

“WORD OF LIFE”

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CHRIST IN HIS PERSON –

In Incarnation

Hymn: What miracle! What mystery! / 86 / 43

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

- John 1:1 - In the beginning was the **Word**, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- John 1:14 - And the **Word** became **flesh** and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.
- Matt. 18:20 - For where there are two or three gathered into My name, there am **I in their midst**.
- Matt. 28:20 - Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, **I am with you** all the days until the consummation of the age.
- 2Tim. 4:22 - The Lord be **with your spirit**. Grace be with you.
- 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)

1. Christ is God **manifested in the flesh** (1 Tim. 3:16).

1Tim. 3:16 says, “*And confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness:*

*He who was **manifested in the flesh**,
Justified in the Spirit,
Seen by angels,
Preached among the nations,
Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory.*”

- as the **Word**, who is the very God, **Christ** became **flesh** (John 1:14)
- **not only as** the **Son** **but as** the **entire God**, the Father, the Son, and the Spirit

2. Christ is the **God-man**

- He was **conceived** of the **Holy Spirit**, having the **essence** of **God** (Luke 1:35; Matt. 1:20)
- He was **born** of a **human virgin**, having the **essence** of **man** (Luke 1:31; Gal. 4:4)

3. Christ is the **Holy Thing** (Luke 1:35)

Luke 1:35 says, “*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.*”

- the conceiving of the Holy Spirit, was intrinsically **holy**,
- **as the holy thing**, Christ was absolutely for God and separated unto God
- He was absolutely unto God and one with Him.

4. Christ is **Jesus**

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

- The name **Jesus** was given by God
- **Jesus** is Jehovah, God incarnate
- **Jesus** is Jehovah becoming our **salvation**

- the One who is now in the **present**,
 - who was in the **past**,
 - and who will be in the **future** and in **eternity** forever
- Jesus is the **I Am**.
- The Lord Jesus is whatever we need.

5. Christ is **Emmanuel**, God with us.

Matt. 1:23 says, “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a son, and **they shall call** His name **Emmanuel**” (which is translated, *God with us*)

- He is **not only** God **but** God with us.
- As we **receive** Him and **experience** Him, we realize that **Jesus** is **Emmanuel**, God with us.
- When we call on Jesus, we have the sense that God is with us.
- Whenever we are **gathered** together into the name of Jesus, He is with us (Matt. 18:20)
 - This is **Emmanuel**, God with us.
 - The **presence of Jesus** in our gatherings is actually God with us
- He is **with us** all the days until the consummation of the age (Matt. 28:20)

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

John 5:27 says, “And He gave Him authority to execute judgment because He is the **Son of Man**.”

John 10:36 says, “... You are blaspheming, because I said, I am the **Son of God**?”

- The Lord Jesus is **both** the Son of God and the Son of Man,
 - He is the Son of God, because the Lord Jesus was **conceived** of the Holy Spirit.
 - He is the Son of Man, because He was conceived **in** and **born** of the human virgin.
- Christ was **equal** with God
 - He put aside this equality and **emptied** Himself, of His deity and **becoming** in the likeness of men.
 - He **did not regard** His **equality with God** as a thing to grasp.

7. Christ in His incarnation is the **second Man** (1Cor. 15:47)

1 Corinthians 15:47 says, “The **first man** is out of the earth, earthy; the **second Man** is out of heaven.”

- **As** the first man, Adam is the **head of the old creation**, **representing** it in **creation**,
 - We were **included** in the **first man** by birth
- **As** the second Man, Christ is the **head of the new creation**, **representing** it in **resurrection**
 - We **became** part of the **second Man** by regeneration

8. Christ in His incarnation is the **last Adam** (1Cor. 15:45)

1 Corinthians 15:45 says, “So also it is written, The **first man**, Adam, became a living soul; the **last Adam** became a life-giving Spirit.”

- the “**first man**” **Adam** **became** a **living soul**
- the “**last Adam**” **Christ** **became** in resurrection a **life-giving spirit**
- the **old creation** was created by God, with man, a **living soul** to be its **center** and **ends** with a man, the **last Adam**
- the **new creation**, comes into being by resurrection, with the **life-giving Spirit**, as its **center** and **lifeline**, the **last Adam**

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

1. **Through** incarnation and human living God was **manifested in the flesh**. “In the flesh” **means** **in the likeness, in the fashion, of man** (Rom. 8:3; Phil. 2:7-8). In the form of man Christ appeared to people (2 Cor. 5:16), yet He was God manifested in a man.
2. The **conception** of the **God-man** was God’s incarnation, **through this**, God joined Himself to humanity so that He might be manifested in the flesh.

3. What was **conceived** in Mary was of the Holy Spirit, what was **born** of this conception was a “**holy thing**,”...This holy thing, **however**, was born into flesh. The “**thing**” was **holy**, but the flesh was not holy. **However**, the **holy thing** that was **born** into the flesh would **sanctify, restore, the** flesh. Christ was conceived of the divine essence with the **divine** attributes to sanctify the **human** virtues. [LS of Luke Ch. 58]
4. **Jesus** as the real Joshua **brings us into the rest** of the good land. He is our Savior **saving us** from sin. He is our Joshua bringing us into **rest**, which is Himself as the good land.
5. Today Christ is not only among us; He is **in our spirit**. This One who is with our spirit is **Emmanuel**, God with us. Today the Lord’s presence is the **Spirit**. The Spirit is simply the **reality** of the **Lord’s presence—Emmanuel**.
6. Christ laid aside His equality with God and **emptied** Himself. 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.
7. **Through** the incarnation of Christ, God in the Son **became** a 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**.
8. **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

WHAT MIRACLE WHAT MYSTERY

What miracle! What mystery! That God and man should blended be! God became man to make man God, Untraceable economy! From His good pleasure, heart’s desire, His highest goal attained will be. From His good pleasure, heart’s desire, His highest goal attained will be.	Flesh He became, the first God-man, His pleasure that I God may be: In life and nature I’m God’s kind, Though Godhead’s His exclusively. His attributes my virtues are; His glorious image shines through me. His attributes my virtues are; His glorious image shines through me.	No longer I alone that live, But God together lives with me. Built with the saints in the Triune God, His universal house we’ll be, And His organic Body we For His expression corp’rately. And His organic Body we For His expression corp’rately.	Jerusalem, the ultimate, Of visions the totality; The Triune God, tripartite man— A loving pair eternally— As man yet God they coinhere, A mutual dwelling place to be; God’s glory in humanity Shines forth in splendor radiantly!
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THERE IS A GREAT MYSTERY

1 There is a great mystery, A wonderful story; For ages ’twas hidden, Now shown in His wisdom; 'Tis a divine romance Of God and man in time; Beyond understanding, Yet seen in God’s speaking.	Chorus God fell in love with man; For only God’s love can Make man just the same as He In life and in nature. We are His expression, His bride, His enlargement; Forever, together, As living, inseparable as one couple Eternally.		
2 Though He was rejected By men who were blinded; His love is constraining, His heart still unchanging; Thus in incarnation Came He as salvation; His name is called Jesus, And He came to seek us.	3 Though born as a sinner, His blood has redeemed me. He suffered on Calv’ry, Then raised up in glory, To regenerate me. Now joined in one spirit I love to enjoy Him, For I’ve been forgiven!	4 His love is so tender, To Him I’ll surrender; His name is so precious, I gladly call, “Jesus!” His Person’s so charming, My heart ever winning; I’ll hold back no longer, I’ll love Him forever.	