him as the Lord of Glory, Jesus cried out, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots" (Luke 23:34). If people in our day knew the humility and exalted Glory of the Lord of Glory in His Redemptive Works, they would not commit their many wicked deeds.

When we receive the Lord Jesus as our Saviour, it is our privilege and prosperity to gaze with an unveiled face

into the glorious Wisdom of the Lord of Glory.

**But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord,** are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord (II Corinthians 3:18).

The Lord's glorious Light and Liberty have Transforming Power. We are changed from Glory to Glory; that is, from one degree of glorious Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge of His Grace and Mercy unto another, until we reach full maturity in Him. Therefore, as Christians, we should highly esteem the privilege and prosperity we find in the Lord of Glory.

The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ calls every man who believes and receives to be partakers of His Glory.

**Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ** (II Thessalonians 2:14).

Jesus graciously purchased this privilege for us at Calvary's Cross, arose from the dead, and is seated at God's Right Hand to lead us into all spiritual prosperity. When, through His Word, we gaze upon His Glory, our hearts are set free from the chains of illusion of this world and liberated to experience joy, honour, and happiness in Him.

We must be careful not to defile this gracious privilege. The Apostle James explained that one way to defile this treasure is by having respect of persons.

My brethren, **have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons** (James 2:1).

The Lord of Glory is not a respecter of persons; He visits all who receive Him, whether they are rich or poor, learned or ignorant. Therefore, we, too, should share our glory of the Lord with all who believe.

In order to understand more fully the Begotten Son's Union with the Deity of the Lord of Glory, let us consider the Scriptures that show that the Begotten Son possesses *all* divine Attributes.

## **I. The Lord of Glory Possesses All Divine Attributes.**

The Book of Genesis reveals that the Lord [*Adonai*] is God.

**And Abram said, Lord [Adonai] GOD,** what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house *is* this Eliezer of Damascus? (Genesis 15:2).

As the only Begotten Son of God, Jesus possesses all the divine Attributes of God: Omnipotence, Omniscience, Omnipresence, Immutability, and Eternal Existence.

### **A. The Lord of Glory Is Omnipotent.**

The Lord of Glory is Unlimited, Infinite, and Almighty in His Power. His Omnipotence means that He has Power over all finite beings and things or over all His Creation. The Lord Jesus demonstrated this Power over His Creation by healing the sick, afflicted bodies and souls of all who came to Him.

And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, **which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them** (Luke 5:17).

The all-prevailing Power of the Omnipotence of the Lord came forth to heal those whom Jesus taught. In restoring their bodies and souls, Jesus gave them new Life, a new nature, new freedom, and new joy.

The Lord of Glory shares His omnipotent Power with His followers, Disciples, and Apostles.

Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, **according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction** (II Corinthians 13:10).

The Apostle Paul witnessed to the Truth of this Power that was given to him as an Apostle of the Lord. If he had so willed, Paul could have used the Power of the Lord to the utmost extremity to reprove, rebuke, and revenge the Corinthians' disobedience.

It is good to know that the Lord's omnipotent Power is not limited to harsh manifestations. In dealing with us, the

Lord can show His Power by extending His great Mercy, either directly or indirectly, through His servants.

The omnipotent Lord rules and guides above and below. He is the Mighty King. He alone sits on the Throne as the Supreme, Supernal King. The Omnipotent Lord gives Light and Life to all. He changes times, seasons, and things; yet He Himself remains unchanged and unmoved.

### **B. The Lord of Glory Is Omniscient.**

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, **lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.** For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus sake (II Corinthians 4:3-6).

The Lord of Glory is boundless or unlimited in His Wisdom and Knowledge. The omniscient Eye of the Lord is always watching our actions, reading our hearts, recording our thoughts. We cannot escape the omniscient Eye of the Lord, nor can we deceive His omniscient Heart.

The Apostle Peter commanded believers to grow in Grace and Knowledge of the Lord and Saviour.

But **grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.** To him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen (II Peter 3:18).

The purpose of labouring to know the Lord more fully and clearly is so that we may be more like Him and love and serve Him according to His Will. The Knowledge of the Lord and Saviour will conform us into His Image and Likeness; and, thus, it will preserve us from falling away in lukewarmness and prevent us from falling away in apostasy. The Knowledge of the Lord and Saviour will cause our hearts to overflow with glory, honour, and praise for our Heavenly Father.

### **C. The Lord of Glory Is Omnipresent.**

*Let your conversation be* without covetousness; *and be* content with such things as ye have: **for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.** So that we may boldly say, The Lord *is* my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me (Hebrews 13:5,6).

The Resurrected Lord promised never to leave nor forsake us. Although the Lord's personal Presence has ascended into Heaven, a seeking, faithful heart can always find His Omnipresence. The Lord's Omnipresence is not limited; it is not confined to altars, temples, time, nor space. His divine Presence is everywhere — in wealth, in want, in liberty, in bondage, in thrones, or in dungeons. The omnipresent Lord is able to go and stay at the same time. His Presence fills every place equally, for the omnipresent Lord is a universal Presence. The omnipresent Lord is Ever-Present to perceive the designs we are weaving in the fabric of Time.

The Apostle Peter confirmed that the converted, forgiven soul will experience the Lord's tremendous, refreshing Presence.

**Repent ye therefore, and be converted,** that your sins may be blotted out, **when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;** (Acts 3:19).

The LORD's precious Presence refreshes the weak, languid soul. His Presence restores and invigorates the weary mind. His Presence restores and strengthens the fatigued heart. The LORD's divine Omnipresence, with His new touch, revives man's entire being.

### **D. The Lord of Glory Is Immutable.**

And, Thou, **Lord,** in the beginning hast laid the foundation of **the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: They shall perish; but thou remainest;** and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and **they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail** (Hebrews 1:10-12).

The Lord of Glory has the right to rule and reign over the earth because He created it in the beginning. The habitation of Heaven and earth and the inhabitants thereof are the Works of His Hands. The Lord of Glory leads His Creation through many changes, but He Himself remains immutable and unchanged. The Heavens and the earth

grow old and hasten to their dissolution. This is not a destruction, however, but a metamorphosis, a change that makes way for the New Heavens and the New Earth. Although the forms of Creation change, the Lord of Glory changes not. He remains the same yesterday, today, and forever. The Lord is Immutable and Immortal; His years do not fail. Whether we live or die, the unchanging Lord of Glory lives on to quicken and comfort us. Our spiritual Life is hid in Him.

### **E. The Lord of Glory Exists Eternally.**

The Lord of Glory has Eternal Existence; He has always been. Because of His Eternal Existence, the Lord of Glory is able to maintain the eternal existence of matter. Jesus declared that His resurrected Blood was filled with Eternal Life and whosoever would drink that Blood would have Eternal Life.

**Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life;** and I will raise him up at the last day (John 6:54).

Because the Lord of Glory is Unending, Perpetual, and Immortal, He is able to sustain the mortal matter of finite creatures throughout Eternity. God's Eternal Purpose, found in our Lord, is constant, ceaseless, unintermittent.

**According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:** (Ephesians 3:11).

There is a difference in meaning between the terms eternal and endless. The *eternal* is above Time and, therefore, has neither beginning nor end. The *endless* lies within Time; that is, it has a beginning but no end. The Lord of Glory is the Eternal God. He is Ever-present to swallow up the goals, ambitions, and achievements of time. If we receive the Lord and Saviour and grow up in Him, we can eternally live and reside with Him in unspeakable Glory and Bliss.

Although these are not all the Scriptures that deal with the Lord's divine Attributes, they suffice to show that the Son possesses the divine Characteristics of the Lord of Glory. Jesus possesses Omnipotence, Omniscience, Omnipresence. He is Immutable or Unchangeable, and He possesses Eternal Life, which He promised to give to those who accept Him and drink His Blood.

Since the Son possesses the divine Qualities or Attributes of the Lord of Glory, it is proper that He also ministers in divine Offices.

## **II. The Lord of Glory Ministers in Divine Offices.**

The Ministry of the Lord of Glory is basically the same in the Old Testament as in the New Testament. In both dispensations He filled, does fill, and will fill whatever office is necessary in order to reveal and administer God's Divine Will to mankind.

### **A. The Lord of Glory Ministered in the Old Testament.**

The Begotten Son of God did not possess His own physical Body during the Old Testament Dispensation; however, He still was able to minister the Glory of the Lord in whatever Form God provided.

#### **1. In the Old Testament, the Lord of Glory Ministered as the Lawgiver of Divine Promises.**

Only the divine God has perfect Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge of His own Will and Purposes, and there is only One Who has the same divine Attributes and is qualified to discover God's Will and openly reveal it to man. The fact that the Lord of Glory ministered prophetic Promises of God's Word or Law is proof of His exalted position and calling.

##### **a. By Vision, Abram Received the Lord's Promise of a Seed.**

After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I *am* thy shield, *and* thy exceeding great reward. **And Abram said, Lord GOD [Adonai Jehovah], what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless,** and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus? And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir. **And, behold, the word of the**

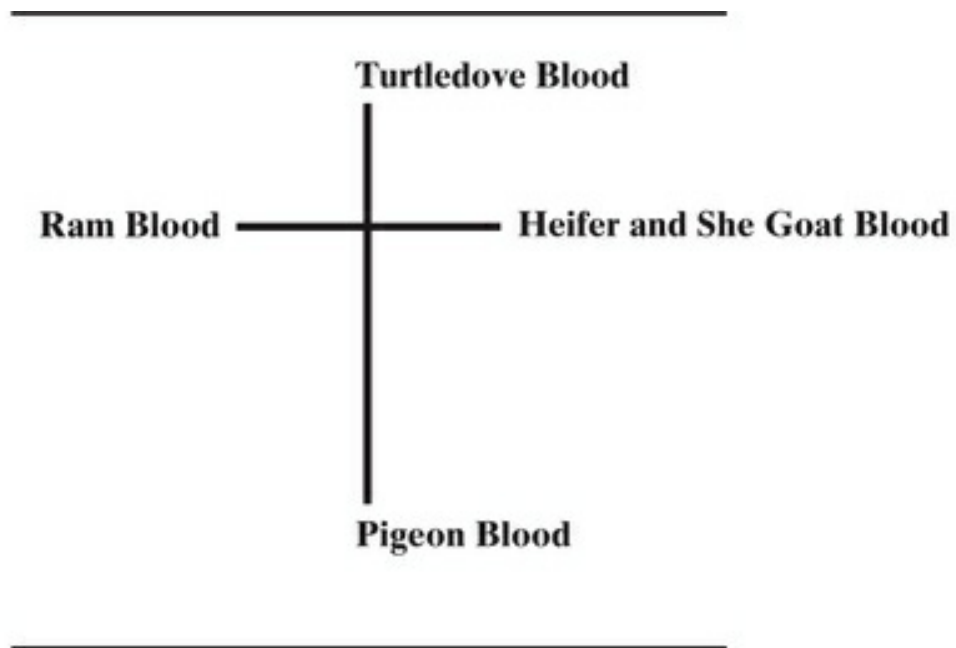
**LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness (Genesis 15:1-6).**

The Lord brought Abram out of his tent, lifted him up above the terrestrial sphere, and told him to look toward Heaven. The Hebrew word for *look* signifies looking downward from above. Thus, from above, Abram was allowed to view the magnitude and multitude of the LORD's Creation, with His Glory spread upon it. Through this view of the Lord's Creative Power, the patriarch was cured of his mental dejection over not yet having a child of his own. Abram believed the Promises that the Lord had given him by vision, and it was counted unto him as righteousness.

**b. By Sacrifice, Abram Received the Lord's Promise of a Land for His Seed.**

And he said unto him, **I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it. And he said, Lord GOD [Adonai Jehovah], whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?** And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon. And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not. And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away. And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him. **And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.** And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age. But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full. **And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces. In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land,** from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites (Genesis 15:7-21).

The Lord GOD [Adonai, Jehovah] revealed to Abram that he would inherit the Promised Land through a full, mature blood sacrifice, intermingled with the smoking furnace and burning lamp. The blood of Abram's sacrifice represented the Nature and Power of Jesus Christ's Living Blood.



In Jesus is the spiritual counterpart of all the above classes of blood that we, today, must have in order to possess our promised inheritance of full spiritual maturity. In seasons of afflictions and suffering, the Smoking Furnace of God's Spirit will test, try, and purify us. God's Burning Lamp of His Word is a brilliant Torch to lead and guide us

in the Way. Just as blood, fire, and smoke were a threefold witness to Abram that his Seed would possess the Promised Land, so also do these three Witnesses in the Lord Jesus Christ confirm the Truth that we can possess the Heavenly Canaan's Land.\* We have the Smoking Furnace of God's Spirit to reveal the tin and dross of our fleshly nature. We have Jesus' precious Blood to wash away our sinful tin and dross. We have the brilliant Lamp or Torch of God's Word to lead and guide us in the Way.

## **2. In the Old Testament, the Lord of Glory Ministered Divine Judgment.**

**And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed. And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my Lord [Adonai]: Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die: Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one: Oh, let me escape thither, (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live. And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken. Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar. The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar. Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven; And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground (Genesis 19:17-25).**

In Angelic Form, the Lord of Glory, with Mercy and Graciousness, brought Lot forth from Sodom and Gomorrah before raining down the Fire of His Glory to devour and demolish the wicked cities. Sodom and Gomorrah had sinned with the fire of their perverted passions; consequently, the Lord judged and destroyed them with His eternal Fire from Heaven.

## **B. The Lord of Glory Ministered in the New Testament.**

The Lord of Glory ministered in the New Testament dispensation through the visible Person of Jesus, the only Begotten Son of God. Since this Man was exalted to function in God's behalf, we know that He was anointed with a very High and Holy Calling.

### **1. In the New Testament, Jesus, the Lord of Glory Ministered in His High Priestly Office.**

**And he [the malefactor] said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise (Luke 23:42,43).**

In these verses, we see the prayer of a dying sinner given to the dying Lord and Saviour. The dying sinner recognized that Jesus was not just a mere man; the malefactor saw that Jesus was Lord and Saviour. The Man Jesus was in the depths of disgrace, deserted and forsaken by His own Disciples, reviled and rejected by His own nation. Jesus was in the agony of crucifixion. He had been labeled as a pretender and a blasphemer. Yet the malefactor looked through all of this and saw the Lord of Glory, the One Who had Power to forgive his sins and to remember him in His Kingdom.

### **2. In the New Testament, Jesus, the Lord of Glory Ministers by Giving Gifts.**

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.** (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) **And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:** Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted

by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love (Ephesians 4:1-16).

Jesus, the Lord of Glory, first descended into the lower part of the earth, into Hell and Death, in order to ascend as a triumphant Conqueror. He conquered those who had conquered us; namely, sin, Death, and the Devil. Jesus began His triumph at Calvary's Cross and completed it when He ascended on High to become Lord over all. As the Lord of Glory, Jesus led the Old Testament overcomers out of Death, freeing them from its bonds; then, He led them away to Glory as *His* captives to Love. The Lord of Glory received gifts for man so that He might give gifts to man. The greatest gifts from the Lord of Glory are peace and reconciliation.

### **3. In the New Testament, Jesus, the Lord of Glory, Ministers Resurrection.**

**For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout**, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: **and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air:** and so shall we ever be with the Lord (I Thessalonians 4:16,17).

After His Resurrection, the Lord Jesus ascended into Heaven to sit at His Father's Right Hand until the time of the Rapture of the saints. Soon, the Lord Jesus Christ will descend with great Power and Pomp. The Lord will come in the air with the shout of a mighty, victorious King. As the conquering Voice of the Lord of Glory thunders forth, the dead in Christ, who during their earthly journey prepared themselves to hear His Voice, will be resurrected first. Then, those who are alive and who have remained faithful and true until His Coming shall also be changed by His Resurrection Power and Glory. Overcomers shall be changed in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye. Their mortal bodies shall put on an immortal bodies, and they shall enter into eternal bliss to be forever with the Lord.

### **4. In the New Testament, Jesus, the Lord of Glory, Ministers by Transforming Believers.**

Nevertheless, when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there is liberty. **But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord** (II Corinthians 3:16-18).

In these verses, the Apostle Paul testified about the Lord's Transforming Ministry. When man's heart turns itself totally to the Lord of Glory, the Master-Husbandman will take away the veil of deceit that man inherited from Adam the First. The Lord of Glory will deliver the heart from the bondage of ignorance and darkness, and He will fill it with His glorious Spirit of Liberty and Understanding. Then, with an unveiled face and a reversal of eyesight, believers can gaze intently into the clear, clean Mirror of God's Word. As believers behold the Glory of the Lord, they experience a change in their thoughts, actions, and feelings. Thus, the Image and Stature of the Lord Jesus Christ grows within them.

### **5. In the New Testament, Jesus, the Lord of Glory, Ministers in Judgment.**

And I saw heaven opened, and **behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war....** And he hath on *his* vesture and on **his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS** (Revelation 19:11,16).

The Greek word for LORD OF LORDS has the same meaning as the Hebrew Names *Adonai* and *Jehovah*. The Lord of Glory will return to earth, the second time, to judge and to make war. Then, as now, the Lord of Glory will have Knowledge to recognize the clean and the unclean. He will have no problem discerning between His friends and His enemies, and He will render just Judgment in every case. The intense Fire of His Glory will purify and sanctify the Heavens, the Earth, the elements, and the works of man.

But **the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night;** in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. *Seeing then that* all these things shall be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?** Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness (II Peter 3:10-13).

The Heavens must be sanctified because fallen Lucifer, as the corrupt prince of power of the Heavens, has defiled them for many ages. The earth must be purified from the curse of thorns and thistles that God placed upon it as a result of man's sin. The elements or rudiments and principles of man's thoughts must be purged from the deceit, error, and illusions that fallen Lucifer gave to Adam-male and Adam-female in the Garden of Eden. The works of sinful man must be burned up because they will have been begotten out of proud opposition to God and His Will. The Lord of Glory will sanctify and purify all these things so that He can have a clean earth upon which to set up His Millennial Reign and so that man can have a clean mind to receive the Truth from the Lord of Glory.

This point of our study has shown that the Lord of Glory ministers in divine offices. In the Old Testament Dispensation, He ministered as the Lawgiver of divine Promises and in dispensing divine Judgment. In the New Testament dispensation, Jesus, the Lord of Glory, ministers in His Office as the High Priest to forgive sins. He gives divine Gifts to men. He has the Power and Authority to resurrect from the dead, to transform, to judge, and to sanctify.

### III. The Lord of Glory Shares His Glory.

*There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written. **The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.** Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. **The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly** (1 Corinthians 15:40-49).*

The Lord of Glory is not selfish. To those who believe on Him and receive Him as Saviour, Jesus gives the privilege and opportunity to experience and enjoy His divine Glory. He gives them the pleasure of participating jointly in His Glory. The more believers grow in the Spiritual Stature of the LORD Jesus Christ, the greater degree of Glory He gives them to possess. Although a Christian's Glory is not visible to the natural eye, now, it will be manifested for all to see in the Resurrection. Some believers will shine with various degrees of Star Glory, while others will radiate with Moon Glory. Only one, the Bride of Jesus Christ, will be resurrected with His full Sun Glory\*.

### IV. The Lord of Glory Rules.

The Bible's first mention of rulership is in connection with light.

*And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. **And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness:** and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day (Genesis 1:14-19).*

Since the Lord of Glory possesses Star Glory, Moon Glory, and Sun Glory in both the natural and spiritual realms, we can know that He uses His Light to rule over man's natural and spiritual days and nights. God rules His Creation through Light.

#### A. The Lord of Glory Will Rule Over the Millennial Earth.

*And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD. As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seeds seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever (Isaiah 59:20,21).*

*Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but **the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.** And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising (Isaiah 60:1-3).*

With His Bride, the Redeemer, the Lord of Glory, will rule and reign over the Millennial Earth. As the waters cover the sea so shall the whole earth be covered with the Knowledge of the Ruling Glory that the LORD (Jehovah) gives to His Only Begotten Son.

## **B. The LORD of Glory Will Rule over the New Heavens and the New Earth.**

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. **And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.** And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it (Revelation 21:22-24).

In the Perfect Age, when fallen Lucifer and all his wicked followers shall be confined in the Lake of Fire, the Lord of Glory will rule and reign over the New Heavens and the New Earth. The glorious rays of Light of God and the Lamb that will stream forth out of the New City will cause the saved creatures dwelling in the New Heavens and the saved nations dwelling upon the New Earth to grow in the Glory of His Knowledge and in the Knowledge of His Glory.

In this chapter, we have seen the Begotten Son's joining with the Eternal Lord of Glory. Although the Son took on Flesh, He continued to possess divine Attributes. He is Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent, Unchangeable, and eternally Existent.

Through Union with the Lord of Glory, the Son ministered in the Old Testament as the Lawgiver of divine Promises and as the Administrator of divine Judgment. In the New Testament, the Son continued His divine Ministries. Now, as our High Priest, He is at the Right Hand of the Father, interceding in our behalf. He is the Giver of spiritual Gifts. He ministers Resurrection Life and Power. He transforms us into His own glorious Image and Likeness as we gaze with unveiled eyes into His precious Face. The Son also is faithful to judge and to make war with the LORD's enemies.

The Son is not selfish with the Glory He possesses, but freely shares it with those who believe on Him. Although this Glory is not visible to the natural eye, now, it will be manifested for all to see on Resurrection Morning.

The Son uses the Lord's Glory-Light to rule over man's natural and spiritual days and nights. During Christ's and His Bride's Millennial Reign upon the Earth, the Lord of Glory and His Bride will rule out of Jerusalem until the whole Earth is covered with the LORD's Knowledge. Out of the New City, in Eternity, the Lord of Glory and His Bride will rule over the New Heavens and the New Earth. Under their rule, the hearts and minds of all creatures will be enlightened so that they can fulfill their responsibility and privilege of offering worship, honour, and praise to the One True God.

