

## Message Five

### **The God-man Living of the First God-man as Revealed in the Gospel of Luke**

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:35; 2:40, 52; Gal. 2:20; 4:19; Phil. 1:20-21a

#### **I. There are no human words to describe the wonderful One, the God-man, whose life is recorded in the four Gospels—Matt. 7:28-29; John 7:46:**

- A. In all of human history, there has never been such a One as this One, and there has never been such a life as the life of this One.
- B. No one has ever lived a life like the one lived by the Lord Jesus; He lived, acted, worked, and ministered in a way that is indescribable.

#### **II. The Gospel of Luke is a revelation of the God-man who lived a human life filled with the divine life as the content—1:35; 2:7-16, 34-35, 40, 49, 52:**

- A. Through His incarnation Christ brought the infinite God into the finite man—1:35; John 1:1, 14; Col. 2:9:
  - 1. Christ is both the complete God and the perfect man, possessing the divine nature and the human nature distinctly—Lev. 2:4-5.
  - 2. Christ is the mingling of the Triune God with the tripartite man.
  - 3. Christ is the incorporation of the Triune God with the tripartite man; in Him the divine incorporation was brought into humanity—John 14:10-11.
- B. Christ is the God-man, a person who is the mingling of divinity with humanity—Luke 1:35; Phil. 2:5-8:
  - 1. In Him we see all the divine attributes and all the human virtues:
    - a. Because the Lord Jesus was conceived of the Holy Spirit with the divine essence, He possesses the divine nature with the divine attributes—Matt. 1:18, 20.
    - b. Because the Lord Jesus was born of a human virgin with the human essence, He possesses the human nature with the human virtues—Luke 1:26-35.
  - 2. The makeup of Christ's being, His constitution, is a composition of the divine nature with its divine attributes and the human nature with its human virtues.
  - 3. In Christ the divine attributes and the human virtues are mingled together as one.
  - 4. Christ's human living was the living of a man who lived God to express the divine attributes in the human virtues—7:11-17; 10:25-37; 19:1-10.
- C. Christ expressed in His humanity the bountiful God in His rich attributes through His aromatic virtues—7:36-50; Heb. 2:17:
  - 1. God's rich attributes are the unsearchable riches of what God is.
  - 2. Christ expressed the divine attributes of love, light, holiness, and righteousness—Eph. 3:19; John 8:12; Acts 3:14.
  - 3. Christ's aromatic virtues include His mercy, compassion, meekness, forbearance, lowliness, obedience, faithfulness, and truthfulness—Heb. 2:17; Matt. 9:36; 11:29; 2 Cor. 10:1; Phil. 2:8; Rom. 5:19; 2 Cor. 11:10.

- D. As the first God-man, Christ lived as a man, but He did not live by man's life to express man in man's virtues—John 5:19:
  - 1. He did not live by His own mind, will, and emotion; rather, He had a genuine human living by God's mind, will, and emotion.
  - 2. In His God-man living, the Lord's mind, will, and emotion were organs containing God's life and God's mind, will, and emotion.
- E. In His God-man living the Lord Jesus was a man of prayer—Luke 3:21; 5:16; 6:12; 9:29; 11:1-2.
- F. In His God-man living, the Lord Jesus never did anything out of Himself (John 5:19), did not do His own work (4:34; 17:4), did not speak His own word (14:10, 24), did everything not by His own will (5:30), and did not seek His own glory (7:18).
- G. In His living the Lord Jesus achieved the greatest thing in the universe—He expressed God in His humanity—Heb. 1:3; John 14:9-10.

**III. Christ's God-man living constituted Him to be a prototype so that He may now be reproduced in us and live again in us—Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:20-21a:**

- A. The Gospel of Luke records the history of the God-man living of the first God-man; now this history needs to be written into our being—2 Cor. 3:3.
- B. The Christ who lives in us is still the One who possesses the human virtues strengthened and enriched by the divine attributes—Gal. 2:20:
  - 1. The Christ who is being dispensed into us is a composition of the divine nature with its divine attributes and the human nature with its human virtues—4:19.
  - 2. Christ is now seeking to live in the believers the kind of life He lived on earth; within us He is still living a life that is a composition of the divine attributes and the human virtues—John 14:19b; 2 Cor. 10:1; 11:10.
- C. During his imprisonment-voyage, Paul lived the life of a God-man, a life with the highest standard of human virtues expressing the most excellent divine attributes—Acts 27:1—28:10; note 1 on 28:9:
  - 1. This was Jesus living again on the earth in His divinely enriched humanity.
  - 2. This was the wonderful, excellent, and mysterious God-man, who lived in the Gospels, continuing to live through one of His many members.
  - 3. This was a living witness of the incarnated, crucified, resurrected, and God-exalted Christ—Phil. 1:20-21a.
- D. If we would become a reproduction of the first God-man and live Christ as the God-man, we must be reborn of the pneumatic Christ in our spirit and be transformed by the pneumatic Christ in our soul—John 3:3, 6; 2 Cor. 3:18.
- E. When we love the Lord, pursue Him, and fellowship with Him, we spontaneously live in a condition that is beyond human description; we live not according to the environment but according to the Lord's moving and leading within us—Phil. 2:12-13; 4:11-13.
- F. When we open ourselves to the Lord, love Him, and desire to be joined to Him as one, we are filled and possessed by Him and live out the glory of divinity and the virtues of humanity—1 Cor. 2:9; 6:17; Phil. 4:4-9.