

The Oneness of God & Man

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"But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills, and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem" (Micah 4:1-2).

These verses begin by stating that in the last days something is going to come to pass concerning the house of the Lord. It does not say in the next age, or after Jesus comes back, but it says in the "LAST DAYS". We have been in the last days ever since the New Testament was written (1 John 2:18). Most of the time it seems that we tend to put everything of God off into the future, but we must begin to realize that the last days began with the resurrection of Jesus from among the dead. We are now in the last days and are beginning to awake out of our sleep as the glory of the Lord is beginning to arise within us. "Let God arise and His enemies be scattered" (Ps. 68:1). All of our enemies, no matter what they are, will fall at our feet when God arises within us.

The mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains and people shall flow unto it. What is the house of the Lord? Many people think that

the house of the Lord is a temple or a building on the corner. The New Testament teaches us that the believer is the temple of God.

"What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" (1 Cor. 6:19).

"What agreement has the temple of God with idols? for you are the temple of the living God, as God has said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them, and I will be their God and they shall be my people" (2 Cor. 6:16).

"In whom all the building fitly framed together grows unto a holy temple in the Lord: in whom you also are being built together for a habitation of God through the Spirit" (Eph. 2:21-22).

If you know that you are the house of the Lord, the temple and habitation of God, then these verses are very important for you to receive revelation on, because in the last days in which we are living, the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains.

What this means in simple terms is that in the last days, the house of the Lord, which is His dwelling place, His abiding place, His habitation, His people, is going to be established in the highest revelation of the knowledge of God ever known to man. God is going to reveal his fullness in a people that will fulfill his purpose on the earth. God commissioned man in the very beginning to take dominion over the earth and subdue it. "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth" (Gen. 1:26).

The Old Testament Tabernacle built by Moses was a type and shadow of the real temple, which is God dwelling in His people. There has been, and still is, somewhat of a veil over even the present day saints of God when it comes to seeing the full reality of this heavenly vision. God wants to fully reveal, live, and manifest Himself in His people. This is what Moses saw and experienced when he was on the mountain. When he came down, his face shined with the glory of God and he put a veil over his face signifying that the people were veiled to the full reality of God manifesting in his people at that time.

In the establishment of the New Testament churches, the Apostle Paul was ministering this truth of Christ in you everywhere he went. Soon after the first Apostles died, the Church fell into religion and apostasy. Ever since, God has been recovering His people back to His original design, intent, and purpose for them. He

wants His people to come to an understanding that He is not just a God way up on another planet somewhere to worship. The revelation that God wants to bring to His end-time people is that they themselves are a vessel or container, to contain all and everything that God is. Ever since the Church fell in the Dark Ages, God has been recovering His people, giving them more and more insight, knowledge, and revelation of His Word. This was to bring us to the last days, when the mountain of the Lord's house would be established in the top of the mountain.

Whenever God talks about the last days and He mentions His house, He is not talking about a temple built according to the Old Testament pattern in Jerusalem. Today, the house of God, the temple of God, the habitation of the Spirit, is you and me, not a temple made with human hands. When God says that in the last days He is going to establish His house in the top of the mountain, it is symbolic of a higher consciousness of God coming to His people. When John saw visions in the book of The Revelation he was taken to a great and high mountain, which simply means God opened his consciousness, his awareness, his understanding, to be able to reveal to him deep spiritual truths that could not be understood with the carnal, or natural mind. God uses symbolic language so that it takes a spiritual mind to interpret spiritual truths.

In the last days, the highest revelation and knowledge of God is to be revealed to His people. That revelation is that we are becoming by experience, day by day, and moment by moment, from one degree of glory to another, the habitation and dwelling place of God. We are going to come to such a realization, such a conscious awareness of God in us, that we will begin to walk in the resurrection power of God.

What is meant by a conscious awareness of God? Just as you know or are conscious of who you are as an individual person, I am Gary—I have a human personality that has been developed since the day I was born, and that human personality is separated and alienated from the life of God that is in me. That human personality that I am cannot possibly live godly. I cannot do all the things that God would have me to do. If we are honest, we will admit that our natural man is even at times hostile toward God. The consciousness that you have of yourself, of your weaknesses, your ungodly habits, your inability to live godly, your sins, this consciousness keeps you separated in your mind from the life of God in your spirit, which is your true identity.