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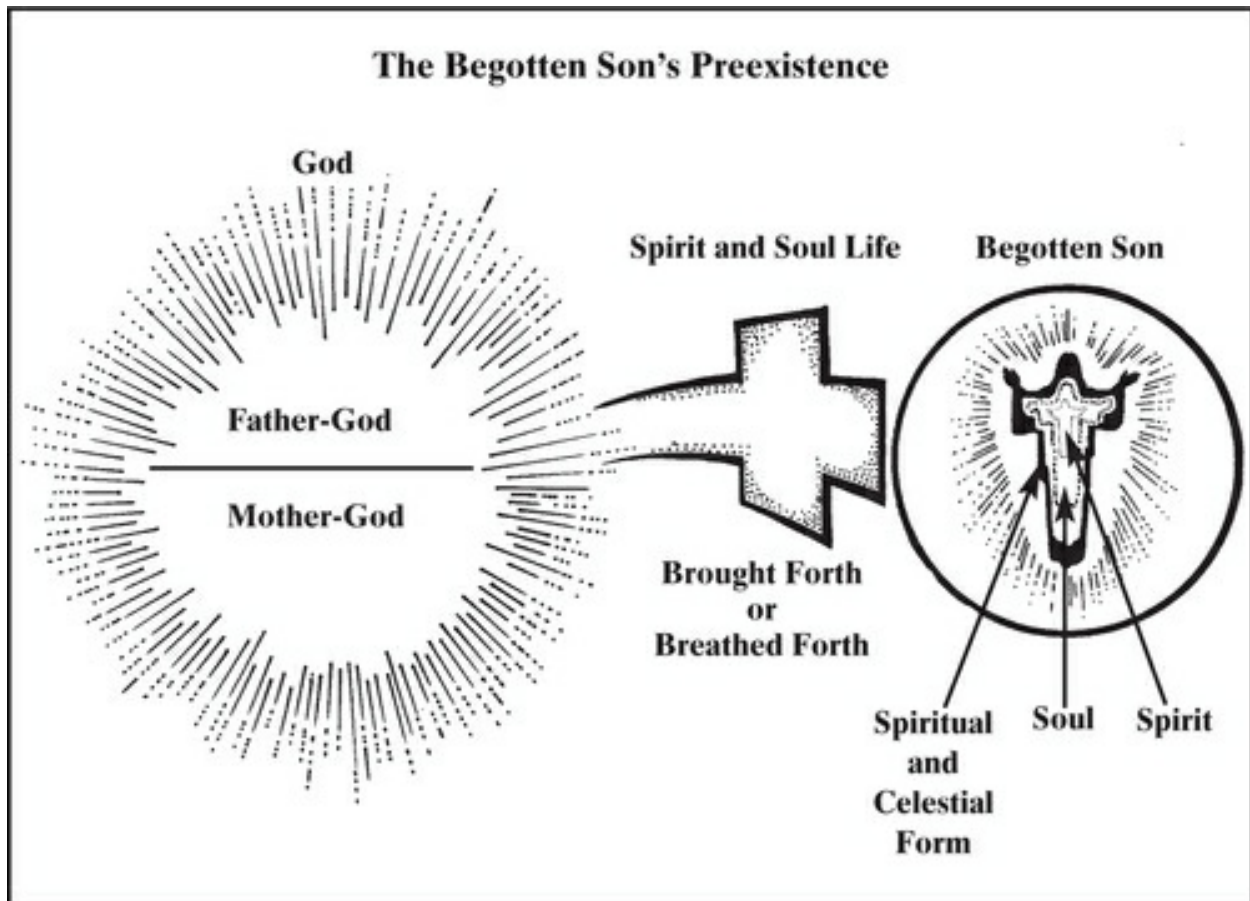
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# Chapter Two

## The Humanity Of Jesus The Man

The Begotten Son did not take on a physical Body until some four thousand years after the creation of Adam-male and Adam-female in the Garden of Eden. Nevertheless, the Bible leaves no room for us to vacillate in our thinking about the Son's preexistence. This doctrine is taught in both the Old and New Testaments. Proverbs, chapter eight, verses twenty-two through thirty, prove that the Begotten Son was brought forth in Spirit and Soul Form as the first Breath of Life out of God's Procreative Loins.



The Old Testament declares that in Eternity-Past the Begotten Son was brought forth in Spirit and Soul Form directly from God's own Being. The New Testament reaffirms the Son's preexistence by calling Him "the firstborn of every creature."

**Who [the Son] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.** And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; (Colossians 1:15-19).

Jesus was, indeed, the firstborn of every creature. The Father brought forth His Only Begotten Son in His own

glorious Image before any thing was made that was made. Then, through His Son, God created all things.



There is nothing that has not been created *by* the Son and *for* the Son. Nothing can exist apart from the Life that issues out through the Son. Beyond doubt, the Begotten Son existed before He came to earth in a human Body.

Now that this basic Truth has been established in our minds, let us examine the Scriptures that reveal the Begotten Son's Humanity.

### **I. God Gave the Prophetic Promise to Adam-female of Jesus' Coming to Earth in a Human Body.**

Adam-female was the first to receive the Promise that the Begotten Son would come to earth in a human Body:

**And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel** (Genesis 3:15).

Although the Begotten Son's humanity Name, Jesus, was not mentioned on this occasion, the prophetic Promise decreed that the Redeemer of fallen mankind would be born of the Seed of the woman. This Promise also told us that Jesus' crucified Heel, at Calvary's Cross, would bruise the head of Lucifer, the Serpent, which meant that Jesus' Blood, shed at Calvary's Cross, would expose and wash away the deceitful notions, opinions, and illusions that have issued forth from the crooked Serpent's mind.

The Book of Isaiah records another important prophetic Promise about the Coming of Jesus in a human Body.

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; **Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel** (Isaiah 7:14).

This verse foretold the supernatural conception of Jesus' human Body. The Lord Himself prophesied that, through a Virgin, He would prepare a special Tabernacle or Body for His Son. In chapter nine, Isaiah prophesied, again, of the Son's promised Coming in a human Body.

**For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:** and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this (Isaiah 9:6,7).

God established the Truth that the Child or Body would be *born* and that the Son would be *given*. In addition to being a prophetic Promise of Jesus' Coming in a human Body and ruling as a rightful Heir upon David's throne, this text also confirms Jesus' preexistence as God's Only Begotten Son.

### **II. The New Testament Records God's Performance of Jesus' Birth in a Human Body.**

Old Testament Scriptures foretold that God's Son, Jesus, would come to Earth.

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, **a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son**, and shall call his name Immanuel [God with us] (Isaiah 7:14).

Then, in the New Testament, Luke recorded the Performance or fulfillment of God's Promise to send His Son to earth.

And, behold, **thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS**. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, **The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God** (Luke 1:31-35).

Jesus was the Only Begotten Son of God, yet, in seventy-seven places in the Bible, He is called the *Son of Man*. God did this to indicate that His Son had a true, human Body. God gave Adam-female the first Promise of a human Redeemer Who would come to lift fallen man out of sin and shame.

**And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed**; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel (Genesis 3:15).

When the Bible speaks about Jesus' being the Seed of Woman, it refers is to the Seed of Promise of the Saviour's Humanity, the Promise given to Adam-female.

After receiving this spiritual Seed of Promise, Adam-female passed it to her husband. God originally intended for the Promised Seed to pass down through Adam-male and Adam-female's son, Abel. However, when Cain rose up and killed Abel, God did not let the Promised Seed perish in death. He gave Adam and Eve another son, Seth, to carry the Humility Seed, the Seed of the Suffering, Crucified Saviour's Humanity. This Seed passed from Seth, down through Noah's son Shem and his descendants, until it reached Abraham.

To Abraham, God gave another Seed, the Promise of the *Divine* Seed of the Christ. Abraham, then, had two Seeds: the Seed of Promise of the Saviour's Humanity and the Seed of Promise of His Divinity. But Abraham had no son to receive these two miraculous Seeds, so God performed a miracle to keep the two Seeds alive. Isaac, miraculously conceived in Sarai's and Abram's old age, then carried the two Seeds of the Messiah: His Divinity and His Humanity.

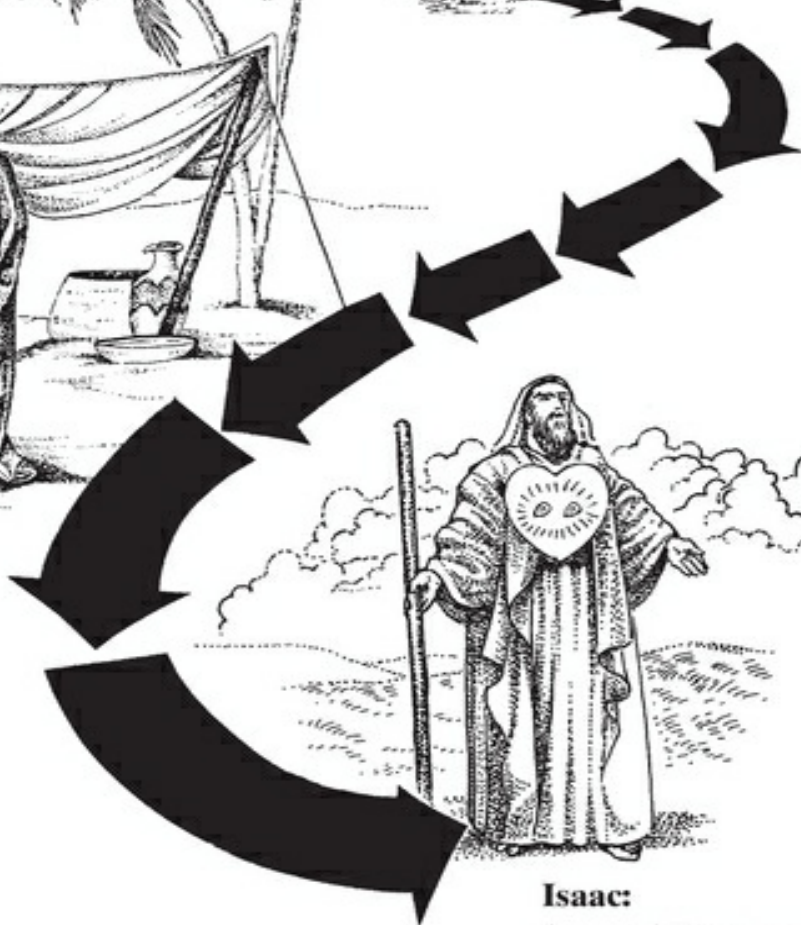
**Adam-Female:  
Promise of Humanity  
Seed of Jesus  
(Genesis 3:15)**



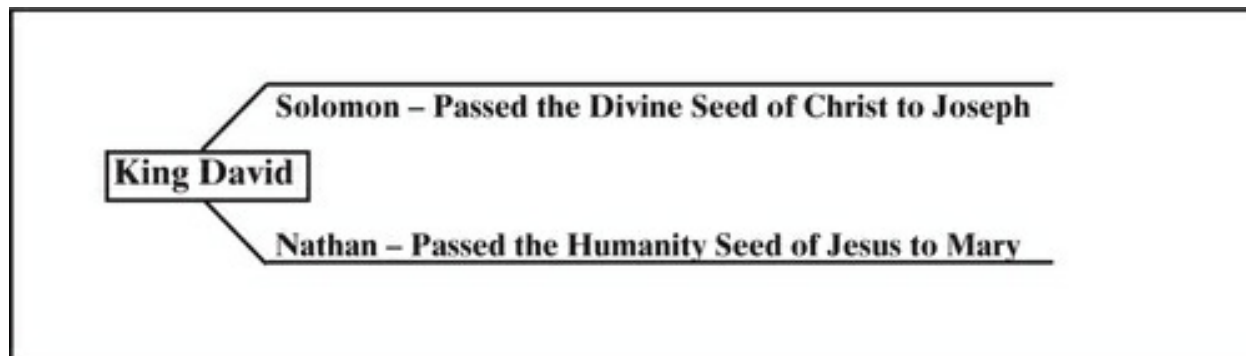
**Abram:  
Promise of Divine  
Seed of Christ  
(Genesis 15:1-5;  
Galatians 3:16)**



**Isaac:  
Seed of Promise  
of Christ and  
Seed of Promise  
of Humanity**



Although they were not joined in a final Oneness Union, Jesus' Humanity Seed and Christ's Divine Seed were passed along together until they finally reached King David, in whose loins they became divided into two separate streams of revelation. The Humanity Seed, the Humility Seed of Jesus, the Suffering Redeemer, traveled down through the lineage of Nathan. The Divine Seed of Christ, the Eternal Word of God, traveled down through the lineage of Solomon.



Fourteen generations passed between King David's time and Israel's Babylonian captivity. Then, fourteen more generations passed from the time of Israel's Babylonian captivity until the Coming of the Messiah to earth. Joseph, to whom the Virgin Mary was espoused, was of the lineage of Solomon and was in the twelfth generation from Israel's being carried away into Babylon. Although he possessed the Divine Seed of Promise, Joseph could not pass it through His natural, physical loins because the Messiah was ordained to be born of a Virgin.

Mary, as a descendant of Nathan, carried the Humble Seed of Promise of the Redeemer's Humanity. Not until she became espoused or engaged to Joseph did she receive the Divine Seed of Promise of the Christ. Before Joseph came together with Mary in a physical marriage union, he passed the Seed of the Christ, in Spirit and Soul Form, to his espoused wife who, then, became the thirteenth generation to carry the Divine Seed of Christ.

The Virgin Mary had both of these supernatural Seeds of Promise — the Humanity Seed and the Divine Seed — but they still were separate. Since the Seeds had not come together, Mary was unaware of what she possessed until the Angel Gabriel greeted her, by saying:

And the angel came in unto her, and said, **Hail, thou that art highly favoured**, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women (Luke 1:28).

Mary was highly favoured because she already possessed both Seeds of Promise. The Virgin received the Promise of the Union of the two supernatural Seeds of Promise, and she believed that God could and would do what her flesh could not accomplish. By faith, Mary arose and went in haste into the hill country of Judea where her cousin Elisabeth lived. The Seeds did not become one in her womb until the Glory Cloud of the Holy Ghost overshadowed her as she started testifying to Elisabeth about the Promise the Angel had given her. At that moment, the Divine Seed of the Christ from the Father joined itself to the Humanity Seed that Mary carried.

Because the natural types the spiritual, we have a beautiful picture of Christ's extreme Humility portrayed in the joining of the Seeds. The seed of the father in the natural realm is 85,000 smaller than the seed of the mother. Therefore, we can see the degree of humility to which Christ, the Divine Seed of Promise, condescended in order to be joined to the Humanity Seed of the Virgin Mary. The Promise of the Christ became 85,000 times smaller than the Promised Seed of the woman.

The supernatural conception of Jesus Christ made Him truly God and truly Man.

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us (Matthew 1:23).

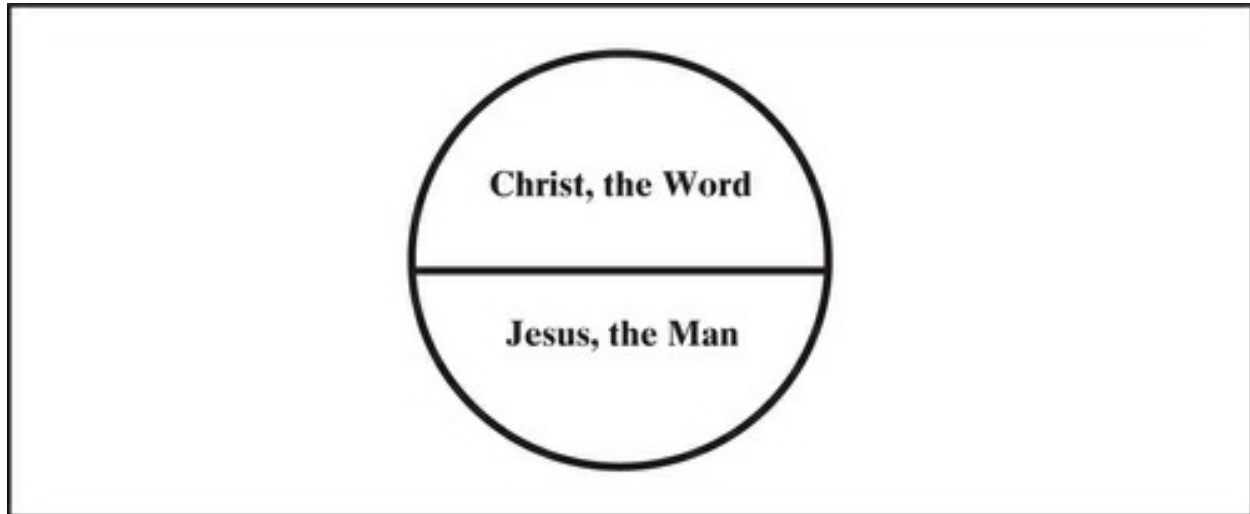
### **III. Jesus the Man Had a Divine Father — God — and a Human Mother — Mary. He Also Had a Legal, Human Father — Joseph.**

The Virgin Mary conceived a child in her womb by the overshadowing Power of the Holy Ghost. God was the

Eternal Father of His Begotten Son Jesus.

And, behold, **thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS....** Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, **The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee:** therefore also **that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.** (Luke 1:31,34,35).

The Saviour was Christ, the Eternal Word of God. Yet, He also was Jesus, a human Being with a mortal Body, a Soul, and a Spirit that were subject to suffering and temptation.



Jesus was not born of Joseph's physical seed; however, as Mary's legal husband, Joseph provided Jesus with a legitimate birth and inheritance from David's kingly lineage. The Gospel of Matthew records Joseph's lineage back to Abram, the man to whom God had given the Promise of Christ's Divine Seed.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, **the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.** And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. **Then Joseph** being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and **took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS** (Matthew 1:18-25).

When Joseph discovered that Mary, his espoused wife, was with child, he naturally assumed that she was guilty of fornication. But, being a just man, he was going to put Mary away privately, rather than to make her a public example by having her stoned to death as the Mosaic Law demanded.

The fact that Joseph immediately took Mary as his legal wife proves that he accepted the Angel's explanation of Mary's supernatural conception. However, Joseph did not know Mary in a matrimonial relationship until after Jesus' birth. The legal marriage between Joseph and Mary was God's way of protecting His Son from being born in shame and disgrace and, thus, from being falsely called a bastard Son. God Himself, the Heavenly Father, made provision for His Only Begotten Son, Jesus, to have an earthly mother and a legal, earthly father.

#### IV. Jesus' Name Carries Many Titles.

Webster's Dictionary defines the word *title* as an appellation of dignity, honour, distinction, or preeminence attached to a person or family by virtue of rank, office, precedent, privilege, attainment, or lands. The Heavenly Father named His Only Begotten Son *Jesus*, which is the Greek translation of the Hebrew name *Jehoshua* or *Joshua*, meaning Jehovah-saved. Although Jesus possessed a human Body, His very Name plainly declared this meaning: "Salvation is of Jehovah, the LORD," and not man. Other titles attributed to Jesus' Name reveal other distinguishing

honours that belong to the Son.

#### **A. Jesus Was Called the Son of God.**

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also **that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God** (Luke 1:35).

The title *Son of God* refers to the divine generation of Jesus. In Eternity-Past, before any other thing was brought forth, God brought forth the divine Spirit and Soul of His Only Begotten Son.

#### **B. Jesus Was Called the Son of Man.**

And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air *have* nests; but **the Son of man hath not where to lay his head** (Matthew 8:20).

The title *Son of Man* pertains to the human generation of Jesus. God prepared, in the Virgin Mary's womb, a Human Body in which His Begotten Son could dwell.

#### **C. Jesus Was Called the Son of David.**

The book of the generation of **Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham** (Matthew 1:1).

The title *Son of David* shows Jesus' royal heritage. This kingly lineage entitles Jesus, the Son, to sit upon David's throne during His coming Millennial Reign on earth.

#### **D. Jesus Was Called the Son of Abraham.**

The book of the generation of **Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham** (Matthew 1:1).

The title *Son of Abraham* tells the Son's heritage of the faithful Promises made to Abraham. These Promises, fulfilled in Jesus, will bless the whole world.

#### **E. Jesus Was Called the Seed of Woman.**

But when the fulness of the time was come, **God sent forth his Son, made of a woman**, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons (Galatians 4:4,5).

The Title *Seed of Woman* reveals God's Mercy. Sin came in, first, by the woman, Adam-female; therefore, God ordained that Redemption would come by a woman, the Virgin Mary, through God's Son, Jesus Christ.

#### **F. Jesus Was Called a Mediator.**

**For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;** (1 Timothy 2:5)

The title *Mediator* unveils the holy Design and Purpose of Jesus' Coming to earth. Jesus became the Mediator for settling the differences between God and man. Man's sin had broken and defiled God's Holy Word. Sin had placed man under the penalty of guilt and Death. Jesus became an Intermediary Conciliator Who took away the enmity between God and man. Jesus repaired God's Word by His Obedience to that Word. Jesus washed away man's guilt and removed the penalty of Death by taking man's place in Death. Thus, through His friendly intervention and intercession, Jesus restored Unity and Harmony between God and man.

The titles *Son of God* and *Son of Man*, attached to the Name of Jesus, help us to understand the Son's divine and human generation. He was truly God and truly man. In the titles *Son of David* and *Son of Abraham*, we see the Son's legal heritage of the royal throne of David and His spiritual heritage of the Promises given to Abraham. In the titles *Seed of Woman* and *Mediator*, we see God's divine Mercy to sinners and His holy design to restore Unity between God and man through His Son's Work.

## V. Jesus' Human Body Had Limitations.

To deny the reality of Jesus' human Body is a mark of the spirit of Antichrist.

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And **every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist**, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world (1 John 4:1-3).

God's Word clearly states that the Heavenly Father prepared a Body for His Son.

Wherefore **when he** [the Son] **cometh into the world, he saith**, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a **body hast thou** [the Father] **prepared me:** (Hebrews 10:5).

Given just this one verse in the Bible, we could certainly believe that God's Son came to earth in a human Body, but God did not leave us with just one witness; rather, He has given many Scriptures in His Word to show that Jesus had a mortal human Body that experienced the same weaknesses as other human bodies. For instance, references in the Gospels tell about the weakness of Jesus' human body.

**Jesus Grew Weary:** The mortality of Jesus' human Body caused Him to grow weary and constrained Him to stop and rest.

Now Jacob's well was there. **Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey**, sat thus on the well: *and* it was about the sixth hour (John 4:6).

**Jesus Slept:** The human body demands a certain amount of sleep in order to function properly. Jesus recognized His Humanity and honoured His Body's need for natural sleep.

And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: **but he was asleep** (Matthew 8:24).

**Jesus Hungered:** The same Bible that records Jesus' periods of fasting also tells of His Body's natural desire for food. Jesus did not abuse His Body by stuffing it with unnecessary food, but He ate when hunger reminded Him of His Body's need for more fuel to replace His burned up energy.

Now in the morning, as he returned into the city, **he hungered** (Matthew 21:18).

**Jesus Thirsted:** The mortal body can go without food for longer periods of time than it can go without water. Although Jesus Christ, while hanging on the Cross, was fulfilling God's eternal Plan of Redemption, Jesus still was conscious of His human Body's natural need for life-sustaining water.

After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, **I thirst** (John 19:28).

**Jesus Suffered Physical Agony:** The Cup of Death was presented to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. There, He suffered such agony that His sweat was like great drops of blood. He would have perished in the garden if the Heavenly Father had not heard His Son's prayer and sent an Angel to minister to His physical Body.

And **being in an agony he prayed more earnestly:** and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground (Luke 22:44).

