

#2 Christ as the Son of Man, the Second Man,

and the Last Adam

Fulfilling God's Intention in Creating Man

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

A. Christ is the Son of Man:

1. Without man, God's purpose cannot be carried out on earth; in order to accomplish God's purpose, it was necessary for Christ to be a man. 2. In His incarnation Christ is the Son of Man: a. Because the Lord Jesus was conceived of the Holy Spirit, He is the Son of God. b. Because He was also conceived in and born of the human virgin, He is the Son of Man. c. On the divine side, He is the Son of God; on the human side, He is the Son of Man. 3. The Lord Jesus is the Son of Man in the heavens at the right hand of God since His resurrection, and He will be the Son of Man in His coming back on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

B. In His incarnation Christ is the second man:

1 Cor. 15:47 The first man is out of the earth, earthy; the second man is out of heaven. 1. In the entire universe there are only two men: the first man Adam and the second man Christ. 2. Out of heaven in verse 47 denotes both the divine origin and the heavenly nature of the second man, Christ. 3. As the first man, Adam is the head of the old creation, representing it in creation; as the second man, Christ is the Head of the new creation, representing it in resurrection: a. We believers were included in the first man by birth and became part of the second man by regeneration. b. In regard to our being part of the first man, our origin is the earth and our nature is earthy; in regard to our being part of the second man, our origin is God and our nature is heavenly.

C. Christ is the last Adam: 1 Cor. 15:45 So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul"; the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit. 1. First Corinthians 15:45 implies two creations: the old creation with man as a living soul to be its center, and the new creation in resurrection with the life-giving Spirit as its center. 2. Christ's being the last Adam implies a termination and conclusion of the old creation: a. The old creation ends with a man, the last Adam. b. This man who terminated the old creation became in resurrection a life-giving Spirit. 3. Through incarnation Christ became the last Adam to die on the cross for the termination of the old creation, and through resurrection He as the last Adam became the life-giving Spirit to germinate the new creation. Mon

II. Christ's incarnation and God-man living fulfilled God's intention in His creation of man:

Gen. 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness... Tue

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

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

A. The incarnation of Christ is closely related to God's purpose in the creation of man in His image and according to His likeness—that man would receive Him as life and express Him in His divine attributes.

B. The Man-Savior was born of the human essence with the human virtues in order to uplift these virtues to such a standard that they can match God's attributes for His expression: 1. As the One who was conceived of the divine essence with the divine attributes to be the content and reality of His human virtues, Christ fills the empty human virtues. 2. The divine attributes fill, strengthen, enrich, and sanctify the human virtues for the purpose of expressing God in the human virtues.

C. Through His incarnation Christ brought the infinite God into the finite man.

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

E. Christ is the God-man, a person who is the mingling of divinity with humanity: 1. In Him we see all the divine attributes and all the human virtues: a. Because the Lord Jesus was conceived of the Holy Spirit with the divine essence, He possesses the divine nature with the divine attributes. b. Because the Lord was born of the human virgin with the human essence, He possesses the human nature with the human virtues. 2. Christ's human living was the living of a man who lived God to express the divine attributes in the human virtues. Luke 10:33-34 But a certain Samaritan...came upon him; and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion; And he came to him and bound up his wounds and poured oil and wine on them. And placing him on his own beast, he brought him to an inn and took care of him.

F. Christ expressed in His humanity the bountiful God in His rich attributes through His aromatic virtues:

Heb. 2:17 Hence He should have been made like His brothers in all things that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in the things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 1. Christ expressed the divine attributes of love, light, holiness, and righteousness. 2. Christ's aromatic virtues include His mercy, compassion, meekness, forbearance, lowliness, obedience, faithfulness, and truthfulness. Tue/Wed

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

John 5:19 ...The Son can do nothing from Himself except what He sees the Father doing, for whatever that One does, these things the Son also does in like manner. 1. He did not live by His own mind, will, and emotion; rather, He had a genuine human living by God's mind, will, and emotion. 2. In his God-man living, the Lord's mind, will, and emotion were organs containing God's life and God's mind, will, and emotion.

H. In His God-man living, the Lord Jesus never did anything out of Himself, did not do His own work, did not speak His own word, did everything not by His own will, and did not seek His own glory.

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

I. In His living, the Lord Jesus achieved the greatest thing in the universe—He expressed God in His humanity.

III. Christ's God-man living constituted Him to be a prototype so that He may now be reproduced in us and live again in us: Thu

A. The gospel of Luke records the history of the God-man living of the first God-man; now this history needs to be written into our being.

B. When the Lord Jesus saves us, He comes into us as the One with the human virtues filled with the divine attributes:

1. As the life-giving Spirit, He enters into us to bring God into our being and to fill our virtues with God's attributes. **2.** Such a life saves us from within and uplifts our human virtues, sanctifying and transforming us.

