

## Lesson 66: God the Son, Part 4, 5, 6

**Memory Verse:** He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. 1 John 4:8-11

### IV. Man's Wisdom is Finite, But God is Infinite

1. Wisdom without God is declared to be F\_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Corinthians 3:19** For the \_\_\_\_\_ of this world is \_\_\_\_\_ with God. For it is written, He taketh the \_\_\_\_\_ in their own craftiness.

Solomon also found it to be so: **Ecclesiastes 1:17** "And I gave my heart to know \_\_\_\_\_, and to know \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_: I perceived that this also is \_\_\_\_\_ of spirit."

Where shall we learn of God? **Job 38:36** "Who hath put \_\_\_\_\_ in the inward parts? or who hath given \_\_\_\_\_ to the heart?"

**Proverbs 2:6** "For the \_\_\_\_\_ giveth \_\_\_\_\_: out of \_\_\_\_\_ mouth cometh \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."

**1 Corinthians 1:21** "For after that in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God the \_\_\_\_\_ by wisdom knew \_\_\_\_\_ God, it pleased God by the \_\_\_\_\_ [according to the world] of preaching to \_\_\_\_\_ them that believe."

**1 Corinthians 2:5-10** "That your \_\_\_\_\_ should not stand in the wisdom of \_\_\_\_\_, but in the power of \_\_\_\_\_. Howbeit we speak \_\_\_\_\_ among them that are perfect: yet \_\_\_\_\_ the wisdom of this \_\_\_\_\_, nor of the princes of this \_\_\_\_\_, that come to \_\_\_\_\_: But we speak the wisdom of \_\_\_\_\_ in a mystery, even the \_\_\_\_\_ wisdom, which God ordained \_\_\_\_\_ the world unto our glory: Which \_\_\_\_\_ of the princes of this world \_\_\_\_\_: for had they known it, they would \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord of \_\_\_\_\_. But as it is \_\_\_\_\_, Eye hath not \_\_\_\_\_, nor ear \_\_\_\_\_, neither have \_\_\_\_\_ into the heart of man, the \_\_\_\_\_ which God hath \_\_\_\_\_ for them that love him. But \_\_\_\_\_ hath \_\_\_\_\_ them unto us by his \_\_\_\_\_: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the \_\_\_\_\_ things of God."

It is the \_\_\_\_\_ that reveals God's wisdom to us through the preaching of His W\_\_\_\_\_.

**Note:** "That God should thus be manifest in the flesh is indeed a mystery; and without the help of the **Holy Spirit** we can not hope to comprehend this subject. **The most humbling lesson that man has to learn is the nothingness of human wisdom, and the folly of trying, by his own unaided efforts, to find out God.** He may exert his intellectual powers to the utmost, **he may have what the world calls a superior education**, yet he may still be **ignorant** in God's eyes. The ancient philosophers boasted of their wisdom; but how did it weigh in the scale with God? Solomon had great learning; but **his wisdom was foolishness**; for he did not know how to stand in moral independence, free from sin, in the strength of a character molded after the divine similitude. Solomon has told us the result of his research, his painstaking efforts, his persevering inquiry. He pronounces his wisdom altogether vanity." RH, 4-5-06.10

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2. How does the wisdom of men affect them? **Romans 1:22,23**

"Professing themselves to be \_\_\_\_\_, they became \_\_\_\_\_, And changed the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ God into an \_\_\_\_\_ made like to \_\_\_\_\_ man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things."

**Note:** "By wisdom the world knew not God. Their estimation of the divine character, their **imperfect knowledge** of his attributes, did not enlarge and expand their mental conception. **Their minds were not ennobled in conformity to the divine will**, but they plunged into the grossest idolatry. 'Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things.' **This is the worth of all requirements and knowledge apart from Christ.**" RH, April 5, 1906 par. 11

**"In its human wisdom the world cannot know God.** Its wise men gather an **imperfect** knowledge of God from His created works, and then **in their foolishness they exalt nature and the laws of nature above nature's God.** Those who have not a knowledge of God through an acceptance of the **revelation He has made of Himself in Christ**, will obtain only an **imperfect** knowledge of Him in nature; and this knowledge, so far from giving elevated conceptions of God, and bringing the whole being into conformity to His will, **will make men idolaters.** Professing themselves to be wise, they will become fools." 1SM 295.1