**Jesus Died:** Jewish history records the fact that the Man Jesus died. The only way that Christ, the Eternal Word of God, could know Death was by fellowshiping the Crucifixion, Death, and Burial of Jesus' physical Body. During all the days of His Life, Jesus kept His human Will in subjection to the Divine Will of the Christ that was within Him. Then, when the time came for Jesus the Man to die as a sacrifice for sin, Christ willingly chose to maintain His joining by going to the Cross and by going down into Hell and Death with Jesus. Thus, it is proper to say that Christ, as well as Jesus, died for our sins.

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins** according to the scriptures; And that **he was buried**, and that **he rose again** the third day according to the scriptures: (1 Corinthians 15:3,4).

**Jesus Was Tempted as We Are Tempted:** Jesus' ability to succour, comfort, and intercede for us comes from

His personal understanding of humanity's weakness. He lived over thirty-three years in a Human Form that daily was tested and tried, just as we are tested.

For in that **he himself hath suffered being tempted**, he is able to succour them that are tempted (Hebrews 2:18).

Jesus was tempted in Principle in every way possible, yet He did not permit His Humanity to cause Him to sin against His Father's Law. Although He Himself never sinned, our High Priest knows how it feels to be tempted, and He is touched with the feelings of our infirmities.

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; **but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin** (Hebrews 4:15).

**Jesus Was Flesh and Blood:** The Bible teaches that the Life of the flesh is in the blood; therefore, the LORD gave His Blood to make an atonement for our souls.

Forasmuch then as the children are **partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same**; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage (Hebrews 2:14,15).

Through the bloodstream of Adam-male and Adam-female, natural life and also the life of the corrupt seed of sin was passed to all men. As the Divine Son of God, Jesus had Pure, Holy, Spiritual Blood. But in order to redeem us from sin, Jesus had to take on the part of flesh that was kept alive with natural, physical blood. It took natural blood to sustain Jesus' natural life in a Body of Flesh. Yet, natural blood alone could not have redeemed us. It took the natural blood and the Spiritual Blood of Jesus Christ to make atonement for our souls.

For **the life of the flesh is in the blood**: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for **it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul** (Leviticus 17:11).

**Jesus Was Made a Man:** In order to be a merciful and faithful High Priest, One Who could minister in the things of God and also make reconciliation for the sins of man, Jesus was made a Man.

For verily he took not on *him the nature of angels*; but he took on *him the seed of Abraham*. Wherefore in all things **it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people**. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted (Hebrews 2:16-18).

The Book of Philippians makes it clear that Jesus was made a Man inwardly, in the working of His Mind, as well as being made a Man in outward form.

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, **and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself**, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross (Philippians 2:5-8).

The foregoing verses show the seven steps of humility which Jesus Christ descended in order to overcome the seven basic fears of mankind.\*

The Greek word for *form* projects the idea of the adjustment of parts, particularly the shape and nature. The nature pertains to the inward disposition and workings of the mind. Jesus, the Son, was begotten in God's Form; therefore, He possessed a Godly Nature and a Godly Mind. But He humbled Himself, made Himself of no reputation, took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.

The Greek word for *likeness* means resemblance, shape, similitude. Jesus took on the internal weakness and frailty of flesh, being made similar in inward appearance and character as mankind. Jesus was tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin.

The word for *fashion* pertains to the external mode, circumstances, and conditions of life. Jesus also took on Himself the external weakness and frailty of mankind. This is why He experienced weariness and exhaustion to the point of requiring sleep; He experienced hunger, thirst, suffering, and Death.

## VI. Writers of both the Old Testament and the New Testament Foretold the Details of Jesus' Birth and

## Childhood.

When the time came for God's Son to be born, Joseph and Mary, who was carrying the Christ Child, went to Bethlehem, not by accident, but in fulfillment of Prophecy. Hundreds of years earlier, the Prophet Micah had foretold that God's Son would come forth out of Bethlehem, and that is exactly where Jesus was born — in Bethlehem — a small town about six miles south of Jerusalem. Although Joseph and Mary lived in Nazareth, they had traveled to Bethlehem because Caesar Augustus had decreed that each person must return to his home city to be taxed.

**But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel;** whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from everlasting. Therefore will he give them up, until the time *that* she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel (Micah 5:2,3).

The first few chapters of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke record the details of Jesus' birth. Mary traveled the infant Jesus to birth in a humble stable because there was no room for them in the inn. This Child was the Son of God, the details of whose birth had been announced by the Prophets for hundreds of years. Yet few people were aware of His Coming. Those who received the announcement and revelation of Jesus' birth were as follows:

- The shepherds (Luke 2:8-18)
- The Wisemen who followed the star (Matthew 2:1-12)
- Simeon, a devout man of God (Luke 2:25-33)
- Anna, a Prophetess (Luke 2:26-38)

Secular history records the birth of Jesus Christ, but the Bible reveals that this Man's birth was different from all other men's births: The Son of God was conceived by the Holy Ghost; He was born of a virgin; and an Angel announced His birth.

**And the angel said unto them** [the shepherds], Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For **unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.** And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger (Luke 2:10-12).

Like other Hebrew male children, Jesus Christ was circumcised when He was eight days old. Later, He was presented to the LORD in the Temple in Jerusalem when He was forty days old. This is when Simeon and Anna, the Prophetess, announced that Jesus was the *salvation* and the *looked for redemption*, Whose coming had been promised by the Prophets.

**And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.** And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: **and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,** Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: **For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,** Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel (Luke 2:25-32).

**And there was one Anna, a prophetess,** the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. **And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem** (Luke 2:36-38).

About two years later, Wisemen from the East journeyed to the house in which Mary and Joseph and the young Child Jesus lived. There, the Wisemen presented Him with gifts and paid homage to Him as Israel's King.

**And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way** (Matthew 2:11,12).

Through a dream, the Angel of the Lord warned Joseph that Herod was plotting the destruction of the Child-King. Obediently, Joseph fled into Egypt with Mary and the young Child.

And when they were departed, behold, **the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt,** and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. **When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:** And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son (Matthew 2:13-15).

While Jesus lived in safety in Egypt, a terrible massacre took place in the land of Israel. As had been prophesied, King Herod ordered the death of all infants up to the age of two years old. After Herod's death, Joseph brought his family out of Egypt and back again into Nazareth, into the province of Galilee. In Nazareth, the Child Jesus grew "and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him" (Luke 2:40).

Jesus' early years are hidden in obscurity except for the account of His journey to Jerusalem with His parents when He was twelve years old. As the families were returning to their homes, following the Passover Feast, they discovered, after one day's journey, that Jesus was not among their kinsfolk or acquaintances. Mary and Joseph retraced their steps to Jerusalem and searched for the missing young Boy. They found Him in the Temple, in the midst of wise teachers and learned leaders of that day. All who heard Jesus were astonished at the spiritual understanding evidenced by the twelve-year-old Boy's questions and answers.

Mary also was amazed by Jesus' remarks to her on this occasion. Instead of being repentant for the trouble He had caused them, Jesus said, "How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" (Luke 2:49). Even at this early age, Jesus was aware of God's Call on His Life. Yet He obediently subjected Himself to His earthly parents and returned with them to Nazareth.

## VII. Jesus Fulfilled the Ministry to which He Was Called.

God sent a forerunner, John the Baptist, to prepare the way for His Son's public Ministry. One day, as John was preaching and baptizing people unto repentance in preparation for the Coming of the Lord, Jesus appeared and requested that John baptize Him. Jesus had no need to repent because He had no sin, yet He was baptized in order to fulfill all righteousness.

**Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.** But **John forbad him,** saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? **And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.** Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased (Matthew 3:13-17).

By this act of obedience, Jesus theoretically opened up the pool of His Death for all Christians, and it was fulfilled in actuality when He died upon the Cross.

God personally sanctioned Jesus' Ministry by publicly speaking out of Heaven. The Father said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). This occasion at the River Jordan was also John's first public announcement that Jesus was the Son of God, for Whom he had been sent to prepare the way.

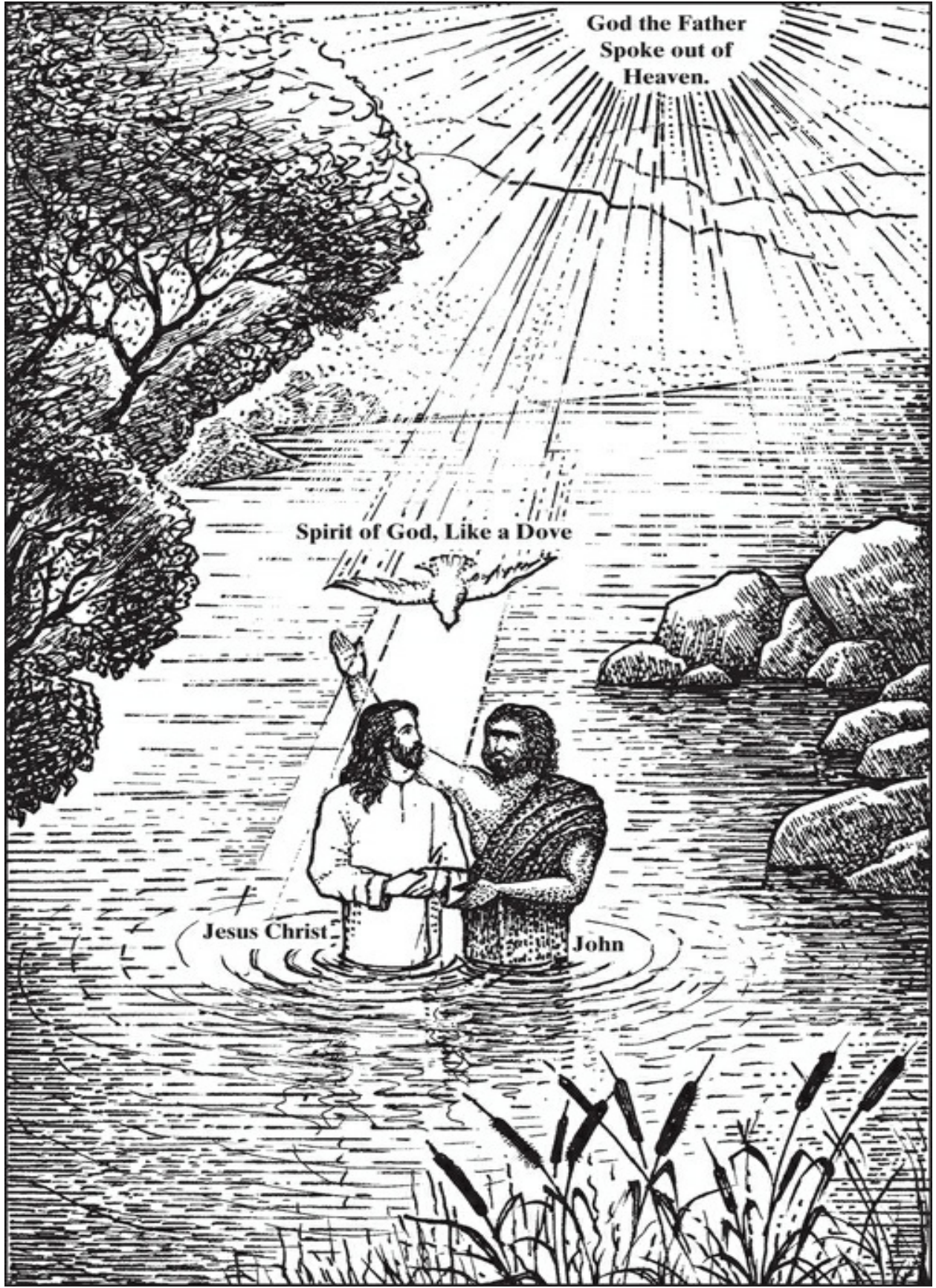
**And John bare record,** saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, **Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.** **And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God** (John 1:32-34).

God the Father  
Spoke out of  
Heaven.

Spirit of God, Like a Dove

Jesus Christ

John



After His baptism in water, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the Devil.

**Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.** And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. **And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.** Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him(Matthew 4:1-11).

At His baptism in Jordan, Jesus was blessed and anointed for His public Ministry. However, He neither called His Disciples, nor went forth into His Ministry until He had successfully overcome the temptations of Satan and the Devil. Jesus proved His dependence on the Word of God by using it as His only defensive weapon against the enemy.

Jesus called twelve men to follow Him and become fishers of men. Their names are listed together in the Book of Matthew.

Now **the names of the twelve apostles are these;** The first, **Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James *the son of Zebedee*, and John his brother; Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James *the son of Alphaeus*, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was **Thaddaeus; Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot**, who also betrayed him (Matthew 10:2-4).**

The only man to lose his Apostleship and his part in Jesus' Ministry was Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus. The other eleven followed Jesus all the days of His public Ministry and went on to be used mightily in spreading the Gospel after Jesus' Ascension into Heaven.

### **VIII. Through His Crucifixion, Death, Burial, and Resurrection, Jesus Became Mankind's Redeemer.**

In order to redeem mankind from the curse of the Law, Jesus, the Only Begotten Son of God, died a cruel death on a Cross — the most ignominious form of punishment for crimes.

**Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:** That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith (Galatians 3:13,14).

Here, again, we see Christ, the Eternal Word of God, fellowship-ping the shame, humiliation, pain, and Death heaped upon Jesus' Humanity. Jesus Christ's Death is directly mentioned more than 175 times in the New Testament, besides the many places in the Old Testament that make prophetic references to His Death.

The following Scriptures in the New Testament refer to Jesus' Death:

- Jesus became a partaker of flesh and blood in order that He might die (Hebrews 2:14)
- Jesus gave His Life as a ransom for sinners (Matthew 20:28).
- Jesus' Death is an essential Truth of the Gospel (I Corinthians 15:1-4).
- Jesus was crucified (I Corinthians 2:2).
- Jesus died for the sins of others (I Peter 3:18; Romans 4:25; I Peter 2:24).
- Jesus became a curse for mankind by His Death on the Cross (Galatians 3:10,13).
- Jesus became a Sin Offering for us through His Death on the Cross (II Corinthians 5:21).
- Jesus died for all races and peoples (Revelation 5:9; John 1:29).
- Jesus' Death on the Cross provided Sin Offering Blood for man's redemption and cleansing (Ephesians 1:7; I John 1:7; Matthew 26:28).
- Jesus' Death is our death (Romans 6:3,6,8; Galatians 2:20 and 6:14; II Corinthians 14:14).
- We are to remember Jesus' Death (I Corinthians 11:26).

After Jesus' Death on the Cross, His Body was hurriedly prepared for burial and placed in the nearby garden tomb that belonged to Joseph of Arimathæa.

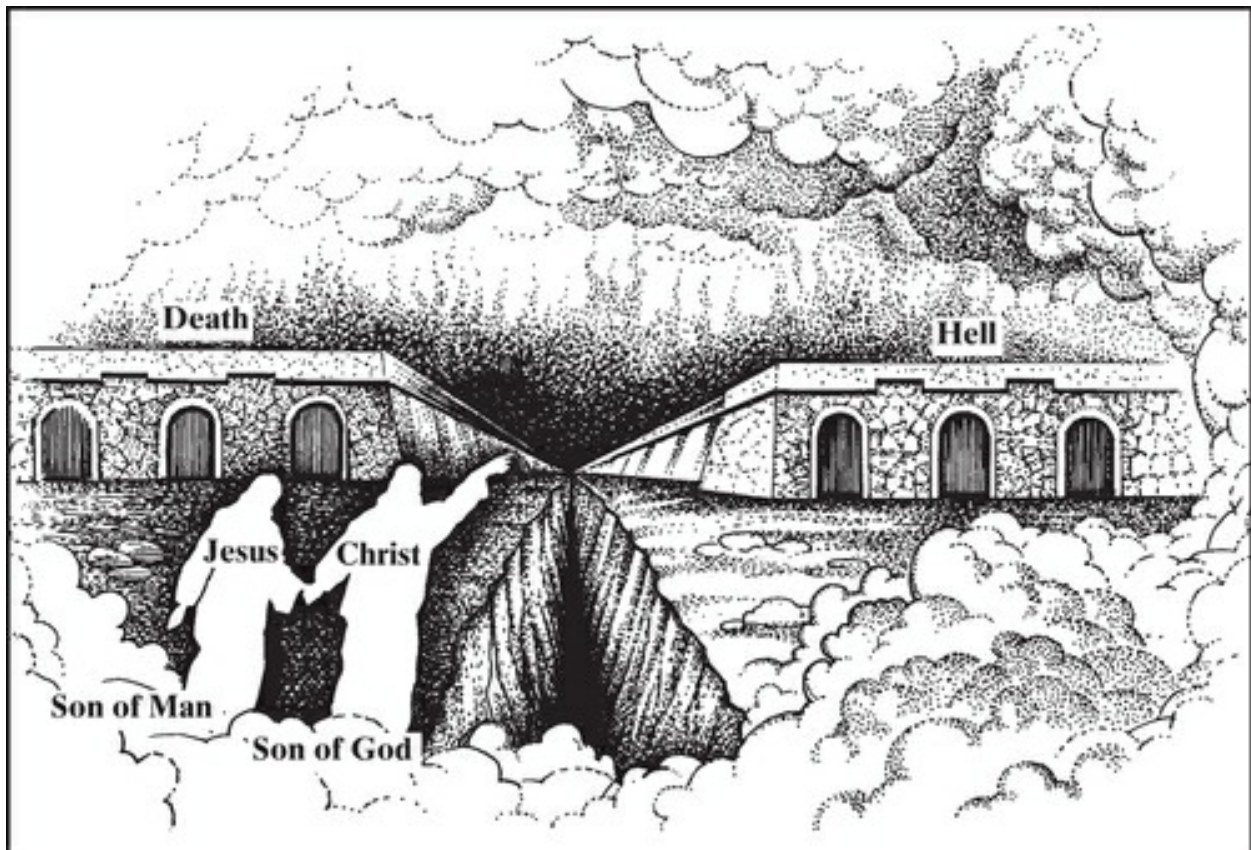
And after this **Joseph of Arimathæa**, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, **besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus**; and Pilate gave *him* leave. **He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus**. And there came also **Nicodemus**, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of **myrrh and aloes**, about an hundred pound *weight*. **Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices**, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. Now in the place **where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid. There laid they Jesus** therefore because of the Jews' preparation *day*; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand (John 19:38-42).

At the request of the Jewish Priests and Pharisees, Pilate assigned Roman soldiers to stand guard over the sealed tomb to prevent Jesus' Disciples from stealing His Body and claiming that He had been resurrected.

Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, **the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate**, Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. **Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead**: so the last error shall be worse than the first. Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make *it* as sure as ye can. **So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch** (Matthew 27:62-66).

Jesus' Body went to the grave, and His Spirit went into the Hands of the Father. Jesus' Soul went down to Hell and Death. Hell (Sheol) is the abode of departed wicked souls. Before Jesus died on the Cross, Death (also called Paradise and Abraham's Bosom) was the abode of all righteous dead. The Book of Psalms prophetically described what took place when Jesus' Soul, accompanied by the Christ, approached the gates of Hell.

**Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.** Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. **Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift *them* up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.** Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah (Psalm 24:7-10).



Jesus Christ now Possesses the Keys of Death and Hell, for He took them from the Devil's hands.

**I am he that liveth, and was dead;** and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; **and have the keys of hell and of death** (Revelation 1:18).

Jesus did not stay in Hell and Death, but the Father gloriously resurrected Him as the Scriptures had foretold.

**For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell;** neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption (Psalm 16:10).

The first Evangelist to declare the Good News of Jesus Christ's Resurrection was a woman, by name, Mary Magdalene.

**Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her** (John 20:17,18).

That God selected Mary Magdalene to spread the news of Jesus' Resurrection was a witness of God's great Mercy. A woman, Adam-female, was the first to sin, and she was also the first to receive the Promise of the Coming Redeemer. A woman, the Virgin Mary, was the first to know of the Redeemer's birth; and a woman, Mary Magdalene, was the first to bear witness of the Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ.

After His Resurrection, Jesus appeared, first, to Mary Magdalene in the garden. Since He had not yet ascended to the Father to present His sacrificial Blood on the great Altar in Heaven, He forbade Mary to touch Him. Later, other people touched Him and saw Him eat. These people were able to declare, then, that Jesus was not a Spirit, but Flesh and Bones.

**And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them,** and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you. But **they were terrified** and affrighted, **and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them,** Why are ye troubled? and **why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.** And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them *his* hands and *his* feet. **And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them.** And he said unto them, These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in* the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, (Luke 24:36-45).

**But Thomas,** one of the twelve, called Didymus, was **not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.** And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: **then came Jesus,** the doors being shut, **and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.** Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed *are* they that have not seen, and *yet* have believed (John 20:24-29).

Of a Truth, this was Jesus Christ, the One Whom Thomas and the other Disciples had followed for over three years. Notice that Jesus could do some things after His Resurrection that He could not do while He was bound by physical Laws. After His Resurrection, Jesus could pass through closed doors, for example, because His human Body had been transformed into a glorious Spiritual Body that was not bound by the Laws of this natural world.

In the "resurrection chapter" of First Corinthians, the Apostle Paul told of over 500 men, including himself, who could bear witness to the physical Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once;** of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. **After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also,** as of one born out of due time (I Corinthians 15:3-8).

After spending forty days on the earth in His Resurrected Body, Jesus ascended into Heaven to be seated on God's Right Hand. Before leaving, however, Jesus gave His followers the "Great Commission" and also exhorted

them to wait for the enduement of Power from on High.

Ten days after Jesus' Ascension into Heaven, the Day of Pentecost came, and the 120 Disciples in the Upper Room were baptized with the Holy Ghost. Many devout men out of every nation under Heaven heard the Holy-Ghost filled Disciples as they magnified God with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. From this small nucleus of Holy-Ghost filled Disciples, the New Testament Church was born. In obedience to Jesus' Commission, they went forth, teaching and preaching the Gospel of the Life, Death, burial, and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This chapter has established that Jesus, the only Begotten Son of God, existed in Spirit and Soul Form in Eternity-Past, before He came to Earth in a human Body. God gave Adam-female the Promised Seed of Jesus' Humanity. Eventually, the Performance of Jesus' Seed of Promise came through the Virgin Mary. God not only gave His Son Jesus a human mother, the Virgin Mary, but He also gave His Son a legal father, Joseph, to spare Him the shame of being falsely called a bastard Son.

The titles attributed to the Name of Jesus, the limitations of Jesus' human Body, Jesus' Childhood, His Ministry, and His Crucifixion, Death, burial, and Resurrection have been briefly covered in this chapter. In spite of the fact that one short chapter cannot list all the Scriptures dealing with Jesus' Humanity, the points just covered should be sufficient to convince everyone that God's Only Begotten Son did, indeed, come in a Body of mortal Flesh, as was prophesied in the Old Testament, and that He now lives at the Right Hand of His Father in Heaven.