Those who are truly seeking God in these days are going to be caught up into such an awareness, such a consciousness of the Spirit of God within them, that the old man, that old personality that is separated from God, is going to fall into the ground and die, and the New Creation Man, **the real you**, is going to come alive in the reality of being one with God. We are going to come into such an awareness of who God is in us, and

what we contain, that those habits and shortcomings and our rebellions are going to just fall away.

We are all in these days experiencing more awareness of the Spirit of God within us, and this consciousness is going to increase until the Spirit of God saturates and permeates every cell of this body until death is swallowed up by life (Romans 8:11). But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

God Is Glorified in the Saints

"When He shall come to be glorified in His saints and to be admired in all them that believe" (2 Thess. 1:10). Jesus said, "I am glorified in them." There is another verse in 1 John 3:2 that says, "Now are we the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is." We have the concept that this means when we see Him come out of the heavens we're going to look at Him and then be changed to be like Him. This is a fallacy. Right now, if He was to split the eastern sky and appear physically, you may see Him and fall on your face in shame and not be like Him (1 John 2:28). You would be exactly as you are now. However, when you really see Him as He is, God manifested in the flesh, the appearing of the fullness of the Spirit of God in you, then you will be like Him. To see Him as He is, is to be like Him.

Oh, how we need to understand that Jesus is coming to be glorified, revealed and manifested in you and me. God today is building a house, and that house is his people, and in the last days this house is going to be fully revealing God manifested in the flesh, the One New Man of Ephesians 2:15, and the Perfect Man of Ephesians 4:13. When He appears, we shall be like Him, because He is going to appear within His people. The seed of God is growing within us and this seed is about to be harvested. The end-time harvest speaks of maturity. You do not harvest a field until it is mature or ripe. There are people on the earth today who are coming into maturity and will manifest the glory of God such as has not been seen since the first manifested son Jesus was on the earth. He was the first-born among many brethren (Romans 8:29).

Paul told the Ephesian church that Jesus was going to present to Himself a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle, but holy and without blemish. Christ will come, not **for** a glorious Church, but **in a glorious Church**. Jesus will not come to rule and reign on the earth until He first is ruling and reigning within His people.

"I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them whom you have given me; for they are yours, and all mine are yours and all yours are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father keep through your own name those whom you have given me, that they may be **one as we are one**" (John 17:9-11).

In these days, the highest revelation of God ever known to man is being revealed to and in the Church. We are beginning to realize our oneness with God. Jesus said in John 12:24, "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and dies it abides alone, but if it dies it brings forth much fruit. He that loves his life will lose it but he that hates his life in this world shall keep it unto eternal life." When you as an individual are willing to fall into the ground and die, you will begin to realize the oneness you have with God. We must die to the carnal way of thinking, we must give up our beliefs of being a mere human separated and alienated from the life of God that is within us. According to the Word of God, we have within us the divine life and nature of God, the same life that raised Jesus from among the dead, yet we live as mere carnal men. We are beginning to have our minds renewed and unveiled to the reality of the indwelling Spirit of God. When our limited human beliefs fall into the ground and die, the resurrected mind of Christ begins to operate in us and we find that we naturally walk in the power of the gospel. This is a progressive operation that causes us to experience being transformed daily from one degree of glory to another. We are finally beginning to experience that "Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world." It is no longer I that live, but Christ that lives within me.

How could Jesus, when He was on the earth living in a human body, do what He did? How could He overrule nature? How could He heal the sick and raise the dead? Because He knew who He was and where He came from. He knew that He was one with His Father, God. He knew that the divine life and nature of His Father flowed through His being. He was aware and conscious of who He was, so He could heal the sick and raise the dead. Just as sure as Jesus was aware of the divine life within Him, so we too can come to know and experience that life that abides within us. The Apostle Paul told the Ephesians that the Church is the fullness of Him who fills everything everywhere with Himself. Within us dwells the fullness of God.

When His disciples said to Him to send the multitudes away because they did not have enough food, Jesus said to them, "You feed them." Why could they not feed the multitudes? Why can't we? Because we are self conscious. We are fully aware of who we are. We know from experience that we cannot curse a cancer and see it die. This person Gary that is a natural person with a natural character cannot possibly heal the sick or raise the dead. Why? Because the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are spiritually discerned. If we have five loafs and two fish, we cannot possibly feed a multitude. However, if Jesus was here, we know He could do

it, because He was fully aware and conscious of the fact that He was God manifested in the flesh. He knew the full reality of being one with God. Oneness means one, not many. "**HEAR OH ISRAEL, THE LORD THY GOD IS ONE LORD"** (Dt. 6:4). One, not two. There is only one God, one Lord, one faith, one baptism. This one Lord is to be revealed in His many-membered body. There is one body and one divine life that flows through that body.