"Those who think they can obtain a knowledge of God aside from His Representative, whom the Word declares is 'the express image of his person' (Heb. 1:3), will need to become fools in their own estimation before they can be wise. It is **impossible** to gain a **perfect** knowledge of God from nature alone; for nature itself is imperfect. **In its imperfection it cannot represent God, it cannot reveal the character of God in its moral perfection.** But Christ came as a **personal Saviour** to the world. He represented a **personal God.** As a **personal Saviour**, He ascended on high; and He will come again as He ascended to heaven – a **personal Saviour.** He is the express image of the Father's person. 'In him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily' (Col. 2:9)." 1SM 295.2

### **V. Jesus' Own Testimony About Himself**

3. What does Jesus say about Himself and His relation to the Father?

**John 14:6** "Jesus saith unto him, I am the \_\_\_\_\_, the truth, and the life: \_\_\_\_\_ man cometh unto the \_\_\_\_\_, but by \_\_\_\_\_."

**John 6:57** "As the living \_\_\_\_\_ hath \_\_\_\_\_ me, and I live \_\_\_\_\_ the Father: so he that \_\_\_\_\_ me, even he shall \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_."

**John 6:63** "It is the \_\_\_\_\_ that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth \_\_\_\_\_: the \_\_\_\_\_ that I \_\_\_\_\_ unto you, they are \_\_\_\_\_, and they are \_\_\_\_\_."

**John 5:25-27** "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and \_\_\_\_\_ is, when the \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ the voice of the **Son of** \_\_\_\_\_: and they that \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_. For as the \_\_\_\_\_ hath life in \_\_\_\_\_; so hath he given to the \_\_\_\_\_ to have life in \_\_\_\_\_; And hath given him \_\_\_\_\_ to execute \_\_\_\_\_ also, because he is the **Son of** \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "Christ is invested with power to give life to all creatures. ... Christ is not here referring to his doctrine, but to his person, the **divinity** of his character." RH, April 5, 1906 par. 12

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**John 11:25,26** "Jesus said unto her, I am the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_: he that \_\_\_\_\_ in me, though he were \_\_\_\_\_, yet shall he \_\_\_\_\_: And whosoever liveth and \_\_\_\_\_ in me shall never \_\_\_\_\_. Believest thou this?"

**1 John 5:11,12** "And this is the record, that God hath given to us \_\_\_\_\_ life, and this \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_. He that hath the \_\_\_\_\_ hath \_\_\_\_\_; and he that hath \_\_\_\_\_ the Son of God hath not \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:**.. "Jesus declared, 'I am the resurrection, and the life.' In Christ is life, **original, unborrowed, underived**. 'He that hath the Son hath life.' 1 John 5:12. **The divinity of Christ is the believer's assurance of eternal life.** 'He that believeth in Me,' said Jesus, 'though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this?' Christ here looks forward to the time of His second coming. Then the righteous dead shall be raised incorruptible, and the living righteous shall be translated to heaven without seeing death. The miracle which Christ was about to perform, in raising Lazarus from the dead, would **represent** the resurrection of all the righteous dead. **By His word and His works He declared Himself the Author of the resurrection.** He who Himself was soon to die upon the cross stood with the keys of death, a conqueror of the grave, and **asserted His right and power to give eternal life.**" DA 530.3

4. How would Jesus reveal the Father to mankind when He came? **Hebrews 10:5**

"Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and \_\_\_\_\_ thou wouldest \_\_\_\_\_, but a \_\_\_\_\_ hast thou \_\_\_\_\_ me."

When would He come? **Galatians 4:4,5** "But when the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ was come, God \_\_\_\_\_ forth his \_\_\_\_\_, made of a \_\_\_\_\_, made under the law, To \_\_\_\_\_ them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of \_\_\_\_\_."

When was the fullness of time? **Daniel 9:25** "**Know therefore and understand**, that \_\_\_\_\_ the going forth of the \_\_\_\_\_ to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the \_\_\_\_\_ the Prince shall be \_\_\_\_\_ weeks, and threescore and \_\_\_\_\_ weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times."

The time predicted in the great prophecy of Daniel which pointed to the coming of the Messiah, the Anointed One, was fulfilled at the baptism of Jesus in A.D. 27. [Review this study in Lesson 46 if you don't remember it.] Jesus was baptized when He was 30 years old. So He was born into this world 30 years before that date.