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\* For the complete study of man's basic fears, read: B. R. Hicks, [\*How To Overcome The Seven Basic Fears Of Man\*](#) (Jeffersonville, Indiana: Christ Gospel Churches Int'l., Inc., 1985).

# Chapter Three

## The Deity Of Christ The Word

No one questions the Birth and Life of the Man Jesus of Nazareth. No one disputes Jesus' birth in Bethlehem or that He lived in Nazareth; these are historical facts. All the conflict takes place over the acknowledgement of the Man Jesus being the Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed, Divine Son of God. One of the foundational Truths of the Christian Faith is that Jesus Christ is truly God and that He came into the world as a Man by the miracle of the Virgin Birth.

The Name Jesus was given to the Man-Child born to the Virgin Mary through Immaculate Conception. Thus, the Man Jesus had a beginning; He was begotten by God and sent to earth in a human Body.

For unto which of the angels said he at any time, **Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee?** And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? And again, **when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him** (Hebrews 1:5,6).

As a human Being, Jesus had a human Will, yet during His entire earthly journey, Jesus the Man, through His Obedience and Surrender, kept His human Will in perfect Union with the divine Will of the Christ within Him. As a Man, Jesus lived an absolutely sinless life.

The Name *Christ* refers to the Son's eternal Divinity. The Christ always has existed, for He is the Word of God.

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.** The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made (John 1:1-3).

The Greek word for *Word* is *Logos*, which means something said (including the thought), a topic or subject of discourse, also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive, a computation, specifically, the Divine Expression (i.e., the Christ) of God.

*God* is the translation of the Hebrew Name *Elohim*, a noun that is used both singularly and plurally. It denotes plurality within the One God. Within the Godhead exists the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost. The Unity or Oneness of the Godhead is taught in both the Old and New Testaments.

Hear, O Israel: **The LORD our God is one LORD:** And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might (Deuteronomy 6:4,5).

And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day **shall there be one LORD, and his name one** (Zechariah 14:9).

Have we not all one father? **hath not one God created us?** why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers? (Malachi 2:10).

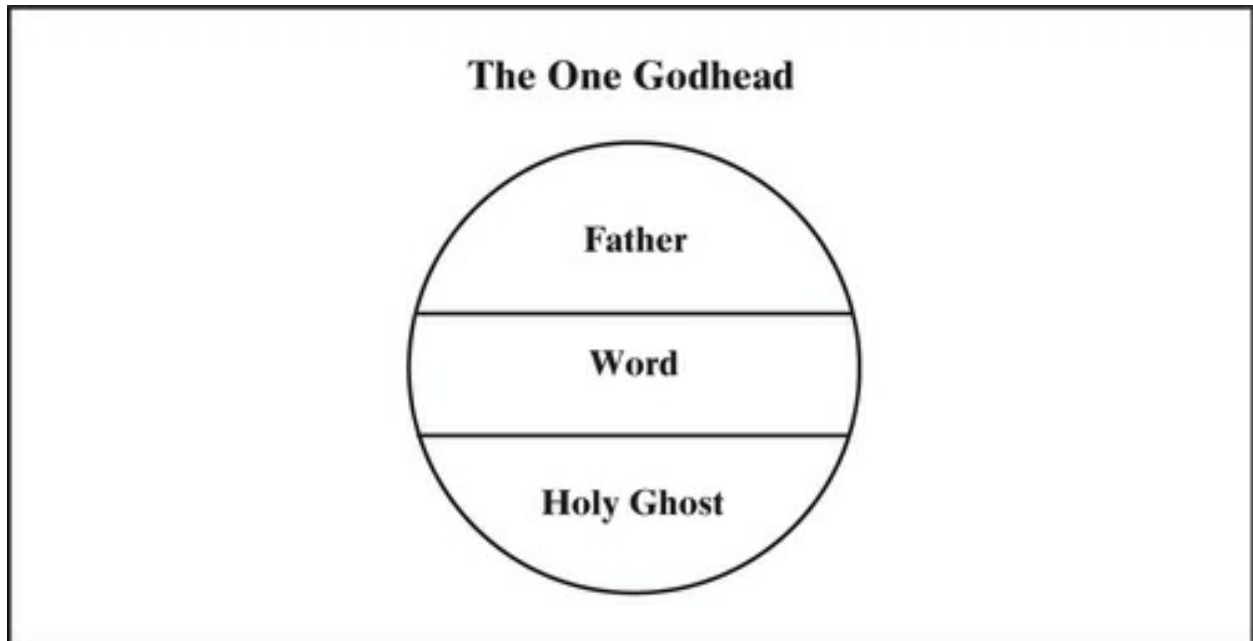
And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; **The Lord our God is one Lord:** And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment (Mark 12:28-30).

Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, **we ought not to think that the Godhead [singular] is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device** (Acts 17:29).

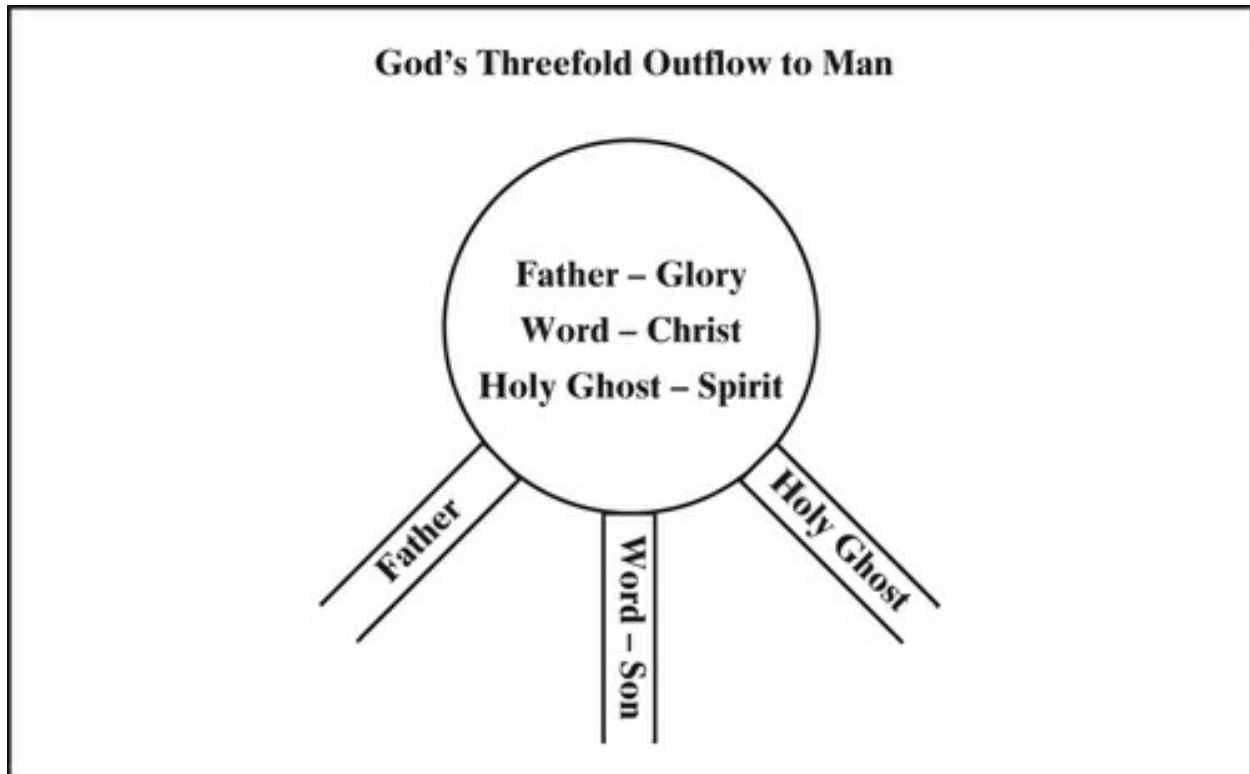
Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, **being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead [singular]; so that they are without excuse:** (Romans 1:19,20).

The First Book of John reveals that a compound Unity or Oneness exists in the Godhead.

For **there are three that bear record in heaven**, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: **and these three are one** (I John 5:7).



There is just one Godhead or one Fountainhead of Truth. Man does not have the power to separate or divide the Godhead. Man's limited understanding could never open the Seal of God's great Fountain nor search out the mysteries of God's Infinite Being. Yet God's Love and Mercy toward His Creation constrained Him to suffer the pain of personally opening up the Eternal Fountainhead so that it might flow out to man in three separate streams of revelation called *Father*, *Word*, and *Holy Ghost*.



The Word that flowed out to be joined to flesh is the Christ, the Eternal Logos of the Godhead. The Christ is also called *the Rock*.

Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for **they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ** (1 Corinthians 10:1-4).

The Spiritual Rock that followed Israel in the wilderness phase of her journey was none other than Christ Himself, the Word of God. The Book of Deuteronomy declares that the Work of the Rock (Christ) is perfect, and that He is called a God of Truth or Word.

Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: Because I will publish the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. **He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he** (Deuteronomy 32:1-4).

The Apostle Peter said that Old Testament Prophets had the Spirit of Christ or the Spirit of the Eternal Word in them to give them divine Utterance and Prophecies about the time in which the Word would be made Flesh and dwell among men.

Searching what, or **what manner of time the Spirit of Christ** [the Eternal Word] which was in them did signify, **when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ**, and the glory that should follow (1 Peter 1:11).

The foregoing Scriptures prove that Christ is the Divine Word, for Christ is the Rock Who is a God of Truth, and the Word is Truth.

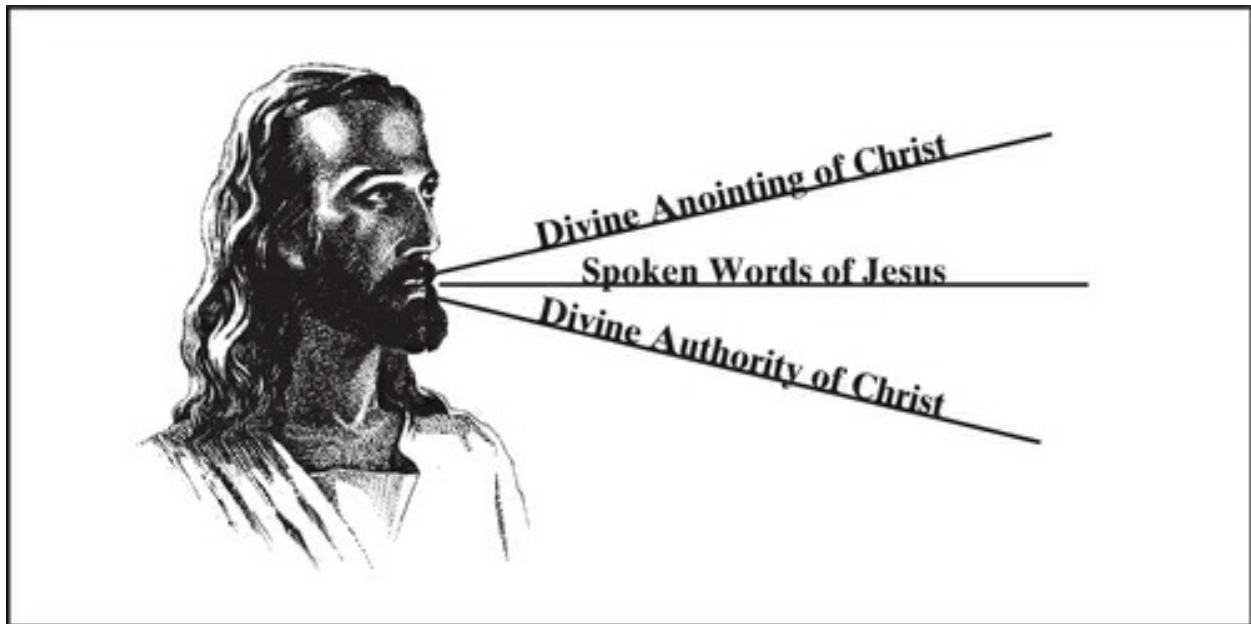
Sanctify them through thy truth: **thy word is truth** (John 17:17).

## **I. Christ Possesses All Divine Attributes.**

Christ's, the Word's, Divine Attributes — His Character and Nature — were manifested in the Person of Jesus the Son.

### A. Christ Is Omnipotent.

Christ is Divine, for He is the Eternal Word or Logos of God. Therefore, the omnipotent Power and Authority of God's Word, the Christ, is unlimited. But this Power was invisible, as it were, until Jesus the Man spoke forth Christ's divinely anointed and empowered Word. The Divine Christ was made visible to those who observed the results of Jesus' spoken Words.



The omnipotent Power and Anointing of Christ, the Eternal, Divine Word of God, made Jesus' Words different from the words of all other men. Jesus' Word went forth anointed with Christ's supernatural Power, as the following Scriptures prove.

#### 1. Christ Had and Still Has Power Over All Diseases.

And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And **Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever**; and they besought him for her. **And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her**: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them. Now when the sun was setting, **all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them** (Luke 4:38-40).

An ordinary person can rebuke a fever without ever seeing any change in the sick person's condition, but when Jesus rebuked the fever in Peter's mother-in-law, she was healed immediately. The omnipotent Power of the Christ, the Eternal Word of God, reached out and took authority over the disease that caused the woman's fever. As soon as the disease bowed to Christ's greater Power, the fever left, and the woman was free to resume her normal duties in the home. The miraculous deliverance through Christ's Word gave others faith to bring their sick and diseased loved ones to Jesus for healing.

#### 2. Christ Had and Still Has Power Over Death.

And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. **Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow**: and much people of the city was with her. And **when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her**, and said unto her, Weep not. And **he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still**. And he said, **Young man, I say unto thee, Arise**. And he that was dead sat up, and

**began to speak.** And he delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people (Luke 7:11-16).

And, behold, **there came a man named Jairus**, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: **and he fell down at Jesus feet, and besought him that he would come into his house: For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying.** But as he went the people thronged him.... **While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogues house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead;** trouble not the Master. But when Jesus heard *it*, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole. And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden. **And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead. And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise. And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway:** and he commanded to give her meat. And her parents were astonished: but he charged them that they should tell no man what was done (Luke 8:41,42,49-56).

In the cases of the widow's son and Jairus' daughter, the omnipotent Power of Christ's Word, spoken by Jesus, overcame the power and authority of Death and restored Life to their dead bodies.

### **3. Christ Had and Still Has Power Over the Wind and Sea.**

And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? **Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.** But the men marveled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him! (Matthew 8:26,27).

The natural Creation does not respond to the commands of ordinary men, but the wind and the sea obediently subsided at Christ's omnipotent rebuke.

### **4. Christ Had and Still Has Power Over Demons.**

When the even was come, **they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:** (Matthew 8:16).

As the omnipotent Eternal Word came forth out of Jesus' Mouth, demons recognized it and bowed to His Authority.

### **5. Christ Has Power Over the Angelic World.**

**Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:** And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all (Ephesians 1:20-23).

Christ, the Eternal Word, could not experience Death except as He fellowshiped Jesus the Man's Death. When Jesus was resurrected, the Christ Who had gone down into Hell and Death with Him also came up with Him. Thus, when the Resurrected Jesus speaks, the angelic world is subject to what He says because His Words come forth with all the Power and Anointing of the Christ, to Whom He is joined.

### **6. Christ Has Power to Uphold All Things.**

**God**, who at sundry times and in divers manners **spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;** (Hebrews 1:1-3).

Even in the humiliating state of being joined to flesh, Christ, the Eternal Word, possessed the Power to uphold all things simply by speaking.

We must confess that Christ is Divine, for the Bible records the omnipotent Power and Authority of His Word. Christ's Word has Power over disease, Death, winds and sea, demons, and the angelic world, and He has Power to

uphold all things.

## **B. Christ Is Omniscient.**

The Omniscient Word, the Christ, had All-Knowledge of created things while they still existed as unformed energy.

**My substance was not hid from thee**, when I was made in secret, *and* curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. **Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect** [unformed]; **and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.** How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God how great is the sum of them! (Psalm 139:15-17).

Since, by His All-Knowledge, Christ was acquainted with the individual atoms of energy that later would be grouped together in various forms of His Creation, He has no problem in knowing these atoms now that they have been pressed into shape.

### **1. Christ Knows Men's Lives.**

The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. **The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.** The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet (John 4:15-19).

This woman's private life was open to Jesus, not because He had access to such facts in the natural realm, but because the Christ imparted the Knowledge to Him by divine Revelation.

### **2. Christ Knows Secret Thoughts.**

But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this *man* thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? And immediately, **when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?** (Mark 2:6-8).

And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone? **But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?** Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk? (Luke 5:21-23).

A natural person cannot perceive what is going on in another's heart and mind. The Book of Hebrews says that the *Word of God* is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart and that there is nothing that is not naked and opened to His Eyes. The Christ, then, was the One Who discerned the unspoken thoughts in the scribes' and Pharisees' hearts. Then, because Christ shared this Knowledge with Him, Jesus was able to answer the men according to their thoughts.

### **3. Christ Knows His Betrayers.**

Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard *this*, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you? *What* and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life. But there are some of you that believe not. **For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him** (John 6:60-64).

Before the deeds were committed, Christ knew exactly who would turn away from following Him and betray Him into the hands of His enemies. Then, Jesus, upon receiving this Knowledge by divine Revelation from the Christ, spoke it forth so that it might be a witness against the sinners in the Day of Judgment.

### **4. Christ Knows Men's Actions from a Distance.**

Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in

the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see. **Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.** Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel (John 1:44-49).

Christ's divine Knowledge is not limited by distance nor space. When Christ saw Nathanael sitting under the fig tree, the Man Jesus was in one city, while Nathanael was in another.

## 5. Christ Knows the Future.

**And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in.** And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? And he shall shew you a large upper room furnished: there make ready. **And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover** (Luke 22:10-13).

Now when he had left speaking, **he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.** And Simon answering said unto him, Master, **we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake** (Luke 5:4-6).

Now before the feast of the passover, **when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end** (John 13:1).

The foregoing Scriptures prove that, in His days on earth, Christ had Knowledge of events before they came to pass. As a result of Jesus Union with Christ, the Eternal Word of God, He was able to foretell future happenings. Now Jesus is eternally joined to Christ's Omniscience.

## 6. Christ Knows All Things.

So when they had dined, **Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?** He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. **He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?** He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. **He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee.** Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep (John 21:15-17).

For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and *for* them at Laodicea, and *for* as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of **Christ; In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge** (Colossians 2:1-3).

Only God's Infinite Mind comprehends and knows all things. Since God's Word says that Christ knew all things and that all the Treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge were hidden in Him, obviously the Christ is Divine.

## C. Christ Is Omnipresent.

The All-Presence of the Word lights the conscience of every man who comes into the world.

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.** The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. **There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.** The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that *all* men through him might believe. **He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.** He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not (John 1:1-10).

The world's failure to recognize the Divine Word in Jesus and even its Presence within their own consciences, does not negate the reality of Christ's Omnipresence. Neither does the world's unbelief keep the Omnipresent Christ

or Word from discerning all the thoughts and intents of man's heart.

**For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do (Hebrews 4:12,13).

The Word of God, the Christ, is present everywhere to reprove and correct man of his errors. When men respect Christ's Word and repent of their wrong doings, He forgives them. Then, they are in a position to hear Christ's Words of blessing.

## 1. The Word Was Present in the Beginning.

Christ's Omnipresence did not begin in Time; rather, the Bible teaches that He always has existed in an Omnipresent Form.

In the beginning of Creation, the Eternal Word, the Christ, was present.

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God's Spirit, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God** (John 1:1)

The Book of Colossians confirms this point by saying that the Word was present in God's dear Son in the beginning.

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins: **Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.** And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence. For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell; (Colossians 1:12-19).

All things were brought into being by the Divine, Creative Word that was in God's only Begotten Son. In the Gospel of John, chapter eight, Jesus the Son testified that He existed before Abraham, who was the first man to carry the supernatural Seed of Promise of the Saviour's Divinity.

**Jesus said unto them,** Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Before Abraham was, I am** (John 8:58).

Since the Eternal Word of God brought forth the Son, we know that Christ was also present in the beginning, long before Abraham's time.

## 2. The Word Was Present in the Everlasting Ages of Eternity.

But thou, Beth-lehem Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, **yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.** Therefore will he give them up, until the time *that* she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel (Micah 5:2,3).

The term *everlasting* pertains to the turning of the great Wheel of God's own Being. Because God is Eternal, the Wheel of His Being ever turns to reveal new heights and depths of revelation and Truth.

The Eternal Word of God was present in Eternity-Past to beget the Son and start Him riding the Wheel of God's Truth. The Christ went forth along with the Begotten Son in order to lead the Son into new realms of Glory-Light and Knowledge and into new depths of Wisdom and Understanding. The Son kept His Will in subjection to the Divine Will and Word of the Christ. Throughout Eternity and also in Time, the Son continually rode the Wheel of Truth from the heights into the depths and back up again. Therefore, we, His children by Creation and by regeneration, can call the Son the *Everlasting Father* because He is qualified to bear that title.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and **his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace** (Isaiah 9:6).

## D. Christ Is Immutable.

**Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever** (Hebrews 13:8).

But unto the Son *he saith*, **Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever**: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, *even thy God*, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and **the heavens are the works of thine hands: They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail** (Hebrews 1:8-12).

The Son Jesus spoke what the Christ within Him told Him to speak. Therefore, Jesus' Words agreed with the inspired Words that Moses and the Prophets of old had spoken. Jesus Christ did not come to change the Law; He came to fulfill its every jot and tittle.

Man's rebellion in building the Tower of Babel forced God to confuse man's language. Yet, in spite of all the languages and dialects now spoken in the world, the Moral Principles of God's Eternal Word remain unchanged, and all languages clearly project these same Principles. The Divine Word, the Christ, is Immutable and Unchangeable in all generations and will continue to be so in Eternity.

## E. Christ Exists Eternally.

**Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God**: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross (Philippians 2:5-8).

Christ, the Eternal Word of God, existed before the only Begotten Son was brought forth. Into His Son, God poured His Fullness.

**For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily** (Colossians 2:9).

In the Book of John, the Son Jesus acknowledged that all He possessed came to Him from the Father.

And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. **Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me** (John 17:5-8).

This Scripture states that Jesus shared with His Disciples the Divine, Eternal Word He had received from His Heavenly Father. The Word had to have existed beforehand in order for the Father to share it with Jesus, so we must conclude that the Christ of God is Eternal since He existed with the Father.

Thus far, we have seen that Christ possesses all Divine Attributes: He is Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent, and Immutable. He also has an Eternal Existence.

## II. Christ Ministers in Divine Offices.

Christ's Ministry in divine Offices is further proof of His Divinity. The introductory chapter of this book showed that the Begotten Son was brought forth or *breathed* forth out of God's Procreative Loins. (See drawing on page 37).

**When there were no depths, I was brought forth**; when *there were* no fountains abounding with water. **Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth**: (Proverbs 8:24,25).

