

“For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.” 1 Peter 3:18 KJV



God created an embryo in Mary’s womb that was “the Word made flesh; the Last Adam; the Lord Jesus Christ!” In Him was to rest “all the fullness of the Godhead, bodily, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence.” God, the eternal Spirit looked down through time and fashioned man “after His own image.” Jesus is the manifestation of God; that which may be seen for “God is a Spirit and no man hath seen God at any time.” Just as man was created an eternal soul with a body, God is The

eternal Spirit with a body, Jesus! Jesus said, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. God is a Spirit and those that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in Truth.” To worship God, we must come to Christ; the Truth; the God’s Word. To understand Calvary you must understand three things: God’s Holiness, God’s Omnipotence, and God’s Love. His Holiness is immutable, cannot be impugned, and will not tolerate sin. God’s Holiness is infectious. Whatever God touches is either totally destroyed or transformed according to His own Word and will which are perfect! We must also understand God’s Omnipotence; that there is nothing He cannot do! “For with God, nothing shall be impossible!” Man is just now beginning to understand the vastness of a universe that God spoke into being in six days. You see, before there were stars there was light, because before there were stars, there was God! “God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light...and the evening and the morning were the FIRST DAY. And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also...and the evening and the morning were the FOURTH DAY.” Scientists may tell you WHAT creation is, but they cannot tell you HOW creation is, because without believing God’s Word their reason is only theory. The omnipotent God did an impossible thing in impossible time and created all that is, including you, from the pure, immutable, power of His own Word! Jesus Christ, that “Word made flesh, was before all things and by Him all things consist!” That which does not submit to His will is destroyed by His will! For man to oppose God is for the clay to oppose the potter! “Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?”

A Spirit quickened Holiness,
Bestows on men true blessedness,
A life of true contentedness,
Eternal joy and blissfulness! ~CGP

God made a body for Himself and submitted it completely to the hands of angry men, His own creation! He gave His perfect, sinless Life “a ransom for many.” You may say, “God cannot die!” and you would be correct, but His body did, because all the blood was drained from it and to make sure, a roman soldier thrust a spear into His side upwards to the heart “and forthwith came there out blood and water. The life is in the blood.” If you doubt it,

explain why something dies when the blood all drains from it. Christ shed every drop of His blood on the Cross and “*gave His Life!*” God, the eternal Spirit, resurrected His own body from the grave with many others at the same time to prove once and for all His power over death! Death is separation from life. God’s Word is the Life of existence! In His final Hours before Calvary Jesus prayed: “*Father, the hour is come; glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee: As Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give Eternal Life to as many as Thou hast given Him. And this is Life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.*” As Christ, the God of Heaven and earth, completely submitted His Body and Blood to angry men out of Holy love, true believers must submit their lives to Jesus, the Word of God, by the same. “*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, Holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting Life.*” It is God’s Love that must constrain us to obey His Word; else we obey out of some sense of fear or duty! Know God- know Life. No God – no life!

“But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great Love wherewith HE loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by Grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come He might shew the exceeding riches of His Grace in His Kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by Grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”
Ephesians 2:4-9 KJV

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