

Christian Students Association Bible Study

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CHRIST ACCOMPLISHING GOD'S REDEMPTION AND RELEASING HIS DIVINE LIFE THROUGH HIS DEATH ON THE CROSS

John 19:33-35: "But coming to Jesus, when they saw that He had already died, they did not break His legs; But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and **immediately there came out blood and water**. And he who has seen this has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he says what is true, that you also may believe."

- I. Through His death on the cross, Christ accomplished God's redemption and released His divine life (John 19:33-35).
 - A. Two substances came out of the Lord's pierced side: blood and water.
 1. Blood is for redemption, to deal with sins (1:29; Heb. 9:22) for the purchasing of the church (Acts 20:28).
 2. Water is for imparting life, to deal with death (12:24; 3:14-15) for the producing of the church (Eph. 5:29-30).
 - B. The Lord's death, on the negative side, takes away our sins, and on the positive side, imparts life into us. Hence, it has two aspects: the redemptive aspect and the life-imparting aspect. The redemptive aspect is for the life-imparting aspect.
 - C. This death that imparts life released the Lord's divine life from within Him for the producing of the church, which is composed of all His believers, into whom His divine life has been imparted.
 - D. This life-imparting death of the Lord's is typified by Adam's sleep, out from which Eve was produced (Gen. 2:21-23), and is signified by the death of the one grain of wheat that fell into the ground for the bringing forth of many grains (12:24) to make the one bread — the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 10:17).
 - E. Hence, it is also the life-propagating, life-multiplying death, the generating and reproducing death.

Genesis 2:21-22: "And Jehovah God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh in its place. And **Jehovah God built the rib, which He had taken from the man, into a woman and brought her to the man.**"

John 12:24: “Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; **but if it dies, it bears much fruit.**”

- II. Through His resurrection, Christ as the last Adam became the life-giving, life-dispensing Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45b).
- A. His divine life could be released from within the shell of His humanity only by death and resurrection (John 12:24).
 - B. In resurrection He became a life-giving Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45b). As the life-giving Spirit, He is ready to enter into our spirit.
 - C. When we call “O Lord Jesus,” He immediately arrives at the destination of our spirit. Our spirit is the destination of His journey.
 - D. Now the Lord Jesus is a life-giving Spirit in resurrection, with a spiritual body, ready to be received by His believers.
 - E. When we believe into Him, He enters our spirit, and we are joined to Him as the life-giving Spirit.
 - F. Hence, we become one spirit with Him. Our spirit is made alive and is resurrected with Him. (1 Cor. 6:17)
 - G. The way to believe into Him is to call upon His name (Rom. 10:9, 12-13). When we call upon His name, He enters into us immediately.
 - H. He enters into us, and we enter into Him. Our believing brings Him into our spirit (1 Cor. 6:17; Rom. 8:10), which is the destination of His journey.

1 Corinthians 15:45b: **“the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.”**

1 Corinthians 6:17: **“But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit”.**

John 15:1: **“I am the true vine. . .”**

John 15:4: **“Abide in Me and I in you. . .”**

John 15:5: **“I am the vine; you are the branches. . .”**

Romans 10:9: **“That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;”**

Romans 10:12-13: **“For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all and rich to all who call upon Him; For ‘whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”**