When God's Breath went forth, some of God's Word went forth with it, and this Word, the Christ, remained joined to the Son from the Son's birth out of God's Procreative Loins. Thus, when the Son ministers in divine Offices, it is because of His Union with the Divine, Authoritative Word, the Christ.

### A. Christ Ministered in Creation.

In the beginning was the Word [Logos], and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. **All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made** (John 1:1-3).

**For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:** And he is before all things, and by him all things consist (Colossians 1:16,17).

And, **Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:** (Hebrews 1:10).

The foregoing Scriptures deal with the Begotten Son's Creative Works that were born out of His joining with Christ, the Word, and with the Lord of Glory.

## **B. Christ Ministers as the Preserver of All Things.**

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by **his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power,** when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; (Hebrews 1:1-3)

The Christ is the Preserver and Upholder of all things. Through the Power of His Word, Christ commands the individual atoms of each particular thing, from the smallest to the largest, to cling together so that they do not lose their form until it is the God's Will for them to do so.

## **C. Christ Ministers to Forgive Sins.**

And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city. And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: **and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.** And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This *man* blasphemeth. And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier, to say, *Thy sins be forgiven thee;* or to say, *Arise, and walk?* **But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.** And he arose, and departed to his house. But when the multitudes saw *it*, they marveled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men (Matthew 9:1-8).

From their study of the Scriptures, the scribes knew that forgiveness of sin was based upon true repentance of the heart.

**If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin,** and will heal their land (II Chronicles 7:14).

Not audibly, but in their hearts, the scribes questioned Jesus' Authority to forgive sins. They did not know that Jesus, through His Union with the Christ, the omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent Word, possessed Power to look beyond the outward and see into the sick man's repentant heart.

Then, to prove that He could look into the heart, Jesus exposed the evil, blasphemous thoughts in the scribes' hearts.

Jesus Christ had Authority to forgive the palsied man and heal him of his affliction because the man had repented of his sin. Unfortunately for the scribes, Jesus could not forgive them that day, not because He had suddenly lost the Power to forgive, but because the scribes refused to repent, even after Christ had made them to know the sins of their hearts.

## **D. Christ Ministers Resurrection Life.**

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For **if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:** Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now **if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.** For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he

liveth, he liveth unto God (Romans 6:1-10).

Christ, the Eternal Word, descended into Hell and Death with the Man Jesus so that He might ascend and minister new Resurrection Life and Glory to those who believe on Him.

### **E. Christ Ministers Transforming Power.**

For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, **the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself** (Philippians 3:20,21).

The Greek word for *change* means to transfigure or to transform. The Eternal, Divine Truth must work a change in the body of sin in man because only Christ can take that which is ugly and against God and transform it into that which is glorious and beautifully surrendered to God.

### **F. Christ Ministers Judgment.**

I charge *thee* therefore before God, and **the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;** (II Timothy 4:1).

For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth *them*; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. For **the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:** That all *men* should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him (John 5:21-23).

In the Day of Judgment, Jesus, the Son, will speak Christ's divine Verdicts. If we want to hear a favourable Judgment in that day, we must begin in this life to respect His Words of doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness.

### **G. Christ Ministers Eternal Life.**

And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. **My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand** (John 10:22-28).

These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: **As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent** (John 17:1-3).

The Divine Christ possessed Eternal Life, for He was God. Therefore, He could minister this Eternal Life by prophetic Promise through Jesus the Son, while the Son was in a mortal Body of Flesh.

### **H. Christ Ministers Love.**

Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church: Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; *Even* the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: **To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:** Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily (Colossians 1:24-29).

We cannot place our hope in any man's flesh, not even in Jesus' sinless Flesh. Our hope of eternal Glory is in *Christ*, the Divine, Eternal Word that kept Jesus' human Soul when He descended into Hell and Death to redeem sinful mankind. Each time we need deeper crucifixion of our flesh, we must descend by faith into the Waters of

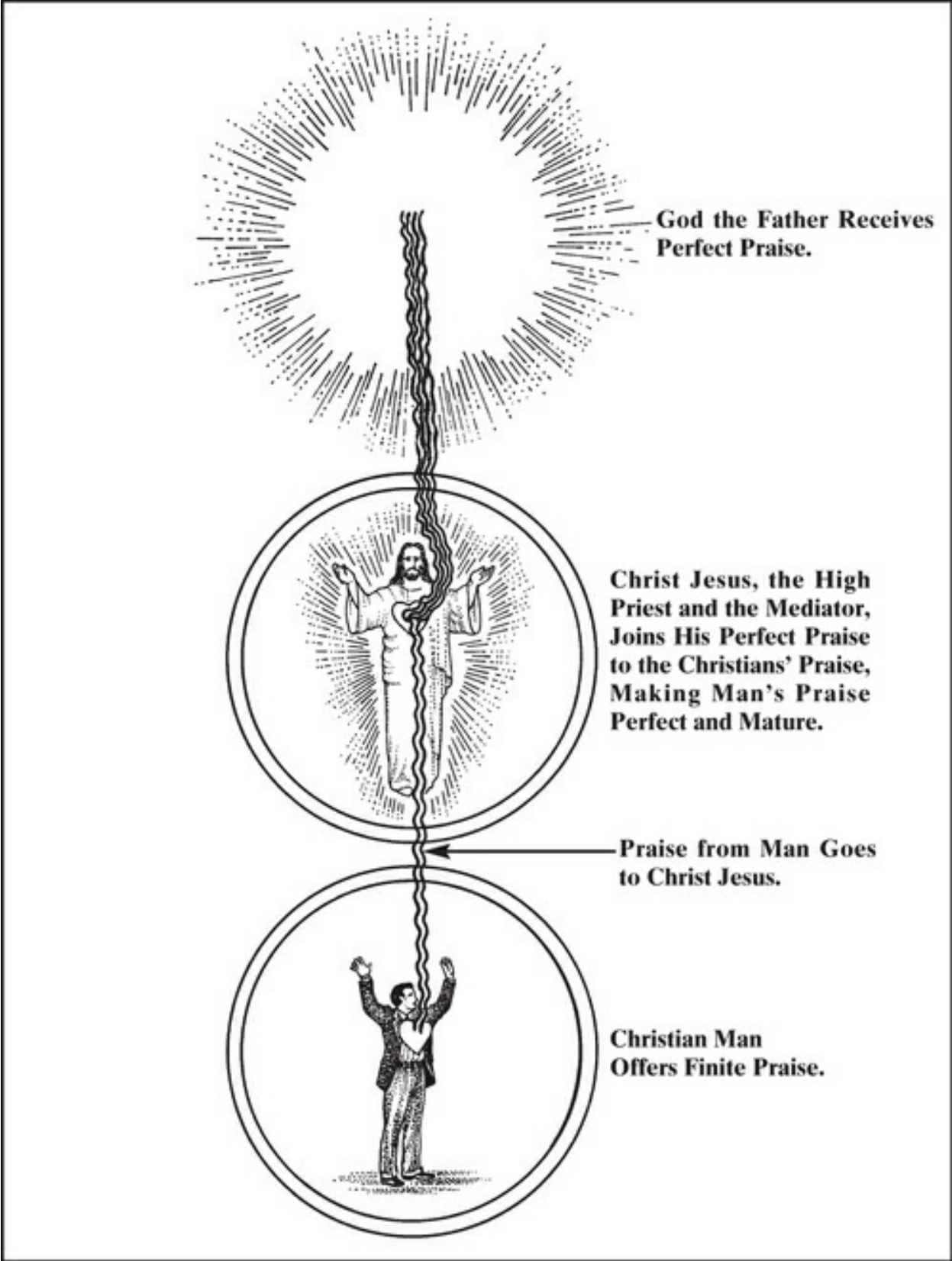
Jesus Christ's Name, Death, and Life and put our hope in Christ, for only He can keep our souls until the Glory of the Father comes to lead us forth into new Life and Glory.

The Words spoken by Jesus transcended the scope and power of mortal man's words to think, say, and perform. Thus, we must conclude that the Son's Word went forth anointed with the Power and Glory of Christ, the Eternal, Divine Word of God.

### **III. The Christ Receives Worship.**

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. **God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth** (John 4:23,24).

God the Father must be worshipped in Spirit and in Truth (Word). Jesus witnessed that He was the Christ, the Eternal, Infinite, Divine Word of God. Therefore, we must worship Him. Christ perfects our finite praise and worship and makes up what it lacks before offering it to the Father.



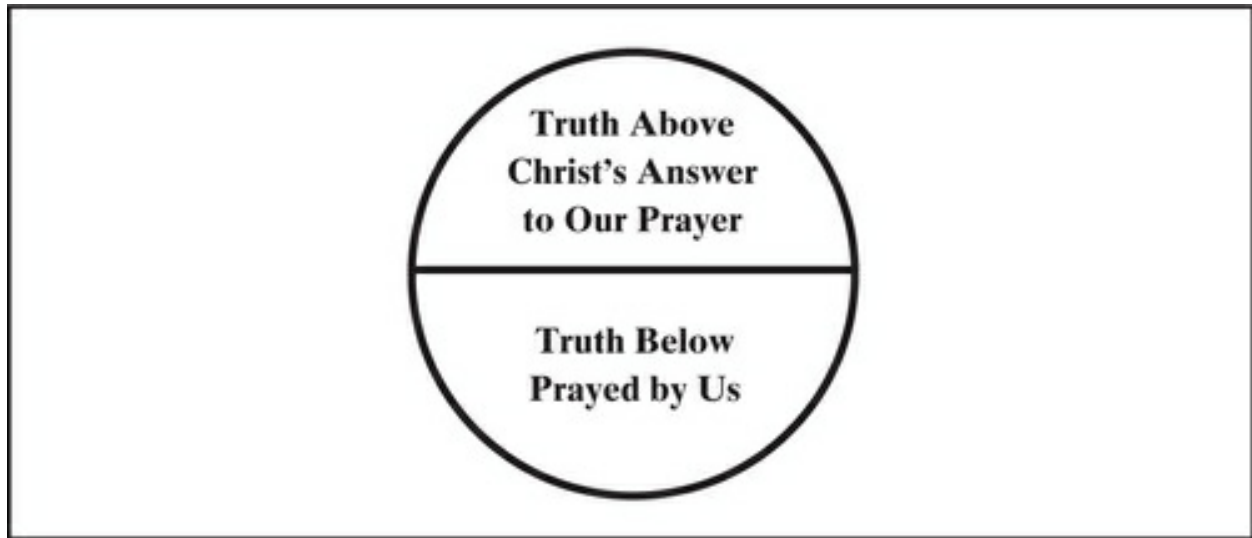
No matter how much we may desire to offer perfect praise, our finite words cannot possibly satisfy God's Heart.

This is why Christ must receive our praise and worship and add His Anointing of Glory to it before offering it up to the Father. Christ's Praise is perfect Praise.

#### **IV. The Christ Answers Prayer.**

**And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son** (John 14:13).

Whatever we ask in Christ's Name or Nature or Truth, we will receive. Failure to receive the answer to some of our prayers comes from the fact that when we are small in Spiritual Stature, we ask many things of God that do not have their origin in Truth. In reality, many petitions are based on deceits, illusions, myths, and images of error. Since God does not join His Truth, His Christ, to error, it is impossible for Him to answer prayers prayed in error. If He did, he would have to answer with the same nature of deceit. When answering prayers that are prayed in Truth, Christ replies with more Words of Truth. Thus, Truth *below* (spoken by believers) is joined to Truth *above* (spoken by Christ).



This diagram should clear up any questions about why some answers to prayer come slowly. God waits until the Wheel of Truth is complete. Since Christ's very Nature is Truth, His part of the Wheel is already perfect and complete. He merely waits for us to crucify the deceitful nature of our flesh so that we can pray and speak words of Truth from *below*. Whenever we pray in this manner, we can be assured that we soon will see the visible answer to our prayer.

In this chapter, we have seen the Deity of the Christ that was in God's only Begotten Son Jesus: Christ possesses all Divine Attributes; He ministers in Divine Offices; He receives worship; and He answers prayer.

# Chapter Four

## The Unity And Exaltation Of The Names Of The Lord Jesus Christ

During the days of His earthly journey, Jesus the Son enjoyed a personal, holy Union with His Heavenly Father, the Lord of Glory, and with Christ, the Divine Word. Yet, the Son's scope of human power and influence was limited as long as He dwelled in a Body of Flesh. Restrained to being in one place at one time, at any given moment, Jesus could minister to just a few people, comparatively speaking. But the Father removed these limitations when the Son arose from the dead because His human Name was then joined eternally to the Divine Names of *Lord* and *Christ*.

**Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ**  
(Acts 2:36).

Upon Jesus Christ's Resurrection, an eternal Union was established between God and man; Divinity and Humanity now dwelt together in a Oneness of Relationship. From His Resurrection onward, Jesus' Humanity was Deified or made Omnipresent, Omnipotent, and Omniscient. Hence, He is now able to visit men everywhere, with the surrender, obedience, and humility of His Humanity. Jesus is able to join His Humanity Nature with ours, thereby transforming our proud rebellion, disobedience, and arrogance into His Holy Surrender, Obedience, and Humility. Through His Unity with the personal Presence and Omnipresence of the Lord of Glory and Christ the Word, Jesus has all Power and Authority to minister His Glory and His Word, simultaneously, to hearts all over the world. This is why the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ is above every name; it is Omnipresent, Omnipotent, and Omniscient!

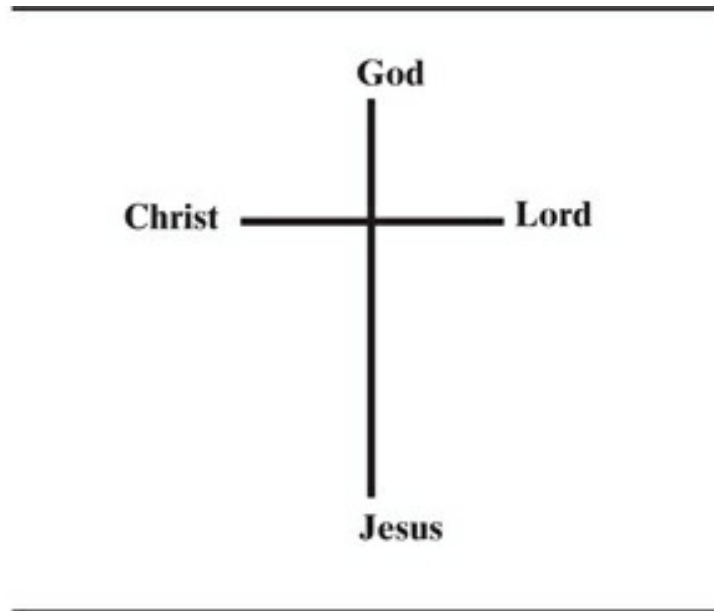
Not only was there an eternal Union established in the Name, the Lord Jesus Christ, but God exalted that Name above every other name.

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. **Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father** (Philippians 2:5-11).

Jesus' exaltation was a sure reward for the deep humiliation He suffered and overcame through His Obedience and Surrender to His Father's Will. Because Jesus greatly humbled Himself, going down into Hell and Death in order to maintain His unbroken Union with the Father's Will, God greatly exalted His Son and raised Him up to an exceedingly High Place at His own Right Hand. The Father exalted the *whole* Person of Jesus Christ, the human side as well as the Divine side — the fashion of man as well as the Form of God. God exalted Jesus Christ in Honour and Power; therefore, *every* knee must eventually bow and *every* tongue must confess His exaltation of Honour and Power. All Creation must eventually fall in subjection to Him.

God does not feel jealous when His Son is praised. Through His joining with the Son, the Heavenly Father receives Glory every time believers exalt the Name or Nature of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### I. The Name of the Son, the Name of the Word, and the Name of God Are United.



The Bible clearly defines the Holy Union of the Name of Jesus with Christ and Lord.

Forty days after His Resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven, where He now sits at the Right Hand of God. Almost every believer is familiar with the "Great Commission" Jesus gave to His Disciples just prior to His departure:

**Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:** (Matthew 28:19).

Jesus did not mention a Name on this occasion, but other verses in the Word of God clearly show that *Lord Jesus Christ* is the only Name in question here.

For this cause I bow my knees unto **the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,** (Ephesians 3:14,15).

The legitimate Son of the Heavenly Father bore the Family Name, the Name *Lord Jesus Christ*. This is the reason we are admonished to teach, baptize, and do whatsoever we do in that Name.

God chose His Son to reveal the Family Name, the Name *Lord Jesus Christ*, in Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we cannot bypass the Son and go directly into the Presence of God the Father. Whatever can be known of God, He reveals in the Son. Likewise, whatever can be received from God, He passes to us through the Son. Let us look further at the joining of the Name of Jesus Christ and the Name of God.

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.** Amen (II Corinthians 13:14).

The Lord Jesus Christ's Grace wins our faith and trust in Him as our Redeemer. Although Salvation is a beautiful experience, it certainly does not reveal all there is to know about God and His Son. As we continue to search God's Written Word for greater understanding of Him, out of its pages, we will experience, in our hearts, the gracious Living Words of Truth of the Written Word. When we have found Christ, the Living Truth, we will have found the Love of God the Father. The holy, sacred, divine Love of God causes beautiful harmony to be manifested bountifully in our thoughts and actions toward God and man. Jesus Christ's Grace and God the Father's Love make way for us to partake of the communion of Hope of the Holy Ghost. Through the fellowship, partnership, and companionship of the Holy Ghost, our hearts are filled with hope that a holy, humble, Christlike character will be formed within us, thus fitting us for Christ's exalted Heavenly Glory. The Holy Christ's communion of hope is like sunshine that rises every day with a fresh beauty, to bring us new Life and courage for our daily tasks. The Name of Jesus that has been made Lord and Christ and that has been joined to the Name of God the Father is so very powerful!

The Lord Jesus Christ's Personality is distinguishable from the Father's Personality, yet because They have the same essence of Nature, They are One in the Godhead. Hence, Jesus can be addressed as *God*, which Paul's writings to the Thessalonians establish.

**Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you** (I Thessalonians 3:11).

This prayer recognizes the essential Oneness of the Father and the Son. The Son is invoked equally with the Father. The word *Himself* refers to both Persons — God and the Son. The verb *direct* also refers to both Persons — God and the Son. The Holy Union between God the Father and God the Son reveals a precious wealth of tenderness, satisfying assurance, and joyous triumph. Through His eternal Union with His Son, God directs and guides the affairs of His children, from simple decisions to the most complex choices.

The Gifts and Operation of the Spirit again display the Unity of God and Jesus Christ.

**Now concerning spiritual gifts**, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led. Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and *that* no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. **Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.** And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. **And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.** But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. **For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will....** And **God hath set some in the church**, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues (I Corinthians 12:1-11,28).

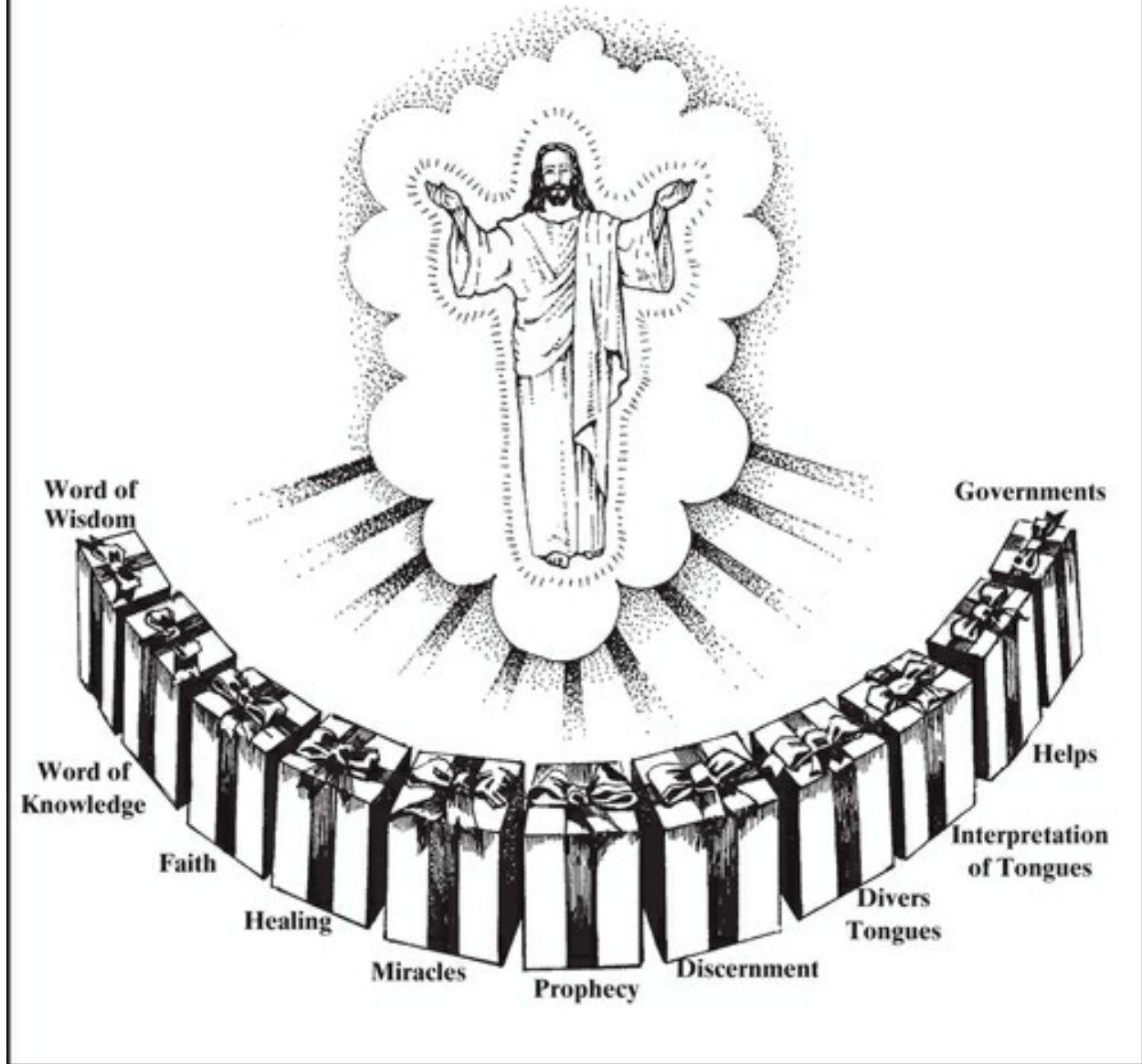
Many Jews of the day claimed the Spirit of God did their magical works and wonders for them. This provoked Paul to write and explain to God's spiritual children how they could discern the true Gifts of God's Holy Spirit.

First, the true Spirit of God never calls Jesus, the Son, accursed. While acknowledging the Son's Humanity, the Holy Spirit of God never blasphemes the precious Name of Jesus or intimates that He is an impostor. The true Spirit of God never deems the Holy, Exalted Name of Jesus an abominable Name.

