

“WORD OF LIFE”

May 22, 2022

28. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (8) – In Redemption

2. A Man in the Flesh

3. The Last Adam—the Man in the Old Creation

Hymn: 1089 / 935 / 20

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

- 1Pet. 3:18 - For Christ also has suffered once for sins, the Righteous on behalf of the unrighteous, that He might bring you to God, on the one hand being put to death in the flesh, but on the other, made alive in the Spirit;
- Rom. 8:3 - For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,
- Rom. 6:6 - Knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with *Him* in order that the body of sin might be annulled, that we should no longer serve sin as slaves;
- Gal. 2:20 - I am crucified with Christ; and *it is* no longer I *who* live, but *it is* Christ *who* lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the *faith* of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

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

❖ Christ is a Man in the Flesh

- Christ was sent **only** in the **likeness of the flesh** of sin.
 - He **did not** actually have the nature of the **flesh of sin**,
 - **but only** the **form** of a fallen man, the **likeness** of the flesh of sin (Rom. 8:3)
 - as portrayed by the **type** of the **brass serpent**:
 - the brass serpent had the form of a serpent,
 - but it did not have the poisonous nature of a serpent
- Christ died on the cross, **as a man in the flesh**
 - He died **so that** sin in the flesh might be **condemned** by God
 - His death dealt with the fallen flesh, and “sin in the flesh”—the **Devil**.

❖ Christ, The Last Adam—the Man in the Old Creation

- In redemption Christ was also **a man in the old creation** (1 Cor. 15:45b).
 - As the last Adam, Christ was the **conclusion of the old man**.
 - He put on blood and flesh
 - The Lord died on the cross as a man, in the **old creation**,
 - our **old man** was crucified with Him
 - before we were born we were **crucified** in Christ

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

- ✚ **As a man in the flesh**, Christ had only the **likeness**, the **form**, of a **fallen man**; He did not have the sinful nature of a fallen man. This means that **He was in the likeness of the flesh of sin**, but He did not have the actual nature of sin.
- ✚ When Christ was **incarnated**, He took us upon Himself. **He put on blood and flesh**. Therefore, when He was crucified, **we were crucified with Him**.