C. The Christ who lives in us is still the One who possesses the human virtues strengthened and enriched by the divine attributes: **1.** The Christ who is being dispensed into us is a composition of the divine nature with its divine attributes and the human nature with its human virtues. **2.** Christ is now seeking to live in the believers the kind of life that He lived on earth; within us He is still living a life that is a composition of the divine attributes and the human virtues.

D. If we would become a reproduction of the first God-man and live Christ as the God-man, we must be reborn of the pneumatic Christ in our spirit and be transformed by the pneumatic Christ in our soul. **John 3:6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **2 Cor.3:18** But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit. **Fri**

E. When we love the Lord, pursue Him, and fellowship with Him, we spontaneously live in a condition that is beyond human description: **1.** We live not according to the environment but according to the Lord's moving and leading within us. **Phil. 4:11** Not that I speak according to lack, for I have learned, in whatever circumstances I am, to be content. **13** I am able to do all things in Him who empowers me.

2. When we open ourselves to the Lord, love Him, and desire to be joined to Him as one, we are filled and possessed by Him and live out the glory of divinity and the virtues of humanity. **1 Cor.2:9** But as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard and which have not come up in man's heart; things which God has prepared for those who love Him." **Sat**

Crucial Point(1): The human virtues of Christ are filled and strengthened with the divine attributes

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OL3: Christ expressed in His humanity the bountiful God in His rich attributes through His aromatic virtues.

I Cor. 15:45 So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul"; the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit. **47** The first man is out of the earth, earthy; the second man is out of heaven.

Through the incarnation of Christ God in the Son became a man. What a great matter this is! God had created man with a purpose according to His design, but man failed Him in His purpose and destroyed His design. Instead of creating another man, God Himself came to be the second man. God came to be the second man not in the Father nor in the Spirit but in the Son.

A crucial matter concerning the God-man is that He lived a human life filled with the divine life as its content. Contrary to what some may think, the Gospel of Luke is not merely a book of stories. This Gospel is a revelation of the God-man who lived a human life filled with the divine life as its content. As the One who lived such a life, the Man-Savior had the divine nature with the divine attributes, that is, with the divine love, light, righteousness, and holiness.

Because the Man-Savior's divine nature with the divine attributes was expressed in His human nature with the human virtues, it is difficult to say when He was living on earth whether it was God loving others or a man loving. ...Because the Lord lived in this way, His love was the human virtue of love filled with the divine attribute of love.

Certain cases recorded in the Gospel of Luke illustrate the fact that the Man-Savior's love was a love in which the attribute of divine love is expressed in the virtue of human love....His love...was a human love filled with the divine love and also strengthened, uplifted, and enriched by the divine love....

Luke 10:27 And he answered and said, "You shall love the Lord your God from your whole heart and with your whole soul and with your whole strength and with your whole mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

30 Jesus, taking up the question, said, A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who having both stripped him and beaten him, went away, leaving him half dead. **31** And by coincidence a certain priest was going down on that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. **32** And likewise also a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the opposite side. **33** But a certain Samaritan, who was journeying, came upon him; and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion; **34** And he came to him and bound up his wounds and poured oil and wine on them. And placing him on his own beast, he brought him to an inn and took care of him. **35** And on the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, Take care of him; and whatever you spend in addition to this, when I return, I will repay you. **36** Which of these three, does it seem to you, has become a neighbor to him who fell into the hands of the robbers?

Application to the new ones

The whole human beings either belong to the first man, Adam or the second man, Christ. When you believed into the name of the Lord Jesus, you were transferred from Adam to Christ. Christ as the second man has the love as the human virtue which is filled, uplifted, strengthened and enriched with the love as the divine attribute. This is illustrated in the case of the good Samaritan in chapter 10 of the gospel of Luke.

The love of the fallen human is damaged by the individualism, so when we feel that it is not beneficial to self, we cannot love. But Lord Jesus as the good Samaritan can sympathize with you who are wounded in the school life and business life and He pours wine on your wounds and binds them up and then brings you to the church typified as an inn. No matter how much you are weakened and damaged, please open to the Lord, enjoy the Lord's loving and practical care, and comfort in the church life.

Moreover, please take care of the wounded people around you with the Lord. Japanese people dare not to help those who are bullied. It is because Japanese are individualistic and hesitate to be involved in the troublesome matters. But Christ as a good Samaritan lives in you and loves those who are bullied. By taking care of those people with the Lord, you will enjoy the Lord's love more.

Prayer: "Oh Lord Jesus, the humanity of You as the second man, is mingled with the divinity and is filled, uplifted, strengthened and enriched by the divinity. This kind of your humanity is aromatic and rich and approachable. I get easily wounded in this society but thank the Lord for I can come to You and be healed. Let me enjoy Your loving care in the church life and let me also take care of the other wounded ones."