**Note:** "God and Christ **knew** from the beginning, of the apostasy of Satan and of the fall of Adam through the deceptive power of the apostate. **The plan of salvation was designed to redeem the fallen race, to give them another trial.** Christ was appointed to the office of Mediator from the creation of God, set up from everlasting to be our substitute and surety. **Before the world was made, it was arranged that the divinity of Christ should be enshrouded in humanity.** 'A body,' said Christ, 'hast thou prepared me.' But he did not come in human form until the fullness of time had expired. Then he came to our world, a babe in Bethlehem." RH, April 5, 1906 par. 13

"No one born into the world, not even the most gifted of God's children, has ever been accorded such demonstration of joy as greeted the Babe born in Bethlehem. Angels of God sang his praises over the hills and plains of Bethlehem." RH, April 5, 1906 par. 14

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What did they sing? **Luke 2:14** "Glory to \_\_\_\_\_ in the highest, and on earth \_\_\_\_\_, good will toward \_\_\_\_\_."

"O that today the human family could **recognize** this song! The declaration then made, the note then struck, the tune then started, will **swell** and **extend** to the end of time, and resound to the ends of the earth. It is glory to God, it is peace on earth, good will to men. When the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in his wings, the song then started in the hills of Bethlehem will be **re-echoed** by the voice of a great multitude, as the voice of many waters." RH, April 5, 1906 par. 14

**Revelation 19:6** "And I heard as it were the voice of a great \_\_\_\_\_, and as the voice of many \_\_\_\_\_, and as the voice of mighty \_\_\_\_\_, saying, \_\_\_\_\_: for the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ omnipotent \_\_\_\_\_."

5. The Jews did not believe that Jesus was any other than a human being just like themselves. What startling thing did Jesus say to them about Abraham? **John 8:56**

"Your father Abraham \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ my day: and he \_\_\_\_\_ it, and was glad."

How did Abraham see Christ's day? **Genesis 22:7,8**

"And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_: but where is the \_\_\_\_\_ for a burnt offering? And Abraham said, My son, \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ himself a \_\_\_\_\_ for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together."

**Genesis 22:13** "And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a \_\_\_\_\_ caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and \_\_\_\_\_ the ram, and offered \_\_\_\_\_ up for a burnt offering in the \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "The command given to Abraham to slay his son was the most severe test that could be brought upon him. But as he prepared in faith to obey God, **there was opened before him the coming of the Just One**, the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world for the sins of the human race. **As by faith he grasped the promise, Christ revealed Himself to him. Abraham saw the incarnate Saviour, and rejoiced.**" ST, August 29, 1900 par. 11

What was the Jews' response? **John 8:57** "Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet \_\_\_\_\_ years old, and hast thou \_\_\_\_\_ Abraham?"

What was Jesus answer to them? **John 8:58** "Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, \_\_\_\_\_ Abraham was, I \_\_\_\_\_."

How did the Jews react to this answer? **John 8:59** "Then took they up \_\_\_\_\_ to cast at him: but Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ himself, and went \_\_\_\_\_ of the temple, going \_\_\_\_\_ the midst of them, and so passed by."

Why did they take up stones to stone Him? **John 10:33** "The Jews answered him, saying, For a \_\_\_\_\_ work we stone thee \_\_\_\_\_; but for \_\_\_\_\_; and because that \_\_\_\_\_, being a \_\_\_\_\_, makest thyself \_\_\_\_\_." They recognized that Jesus claimed divinity by using the name "I AM".

"Their eyes were blinded [by their unbelief] that they might not see Him." ST, August 29, 1900 par. 12

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"'Before Abraham was, I am.' **Christ is the pre-existent, self-existent Son of God.** The message He gave to Moses to give to the children of Israel was, in **Exodus 3:14** And God said unto Moses, I \_\_\_\_ THAT I \_\_\_\_: and he said, Thus shalt thou \_\_\_\_ unto the children of Israel, I \_\_\_\_ hath \_\_\_\_ me unto you. The prophet Micah writes of Him, 'But thou, \_\_\_\_\_ Ephratah, tho thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet \_\_\_\_\_ of Thee shall \_\_\_\_ come forth unto Me that is to be \_\_\_\_\_ in Israel; whose \_\_\_\_\_ forth have been from of \_\_\_\_\_, from \_\_\_\_\_.' **Micah 5:2.**" ST, August 29, 1900 par. 13

"In speaking of His pre-existence, Christ carries the mind back through dateless ages. **He assures us that there never was a time when He was not in close fellowship with the eternal God.** He to whose voice the Jews were then listening had been with God as one brought up with Him." ST, August 29, 1900 par. 15; Ev 615.2

"He was equal with God, infinite and omnipotent. ... He is the eternal, self-existent Son." Ev 615.3

"Christ shows them that, although they might reckon His life to be less than fifty years, **yet His divine life could not be reckoned by human computation.** The existence of Christ before His incarnation is not measured by figures." – Signs of the Times, May 3, 1899. Ev 616.1

### VI. The Purpose of Christ's Life on Earth

What was the purpose of Christ's taking human nature and coming to earth?

