

# GOD'S FULL SALVATION



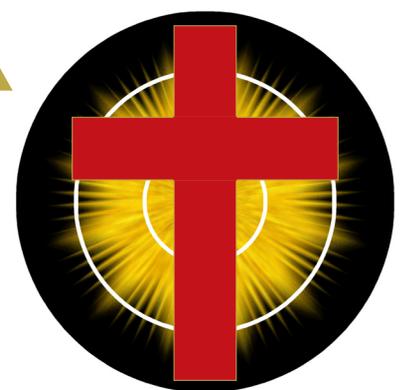
THE RESURRECTED &  
ASCENDED GOD-MAN,  
CHRIST JESUS

The chart on the other side of this pamphlet depicts, in symbolic form, the process of salvation as it is revealed in the Bible. The readings on this side relate to certain points in the chart.

## THE TWO ASPECTS OF SALVATION

An Introduction, by David Canfield

*To understand salvation we must see that it has two different sides.*



**TRANSFORMATION**

2 Cor 3:18, Rom 12:2

Man as he exists today is a radically different being from what God intended. From the very beginning, God desired to give us Himself as the divine life to make us His many sons (John 1:1,4,12-13; Eph. 1:3-6; cf. Gen. 2:8-9,16). However, due to our disobedience, it was instead the sin nature that entered into us (Gen. 3:6-7,11; Rom. 7:20).

Thus, according to the Bible, God's full salvation has two sides. The first is the work of redemption Christ accomplished *for us* on the cross, which was necessary to deal with the problem of our sin. The second is the work of transformation God desires to do *within* each of us *today*, imparting His eternal, divine life into our being so that we share His divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4). While redemption for sins has been completed (John 19:30; Heb. 1:3),

our transformation is not yet complete; rather, it is an ongoing process, one that will last our entire lifetime (2 Cor. 3:18; 4:16-18). And while redemption is a legal and positional matter, making us righteous before God, transformation is organic and dispositional; it results in our very nature being changed.

To truly appreciate redemption, we must see it in relation to God's eternal purpose (Eph. 3:8-11). That is, redemption is the base for God's work; it is what enables a holy God to give us, who are sinners, His divine life. God's goal for us is sonship, our conformation to the image of Christ as the many glorified sons of God (Rom. 8:29). This in turn will consummate in God's ultimate goal: the New Jerusalem, where God and man will dwell together, in love, eternally (Rev. 21:3,10.)

# THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

Andrew Murray

*The Spirit today is the Spirit of the glorified Jesus.*

John 7:39 states that “the Spirit was not yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.” The expression, “the Spirit was not yet” has appeared strange to some, and so some versions insert the word “given.” But the actual expression, if accepted as it stands, may help us understand the real significance of the Spirit’s not coming until Jesus was glorified.

God has given a twofold revelation of Himself: first as God in the Old Testament, then as Father in the New. The Son, who had from eternity been with the Father, entered upon a new stage of existence when He became flesh. When He returned to heaven, He was still the same only-begotten Son of God, and yet not altogether the same. For He was now also, as Son of Man, the Firstborn from the dead, clothed with that glorified humanity which He had perfected and sanctified for Himself. And just so the Spirit of God as poured out at Pentecost was indeed something new. He came as the Spirit of the glorified Jesus, the Spirit of the incarnate, crucified, and exalted Christ, the bearer and communicator to us not of the life of God as such, but of that life as it had been interwoven into human nature in the person of Christ Jesus. And of this Spirit it is literally true: the Spirit

was not yet. The Spirit of the glorified Jesus—the Son of Man become the Son of God—He could not be until Jesus was glorified.

From His nature, as glorified in the resurrection and ascension, His Spirit came forth as the Spirit of His human life, glorified into union with the divine, to make us partakers of all that He had personally wrought out and acquired, of Himself and His glorified life. He could now communicate what previously had no existence—a life at once human and divine. Just as the Spirit is the personal life principle in God, so He can be in the child of God, crying in our heart, “Abba, Father.”

In our place, as man and the Head of man, Christ was admitted into the full glory of the divine. And the Holy Spirit came down as the Spirit of the God-man—most really the Spirit of God, and yet as truly the spirit of man. We must not rest content with the faith that trusts in the cross and its pardon; we must seek to know the new life, the life of glory and power divine in human nature, of which the Spirit of the glorified Jesus is meant to be the witness and the bearer (Col. 1:26-27).

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Adapted from *The Spirit of Christ*, chp. 5, “The Spirit of the Glorified Jesus.”; c. 1900.

