

## “WORD OF LIFE”

April 17, 2022

### CHRIST IN HIS PERSON - **In Incarnation**

#### 6 – The **Son of Man**

**Hymn: God has called us for His purpose / 296 / O Father God, how faithful You are**

#### **✚ IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD (John 1:1)**

- Matt. 16:13 - Now when Jesus came into the parts of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, **Who do men say** that the **Son of Man** is?
- John 1:51 - And He said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, You shall see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the **Son of Man**.
- John 5:25 - Truly, truly, I say to you, An hour is coming, and it is now, when the dead will hear the voice of the **Son of God**, and those who hear will live.
- John 5:27 - And He gave Him authority to execute judgment because He is the **Son of Man**.
- John 10:36 - Do you say of Him whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world, You are blaspheming, because I said, I am the **Son of God**?
- Phil. 2:5 - Let this mind be in you, which was also in **Christ Jesus**,
- Phil. 2:6 - Who, **existing in the form of God**, did not consider being **equal with God** a treasure to be grasped,
- Phil. 2:7 - But **emptied Himself**, taking the form of a slave, becoming in the **likeness of men**;

#### **✚ LET US OFFER UP A SACRIFICE OF PRAISE CONTINUALLY TO GOD (Heb. 13:15)**

#### **❖ In His incarnation Christ is the Son of Man (Matt. 16:13).**

- The Lord Jesus is **both** the Son of God and the Son of Man,
  - Because the Lord Jesus was **conceived** of the Holy Spirit, He is the **Son of God**.
  - Because He was conceived **in** and **born** of the human virgin, He is the **Son of Man**.
  - On the **divine side**, He is the Son of God;
  - On the **human side**, He is the Son of Man.
  - **Sometimes** He indicated that He is the Son of God (John 5:25; 9:35, 37; 10:36),
  - **At other times**, He indicated that He is the Son of Man (John 1:51; 3:14; 5:27).
- Christ was **equal** with God
  - He put aside this equality and **emptied** Himself
    - **by putting aside** the form, the outward expression, of His deity
    - and **becoming** in the likeness of men.
  - He **did not regard** His **equality with God** as a thing to grasp.

#### **✚ WITH ONE ACCORD ... WITH ONE MOUTH GLORIFY THE GOD (Rom. 15:6)**

- ✚ Christ laid aside His equality with God and **emptied** Himself. **This does not mean, however**, that **Christ in His human living was no longer God**. It simply means that He put aside His **outward expression** of God.
- ✓ **Although** He subsisted in the form of God, He became in the likeness of men and in the fashion of a man.
  - ✓ **As a result**, He had the **appearance of a man** instead of the expression of God.
- ✚ To **accomplish** God's purpose and to **establish** the kingdom of the heavens, it was **necessary** for **Christ to be a man**.
- ✓ **Without man**, God's purpose cannot be carried out on earth, and the kingdom of the heavens cannot be constituted on earth.

### GOD HAS CALLED US FOR HIS PURPOSE

<p><b>1</b></p> <p>God has called us for His purpose, His economy so glorious, For which He was fully processed; Consummated now is He! As the Spirit, He indwells us; As our God allotted portion, Working out His full salvation, Making us the same as He is.</p>	<p><b>Chorus</b></p> <p>Oh, may a clear, controlling vision of The Lord's economy direct my heart, And burn in me until my spirit's wholly set afire! With spirit strong and active we'll press on To consummate God's goal— New Jerusalem, Hallelujah!</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Living out His resurrection, Dying to the flesh and soul-life. Living by the mingled spirit, Natural man we will deny. Now we're living in the Body, Every day we're overcoming, Striving for the peak of Zion, Watching for our Lord's appearing.</p>
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Jesus lived the God-man pattern, Set the way for us to follow, He denied His natural man and Was obedient unto death, Once He was the only God-man; Now we are His duplication. As the many grains we're blended As His corporate reproduction.</p>		<p><b>4</b></p> <p>God and man will have one living, Always in the mingled spirit; We two are incorporated One organic entity! This the vision of the ages Will control our daily living That the Lord may have His Body Shining as the holy city.</p>

### O FATHER GOD, HOW FAITHFUL YOU ARE

<p><b>1</b></p> <p>O Father God, how faithful You Are through eternity; For Your eternal purpose You Are faithful now in me.</p>		<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Since we've believed into Your Son Some losses You've allowed That we from broken cisterns turn To drink our Fountain-God.</p>
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>You've called us into fellowship Of Your dear Son, our Lord, That He may be our portion full, Our center, our accord.</p>	<p><b>Chorus</b></p> <p>How steadfast is Thy faithfulness! For this I worship Thee; It is established in the heav'n, And ever stands for me.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Your faithfulness has led us in To Your economy, Where Christ we all enjoy that You In us may increased be.</p>
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Though we unfaithful oft will be, Yet You are faithful still, Though not for human welfare but For Your eternal will.</p>		<p><b>6</b></p> <p>The living water's faithful flow We drink and shout, Amen; The destination of this flow The New Jerusalem.</p>