6. **John 17:20,21** "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall \_\_\_\_\_ on me through their \_\_\_\_\_; That they all may be \_\_\_\_\_; as thou, Father, art in \_\_\_\_\_, and I in \_\_\_\_\_, **that they also may be \_\_\_\_\_ in us:** that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

☆ It was to bring us into oneness with \_\_\_\_\_.

**Note: Christ unites in His person the fullness and perfection of the Godhead and the fullness and perfection of sinless humanity.** He met all the temptations by which Adam was assailed, and overcame these temptations **because in His humanity He relied upon divine power.** This subject demands far more contemplation than it receives. Christians strike too low. They are content with a superficial spiritual experience, and therefore they have only the glimmerings of light, when ... they might discern more clearly the wonderful perfection of Christ's humanity, which rises far above all human greatness, all human power. **Christ's life is a revelation of what fallen human beings may become through union and fellowship with the divine nature.** ... FLB 219.3

7. **John 15:9,10** "As the Father hath \_\_\_\_\_ me, so have I \_\_\_\_\_ you: \_\_\_\_\_ ye in my love. If ye \_\_\_\_\_ my commandments, ye shall \_\_\_\_\_ in my \_\_\_\_\_; even as I have \_\_\_\_\_ my Father's commandments, and \_\_\_\_\_ in his \_\_\_\_\_."

☆ It was to bring us into a relationship of \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

**1 John 4:9,10** "In this was \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God toward \_\_\_\_\_, because that God \_\_\_\_\_ his only begotten \_\_\_\_\_ into the \_\_\_\_\_, that we might \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_. Herein is \_\_\_\_\_, not that we loved \_\_\_\_\_, but that he loved \_\_\_\_\_, and sent his \_\_\_\_\_ to be the propitiation for our \_\_\_\_\_."

☆ Christ came to M\_\_\_\_\_ to us the depths of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God toward \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Note:** "Christ might, because of our guilt, have moved far from us. **But instead of moving farther away from us, He came and dwelt among us**, filled with all the fullness of the Godhead, to be one with us, **that through His grace we might attain to perfection**. By a death of shame and suffering He paid man's ransom. What self-sacrificing love is this! From the highest excellency He came, His divinity clothed with humanity, descending step by step to the very depths of humiliation. No line can measure the depth of this love. **Christ has shown us how much God can love and our Redeemer suffer in order to secure our complete restoration.** He desires His children to reveal His character, to exert His influence, that other minds may be drawn into harmony with His mind. UL 191.2

8. **1 John 3:16** "Hereby \_\_\_\_\_ we the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, because he \_\_\_\_\_ down his \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

★ Christ came to demonstrate God's love for us when Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ down His \_\_\_\_\_ for us.

**Christ, our Saviour, in whom dwelt absolute perfection, became sin for the fallen race.** He did not know sin by the experience of sinning, but He bore the terrible weight of the **guilt** of the whole world. He became our propitiation, that all who receive Him may become sons of God. The cross was erected to save man. Christ lifted on the cross was the means devised in heaven for awakening in the repenting soul a sense of the sinfulness of sin. By the cross Christ sought to draw all to Himself. He died as the only hope of saving those who, because of sin, were in the gall of bitterness. **Through the agency of the Holy Spirit, a new principle of mental and spiritual power was to be brought to man, who, through association with divinity, was to become one with God.**" UL 191.3

9. **2 Peter 1:3,4** "According as his divine \_\_\_\_\_ hath given unto us \_\_\_\_\_ things that pertain unto \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, through the \_\_\_\_\_ of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: \_\_\_\_\_ are given unto us exceeding great and precious \_\_\_\_\_: that by \_\_\_\_\_ ye might be \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ nature, having \_\_\_\_\_ the corruption that is in the world through lust."