God Manifested in the Flesh

Don't be afraid of the term "God manifested in the flesh". The Apostle John said this is how you tell the spirit of antichrist. "Every spirit that confesses not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God, and every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God" (1 John 4:2-3). God today is still being manifested in the flesh. Everything that Jesus is, everything that He accomplished, victory over sin, the world, the flesh and the devil, is now deposited on the inside of our being. The resurrected life of Jesus Christ is deposited on the inside of us. Oh, let us seek God for a revelation of this reality, "Jesus Christ in you the hope of Glory". The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead now empowers us for His purpose, to reconcile all of creation back to Himself.

The Church is just beginning to come into the awareness of being the manifestation of God in the flesh. Don't be afraid of that. Paul told the Ephesian church that "We are bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh." This is the great mystery of "Christ and the Church" (Eph. 5:30-32).

I Am a Vessel

I am not a God and I will never be a God. We must lose that false sense of self that keeps us separated in our consciousness from God. What I am is simply a vessel, and as a vessel I express what I contain. If I am full of lust, greed, bitterness and hate, then when you get around me I am going to express whatever I contain. I am simply a container, and whatever I receive in my daily life I will express when you are around me. Jesus said, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (Mt. 12:34). You will express what you contain. You may try to hide it, but eventually it will be revealed. I am nothing but a vessel made to contain and express God. If I serve sin, if I am under the bondage of the law of sin and death, then that is what I am going to express; I can't help it, it is just natural for me to express what I contain. I do not need to try to do it; it just comes naturally. I am nothing but a container to express what I have received into myself.

That is what happened to man in the Fall. He received a life that was alienated and separated from God. There were two trees in the Garden, and man was created to eat

from the tree of life and be filled with and express the life of God. Instead, he partook of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and received a false sense of a self-life that was separated from God. He became separated in his mind and consciousness from God, and therefore he could no longer fulfill God's purpose for him. Man ended up in the garden as a vessel containing the wrong life.

Jesus Restored Us to Life

If I begin in my daily life to receive the Word of God as the bread of life, if I begin to be filled up with love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, meekness, then when you are around me I will express the attributes of the Spirit of God. When I begin to experience even in the smallest way the Water of Life, the Bread of Life, the Fellowship of Life, the Flowing of His Divine Life, I will begin to become consciously aware of His Spirit within me, and less aware of that false sense of self that keeps me separated in my mind from that life in my spirit. Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. Jesus said that if you will save your life you will lose it, but if you lose your life you will truly find it (Mt. 16:25). When you lose your limited personal sense of life, you will begin to experience the abundant, flowing, unlimited life of God Himself. If you are willing to give up that self-life, you are going to gain a life that knows no bounds or limitations, a life that knows no pain, no sickness, no disease and even no death. However, remember that this is a progressive revelation. Paul says that we are changed from one degree of glory to another, day by day.

Can We Escape Even Death?

Jesus said in John 6:48-51, "I am the bread of life that came down from heaven—that a man may eat thereof and not die." You may say He was talking about spiritual death, but he was not. He said, "Your fathers ate manna in the wilderness and they are dead." He was talking about physical death. He said your fathers ate manna and are dead, but if you eat of the bread that comes down from heaven you shall never die. I personally believe that there have been many men and women down through the ages who have learned to properly eat of the bread of life and have never died. We know of at least two men in the Bible who walked with God and never died. If it happened to two, then it can happen to many. I believe that those who are the overcomers in these days are going to learn how to eat the bread of life. We are going to learn how to receive and assimilate the life of God into us and become transformed into His likeness and image. We, God's people, have fed on doctrines and an intellectual belief that has divided and separated us from the reality of living by the life of God that is within us. By learning how to properly feast on Jesus as the bread of life, we will grow up into Him in all things and become the One New Man of Ephesians 4. Jesus said also in John 6:57, "As the living Father has sent me and I live by the Father, so he that eats me shall live by me." If we are not living the same kind of life that Jesus

