

**BANNERS FOR THE 2002
THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE**

**For the one new man as the corporate God-man,
we need to live the life of a God-man,
denying ourselves, being conformed
to Christ's death, and magnifying Him
by the bountiful supply of the Spirit.**

**In order to live Christ
as the constituent of the new man,
we need to be ruled by the peace of Christ
and inhabited by the word of Christ
through persevering in prayer.**

**We need to think the one thing,
be like-souled, and speak the same thing
as the one new man
with one person and one mouth.**

**As a corporate person,
the new man should live a life of reality,
as the reality is in Jesus—
a life of expressing God.**

**Outline of the Messages
for the Thanksgiving Conference
November 28–December 1, 2002**

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
LIVING THE LIFE OF A GOD-MAN FOR THE ONE NEW MAN**

Message One

The God-man, the God-men, the Corporate God-man, and the God-man Living

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:35; Rom. 8:29; Eph. 4:24; Phil. 1:19-21a; 3:10

I. In Christ God and man have become one entity, the God-man—Luke 1:35; John 1:14; Matt. 1:18, 20-23:

- A. Because the Lord Jesus was conceived of the divine essence and born of the human essence, He was born a God-man; hence, for His being as the God-man He had two essences—the divine essence and the human essence—v. 18.
- B. The conception of the Holy Spirit in a human virgin constituted a mingling of the divine nature with the human nature, producing the God-man, the One who is both the complete God and perfect man—Luke 1:35.
- C. As a perfect man and the complete God, the God-man has the human nature with its virtues to contain God and express Him with the divine attributes.

II. Initially, the Bible speaks of the God-man; today this God-man has become the God-men—Rom. 1:3-4; 8:29:

- A. The Lord Jesus, the first God-man, is the prototype for the producing of the many God-men (1 Pet. 2:21); the many God-men are His reproduction.
- B. God became man (Rom. 8:3) to have a mass reproduction of Himself and thereby to produce a new kind (v. 29; Heb. 2:10); this new kind is God-man kind.
- C. The Lord Jesus, the God-man, was a grain of wheat falling into the ground in order to produce many grains as His reproduction—John 12:24:
 - 1. The first grain—the first God-man—was the prototype, and the many grains—the many God-men—produced by this one grain through death and resurrection are the reproduction of the first God-man.
 - 2. The many grains, as the many God-men, are the reproduction of God:
 - a. Such a reproduction makes God happy because they look like Him, speak like Him, and live like Him—1 John 3:2; 4:17b; 2:6.
 - b. God is in this reproduction; His reproduction has His life, His nature, and His constitution.
- D. We need to see that we are God-men, born of God, possessing the life and nature of God, and belonging to the species of God—John 1:12-13:
 - 1. As children of God, we are God-men; we are the same as the One of whom we are born—1 John 3:1; 5:1.
 - 2. Because we have been born of the divine life, we are divine persons.
 - 3. Since we have been born of God, we may say and even we should say that we are God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead.

4. To think of ourselves as God-men and to know and realize who we are revolutionizes us in our daily experience—2:20; 3:1-2; 5:13, 20.
 5. If all Christians realized that they were God in life and in nature, the whole world would be different—Acts 17:6b.
- E. Eventually, the God-men will be the victors, the overcomers; this will bring in a new revival and will end this age—Rev. 12:11; 14:1; 11:15.

III. The one new man is the corporate God-man—Eph. 2:15; 4:24; Col. 3:10-11:

- A. The first God-man, the firstborn Son of God, is the Head of this corporate God-man, and the many God-men, the many sons of God, are the Body of this corporate God-man—Rom. 8:29; Col. 1:18; 2:19.
- B. The God-men, as the regenerated children of God, constitute the new man—Eph. 5:1; 4:24:
1. The one new man is a corporate man, and this corporate new man is the aggregate of all the God-men—2:15.
 2. Through His death and resurrection, Christ produced many brothers (Rom. 8:29; Heb. 2:11) who, with Him, have become the universal one new man; this is the corporate God-man, who is God yet man and man yet God.
 3. The one new man, as the totality of the God-men, is the corporate Christ—1 Cor. 12:12.
- C. In Christ God became man to produce a corporate God-man for the manifestation of God in the flesh as the one new man—1 Tim. 3:16; Col. 3:10-11.

IV. For the one new man as the corporate God-man, we need to live the life of a God-man—Phil. 1:19-21a; 3:10:

- A. Christ's human living was man living God to express the attributes of God in the human virtues; His human virtues were filled, mingled, and saturated with the divine attributes—Luke 1:26-35; 7:11-17; 10:25-37; 19:1-10:
1. When the Lord Jesus was on earth, though He was a man, He lived by God—John 6:57; 5:19, 30; 6:38; 8:28; 7:16-17.
 2. The Lord Jesus lived God and expressed God in everything; whatever He did was God's doing from within Him and through Him—14:10.
 3. The Gospel of Mark reveals that the life the Lord Jesus lived was absolutely according to and for God's New Testament economy.
- B. As the expansion, increase, reproduction, and continuation of the first God-man, we should live the same kind of life He lived—1 John 2:6:
1. The Lord's God-man living set up a model for our God-man living—being crucified to live that God might be expressed in humanity—Gal. 2:20.
 2. We need to deny ourselves, be conformed to Christ's death, and magnify Him by the bountiful supply of His Spirit—Matt. 16:24; Phil. 3:10; 1:19-21a.
 3. We must reject self-cultivation and condemn the building up of the natural man; we need to realize that the Christian virtues are related essentially to the divine life, to the divine nature, and to God Himself—Gal. 5:22-23.
 4. The One who lived the life of a God-man is now the Spirit living in us and through us; we should not allow anything other than this One to fill us and occupy us—2 Cor. 3:17; 13:5; Eph. 3:16-19.