★ Jesus came to make His D\_\_\_\_\_ power available to us. He gave us the promise that

we could partake of His D\_\_\_\_\_ nature and this provides us with the power to E\_\_\_\_\_ from all the sin and temptation in this W\_\_\_\_\_.

**Note:** "Men and women frame many **excuses** for their proneness to sin. Sin is represented as a necessity, an evil that cannot be overcome. But sin is not a necessity. Christ lived in this world from infancy to manhood, and during that time He met and resisted all the temptations by which man is beset. **He is a perfect pattern** of childhood, of youth, of manhood." FLB 219.4

The life of Christ has shown **what humanity can do by being partaker of the divine nature.** **All that Christ received from God we too may have.** Then ask and receive. ... Let your life be knit by hidden links to the life of Jesus. FLB 219.5

10. Colossians 2:9,10 For in \_\_\_\_\_ dwelleth all the fulness of the \_\_\_\_\_ bodily. And ye are \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, which is the head of all principality and power."

★ It was to make us \_\_\_\_\_ in Him – to make us whole again, restored into His image.

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**Note:** "By his obedience to all the commandments of God, Christ wrought out a redemption for man. This was not done by going out of himself to another, but by taking humanity into himself. Thus Christ gave to humanity an existence out of himself. To bring humanity into Christ, to bring the fallen race into oneness with divinity, is the work of redemption. Christ took human nature that men might be one with him as he is one with the Father, that God may love man as he loves his only begotten Son, that men may be partakers of the divine nature, and be complete in him." RH, 4-5-06 par. 15

"If man will cooperate with God by returning willingly to his loyalty, and obeying the commandments, God will receive him as a son. Through the provision Christ has made by taking the punishment due to man, we may be reinstated in God's favor, being made partakers of the divine nature. If we repent of our transgression, and receive Christ as the Life-giver, our personal Saviour, we become one with him, and our will is brought into harmony with the divine will. We become partakers of the life of Christ, which is eternal. We derive immortality from God by receiving the life of Christ for in Christ dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. This life is the mystical union and cooperation of the divine with the human." ST, June 17, 1897 par. 14

11. How did Jesus describe this union? **John 15:4,5** "Abide in \_\_\_\_\_, and I in \_\_\_\_\_. As the \_\_\_\_\_ cannot bear \_\_\_\_\_ of itself, except it \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_; no more can \_\_\_\_\_, except ye \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. I am the \_\_\_\_\_, ye are the \_\_\_\_\_: He that abideth \_\_\_\_\_ me, and I \_\_\_\_\_ him, the same bringeth forth much \_\_\_\_\_: for \_\_\_\_\_ me ye can do \_\_\_\_\_."

"The Holy Spirit, which proceeds from the only begotten Son of God, binds the human agent, body, soul, and spirit, to the perfect, divine-human nature of Christ. This union is represented by the union of the vine and the branches. Finite man is united to the manhood of Christ. Through faith human nature is assimilated with Christ's nature. We are made one with God in Christ." RH, April 5, 1906 par. 16

"With his human arm he encircles the race, while with his divine arm he grasps the throne of the infinite, thus connecting finite man to the infinite God, and uniting earth to heaven." RH, October 27, 1885 par. 8

"Jesus became a man that He might mediate between man and God. He clothed His divinity with humanity, He associated with the human race, that with His long human arm He might encircle humanity, and with His divine arm grasp the throne of Divinity. And this, that He might restore to man the original mind which he lost in Eden through Satan's alluring temptation; that man might realize that it is for his present and eternal good to obey the requirements of God. Disobedience is not in accordance with the nature which God gave to man in Eden." 7BC 926.4

12. How did Jesus make it possible for us to partake of this union?

**1 Peter 3:18** "For Christ also hath once \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_, that he might \_\_\_\_\_ us to \_\_\_\_\_, being put to \_\_\_\_\_ in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit."

☆ He died for our sins so that He could B \_\_\_\_\_ us to God.

**Romans 8:31,32** "What shall we then say to these things? If \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ us, who can be \_\_\_\_\_ us? He that spared \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ Son, but delivered him up \_\_\_\_\_ us all, how shall he not \_\_\_\_\_ him also \_\_\_\_\_ give us \_\_\_\_\_ things?"