lived while He was on the earth, then we have missed the kernel of the Gospel. We are not saved so that we can go to some far off place when we die. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation and deliverance from the bondage of sin and death. If we learn to feast on the heavenly bread, we will never die. We will become so conscious of the Spirit of God within us, we will become so aware of who God is in us, that nothing of the Fall will be able to touch us. 1 John 5:18 says, "We know that whosoever is born of God sins not, but he that is begotten of God keeps himself, and that wicked one touches him not." I believe this is a message for the end-time Church, that if you eat of the bread that comes down from heaven you will never die. The most important thing is to become consciously aware of the Spirit of God moving within you, and to become less and less aware of that old man, that old person, that self that is separated from God.

They Are Not of This World

"I have given them thy word, and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that you should take them out of the world, but that you should keep them from the evil. They are not of the world even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through the truth; thy word is truth" (John 17:14-17).

Jesus prayed that we would not be taken out of the world, but that we would be kept from the evil. He stated twice, "They are not of the world even as I am not of the world." Are you of this world? Jesus said His people are not of this world.

We are not of this world. We have in our being the uncreated, indestructible seed of God, and that seed is beginning to grow, and the more that seed grows, the more consciously aware we are of the life of God within us, and less aware of the carnal self life that is separated from God. The natural man is only conscious of being born of natural parents and having a natural life that cannot live a holy consecrated life that conforms totally to the life of God. Even after having a salvation experience, it may take quite some time before you begin to experience the life of God being the overcoming one within you. The natural man is of the earth, but the spiritual man is of heaven. As we have become a natural man through a natural birth, we become a spiritual man through being born of the Spirit.

We are one with God, not according to the natural birth, not in our carnal mind or nature, but in our spirit. This natural man must put on the spiritual man. The Apostle Paul says it this way: "Put off the old man and put on the new man which according to God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (Col. 3:9-10). When we put on the new man, we are no longer subjected to the carnal desires of the old man. We are no longer of this world, but become one who lives in the kingdom of God, having the life

of God manifested through us. "Know you not that your bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit and that Christ in you is the hope of glory?" (1 Cor. 3:16, Col. 1:27).

That They All May Be One

"Neither do I pray for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word. That they all may be one, as you Father are in me and I in you, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that you have sent me" (John 17:20-21).

In these verses, Jesus prays that they all may be one. Who are all of them? It was not only those whom he was talking to on that day, but also us. All who would ever believe through their word, that all of us would be one.

God Consciousness

I want to use a phrase here that most Christians would not use because cults use it all the time. We should not be afraid to use something just because cults use it. After the New Age movement began to use the rainbow, some Christians said that we should no longer have rainbows on our cars because someone might think we are New Age. I am for using anything that is of God, even if the devil himself was to use it.

What Jesus was talking about here, "That they all would be one, not only these here but all those who would believe down through the ages, that they all would be one as you Father are in me and I in you," (and here comes the phrase) is a universal God consciousness.

Many are afraid of the phrase "God consciousness". I have heard it said that if you are ever in a group that talks about God consciousness, you need to get out of there because it's a cult. I would ask this question, which would you prefer to be, God conscious or self conscious? Would you rather be conscious of your self, your weaknesses, your failures, your inability to live godly, or would you rather be God conscious? Wouldn't you rather be aware of the Spirit of God in you to fulfill and to meet all the righteous requirements of the law?

We should have such an awareness of God and such a consciousness of God with every believer in the universe. The life of God in me is the same life of God that is in every other believer. Paul says in Ephesians 4:13, "until we all arrive at the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God; unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

Why do not most believers see angels, as they did in the early days of the New Testament Church? Why are we not communicating with angels and them with us? In the early days of the Church, it was common for angels to communicate with the Saints, to enter prisons and lose them from their bonds. Even in the Old Testament, God's people communicated with the angels. The early Church had more of a conscious awareness and an open communication with the heavenly realm than we have today. The main reason we do not have communication with heavenly beings is because of all the fear of being deceived that has been taught in the Church. We are so afraid of being deceived that we are not open to heavenly visitations.

We are entering into such an exciting time in the Church in these days. Jesus said, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32). He also said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Mt. 6:33). How do we begin to experience the kingdom as a reality in our life? The kingdom of God is wherever God rules and reigns, and we begin to experience it by becoming more and more consciously aware day by day and even moment by moment of the Spirit of God filling us and being the Lord over every area of our lives. He is everything to us and through us.