Crucial Point(2): By calling upon the Lord's name, express God through the restored, uplifted and enriched humanity.

OL1: The divine attributes fill, strengthen, enrich, and sanctify the human virtues for the purpose of expressing God in the human virtues.

OL2: Christ is the God-man, a person who is the mingling of divinity with humanity. Christ's human living was the living of a man who lived God to express the divine attributes in the human virtues.

OL3: In His God-man living, the Lord's mind, will, and emotion were organs containing God's life and God's mind, will, and emotion.

The Man-Savior was born of the human essence with the human virtues...to restore and recover man's virtues from the damage of man's fall...For example, the virtue of love has been damaged. A brother may love his wife very much one day, and the next day he may be unhappy with her and even think of divorcing her.

The love a girl has for her mother is also a damaged love. A girl may be very loving toward her mother at one moment, but this love is easily broken and may suddenly change. This proves that a girl's human love for her mother is a fallen and damaged love.

The human virtues of righteousness and holiness have also been damaged by the fall. Our righteousness has so many "holes" in it that it can be compared to a beehive. Can you count how many holes you have in your righteousness? Our love, brightness, righteousness, and holiness have all been damaged.

The Man-Savior's incarnation was not only to rescue our virtues from the fall; His incarnation was also to restore and recover our virtues from the damage of the fall.

John 5:30 I can do nothing from Myself; as I hear, I judge, and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will but the will of Him who sent Me. The fact that the Lord Jesus did not seek or do His own will indicates that while He was living as a man, He was not living by His own mind, will, and emotion. This means that He was not living by His own life. Here "life" equals our being, and our being is composed of our mind, will, and emotion. The Man-Savior, the God-man, lived as a man, but He, did not live by His own mind, will, and emotion.

Application to young people and college students

Your human virtues have become fragile because of damage caused by fall, and so cannot function properly.

Adam begot his children after his fall, and named one of them Abel that means "vanity". As a result of man's fall, everything in human life became vanity. And Seth, Adam's another son next to Abel, had a son and named him Enosh, meaning "frail", "mortal man." **Genesis 4:26** And to Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time men began to call upon the name of Jehovah. Once a man realizes that himself is "frail", "mortal man," and everything in human life is "vanity," then he starts to call upon the Lord's name. When you call upon the Lord's name, He come into your spirit, spread from your spirit to each part of your heart and restore, revive, recover and strengthen your human virtues.

As an example, If you are facing the certain situations such like, "I make my study plan but I have never accomplished it," "I want be honest, but I often tell a small lie to protect myself," "I know that in order to develop my communication skill, I need to have more chance to talk with my classmates and my teacher, but I don't because of my laziness," and "When I am required to make some kind of decision, I become too afraid of failure to decide," you should recall that you are a person who are frail and can not function properly, and so call upon the Lord's name. The Lord is able to restore, revive, recover, uplift, enrich, and strengthen your damaged humanity, by dispensing Himself into you.

Romans 10:11 For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes on Him shall not be put to shame." **12** For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all and rich to all who call upon Him. **13** For "whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Prayer: "O Lord Jesus, I am a frail, fragile, vain and helpless person. But thank you for your name. I call upon this name that can save me. Please restore, revive, recover, uplift, enrich, and strengthen my damaged humanity. May I be able to express the Lord in my school life."

Crucial Point(3): If you love the Lord, open yourself to the Lord and be filled up with the Lord, He will do everything for you

OL1: As the life-giving Spirit, He enters into us to bring God into our being and to fill our virtues with God's attributes.

OL2: When we love the Lord, pursue Him, and fellowship with Him, we spontaneously live in a condition that is beyond human description. We live not according to the environment but according to the Lord's moving and leading within us.

OL3: When we open ourselves to the Lord, love Him, and desire to be joined to Him as one, we are filled and possessed by Him and live out the glory of divinity and the virtues of humanity

According to my experience, nothing pleases the Lord so much as for us to realize that He does not want us to do anything. He only wants us to love Him, to open ourselves up to Him, and to let Him live from within us.

"Lord, I love You. I fully realize that I am just an empty vessel, yet You treasure this earthen vessel because this earthen vessel was created by You according to Your eternal plan to fulfill Your heart's desire. Lord, I just love You. I like to contain You. I like to be filled up with You. I like to be saturated and permeated with You. Have mercy upon me that I may keep myself open to You all the time." (Prayer)

You yourself are just a peculiarity. Without the Lord filling you as a vessel to work out something from within you, your whole being is a peculiarity. The only solution to our problems is the filling up of the Lord within us. And this depends upon our loving Him and keeping ourselves open to Him all the time. The proper prayer, the deeper prayer, the genuine prayer, is just to keep yourself loving Him and open to Him.