Second, the true Spirit of God always acknowledges Jesus' exalted Lordship over all spiritual Gifts and all Glory. All the different Gifts of the Spirit issue out of the same Holy Spirit, and the same Lord gives them to His people.

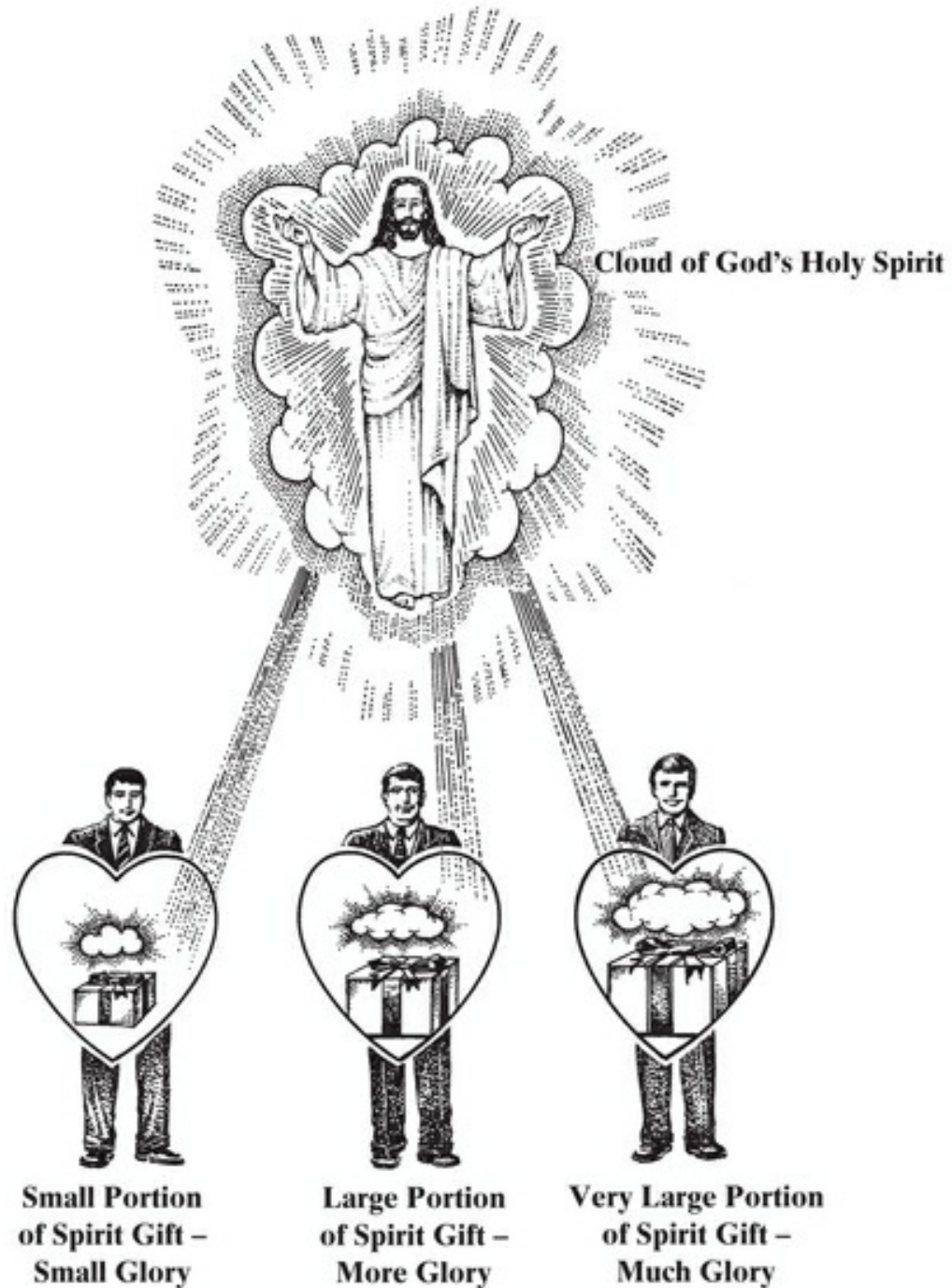
**Diversities of Spirit Gifts  
(I Corinthians 12:8-10, 12-28)**

**LORD Jesus Christ**



Paul's statement that there are different administrations, but the same Lord, pertains to the administration of the degree of Glory that each Gift of the Spirit carries. The Spirit Gift of the Word of Wisdom, for example, carries one weight of Glory. The Word of Knowledge carries another weight of Glory, and the Gift of Faith, as well as each of the other Gifts, carries its own individual weight of Glory. In addition to measuring out Glory, according to the *nature* of the Gift, the Lord also weighs Glory out in proportion to the *size* of the Gift given to each individual. There are differences of administration of Glory, but the same Lord of Glory rules over them all. Since all the Glory belongs to the Lord, He has a right to distribute it as He sees fit.

## Jesus Christ's Lordship Over the Spirit Gifts



In addition to ruling over the Gifts of the Spirit and the Glory each one carries, Jesus also rules over the administration of the Word Gifts and the Glory that rests on them. When Jesus Christ arose from the dead and ascended on High, He gave Gifts of Grace to His people so that they, as apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, might serve Him through the preaching of His Word.

**But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high,**

**he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.** (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) **And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:** Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: (Ephesians 4:7-13).

What does the term *Word Gift* mean? According to Paul's letter to the Ephesians the *Word Gift* is sent by God to minister His Word for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, and for the edifying of the body of Christ. When a person receives a *Word Gift* to be an apostle, a prophet, an evangelist, or a pastor-teacher, he receives a *Gift of Anointing* to preach and to teach God's Word. This does not mean, however, that a *Word Gift* or *Word Anointing* qualifies everyone to preach and teach the whole Truth of God's Word. The reason for this is that *whole Truth* relates to the Full Stature of Truth as it is revealed in the Lord Jesus Christ, from His Feet up to His Head. This class of Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge is not imparted to spiritual babes. The types and shadows found in the Old Testament Tabernacle or the Mosaic Tabernacle most minutely reveal the Fullness of Jesus Christ's Spiritual Stature. Thus, *whole Truth* includes the Word revealed in all the divisions of the Mosaic Tabernacle: the Word revealed in the Courtyard; the Word revealed in the Holy Place, and the Word revealed in the Holy of Holies.

A very young Christian can be anointed with a Word Gift to tell others about Salvation through the shed Blood of Jesus Christ; about the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues; and about Water Baptism in the Name, Death, and Life of Jesus Christ because all these Truths pertain to Word revealed in the Courtyard. However, a spiritual babe, while he may be gifted with an anointing to preach and teach the Word of God, still does not possess the Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge of God's doctrines of Truth related to the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies since he still is a babe in Christ. The Book of Isaiah tells us that God shares His doctrines of Truth with those who are *weaned from the milk* and *drawn from the breast*, or in others words, those who have grown some Spiritual Stature.

**Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.** For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little: (Isaiah 28:9,10).

Regardless of the greatness of the *Word Gift* or *Word Anointing* to preach and teach that a person may possess, God does not hand anyone a *Gift* of how to divide His Word rightly — in relation to the Stature of the Lord Jesus Christ. A minister of God's Word obtains this class of Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge only through years of diligent search, persistent study and prayer, and consistent spiritual growth.

Solomon, who was noted for his great Wisdom as a king, admonished his son to *search*, first, for spiritual Knowledge and Understanding.

**My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as *for* hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth *cometh* knowledge and understanding.** He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: *he* is a buckler to them that walk uprightly (Proverbs 2:1-7).

If true Knowledge and Understanding could be *given* to another, surely Solomon would have imparted such a Gift to his own son, or he would have urgently asked the LORD to give his son this Gift. But Solomon knew that it was necessary to *search* for Knowledge and Understanding as one searches for hidden treasures. In the natural realm, those who willingly dedicate themselves to searching and those who willingly forego other pleasures in order to explore unknown area and those who willingly scrutinize that which has been overlooked by careless multitudes discover the treasures that lie hidden from casual seekers.

This same Principle applies to finding the Treasures of Knowledge and Understanding in God's Word. No one will accidentally "find" these Treasures. Only those who dedicate themselves to *search* for them will find God's hidden Treasures. Those who willingly spend time in studying God's Word, when they might otherwise use this time in enjoying earthly pleasures, will find Treasures of Truth. God rewards true riches to seekers of true Understanding and Knowledge of His Word.

Sometimes, a seeker must willingly keep going back over the same lesson, time and time again, until his eyes are

opened to see the Treasures of Knowledge and Understanding that God has hidden in that situation. Anyone who has laid hold of Knowledge and Understanding in this manner will testify that the Treasure was not a *Gift*, but a reward for their diligent search to understand and apply God's Principles in every circumstance of life.

The Apostle Paul knew that skill in the Word of God does not come by Gift. He instructed his spiritual son, Timothy, to study:

Study **to shew thyself approved unto God**, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (II Timothy 2:15).

True study is not a hit-or-miss affair; it involves persistent application and attention to detail. Failure to be faithful in studying the Word of God, daily, causes many persons with *Word Gifts* to fall short of what they could accomplish for God. The possession of one of the *Word Gifts* or *Word Anointings* to preach and teach does not enable a person to teach something he does not know, and he cannot know what God's Word teaches unless he willingly spends time studying the Bible. Furthermore, he will not have the Understanding and Wisdom of how to divide rightly what he reads unless he spends time meditating and praying over the Principles of Truth revealed in God's Word.

True Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge come through spiritual *growth* in the Lord Jesus Christ's Spiritual Stature.

But **grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ**. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen (II Peter 3:18).

The growth of Knowledge in God's Word is built upon the growth of Grace or Gratitude in our hearts for the whole Word of Truth, both exalted Truth and humility Truth. Many people claim to love the Word. Indeed, they extol their gratitude for the Word as long as they have new *theoretical Knowledge* to thrill them and are exalted by others to whom they preach. However, at times, when these people need to gain the humility stature and the *experiential Knowledge* necessary to balance the Theories of Truth they have learned, their love diminishes. A decision to follow the Word, when it leads to Calvary's Cross for crucifixion of the flesh so that the Spiritual Stature of Jesus Christ might grow within, manifests the measure of the depth of a person's love and gratitude for the Word of Truth. Loving the crucifixion that the Truth brings distinguishes the LORD's true *disciples* from His *followers*, for not all believers love the humility Word of Jesus Christ enough to allow it to grow in their hearts until it can stand up in its Full Stature of spiritual maturity. Thus, neither spiritual growth nor true Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge can come as a Gift. These are Treasures committed to those who are willing to search, study, and humble themselves so that their human wills can be joined to the Divine Will of Jesus Christ, Who is Lord over all Gifts.

So the term *Word Gift* encompasses the term *Word Anointing*, which enables a believer who has a calling on his life to preach and teach God's Word. This should not be confused with a Gift of Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge of how to divide the Word rightly, according to Christ's Stature.

As we already have discovered in our study, Jesus Christ is Lord of the Word Gifts and the Glory they carry. According to Ephesians, chapter four, verse eleven, the Word Gifts include apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, all of whom are especially anointed to teach and preach the Word. The Lord has ordained that the Word Gifts support three special degrees of Glory: the *priestly Glory*, which rested upon the consecrated Priest, the *kingly Glory*, which rested upon the anointed king, and the *prophetic Glory*, which rested upon God's true Prophets.

# Jesus Christ's Lordship Over the Word Gifts

**LORD Jesus Christ**



**Priestly Glory**

**Kingly Glory**

**Prophetic Glory**

The priestly, kingly, and prophetic Glories pertain to different classes of God's divine Love. God wants His Truth to be spoken in His Love. This is why apostles, evangelists, prophets, and pastor-teachers are doubly responsible to wait before the Lord. First, they must wait to receive the Understanding of what portion of God's Word they are to give. Then, they must continue waiting until the Lord reveals with which class of Glory-Love He wants to clothe the Word so that it might minister to the needs of God's people.

Sometimes the Lord will cause the Glory-Love of the Priest to be shed abroad upon the Word. When the High-Priestly Love of Jesus Christ goes forth with the Word, it loosens hearts that have been bound and that have been unable to minister to God in prayer and worship. Priestly Love causes dry eyes to be filled with fresh fountains of tears of love, praise, and thanksgiving to God.

Other times, the Lord of Glory will send forth His kingly Glory-Love to clothe the Word. This class of Glory-Love streams forth from the very Throne of God and brings with it the glorious Truth of God's Mercy and Love. Jesus Christ's Kingly-Glory Love liberates the soul from bitterness, unforgiveness, and unmercifulness, and it transforms the heart into a new, glorious garden of fragrant flowers of loving forgiveness.

On still other occasions, the Lord of Glory will see the necessity of administering His Prophetic-Glory Love upon His Word. Word spoken with Jesus Christ's Prophetic-Glory Love upon it causes man's spirit to be filled with new visions of hope and faith. The strength and courage of Jesus' Prophetic-Glory Love drive fear and discouragement from the heart.

Jesus Christ is the Lord of Glory. As the Administrator of God's Glory, He has a specific degree of Glory-Love that He will give us to meet our every need. That should be enough to make very one of us shout and praise God!

If we ever doubt the prevailing Power of Jesus' Glory-Love, we should let our minds recall what great darkness His Glory-Love Light had to overcome in order to illuminate our hearts with the Truth of His Redeeming Name.

**For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us,** by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life (Titus 3:3-7).

We were vile sinners and slaves of sin, without one star of hope in our darkened sky when Jesus Christ found us out on the stormy Sea of Death and Destruction. Then, Jesus came as the Bright and Morning Star, and we saw that through the Love, Light, and Life of His Name we could be saved.

The exalted Name of Jesus Christ has Power to save us out of our misery and wretchedness. The glorious Love of the Name of Jesus is the true Spirit in the Wheels of God's Throne that sets and keeps all things in harmonious Unity. The glorious Name of Jesus Christ has Power to save us, to justify us, and to make us joint heirs with His powerful Holy Name.

Those who receive and take on Jesus Christ's Name are called to become One in Christ Jesus.

**Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,** (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: **By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name: Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:** To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

The exalted Name of the Lord Jesus Christ has Power to make all people to become One, whether they are Jew or Gentile, high or low, bond or free, learned or unlearned, rich or poor. The glorious Love of God that is manifested in Christ is able to remove the barriers of ignorance and darkness and to sanctify every person with true Light and Life until all come unto the Unity of Faith in that Holy Name. Remember, we are called to be saints. Therefore, let us labour in the Word and prayer and continue taking on Jesus' Name or Nature until we are found truly worthy, in that great Day of Judgment, to receive the name of Saint or Holy One. Because Jesus has been made both Lord and Christ, He has all Power to help us attain this High and Holy Calling.

The Apostle James gave another example of the Unity of the Names of the Son (the Word) and God.

**James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,** to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting (James 1:1).

Instead of exalting his own name and ministry, James acknowledged himself to be a servant of God the Father

and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. This teaches us that, in all the services we render, we should be looking for the Will of God the Father and the Nature of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord Jesus Christ was a loving, obedient Son unto His Father; He never did His own Will, but always sought to please His Father. We cannot serve the Father, acceptably, unless we are willing to serve the Son by walking in His Footsteps and learning of His Nature of Humility, Surrender, and Obedience. Jesus is the Only One Who can teach and train us to do the Father's Will. As we yield all to the Son and are accepted of Him, He will assist us in learning and doing the Father's Will. Then, it can be said of us that we are the servants of God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the Book of John, Jesus revealed the inseparable connection between love and obedience.

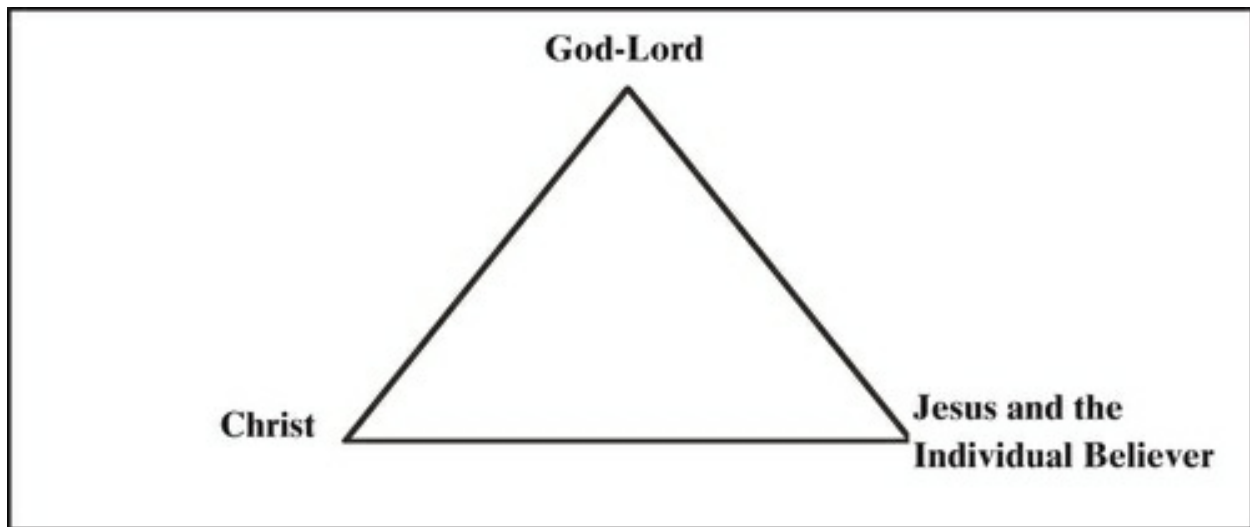
Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings:** and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you (John 14:23-26).

When our hearts sincerely love God, we will obey the Son, and our obedience will be a visible evidence of our invisible love. If we, who were vessels of wrath and destruction, love the Son and His Words of Mercy and Forgiveness, He will sanctify and cleanse us and change us into vessels of honour that are fit to receive the Father's Love. Thus, we can know the Union of the Son and the Father in Mercy and Forgiveness.

Many verses in the Bible deal with the Unity of the Names of Jesus the Son, Christ the Word, and God; however, the ones we have just quoted should suffice to illustrate the Son's Eternal Union and Oneness of Relationship with the Lord and Christ.

## **II. Faith in the Shed Blood of Jesus Christ Unites the Individual Believer to the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ.**

The Son's Obedience and Surrender to His Father's Will also purchased the individual believer's right to Unity with God, through the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.



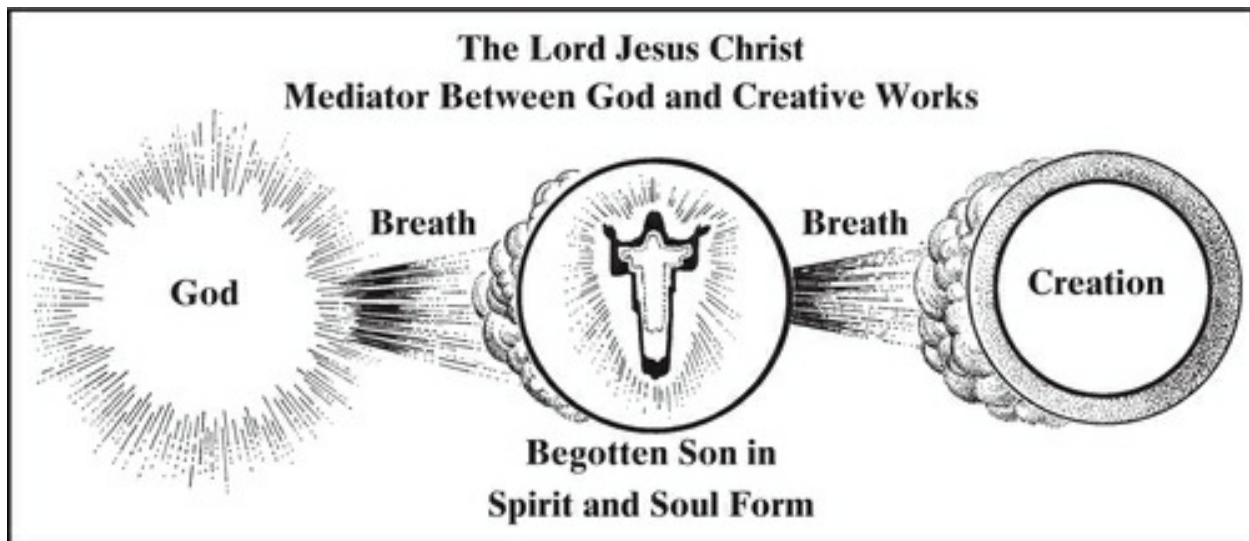
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ: **According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:** Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. **In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;** Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: **That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:** (Ephesians 1:3-10).

The world today, with its mass of confusion, may seem incapable of achieving a harmonious Unity with God, yet

there is no reason for us to fear or feel discouraged, for the restoration of mankind's Unity with God is dependent upon the Son, Who is well-experienced in being a Mediator.

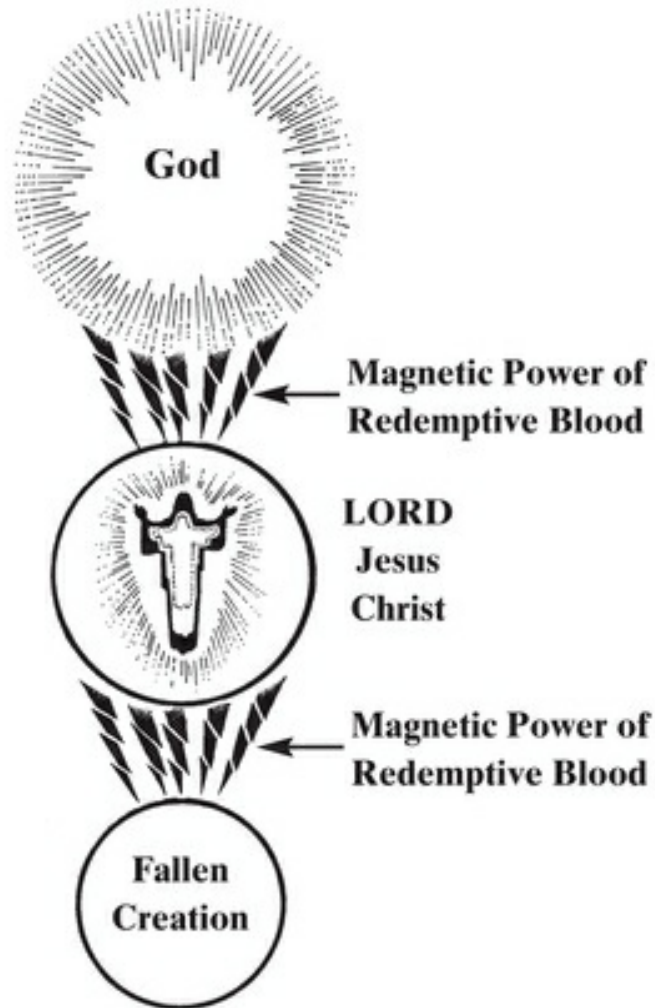
In the beginning, God the Creator brought forth, out of His own Procreative Loins, His Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Then, the Son, although His Name would not be announced publicly for many thousands of years, became a Mediator for His Father in performing the very first Works of Creation.

Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: **For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist** (Colossians 1:15-17).



God created all things through Christ Jesus. Then, sin entered into the Creation and severed it from its Creator. But, again, the second time, the wondrous Person of Christ Jesus, as the God-Man, became the Mediator between the Creator and Creation. Jesus Christ, through His precious Blood that He shed at Calvary's Cross, has the mysterious, magnetic Power of Redemption to join the "Maker" and His Work into an indissoluble, Eternal Union.

## The Lord Jesus Christ: Mediator Between God and Fallen Creation



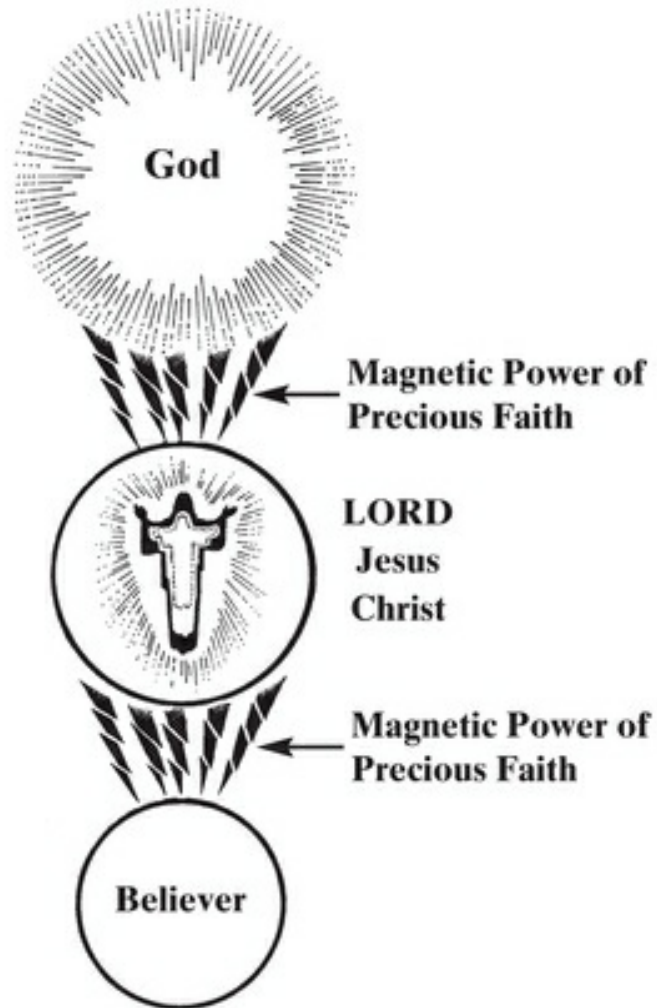
One day God will cause all His Creation to bow in subjection to Jesus Christ. At the present time, however, God is working in the hearts of those who receive His Son, filling them with His own Fullness, gladdening them with His own Joy, quickening them with His own Life, beautifying them with the Strength of His own Faith. Thus, through Christ Jesus, we can be brought back into complete harmony with God, the Creator. With His magnetic Power of the Redemptive Virtue of His Faith and His precious Blood, Jesus Christ unites us to the Creator and to each other.

In His Epistle, the Apostle Peter established the Magnetic Principle that unites us to the Mediator, Christ, Who, in turn, unites us to God. This Magnetic Power is called "Precious Faith."

**Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:** Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, **through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:** (II Peter 1:1-3).

Faith is God's Gift through His Word, wrought by the Spirit of God in our hearts. Faith unites both the weak ones and the strong ones to the Saviour and to God.

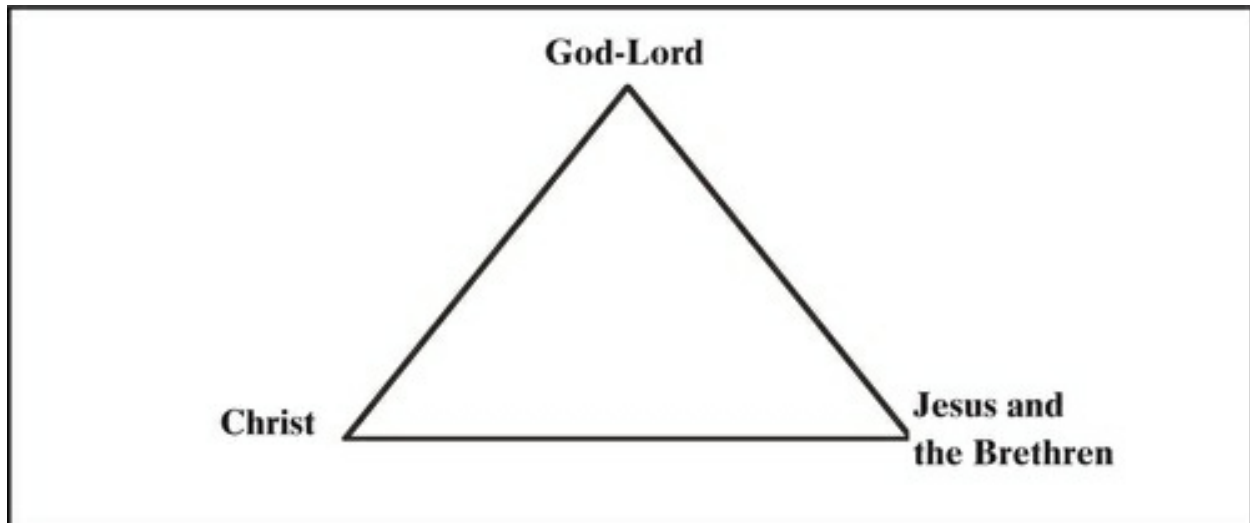
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The priceless Blood of Jesus cleanses us from doubts, fears, and unbelief. Then, faith takes hold of the Eternal Word of Truth and applies the precious Promises of the Truth to our hearts. Thus, when God sees us united to Christ Jesus, through faith, He justifies us; that is, He forgives and forgets that we have gone astray when Unity has been restored between the Creator and the creature. He is our God and our Saviour!

Once the creature and Creator have come into Unity, the problem of uniting creatures is solved, and this shared Unity with God and with man is the world's only answer to lasting, eternal peace.

### **III. The Unity between the Individual Believer and the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ Establishes the Individual's Unity with His Brethren.**



God's great Plan and Purpose is for the Creator and His Creation to be united as one through Christ Jesus. In order to accomplish this goal, God deposited in Christ Jesus all the great Treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge that He would need in order to redeem, reconcile, and, ultimately, bring mankind back into complete Unity and Harmony with Himself. When God brings an individual into Unity with Himself, He also establishes Unity between the individual and his fellow creatures. The Apostle Paul spoke of the comfort of heart that comes from being unified or knit together in love.

For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and *for* them at Laodicea, and *for* as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; **That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge** (Colossians 2:1-3).

The greatest happiness and comfort, next to our own union with God in Christ Jesus, is our personal love and concern for others as we minister to them by holding them up in prayer and by showing them deeds of love and kindness. Through these precious verses, God shows us that comfort of heart is not found in riches, prosperity, or pleasures of this world. True comfort is found when our hearts are knit together in Unity and Love with God and His Son, Christ Jesus, and with our fellow brethren.

#### **IV. The Son Has Life and Power through His Unity with the Father's Life and Power.**

**For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth *them*; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:** That all *men* should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him (John 5:21-23).

The Son also enjoys another type of Unity with God. Along with God, the Son now holds the Power of Life and Judgment.

God the Creator has Life and Power within Himself, and He has given the Son Life and Power within *Himself*. As the Mighty King over the Kingdom of Creation, the Father demonstrated His great, overcoming Life and Power when He raised His Son, Jesus Christ, out of Hell and Death and brought Him forth with new Resurrection Life and Glory. The Father retained His Sovereignty over the Kingdom of the natural Creation; however, He committed the Kingdom of Grace in the spiritual realm into the Hands of His Son.

The Word of God is faithful to show us how to enter into God's glorious Light and Life, which is through His Son.

**Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.** In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? **Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me** (John 14:1-6).

At this point of the Disciples' experiences with Jesus Christ, they did not comprehend the Truth that the Son had been given rulership over the Spiritual Kingdom and that God the Father retained Sovereign Authority over the natural Kingdom of Creation. Their lack of understanding caused them to look continually for Jesus to set up a natural Kingdom. For example, when Jesus promised to go away and prepare a place for them, they assumed that He intended to go to some remarkable earthly city and restore the Kingdom of Israel. Little did they know that Jesus was busy, even then, restoring the Unity of the Spiritual Kingdom between God and His creatures.

Jesus is the only Mediator between God and man. By laying down His Body and precious Life's Blood as a Sacrifice for sin, Jesus became the Way whereby sinful mankind can be redeemed. By always speaking Words of Truth, even in the face of open rejection, blasphemy, and persecution, Jesus verified that, indeed, He was the Truth, for He was the Living, manifested, enlightened Tabernacle for Christ the Word. By willingly descending into Hell and Death, in the place of sinful mankind, Jesus showed to the Heavenly Hosts, to the devils, and to men the depths of His condescending Humility and unfathomable Love for His Father's Divine Will. This demonstration so thrilled the Father's Heart that He summoned a Cherub and moved swiftly to rescue His beloved Son out of the low place of humiliation. Neither Hell nor Death were strong enough to hold Jesus. On Resurrection Morning, the Glory of the Father brought the Son forth with new Resurrection Life and Glory. Thus, the Son is the Life. We cannot come to the Father except through the Son. Although man failed to get to the Tree of Life through Adam the First, man has the opportunity to reach the Heavenly Father through Adam the Second, Jesus Christ.

The seventeenth chapter of the Gospel of John shows more about how Jesus used the Life and Power that His Father gave Him.

These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, **Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.** And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent (John 17:1-3).

Only a few hours away from His crucifixion on the Cross, Jesus ate the last Passover supper with His Disciples. He ministered first as a Prophet, speaking Words from God to His Disciples. Then, as a Priest, He prayed over the Word of God so that it might be blessed to its intended purpose. This priestly blessing, prayed on the eve of His Death, revealed that the purpose of Jesus' Death, burial, and Resurrection was for Him to become the Way by which His creatures could find their way back to the Creator and be restored to the Unity and Harmony that mankind knew with God before sin entered into the picture.

Beloved, Jesus was a free Moral Agent. No one forced Him to go to the Upper Room. No one compelled Him to minister the Word or to pray. If He had chosen to do so, He could have spent the time calling Judgment Fire down on His enemies. But, the Son did not abuse nor misuse what His Father had committed unto Him.

Just as the dying Jacob blessed the twelve patriarchs and as the dying Moses blessed the twelve tribes, so did the dying Jesus bless the twelve Apostles. In the last hours of His mortal Life, Jesus used His energy to invoke a blessing because His Heart desired that His Disciples pass from Death unto Eternal Life, through faith in Him and, thus, be joined in true Unity and Harmony with God.

## **V. Ultimately, All Creatures Will Give a Unity of Praise to the Name of God and the Lamb, Jesus Christ.**

**After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb** (Revelation 7:9,10).

Such an unselfish Saviour is worthy of praise. The Book of Revelation records the Unity of Praise that will be given to the Name of God and the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

These verses describe the multitude John saw offering up unified praise to God and the Lamb for the unified Salvation that God and the Lamb had wrought. God the Father planned the Way of Salvation for mankind, His creatures. Then, Jesus Christ, the Son, the spotless Lamb, paid the supreme price to purchase the Way of Salvation. The White-robed ones, whom John saw, had accepted the LORD's Salvation; hence, they stood in Unity in the Presence of God and the Lamb. They had come together to give their harmonious praise to God and the Lamb for the wonderful Salvation that had brought them justification, holiness, and victory.

God and the Lamb desire that we, too, stand together in Unity, now, and that we offer harmonious praise and thanksgiving for the marvelous Salvation we enjoy today.

The fifth chapter of Revelation reveals that Redemption will be the grand theme for the adoration that the unsaved, as well as the redeemed family of God, will offer to God and the Lamb.

**And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever** (Revelation 5:13).

The perpetual efficacy of the Lamb' Sacrifice forces even the unsaved to render praise to God and the Lamb. Thus, the Unity of praise will pervade the heavenly Ranks, as well as all on the earth, under the earth, and such as are in the seas. The wonderful Person of the precious Slain Lamb will furnish Heaven and earth with fresh, living reasons for offering an unceasing stream of admiration and praise to Him.

No other duty is commanded so often in the Word of God as giving praise. When the human soul receives a glimpse of the Lamb of God, its chords are swept with sweet music of praise in admiration of Him. When the Light of divine Love radiates out through the Lamb of God and penetrates the heart, it causes the heart to burst forth into melodious songs of gladness and praise. Thus, all the Universes will be brought into Unity and Harmony through praise to God and the Mediator, Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

## **VI. The Unity of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Divine Heavenly Father Makes It Possible for Him to Be Worshipped.**

Worship is love and devotion poured out to whatever a person considers to be Divine. All the days of His earthly journey, the Begotten Son maintained an unbroken relationship with His Heavenly Father. Jesus' Unity with the Divine Christ (although the joining was not an eternal one until after His Resurrection from the dead) made it possible for Jesus Christ to accept worship, which good men and Angels decline with horror.

**And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.** And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. **And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.** (Matthew 14:25-33).

The Omniscience and Omnipotence of the God-Man, the Lord Jesus Christ, was manifested in His Knowledge of the Disciples' needs when they were out in a ship on a stormy sea. The Lord's Goodness constrained Him to go to His Disciples, as their ship was being tossed by turbulent waves and boisterous winds. By walking upon and through the very elements that threatened to destroy the ship and its occupants, Jesus Christ proved His Oneness of Relationship with the Heavenly Father, Who has Sovereign Power over Creation in the natural realm. The Son manifested His own Power and Authority over the Spiritual Creation when His precious Presence stilled the Disciples' fearful, trembling hearts. Because of the Son's visible manifestation of God's invisible, divine Power that was within Him, Peter's faith, courage, and love were strengthened to walk on the water to meet the Lord.

The eyes of faith always can see more clearly after deliverance from trouble. Thus, through their distress and supernatural deliverance, the Disciples discerned that Jesus was more than a man — He was God in Flesh. They worshipped Him, giving Him Praise and Glory because they were convinced that the Fullness of the Godhead dwelt in Him. Although this incident occurred before the Son's Death, Burial, and Resurrection (and, therefore, before His personal Deification), Jesus was able to receive this worship because it was directed toward the Divine Part of His Being, not His Humanity. Through His Oneness of Relationship with the Father, the Son caused the waves and winds of the natural Creation to become peaceful in His Presence. As the Governor over the Spiritual Creation, the Lord Jesus Christ brought the fearful Disciples into Unity and calmness in their Creator's Presence.

The Book of Matthew reveals, again, that Jesus the Man was also the Lord of Glory and, therefore, worthy of worship.

And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. **And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead;** and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. **And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy;**

**and did run to bring his disciples word.** And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, **Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him** (Matthew 28:5-9).

The Angel of the Lord assured the women that the Lord had truly been resurrected and invited them to see the place where the Lord of Glory had lain because the place was still aglow with the brightness of His Glory. Then, the Angel directed the women to carry the glad tidings of the Lord's Resurrection to His Disciples. With their hearts bursting with both reverential fear and great joy, the women ran zealously to carry the glorious message to the Lord's Disciples. The Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ graciously met them as they ran in the way of duty, and they joyfully fell down in worship and adoration at His Feet because they discerned the Deity of the Resurrected Lord.

How beautiful are the Feet of the Resurrected Lord, the God-Man, Who is the Mediator between the Creator and the creature! The women could touch the Feet of Jesus, the Resurrected Man, Who, in turn, could touch God the Father. Undeniably, the Lord Jesus Christ is worthy of worship because, through His Death, Burial, and Resurrection, He restored Unity and Harmony between the Creator and His creatures.

Through His Death, Burial, and Resurrection, the Lord Jesus Christ brought His Disciples into Unity and Harmony with God the Father. Then, before returning into the Heavenly Regions, He assured them of greater Unity with the Godhead, once the Promise of the Holy Ghost had been poured out upon them.

And, behold, **I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.** And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. **And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen** (Luke 24:49-53).

On the Day of Pentecost, the Disciples received the Promise of the Holy Ghost. They were baptized, endued, anointed, and filled with the Power, Gifts, and Graces of the Spirit from on High. The Power from on High draws the soul and spirit upward into greater Union with God and the Lamb. The greater the Union on High, the greater the Power to accomplish the task of preaching the Gospel and enduring the suffering and opposition that this service includes. The Apostles could not have planted the Seeds of Truth of the Gospel and set the Foundations of the Spiritual Kingdom of Christ in the hearts of men without having first experienced the glorious Power and Unity of God, the Lamb, and the Holy Ghost. The Apostles' admirable achievements prove the excellency of this Power.

Thus, we see that the Lord Jesus Christ's ability to bring Unity was not limited to what He could accomplish while His personal Presence was in the Earth. After ascending to the Right Hand of the Father, He continued to work to bring increased Unity between the Creator and the creature.

As the Divine Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ receives worship because He is worthy. And, by the same token, holy men and holy Angels refuse worship because they know that they are *not* worthy. The Apostle Peter refused to accept worship.

**And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man** (Acts 10:25,26).

Paul and Barnabas took a firm stand against receiving worship from creatures. Only the Apostles' strong objections restrained the people of Lystra and Debe from declaring them to be "gods" and doing sacrifice unto them.

And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men. And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker. Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people. **Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out, And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you,** and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein: (Acts 14:11-15).

Peter, Paul, and Barnabas were true servants of the Lord Jesus Christ. They faithfully ministered the Word that the Lord gave them to speak, yet they counted themselves as being unprofitable servants and, consequently, undeserving of worship from their fellow creatures.

The Book of Revelation gives an example of a holy Angel refusing worship.

And I John saw these things, and heard *them*. And when I had heard and seen, **I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which**

shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See *thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God* (Revelation 22:8,9).

The Angel was God's messenger to reveal to the Apostle John God's Purpose and Will for mankind, but he did not use his exaltation as John's guide and interpreter in the things of God as an excuse for accepting adoration and praise from another creature. The Angel was satisfied with a true, holy Union with his Creator, and he proved it when he chose the Creator-creature relationship rather than the false union of a creature-creature relationship. Only God and the Lamb are worthy of Adoration and Glory from the Creation. By refusing to receive John's worship, the Angel helped John to realize that all his worship belonged to the Lord.

John was a faithful and impartial writer of God's Word, for he left his mistake of misplaced worship on record as a perpetual witness that true unity between creatures is maintained only as they keep true Unity in their relationship with their Creator.

Unlike the holy men and holy Angels who refuse worship from other creatures, Lucifer, a fallen Angel, stands on the opposite side of the Scales to accept worship from all who will bow down to him. Deceived by the pride of his own heart and esteeming himself worthy of praise, this treacherous creature boldly appeared in his Satan and Devil forms and sought worship from His Creator, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Again, **the devil** taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And **saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan:** for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve (Matthew 4:8-10).

Deluded by lying visions of the grandeur of his stolen glory and exaltation, the Devil thought to transpose the deceitful shadows and false colours of the glory of this world upon the very Lord of Glory, but he could not hide from the Lord the sorrow and Death that stain the proud glory of this world. Jesus was not deceived; He knew that the glory crowns of the world are lined with calamities, miseries, woes, and afflictions.

Satan desires worship in the form of many gods because, as the god of this world, he ultimately receives all worship that is not offered to the One True God. This is why he tries to blind men's eyes to the Gospel. He does not want them to see the glorious Light that would reveal Jesus Christ as the True Image of God and, thus, the Only One to be worshipped.

**But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them** (II Corinthians 4:3-4).

The fact that a person does not bow down to heathen gods of metal, wood, or stone does not necessarily mean that he is not worshipping strange gods. Modern man pays homage to many idols: some are made of material substance, and some are the images in his own mind. Paul warned the Corinthian Christians against being ensnared by the worship of false gods or devils.

But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and **I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils** (I Corinthians 10:20).

We cannot escape being tempted, but we certainly *can* follow the example of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Son greatly abhorred and detested false, perverted unity, and during His personal temptation, He reminded Satan of the Law that says: "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God." The Son of God used this glorious Truth to put the Devil to flight. If we, too, use this precious Truth against the enemy, it will deliver us from a false unity with creatures and bring us into a harmonious heavenly relationship with God and the Lamb.

Satan is the final object of all false worship; just so, God the Father is the One Who ultimately receives the worship heaped upon Jesus Christ.

**For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:** That all *men* should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him (John 5:22,23).

The foregoing verses manifest the Unity of the Father and the Son in God's delegation of judicial Authority to Jesus Christ. Judgment is an eternal part of God. God alone is Omniscient; consequently, only He is capable of judging righteously in all moral and civil issues. God is the Judge over all judges. Since the Son has now entered

into an eternal Union with the Father, God has committed all Judgment to the Son. The Son of God is equal with His Father in Omniscience, Omnipotence, Omnipresence, Holiness, Life, Light, and Love. Jesus Christ's Union with His Father's Omnipresence allows Him to discern all actions in all places and in all circumstances. The Son's exact Knowledge of the Law permits Him to interpret it perfectly. Thus, the Son is qualified to mete out the proper measurement of just punishment whenever someone violates God's Laws. Jesus Christ is the perfect Mediator because two natures abide within Him in harmonious Unity. Jesus (perfect Man) and Christ (perfect God) have perfect Authority to judge. We should honour the Son's Judgment because He has perfect Knowledge of God and perfect Knowledge of man.

In honouring the Son, we honour the Father. God has only one Begotten Son through Whom He has produced all the things He had planned. Thus, when we acknowledge Jesus Christ to be a Just and Holy Judge and Head over all things to the church and over all things in our personal lives, we actually honour the Father, for the Son faithfully renders unto God all the Glory that He receives from creatures. The Son received His Honour from the Father by maintaining His Unity with the Father so that the Son now shares equally with the Father the honour that His creatures give Him. Jesus' greatest Honour came from God, which the first six verses of the Book of Hebrews describe. Before the Son was manifested in Flesh, God spoke through the Law and the Prophets. But, now, man has a more excellent way of communication with God through His honoured Son Jesus Christ.

**God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;** Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. **For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him** (Hebrews 1:1-6).

These few verses show that Jesus Christ, the Son, was superior to all the ancient patriarchs and Prophets by reason of His excellent Inheritance, Glory, and Power that His Father bestowed upon Him.