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**Romans 8:35-39** "Who shall \_\_\_\_\_ us from the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ? shall \_\_\_\_\_, or distress, or persecution, or \_\_\_\_\_, or nakedness, or peril, or \_\_\_\_\_? As it is written, For thy \_\_\_\_\_ we are killed all the \_\_\_\_\_ long; we are accounted as \_\_\_\_\_ for the slaughter. \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_ these things we are \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_ through him that \_\_\_\_\_ us. For I am \_\_\_\_\_, that neither \_\_\_\_\_, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor \_\_\_\_\_, nor things \_\_\_\_\_, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor \_\_\_\_\_ other creature, shall be \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ us from the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, which is \_\_\_\_\_ Christ Jesus our Lord."

☆ Christ came to assure us of God's great \_\_\_\_\_ and that **no** outward circumstances can \_\_\_\_\_ us from this great \_\_\_\_\_.

**Note:** "To break down the barriers that Satan had erected between God and man, Christ made a full and complete sacrifice, revealing unexampled self-denial. He revealed to the world the amazing spectacle of God living in human flesh, and sacrificing Himself to save fallen man. **What wonderful love!** As I consider it, I weep to think that so many of those who claim to believe the truth are **encrusted with selfishness.** ... UL 191.4

I marvel that professing Christians do not grasp the divine resources; that they do not see the cross more clearly as the medium of forgiveness and pardon, the means of bringing the proud, selfish heart of man into direct contact with the Holy Spirit, that the riches of Christ may be poured into the mind, and the human agent be adorned with the graces of the Spirit, that Christ may be commended to those who know Him not." UL 191.5

13. What did His death show? **Psalm 85:10** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are met together; \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ have kissed each other.

**Romans 3:24-26** "Being \_\_\_\_\_ freely by his \_\_\_\_\_ through the \_\_\_\_\_ that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his \_\_\_\_\_ for the remission of \_\_\_\_\_ that are \_\_\_\_\_, through the forbearance of God; To \_\_\_\_\_, I say, at this time his \_\_\_\_\_: that he might be \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of him which \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus."

☆ He showed His **righteousness** by dying for our sins so He could be **just** in showing us

**mercy** and forgiveness **justifying** those who B\_\_\_\_\_ on Him.

☆ He showed us **M**\_\_\_\_\_ while at the same time He exercised **justice**.  
He paid the just penalty for our transgression of His holy law.

14. What does He provide for those who believe on Him? **John 1:12**

"But as many as \_\_\_\_\_ him, to them gave he \_\_\_\_\_ to become the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, even to them that \_\_\_\_\_ on his name."

☆ For those who **believe** Him and are willing to **R**\_\_\_\_\_ Him into their hearts  
He provides the **P**\_\_\_\_\_ to become the **sons** of God!



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15. What hope has He provided for us? **1 Peter 1:3-5**

"Blessed be the God and \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant \_\_\_\_\_ hath begotten us again unto a lively \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ from the \_\_\_\_\_, To an \_\_\_\_\_ incorruptible, and \_\_\_\_\_, and that fadeth not away, \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven for you, Who are \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God through \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_ ready to be revealed in the last time."

★ Through the **death** and **resurrection** of Jesus, His children who are **kept** by His **P**\_\_\_\_\_ and through **faith** have an **i**\_\_\_\_\_ **reserved** in heaven for them.

**Note:** "It was at the cross that mercy and truth met together, that righteousness and peace kissed each other. Let students and workers **study this again and again**, that they, setting forth the Lord crucified among us, may make it a **fresh** subject to the people. **Teach that the life of Christ reveals an infinitely perfect character.** Teach that 'as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.' Tell it over and over again, that we may become the sons of God, members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King. Let it be known that all who **accept** Jesus Christ, and **hold** the beginning of their confidence **firm** unto the end, will be **heirs** of God, and joint heirs with Christ, 'to an **inheritance** incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.' " RH, April 4, 1899 par. 13

16. What did Jesus life on earth show us? **John 13:15**

"For I have given you an \_\_\_\_\_, that ye should \_\_\_\_\_ as I have done to you."  
Jesus gave us an \_\_\_\_\_ of how to live.

