

The Gospel Herald

“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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When Immortality Took on Mortality

The Christian hope and expectation is that we shall be transformed from this mortal physical life to the immortal realm of eternal glory in the bliss of heaven, prepared for the elect heirs of divine grace by the almighty sovereign God of the universe.

Yet, the very God that has predestined to redeem a people for His name’s sake has decreed and ordained his only begotten Son leave the realm of eternal glory in His pre-existent state with his Father, and take on MORTALITY, the exact opposite of that which we earthlings seek to be delivered from. Oh, how in God’s determined purpose the Son of the living God, Jesus Christ, left the presence of heaven’s throne and the presence of the Father and was conceived in the chosen human vessel Mary, His beloved physical Mother.

To think that deity itself, Immanuel, “GOD WITH US,” clothed himself with a fleshly body, being likened unto those created in Adam’s likeness, yet without sin. Sinless deity in a human body, tempted in EVERY way, yet WITHOUT sin. “He who knew NO sin became sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God IN HIM” (II Corin 5:21). Oh, beloved brethren, to think that our Lord Jesus Christ came to fulfill the prophetic vicarious sacrificial finished atonement upon the cross of Calvary is one glorious aspect of our Saviour’s great manifestation of love and mercy for an ungodly lot of mankind; but to think about him coming as a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, laying in a manger among the livestock, in an animal stable, is all the more amazing. God himself, deity born of woman laying in a lowly dusty manger. Deity grew in stature and wisdom as humanity developed from the God child unto the “GOD MAN.” His public ministry began on the appointed time of the Father as he proclaimed that “his kingdom has come” as he answered John the Baptizer saying, “Suffer it to be so now; for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness” (Matt. 3:15).

The God/Man deity began to be tempted in various ways by Satan, saying into him on numerous occasions, "If thou be the Son of God" do thus or so. The God man Christ finally answered Satan saying, "Get thee hence, Satan; for it is written, thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve" (Matt. 4:10). Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Jesus the Christ replied to Satan, "thou shalt worship the Lord THY GOD." Satan's God is the Almighty eternal sovereign Father and always shall be. Although Satan does not worship Him, he is subject to His divine providence and ordained purposes. Our Lord Jesus was continually victorious over Satan's crafty devices of trickery, attempting to belittle Christ's humanity.

To think of our Saviour in his humanity suffering the anxiety of the cross in the garden, he experienced our emotional feelings of anticipation, and touched with the feelings of our infirmities. He was grieved at the loss of Lazarus as his sisters wept with sadness.

Our perfect example of humanity becoming immortal was demonstrated by our Lord's glorious resurrection, defeating death and hell having victory over the grave, sin and death. Oh, that we might glory ONLY in the cross on which the God Man Christ Jesus was nailed to purchase salvation so rich and so free for such a sinner as me.

God himself HAD to pay the ultimate price to ransom his elect Bride, for we have been bought with that glorious price of our Saviour's body and blood upon that tree...May we remember that mortal frame of our God man saviour, redeemer, advocate and intercessor till he come again.

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