#### **A. The Son Is Heir to All Things.**

God the Father made His Son the Sovereign Lord over all things. Jesus Christ, as the Director and Disposer of all persons and things, is One with His Father in the possession of all things.

#### **B. The Son Is the Creator of All Things.**

In Unity, the Father and the Son created all worlds, both visible and invisible. God, through Union with His Son, governs and rules all worlds, both visible and invisible.

#### **C. The Son Shines with the Brightness of the Father's Glory.**

The Father clothed His Son with divine Splendour and Glory. The Father is a Fountain of Light, and through His perfect Unity with the Son, He made Jesus Christ also to be a Fountain of Light. The Son of God beamed forth with effulgent emanations from the Father.

#### **D. The Son Is the Express Image of the Father's Person.**

The Person of the Son is the True Image and Character of the Person of the Father. The Father and the Son are One in the same Image and Likeness.

#### **E. The Son Upholds All Things.**

Through Union with the Eternal Word of God, Jesus upholds and supports all things. The magnetic Power of the Word of God keeps all things in their proper orbit.

#### **F. The Son Purges Man's Sins.**

Through Union with the Father's divine Plans and Will, Jesus Christ made atonement for sin by shedding His precious Blood at Calvary's Cross.

### **G. The Son Sat Down at the Right Hand of the Majesty on High.**

The Father has brought Jesus Christ, as Redeemer and Mediator, into the place of the very highest Honour and Authority. The Father now does all things through the Son, and He receives all things from His people through His Son. The Father's High and Holy Union with the Son is the Son's Reward for the deep Suffering and Humiliation He willingly went through to redeem mankind.

### **H. The Son Has a More Excellent Name than Angels.**

The Name or Nature of Jesus is superior to that of Angels because the eternal generation of the Son of God is superior to merely created beings. God did not permit rebellious Angels to stay in their heavenly rank and order when they refused to worship Christ, but He cast them out. Jesus, the Begotten Son, did not leave Heaven because of rebellion or disobedience. He left Heaven and came to earth in obedience to the divine Will of His Father. The Son so loved the Union He had with the Lord and Christ that He willingly surrendered to leave Heaven in order to redeem fallen mankind and, thus, to maintain an unbroken relationship with His Heavenly Father's Will. Jesus willingly took on a human Body and died on the Cross to become man's Saviour and to redeem him from the penalty, punishment, and power of sin. Through His own Condescension and Humiliation, Jesus was made Lord and Christ. His Name, because it is joined eternally to the Names *Lord* and *Christ*, was and is glorified and exalted above every name.

**Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:** That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:9-11).

The Name of the Lord Jesus Christ is above every name because all the Fullness of the Godhead and all the Perfection of the Son's Humanity are joined together in this one Name. Because the Name of Jesus Christ is Supreme in Heaven and Earth and under the Earth, all creatures therein must bow their knees in submission and obedience to this glorious Name. This Name, which is both Divine and Human, must be confessed as Lord (Master, Husband, Ruler over all) to the Glory of God the Father.

Beloved, Jesus Christ died in order to save us, and He wants to work His Divine-Human Name or Nature in us so that we, too, might enjoy this glorious Union between the human and the Divine.

## **VII. Prayer Brings Greater Unity with God.**

Because we have a more excellent way to the Throne of Mercy and the Throne of Grace, through the eternal Union of the Father and the Son, we also enjoy a greater Unity with God through prayer, Jesus Christ being our Mediator.

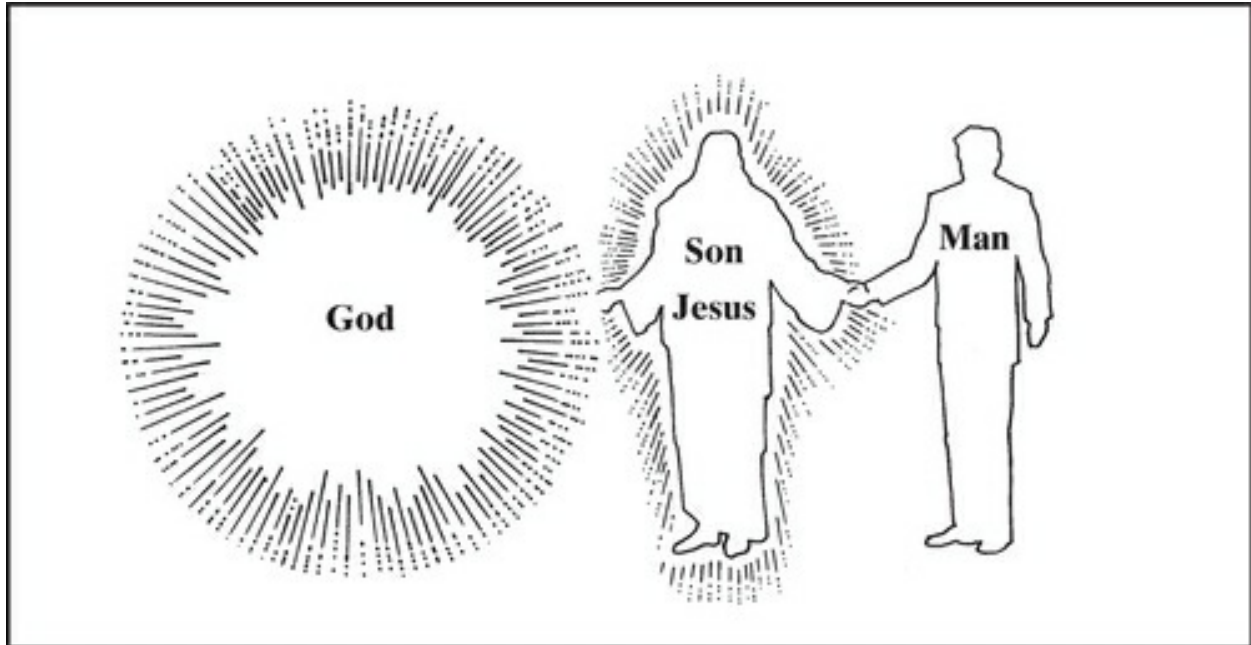
### **A. Jesus Christ Is Our Mediator.**

During the days of His Flesh, Jesus Christ maintained a Unity of Relationship with His Father since He always did the Works of His Father. Then, the Son ascended on High so that He might be the perfect Mediator, through Whom we receive answers to our prayers and through Whom we enter into greater Unity with God.

**Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.** Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it** (John 14:11-14).

Christ the Word, the second Person of the Godhead, was God and is God. Christ's Existence is eternal. God did not create Christ the Word. Jesus, the Only *Begotten* Son of God, existed in Eternity-Past, in celestial Spirit-and-Soul Form until the time of His Incarnation. In time, Jesus was begotten as a terrestrial Being with a physical Body,

which was the Tabernacle for His celestial Spirit and Soul. When Christ the Word entered into His Body or Tabernacle, Jesus was called *Immanuel*, which means “God in flesh.” Through this amazing Union of Divinity and Humanity, we have a visible manifestation of the very Image of God. The Name of the God-Man, the *Lord Jesus Christ*, has Power to attach itself to the prayers of man and join them to the divine Power of God’s Performance. Because Jesus Christ is joined to God, He can join us to God.



Regardless of how long we have known God or how many times we have been before the Throne of His Glory, we always have to approach God’s Presence the same way. We have to come through God’s Son to get to God. We must humble ourselves and ask our petitions in the Name of Jesus Christ. We can demand nothing on the basis of our own worthiness. Jesus Christ is not in debt to us; we are in debt to Him for our very lives, both naturally and spiritually. Since we have nothing to offer, we must beg on the basis of His Name’s sake. We must beg or starve — beg or die. We must plead Christ Jesus’ merits. We cannot ask in our own name, for it is a sinful name. Our name is not the name of the Mediator. We must ask in the Name of the Sovereign Prince, Jesus Christ, because He has access to the Father and can present our prayers to Him. Since Jesus said, “I will do it,” we know that He has the Power to perform the Will and Purpose of the Father’s answer to our prayers. Thus, the Father is glorified in the Son.

#### **B. The Apostle Paul Maintained Unity with God Through Prayer in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: (1 Corinthians 1:1,2).**

Through His Father’s Will, the Lord Jesus Christ appointed and ordained Paul to be an Apostle. Paul laboured faithfully to lay the spiritual foundation in the hearts of those in the Corinthian Church. However, during Paul’s absence, some arrogant false teachers tried to destroy Paul’s authority and ministry. Thus, the Apostle was forced to magnify his divine commission and holy Calling. Paul was not defending his apostolic authority and ministry for his own pride’s sake. He was doing it for Christ’s sake in order to maintain the Unity that Christ had established in the Church.

After acknowledging his exalted position as an Apostle, Paul manifested his great humility and sincere desire for Unity in the Body of Christ by willingly condescending to join his rank of Apostleship to that of Sosthenes, a brother of lower rank. Paul’s actions proved that God’s Love equalizes. He showed that those who are joined to Jesus Christ will be sanctified by His precious Name. Jesus Christ’s Name redeems us from all sin, purifies us from

all iniquity, and makes us a peculiar treasure unto God. Paul revealed that the Power of Jesus Christ's Name was available in every place to all people who would call upon Him. Paul declared Jesus Christ to be Lord and Head over all things, both in Corinth and in every place where people called upon Him. The Lord Jesus Christ brings us, individually, into Union with God and, then, with each other. Great is the Love, Peace, and Harmony that Jesus Christ's Name brings within our hearts and without — in our relationships with others.

Increased Unity, through prayer in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, was more than a theoretical concept to the Apostle Paul; it was something he practiced in his personal life.

**And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations**, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me (II Corinthians 12:7-9).

The Apostle Paul had been lifted up to the Third Heaven or Paradise, where he had heard and seen marvelous things, Therefore, God wisely designed a way to keep the Apostle humble, lest he should be exalted by the deceitful force of pride which tries to lift man above what God has measured out to him. Knowing that pride ultimately brings man to destruction and ruin, God permitted a messenger of Satan to prick and gouge Paul, continually, like a sharp thorn sticking into his flesh. Satan meant the thorn for evil, to discourage and destroy Paul. God's Purpose for the thorn, however, was to provide a stepping stone. Through the thorn, God showed Paul the weakness of his humanity and taught him to depend completely on Christ. Thus, Paul experienced Christ's magnificent Grace and strengthening Power in the midst of his weakness. Paul gloried in his infirmities because, in the midst of them, he still had wonderful Unity with Christ.

Being weak in ourselves presents an opportunity for us to become strong in our dependence on our Unity with Christ. How good God is to create situations which force us to establish a stronger Union with Christ, the Eternal Word, from Whom flows all divine Strength and Grace.

### **C. Stephen, the First Martyr, Gained Greater Union with God through Prayer in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.** And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep (Acts 7:59,60).

The Jewish Nation had indicted Stephen for blasphemy. Stephen's persecutors were full of Satan and looked upon him with malice and rage. But Stephen was full of the Holy Ghost, and looking *above* all these things, he saw Jesus Christ at the Right Hand of God. While Stephen's persecutors hurled stones at his body, Stephen hurled his soul and spirit up to God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Stephen made Jesus the Lord of his persecution. The men who murderously cast stones at Stephen had stopped their ears of respect for life, but God and His Son did not stop their Ears to the cries and prayers of the persecuted. Through their unjust hatred, men cast Stephen out of their city, but God and His Son received him into their City. God does the same for all His persecuted, abused saints. He hears their cries and receives them to Himself. What a loving God we have!

Jesus desires for us to have just such a Union with Him so that when we are miserably broken, shattered, and overwhelmed with a "shower of stones," when we are violently beaten down, abused, stripped, rejected as a despicable vessel, we will first pray for ourselves, saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit of faith, worship, reverence, hope, and prayer." Then, we can pray for our enemies, "Lord lay not this sin to their charge." Stephen's dying prayer proved that he had the same Union with Jesus that Jesus had with the Father when He prayed, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." How wonderful to have this class of Union with the Name or Nature of Jesus Christ. In the midst of sufferings and persecutions, we can know and experience the ecstasy of His Love and Mercy that forgives our enemies.

All the precious Unities that the Son enjoys with the Father, He is willing to share with us. Let us avail ourselves of the glorious privilege of being joined to Jesus Christ, for His blessed Name or Nature makes it possible for us to know Unity with God *and* His Creation.

## **VIII. God the Father Has Exalted His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to a Position of Power and Authority over All.**

And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, **Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places**, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: **And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all** (Ephesians 1:19-23).

God, the Father of Glory, raised His Son from the dead, gave Him an Eternal Union with the Names Lord and Christ, and sat Him in a position of Power and Authority at His own Right Hand. What was the Father's Purpose in elevating the beloved Son to such a high place of dignity and honour? Why was the Son filled with exceeding great joy? Beloved, the Father was balancing the Son's Scales of Pleasure and Pain. God weighed out His joyful Pleasure to the Son in proportion to the agonizing Pain and Humiliation that the Son had gone through in the journey He had taken to earth in order to fulfill the Father's Will. Since the Son descended into the depths of Hell and Death, going beyond the sin of all creatures, the Father justly and rightly exalted Him far above all creatures. Through the endless ages of Eternity, creatures will bless and worship the exalted Name of the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. If we accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord of our life, we get to know the added pleasure of exalting that blessed Name, now, as we pass through this world.

This chapter has revealed the eternal Unity of the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, with His Father, and the Father's exaltation of His Son to a place of All-Power. In the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ is the perfect Marriage Union of Divinity and Humanity. All the days of His earthly journey, Jesus, the only Begotten Son of God, kept His human Will in subjection to the Divine Will of His Heavenly Father. Then, on Resurrection Morning, the Man, Jesus, was raised up by the Glory of the Father, thus regaining all the exalted Glory which He had laid aside in Eternity-Past in order to come to earth. At His Resurrection, He was given an eternal Union with the Names Lord and Christ. Because of the Son's eternal Union with His Father and His Exaltation by His Father, His Name works continually, as the ceaseless ages of Eternity unfold, to bring ever increasing Unity between God and His creatures.

### **In Conclusion:**

In bringing this study to a close, we realize that we have hardly begun to relate all that can be said about the Lord Jesus Christ. The Apostle John had this feeling when he closed his Gospel with these words: "And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen" (John 21:25).

Although it is impossible to say everything there is to say about our precious LORD and Saviour, Jesus Christ, this study surely will confirm every sincere person's faith in the living reality of the Lord Jesus Christ.

There is no one in Heaven like the Lord Jesus Christ, and there is no one on earth more desirable than He. He is the perfect Saviour. He is the perfect Spiritual Bridegroom. To think, beloved, that we have the blessed privilege of knowing and loving Him is incomprehensible. Together, let us praise His wonderful Name, for without Him life has no meaning nor future!



# **Appendix**

## **Periods and Events in the Life of Christ**

	PERIODS	EVENTS	SCRIPTURES
Y O U T H	Thirty Years – Preparation	Birth Flight to Egypt Return to Nazareth Visit to the Temple Baptism Temptation	Lu. 2:1-7 Mt. 2:13-15 Mt. 2:19-23 Lu. 2:41-50 Mt. 3:13-17; Mk. 1:9-11; Lu. 3:1-18 Mt. 4:1-11; Mk. 1:12,13; Lu. 4:1-13
M I N I S T R Y	First Year – Obscurity	First Miracle First Cleansing of the Temple Nicodemus Woman of Samaria Nobleman's Son	Jn. 2:1-11 Jn. 2:13-17 Jn 3:1-21 Jn. 4:28-42 Jn. 4:46-54
	Second Year – Popularity	Calling Fishers of Men Sermon on the Mount Widow's Son Raised Lakeside Parables Jairus' Daughter Raised	Mt. 4:18-22; Mk. 1:16-20; Lu. 5:8-11 Mt. 5-7; Luke 6:6-49 Luke 7:12-16 Mt. 13; Mk. 4; Luke 12-13 Mt. 9:18,19,23-26; Lu. 8:41,42,49-56
	Third Year – Opposition	Feeding of the Five Thousand Syrophenician's Daughter Peter's Confession Transfiguration Good Samaritan	Mt. 14:15-21; Jn. 6:5-14 Mt. 15:22-28; Mk. 7:25-30 Mt. 16:13-19; Mk. 8:27-29; Lu. 9:18-21 Mt. 17:1-9; Lu. 9:28-36 Lu. 19:2-10
	Last Three Months – Persecution	Lazarus Raised from Dead Ten Lepers Healed Little Children Rich Young Ruler Zacchaeus	Jn. 11:1-46 Lu. 17:11-19 Mt. 19:13-15; Mk. 10:13-16 Mt. 19:16-30; Lu. 18:18-30 Lu. 19:2-10
	Last Week – Passion Week	Mary's Anointing Triumphal Entry Ten Virgins Upper Room Crucifixion	Mt. 26:6-13; Jn. 12:2-8 Mt. 21:1-11; Jn. 12:12-19 Mt. 25:1-13 Mt. 26:26-29 Mt. 27; Mk. 15; Luke 23; Jn. 19
R I S E N	Forty Days – Alive Again	Appearance to One Appearance to Two Appearance to Ten Appearance to Seven Appearance to Five Hundred Appearance to Eleven	Jn. 20 Mt. 28 Lu. 24:36-48 Lu. 24:13-35 I Cor. 15:6 Mk. 16:14-18

# Outline

## Introduction

### Chapter One:

#### The Deity of The Lord Of Glory

##### I. The Lord of Glory Possesses All Divine Attributes.

- A. The Lord of Glory Is Omnipotent.
- B. The Lord of Glory Is Omniscient.
- C. The Lord of Glory Is Omnipresent.
- D. The Lord of Glory Is Immutable.
- E. The Lord of Glory Exists Eternally.

##### II. The Lord of Glory Ministers in Divine Offices.

- A. The Lord of Glory Ministered in the Old Testament.
  - 1. In the Old Testament, the Lord of Glory Ministered as the Lawgiver of Divine Promises.
    - a. By Vision, Abram Received the Lord's Promise of a Seed.
    - b. By Sacrifice, Abram Received the Lord's Promise of a Land for His Seed.
  - 2. In the Old Testament, the Lord of Glory Ministered Divine Judgment.
- B. The Lord of Glory Ministered in the New Testament.
  - 1. In the New Testament, Jesus, the Lord of Glory Ministered in His High Priestly Office.
  - 2. In the New Testament, Jesus, the Lord of Glory Ministers by Giving Gifts.
  - 3. In the New Testament, Jesus, the Lord of Glory, Ministers Resurrection.
  - 4. In the New Testament, Jesus, the Lord of Glory, Ministers by Transforming Believers.
  - 5. In the New Testament, Jesus, the Lord of Glory, Ministers in Judgment.

##### III. The Lord of Glory Shares His Glory.

##### IV. The Lord of Glory Rules.

- A. The Lord of Glory Will Rule Over the Millennial Earth.
- B. The LORD of Glory Will Rule over the New Heavens and the New Earth.

### Chapter Two:

#### The Humanity Of Jesus, The Man

##### I. God Gave the Prophetic Promise to Adam-female of Jesus' Coming to Earth in a Human Body.

##### II. The New Testament Records God's Performance of Jesus' Birth in a Human Body.

##### III. Jesus the Man Had a Divine Father — God — and a Human Mother — Mary. He Also Had a Legal, Human Father — Joseph.

##### IV. Jesus' Name Carries Many Titles.

- A. Jesus Was Called the Son of God.
- B. Jesus Was Called the Son of Man.
- C. Jesus Was Called the Son of David.
- D. Jesus Was Called the Son of Abraham.
- E. Jesus Was Called the Seed of Woman.
- F. Jesus Was Called a Mediator.

##### V. Jesus' Human Body Had Limitations.

##### VI. Writers of both the Old Testament and the New Testament Foretold the Details of Jesus' Birth and Childhood.

##### VII. Jesus Fulfilled the Ministry to which He Was Called.

##### VIII. Through His Crucifixion, Death, Burial, and Resurrection, Jesus Became Mankind's Redeemer.

### Chapter Three:

#### The Deity Of Christ, The Word

##### I. Christ Possesses All Divine Attributes.

- A. Christ Is Omnipotent.
  1. Christ Had and Still Has Power Over All Diseases.
  2. Christ Had and Still Has Power Over Death.
  3. Christ Had and Still Has Power Over the Wind and Sea.
  4. Christ Had and Still Has Power Over Demons.
  5. Christ Has Power Over the Angelic World.
  6. Christ Has Power to Uphold All Things.
- B. Christ Is Omniscient.
  1. Christ Knows Men's Lives.
  2. Christ Knows Secret Thoughts.
  3. Christ Knows His Betrayers.
  4. Christ Knows Men's Actions from a Distance.
  5. Christ Knows the Future.
  6. Christ Knows All Things.
- C. Christ Is Omnipresent.
  1. The Word Was Present in the Beginning.
  2. The Word Was Present in the Everlasting Ages of Eternity
- D. Christ Is Immutable.
- E. Christ Exists Eternally.

## II. Christ Ministers in Divine Offices.

- A. Christ Ministered in Creation.
- B. Christ Ministers as the Preserver of All Things.
- C. Christ Ministers to Forgive Sins.
- D. Christ Ministers Resurrection Life.
- E. Christ Ministers Transforming Power.
- F. Christ Ministers Judgment.
- G. Christ Ministers Eternal Life.
- H. Christ Ministers Love.

## III. The Christ Receives Worship.

## IV. The Christ Answers Prayer.

## **Chapter Four:**

### **The Unity And Exaltation Of The Names Of The Lord Jesus Christ**

#### I. The Name of the Son, the Name of the Word, and the Name of God Are United.

#### II. Faith in the Shed Blood of Jesus Christ Unites the Individual Believer to the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ.

#### III. The Unity between the Individual Believer and the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ Establishes the Individual's Unity with His Brethren.

#### IV. The Son Has Life and Power through His Unity with the Father's Life and Power.

#### V. Ultimately, All Creatures Will Give a Unity of Praise to the Name of God and the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

#### VI. The Unity of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Divine Heavenly Father Makes It Possible for Him to be Worshipped.

- A. The Son Is Heir to All Things.
- B. The Son Is the Creator of All Things.
- C. The Son Shines with the Brightness of the Father's Glory.
- D. The Son Is the Express Image of the Father's Person.
- E. The Son Upholds All Things.
- F. The Son Purges Man's Sins.
- G. The Son Sat Down on the Right Hand of the Majesty on High.
- H. The Son Has a More Excellent Name than Angels.

#### VII. Prayer Brings Greater Unity with God.

- A. Jesus Christ Is Our Mediator.
- B. The Apostle Paul Maintained Unity with God Through Prayer in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- C. Stephen, the First Martyr, Gained Greater Union with God through Prayer in the Name of the Lord Jesus

Christ.

VIII. God the Father Has Exalted His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to a Position of Power and Authority over All.