**1 Peter 2:21-24** "For even hereunto were ye \_\_\_\_\_: because Christ also \_\_\_\_\_ for us, leaving us an \_\_\_\_\_, that ye should \_\_\_\_\_ his steps: Who did \_\_\_\_\_ sin, neither was \_\_\_\_\_ found in his mouth: Who, \_\_\_\_\_ he was reviled, reviled \_\_\_\_\_ again; \_\_\_\_\_ he suffered, he threatened \_\_\_\_\_; but \_\_\_\_\_ himself to \_\_\_\_\_ that judgeth righteously: Who his \_\_\_\_\_ self bare our \_\_\_\_\_ in his own \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_, that \_\_\_\_\_, being \_\_\_\_\_ to sins, should \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_: by whose stripes ye were healed."

★ Jesus gave us an \_\_\_\_\_ in how to live so that we should \_\_\_\_\_ His steps.

★ He showed us how to relate to abuse from others by C\_\_\_\_\_ Himself to God who J\_\_\_\_\_ R\_\_\_\_\_.

**Note:** "Christ unites in His person the fullness and perfection of the Godhead and the fullness and perfection of sinless humanity. He met all the temptations by which Adam was assailed, and overcame these temptations **because in His humanity He relied upon divine power.** This subject demands far more contemplation than it receives. Christians strike too low. They are content with a superficial spiritual experience, and therefore they have only the glimmerings of light, when ... they might discern more clearly the wonderful perfection of Christ's humanity, which rises far above all human greatness, all human power. **Christ's life is a revelation of what fallen human beings may become through union and fellowship with the divine nature.** ... FLB 219.3

## Lesson 66: God the Son, Part 4, 5, 6

17. **Ephesians 3:14-19** For this cause I \_\_\_\_\_ my knees unto the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of \_\_\_\_\_ the whole \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven and earth is \_\_\_\_\_, That he would \_\_\_\_\_ you, according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of his glory, to be strengthened with \_\_\_\_\_ by his \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ man; That Christ may \_\_\_\_\_ in your hearts by \_\_\_\_\_; that ye, being \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, May be able to \_\_\_\_\_ with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, which \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge, that ye might be \_\_\_\_\_ with all the fulness of \_\_\_\_\_."

☆ Christ came to S\_\_\_\_\_ us with might by His S\_\_\_\_\_ in the I\_\_\_\_\_ man to give us **internal** power to resist temptation. So He came to D\_\_\_\_\_ in our hearts by F\_\_\_\_\_ so that we could be filled with all the F\_\_\_\_\_ of God.

? Is that enough power to overcome all sin?      YES      NO

**Note:** "Christ was the brightness of his Father's glory. When we begin to trace out the greatness of the plan of redemption, we feel the poverty and feebleness of human words. The most powerful intellect can but feel its emptiness as it seeks to comprehend these grand themes. **Individually we need faith, for human wisdom is but ignorance.** Our understanding is too weak to penetrate the mystery of the incarnation, God manifest in Christ, his only begotten Son." ST, April 15, 1897 par. 8

"As Paul contemplated this subject, he was oppressed with its weight, its greatness, its incomprehensible magnitude. 'Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given,' he writes, 'that I should preach among the Gentiles the **unsearchable riches of Christ**; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ.' 'For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, **that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith**; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.'" ST, 4-15-97 pr. 9

18. **1 John 3:1,2** "\_\_\_\_\_, what \_\_\_\_\_ of love the Father hath \_\_\_\_\_ upon us, that we should be called the \_\_\_\_\_ of God: therefore the \_\_\_\_\_ knoweth us \_\_\_\_\_, because it knew \_\_\_\_\_ not. Beloved, now are we the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and it doth not \_\_\_\_\_ appear what we shall \_\_\_\_\_: but we know that, \_\_\_\_\_ he shall appear, we shall be \_\_\_\_\_ him; for we shall \_\_\_\_\_ him as he is."

☆ Christ came to **transform** us to be \_\_\_\_\_ of God so that when He \_\_\_\_\_, we shall be \_\_\_\_\_ Him – that is, re-created in the image of God!

**Note:** "If man will **cooperate** with God by returning **willingly** to his **loyalty**, and **obeying** the commandments, **God will receive him as a son.** Through the **provision** Christ has made by taking the **punishment** due to man, we may be **reinstated** in God's favor, being made **partakers** of the divine nature. If we **repent** of our transgression, and receive Christ as the Life-giver, our **personal** Saviour, we become **one with him**, and **our will is brought into harmony with the divine will.** We become partakers of the life of Christ, which is eternal. **We derive immortality from God by receiving the life of Christ for in Christ dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.** This life is the mystical **union** and **cooperation** of the divine with the human." ST, 6-1-97: 14