

Crystallization-Study – Epistle to the Romans

The Most Marvelous, Excellent, Mysterious, and All-Inclusive Transformations of the Eternal and Triune God in His Becoming a Man

- God is complete, perfect, and unchanging, but He has had many **transformations**.
 - All His transformations are marvelous, excellent, mysterious, and all-inclusive.
- The **Triune God** became a God-man, bringing divinity into humanity and **mingling** divinity with humanity as a prototype for the mass reproduction of many God-men.
 - The very God who was in eternity became a **solid** entity for people to **contact**, to **touch**, to **receive**, to **experience**, to **enter into**, and to **enjoy**.
- He could not have **lived a human life** unless He had been **transformed** into a man.
 - He was not only the prototype for the mass reproduction of Himself; He was also a **model**, an example, for His mass reproduction of the many God-men to **repeat** His living.
- His death was not merely the all-inclusive death. It is more definite to say that His death was the **all-problems-solving death**.
 - To accomplish such a death, He became the **flesh of sin** (but only in likeness).
 - It was by this that He was **made sin and condemned sin in the flesh**.
- In His becoming a man, He also became a **serpent** (only in its likeness as the bronze serpent).
 - By becoming a serpent, He **destroyed the devil**, the ancient serpent, who has the might of death, and He **judged the world**, which is the system (invented by the satanic systematization), the cosmos, of the devil, its ruler.
- He also became the **end of the old man**.
 - As the last Adam, He ended the old man.
- In His all-problems-solving death, He also became the **Peacemaker**.
 - He made peace by **abolishing the law of the commandments in ordinances**, which separate men from one another.
- He also became a **grain of wheat**.
 - He fell into the earth and died to break the shell of His humanity and to release His divine life for the producing of many grains to constitute His organic body.
- In His **all-conquering resurrection** He accomplished three main things.
 - He **uplifted His humanity** for Him to be begotten of God as God's firstborn Son.

- He became, by God the Father's regeneration, **the many sons of God** as His many brothers.
- Christ, as the last Adam, **became the life-giving Spirit**, the pneumatic Christ, the all-inclusive compounded Spirit, as the consummation of the processed and consummated Triune God.
- In His **all-transcending ascension** He became the **Head of all things** to be the Head of the Body of Christ.
 - He was made the Head of all things that He might be the **Head of the Body**.
 - He became the **Lord and Christ**, the **Leader** (of all the kings) and **Saviour**, our **High Priest** in God's New Testament economy.
 - He became the **Mediator** of the new covenant, the **surety** of the better covenant, the **Paraclete** (Advocate, Comforter) of the New Testament believers, the New Testament believers' **Intercessor** at the right hand of God and within them as well, and the heavenly **Minister**.

The Designation of Christ's Humanity

- Christ's humanity, the flesh, was not divine but human.
 - In His resurrection His humanity was **designated** (resurrected, uplifted) into His divinity.
 - The Spirit of holiness is Christ's **divine part**, His divinity. By His divinity His humanity was made divine.
 - Christ's humanity was designated in the divine power.
 - Christ's humanity was designated into His divinity **out of** resurrection, which is the Triune God embodied in Christ.
 - By resurrection Christ was designated the Son of God **with** His humanity. He is the **firstborn Son of God**, possessing both divinity and humanity.
 - This means that He was born of God in His resurrection to be the firstborn Son of God among His many brothers, the many sons of God.
- Christ as the Son of God has two statuses, the **only begotten Son of God** and the **firstborn Son of God**.
 - Christ is the only begotten Son of God, possessing the divine nature, divinity, from eternity to eternity as the second in the Divine Trinity.

- Christ is also the firstborn Son of God, possessing both the divine nature and the human nature—divinity and humanity—from His resurrection through His ascension and His second coming to eternity.
- In His first coming He was God's only begotten Son. In His second coming He will be the Firstborn. For eternity He will be the Son of Man.
- In resurrection we were regenerated with him, but we were not transformed with Him. When He comes, He will transform, or transfigure, our body to be conformed to the body of His glory.
- From incarnation to resurrection Christ was God and man, and this man and God were one. But at that time the mingling had not been consummated. The mingling was consummated by resurrection. Before resurrection His humanity was not brought into His divinity. The mingling of God with man was completed by resurrection.

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