When He fills you up, He does everything for you. Then you simply enjoy His doing. This is the proper, genuine Christian life. A genuine Christian life is one that loves the Lord and keeps itself open to the Lord and stops its doing. Then the Lord comes in and the Lord does everything and this vessel just contains the Lord and enjoys the Lord's filling up and enjoys the Lord's doing. This is the proper and genuine Christian life.

Today those of us who have some amount of experience of the Lord can testify that when we love Him, pursue Him, and fellowship with Him, we spontaneously live in a condition that is beyond human description. We can endure what others cannot, and we can live a life that others cannot, even a life that goes beyond humility and meekness. We can live such a life because we live by the Lord. The Lord Jesus was a great mystery when He was on the earth. Hence, as the followers of Jesus, we also become a mystery that is incomprehensible to others. At times they think that we should lose our temper, yet we behave as if nothing has happened. At other times, they think that we should jump with joy, yet we act as usual. When they think that we should weep, we still can praise, and when they think that we should exult, we bow down in worship. We live not according to the environment but according to the Lord's moving and leading within.

For the young working saints and graduate students

Fallen people are all peculiar ones full of peculiarities. And this peculiarity prevents collaboration and communication with others in the company and prevents it from being built up in the church life. The peculiarity reduces your usefulness.

After being saved, your spirit was regenerated. Now you should love the Lord, open your heart, set your mind to the spirit, and let the Lord, the life-giving spirit, spread from your spirit to your soul. You need to keep loving and opening to the Lord. That way, you will be filled with Christ and Christ within will do everything for you.

For example, the company has a high-performance goal. You may think that you need to work overtime to reach the goal and don't have time to go for the meetings and gospel preaching. At this time, remember that you are not a tool to work, but a vessel to contain God. When God fills up you, God as grace can do everything to reach achievements within you. **1 Cor. 15:10** But by the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace unto me did not turn out to be in vain, but, on the contrary, I labored more abundantly than all of them, yet not I but the grace of God which is with me.

Life to love Christ, to be open to Christ, and to express Christ is a mysterious life. For example, it is difficult for Gentiles to understand your expression of living Christ, such as "You are doing excellently to, but you are wary of being proud and act humble." "Despite the impending difficulties, you remain in joy." "You should be busy, but don't work overtime in order to have the church life." "You almost don't

join the drinking but get promoted." "Even if it seems to be advantageous to you, if it is injustice, you don't get involved." "Do the right thing even in difficulty." But these are in accordance with God's love, light, righteousness and holiness and represent God.

The Mystery of Human Life (2)

The Miserable Situation of Human (1): "Death"

- A.** "death passed on to all men." —Death is not only a physical suffering in the future; it is something in which man is involved daily. (Rom. 5:12&FN4)
- B.** "Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from the body of this death?" (Rom. 7:24)
- C.** "And you, though dead in your offenses and sins," —*Dead* refers to the deadness of our spirit, which pervaded our entire being and caused us to lose the function that enables us to contact God. (Eph. 2:1&FN2)
- D.** "that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil," —Since the Lord destroyed the devil and nullified death, we now have no more fear of death and are released from its slavery. (Heb. 2:14, 15&FN1)

The Grace and Blessings from God (7): "Peace"

- A.** "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you...." (John 14:27a)
- B.** "These things I have spoken to you that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have affliction, but take courage; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)
- C.** "For He Himself is our peace, He who has made both one and has broken down the middle wall of partition, the enmity, ...And coming, He announced peace as the gospel to you who were far off," (Eph. 2:14, 17a)
- D.** "then they were willing to take Him into the boat; and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going." —We need to take the Lord into our "boat" (our married life, our family, our business, etc.) and enjoy peace with Him on the journey of human life. (John 6:21&FN1)

Our Attitude (1): "Believe"

- A.** "But without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to Him, for he who comes forward to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." (Heb. 11:6)
- B.** "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; Not of works that no one should boast." —Now faith is the substantiation of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (Heb. 11:1) It is by faith that we substantiate all the things Christ has accomplished for us. Through such a substantiating ability, we have been saved by grace. The free action of God's grace saved us through our substantiating faith. This faith of ours is the faith by which we believe in Christ, and it is Christ in us as our faith. (Eph. 2:8-9 & FN3 of 8)
- C.** "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name," —To believe into is to receive. For human beings to become children of God is for man to have the divine nature. (John 1:12&FN1, 2)
- D.** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that everyone who believes into Him would not perish, but would have eternal life." —Believing into the Lord is to receive Him and be united with Him as one. It is to receive a life subjectively. (John 3:16&FN2)