

# Christian Students Association Bible Study

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## CHRIST BECAME THE SPIRIT TO GIVE HIMSELF AS LIFE TO US HIS BELIEVERS

- I. The Triune God in Christ took **several crucial steps** in being processed to be the life-giving Spirit to be life to us.
  - A. First, He was **incarnated**. As God, He entered into the womb of a human virgin and stayed within that womb for nine months. In this way He took on humanity as His shelter, His dwelling place.
  - B. Second, He lived and walked on the earth, passing through the long “tunnel” of **human living** for thirty-three and a half years.
  - C. Third, on the cross He **entered into death and passed through death**, which included the grave and Hades.
  - D. Fourth, after three days, He walked out of death and Hades and entered into **resurrection**.
  - E. After the Lord’s resurrection He ascended to the third heaven from the Mount of Olives (Acts 1:9-12). Through His **ascension** the Lord Jesus completed His process.
- II. After His death and in resurrection, He came to visit His disciples (Luke 24:36) and **breathed the Spirit of life into them** (John 20:19-22).
  - A. Through the steps of incarnation, human living, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension, the **Triune God in Christ is now the indwelling Spirit of life** (Rom. 8:2).
  - B. We receive the Spirit of life by **exercising our indwelt human spirit**.
  - C. When we exercise our spirit, immediately the Spirit of life, the life-giving Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45b), imparts **the divine life into us**.

**John 20:22:** “And when He had said this, **He breathed into them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit.**”

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

**Galatians 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.”

**Colossians 3:4:** “When **Christ our life** is manifested, then **you also will be manifested with Him in glory.**”