

# Christian Students Association Bible Study

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## GOD IN CHRIST COMING AS LIFE TO MAN TO REACH MAN'S SPIRIT AS THE HOLY SPIRIT'S DESTINATION

- I. In order for God in Christ as the Spirit to reach the destination of man's spirit, many steps were required. (Heb. 9:12, 22; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7; Rev. 1:5)
  - A. The almighty God in the heavens came down from His heavenly dwelling and passed through many problems, obstacles, and hindrances in order to reach our spirit.
  - B. He laid down His life in His human nature, dying in the form of a serpent in order to deal with our serpentine nature.
  - C. He accomplished redemption, which solved the problems of Satan, the world, the sinful nature, the self, the old man, sin, and sins.
    1. Christ's redemption was like the construction of a modern highway.
    2. Modern highways are built by straightening curves, leveling hills, and bridging gaps and rivers.
    3. Christ's redemption has bridged all the gaps, leveled all the hills, and straightened out all the curves.
  - D. The shedding of Christ's blood has accomplished an eternal redemption for us (Heb. 9:12).

Heb. 9:12 says, "And not through the blood of goats and calves but through His own blood, entered once for all into the Holy of Holies, **obtaining an eternal redemption.**"

1 Pet. 1:18-19 say, "Knowing that it was not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, that **you were redeemed from your vain manner of life** handed down from your fathers, But **with**

**precious blood, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot, the blood of Christ;”**

- II. Through His death on the cross, Christ accomplished God’s redemption, signified by the shedding of His blood, and also released His divine life, signified by the flowing of water out of Him. (John 19:34; Ex. 17:6; 1 Cor. 10:4; John 7:37; John 14:4; Rev. 21:6; Rev. 22:1, 17; 1 Cor. 6:17).
  - A. The flowing of the water out of Him indicates the release of His divine life through His death and resurrection.
  - B. In resurrection Christ became the life-giving Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45b).
    - 1. The One who was incarnated, who lived a human life on the earth, who was crucified and buried, who went into Hades, and who walked out of death and was released from death, Hades, and the grave, became a life-giving Spirit.
    - 2. As the life-giving Spirit, He can now enter into man.
  - C. The process of Christ’s becoming the life-giving Spirit may be likened to the process whereby a watermelon becomes juice.
    - 1. The big melon must first be cut into small slices. When the melon is in small slices, we can easily eat it.
    - 2. To fully enjoy the melon, we can go further and press the slices until the juice of the melon comes out. Then everyone can simply drink the juice to enjoy the melon.
  - D. All the steps of God’s coming are the processes needed for Him to become the “juice” for man to drink.
    - 1. Christ was “cut into slices” on the cross and “pressed” through death and resurrection until He became “juice.”
    - 2. As the life-giving Spirit, He is like melon juice. Now we can drink Him.
    - 3. As the Spirit, the Lord is ready for all of us to drink Him. By believing in the Lord Jesus, exercising our spirit to call upon His name, He reaches our spirit. How marvelous!

John 19:34 says, “But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately **there came out blood and water.**

1 Cor. 15:45b says, . . .”the **last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.**”

1 Cor. 6:17 says, “But he who is **joined to the Lord is one spirit.**

John 7:37 says, “Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, **If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.**”

Rev. 22:17 says, “And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And let him who hears say, Come! And **let him who is thirsty come; let him who wills take the water of life freely.**”

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