If I take thought for or become anxious for what I need, I will cut off the supply of the Spirit. However, if I will simply enter every day into that sweet fellowship with God, if I will become consciously aware every day of the quickening power of His Spirit in my spirit, then that contact with the Spirit of God within me supplies me with everything in the natural that I need. Jesus said, "Take no thought for what you shall eat or drink nor for your body what you shall put on" (Mt. 6:31). Why did He say this? Because we must center everything that we are on seeking the reality of God manifesting His life as us. We must get to know Him intimately.

For years in the Church, we have talked about being filled with the Spirit, yet we have experienced very little. When we are truly filled with the Spirit of God, then we will live as Jesus lived while on the earth. "He that says he abides in Him, ought himself also to walk, even as He walked" (1 John 2:6). "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: bcause as He is so are we in this world" (1 John 4:17).

When we are truly filled with the Spirit, we will be so in love with humanity that anger expressed toward us will be absorbed with no negative reaction. Do you not long for the day when we will be so full of the love of God that we will not react in the natural man but in the Spiritual man? We must learn to forgive as Jesus forgives.

"That they all may be one, as you Father are in me and I in you, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that you have sent me" (John 17:21).

Just by this verse alone we can understand why the world does not believe, why they laugh and criticize. We all claim to be Christians and have Jesus living in us, yet we are so divided. Christ is not divided, and when the Spirit of God begins to arise in you, you will not be divisive either. The Church is divided because most have not experienced the life of God flowing within them. Oh, how we need to have the veils removed from our spiritual eyes that we might see! The Spirit of God in you is the same Spirit of God in all believers. When that Spirit begins to grow, there are no barriers of denomination, race, or anything else to divide us. We are all one in Christ.

There are two prayers that the Apostle Paul prays in the book of Ephesians that we need to spend some time with every day until we begin to experience them: Ephesians 1:17-23 and 3:14-21.

Prayer: Open Our Eyes

O Father, open our eyes that we may see that revelation, that the eyes of our heart and understanding would be enlightened, that we may know what is the hope of your calling, and what are the riches of your inheritance in the saints and the power of your resurrection life coming alive on the inside of us. O God, may my eyes be opened to your indwelling. God, I ask not for many things, but I ask for an understanding of who you are in me.

We can know that the same resurrection power that raised Christ from the dead now dwells and operates within us. Romans 8:10 says, "That if the Spirit of Him who raised Christ from among the dead now dwells in you, then He that raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwells in you." We can become so aware of the Spirit of God within our bodies that our bodies will know no sin, disease, sickness or death.

In the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains. We should not be looking so much on the outward things that are going on in the world, but look to the house of God, the tabernacle of the Most High. Jesus said the kingdom of God comes not with observation, for the kingdom of heaven is within you. In these days, it is more important what is happening on the inside of us. The Spirit of God should be more and more a reality within us every day. We should be growing in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord.

We Christians say we believe the Word, we confess the Word, we stand on the Word, yet where is the reality of that? Do we really believe and confess all the Word, or just what we want? Do we really believe that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead now dwells within us? Do we believe according to Romans 8 that "all the righteousness of the law can be fulfilled in us who walk according to the Spirit"?

God created man so that He might have a vessel to contain and express Himself and to reveal and manifest Himself in human vessels.

God Gives Us His Glory

"And the glory which you have given to me I have given to them, that they may be one, even as we are one" (John 17:22).

How many times have you heard it said, "You better be careful not to touch God's glory"? God pours out His glory on His sons. The glory of God is the revealing and the manifestation of God. Wherever God is manifested or revealed, there is His glory. Hebrews tells us that Jesus is the express image and the brightness of the glory of God. We have the image and expression of God imprisoned within us. What is it that keeps the water of life from flowing out of us? Why is not the fullness of God being expressed in us? The thing that hinders the expression of God is self consciousness. We are so conscious of the fact that we cannot do it.

Jesus said, "The glory you have given to me I have given to them." That makes us nothing in ourselves. We are simply containers. The shining of a light bulb is the glory of the electricity. The light bulb in itself is nothing. The electricity is the energy; the bulb is only the container but gets to express the glory of the electricity.

Let us continue to seek God until we awake fully in His likeness, and remember, "When He appears we shall be like Him, for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2).

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