## OUR SPIRIT, GOD’S DWELLING

Witness Lee

*Our human spirit is God’s dwelling place within us.*

We are told in 1 Corinthians 3:16 that we are the temple of God. God’s temple according to the Old Testament is portrayed in three parts: first, the outer court, second, the holy place, and third, the Holiest of all. We know that God was in His temple, but in what part? Was He in the outer court or in the holy place? No. He was in the Holiest of all. There in the Holiest of all dwelt the Shekinah presence of God.

We as tripartite beings are also composed of three parts—the body, the soul, and the spirit (1 Thes. 5:23). But in which part of our

being does the Triune God dwell? Second Timothy 4:22 states clearly that the Lord is in our spirit. Our spirit is the very Holiest of all. Today this type of the temple of God is fulfilled in us. We are of three parts: our body corresponds to the outer court, our soul to the holy place, and our human spirit to the Holiest of all, which is the very residence of Christ and God’s presence.

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Adapted from *The Economy of God*, chp. 3, “The Residence of the Divine Spirit”; Living Stream Ministry, Anaheim, CA, 1968.

# WE MUST KNOW THE CROSS

T. Austin-Sparks

*Christ took not only our sins, but ourselves, to the cross.*

On then, ever on, with unvarying, unchanging conclusiveness, God's mind leads to the cross of Christ. Whenever a man or a people comes under immediate government of God and His eternal purpose, they will have one thing brought home to them: in themselves "dwells no good thing" (Rom. 7:18). They are accepted only on the ground of a righteousness not their own, nor of works, but by faith—the goodness of Another. This realization will smite the natural man hip and thigh, that out of the smiting there may emerge one such as the Lord can look to, even "him that is poor and of a contrite spirit" (Isa. 66:2).

So we see that the cross of Christ is God's mind as to the natural man, for there the Son of Man took not only our sins but ourselves in His representative person, and died under the judgment of God in our stead, or as us (Rom. 6:2-10, Col. 2:12, etc.). It is for want of

an adequate realization of the meaning of the cross, that so many Christians are carnal, or try to live for God out of themselves. This goes to the root of the ever-present weakness and poverty of spiritual life. There is much prayer for "revival," and much effort for "the deepening of the spiritual life." The only answer to this is a new knowing of the cross, not only as to sins and a life of victory over them, but as to Christ as supplanting the natural man.

God has nothing to say to man, but at the cross only. Every new development in the life of a child of God will in some way be by a new expression of the meaning of the cross; deeper death unto fuller life. Eventually the last phase of our self-emptying here will issue in enthronement with Christ there.

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Adapted from *What is Man?*, chp. 8, "The Cross and the New Man"; 1940.

# TRANSFORMED BY GOD'S LIFE

Mary McDonough

*Outward conformation requires inward transformation.*

The new life of God in Christ Jesus enters the spirit of man at the instant of regeneration and is intended to permeate the whole being, but this is accomplished only through the renewed mind. If the Christian refuses to present his entire being to God for renewal, the unrenewed mind deals with the intuitions of the spirit, and the result is disastrous to Christian development and transformation.

The apostle Paul was continually beseeching Christians to dedicate themselves wholly to God, because only so could they know that practical transformation whereby they would be able to "prove what the will of God is" (Rom. 12:1-2). Without this transforming work of the Holy Spirit, they would to some extent become conformed to the great world system under the leadership of Satan (2 Cor. 4:4).

"Conform" means "to shape in accordance with." To illustrate: A metal worker pours hot metal into a mold and as it cools, it takes the

shape of the mold. Christians are not to be conformed to Satan's mold but to God's mold, the likeness of His Son (Rom. 8:29), i.e., the glorified humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Notice that the word "transform" indicates a change in the elemental substance, while "conform" denotes a change in form only. The metal is unchanged in substance when conformed to the mold. No real transformation has taken place, only conformation.

No human being can become conformed to God's mold until there is a change from within, i.e., the introduction of a new life into the human personality. This new life is for the purpose of permeating the entire personality, until transformation shall have resulted in complete conformation.

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Adapted from *God's Plan of Redemption*, Part 3; in the section, "Transformation Considered Psychologically"; 1920.



# THE PROCESS OF GOD'S FULL SALVATION

This Mystery, Which Is Christ in You...

THE RESURRECTED & ASCENDED GOD-MAN, CHRIST JESUS

...The Hope of Glory  
Colossians 1:27

Christ is now the glorified God-man at God's right hand, with the highest name in the universe, the One with all authority: God highly exalted Him and gave Him the name above every name... He put away sin and sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high... "I am with you always until the end" Phil 2:5-11, Heb 1:3, 8-9, Mt 28:18-20; 26:63-64, Acts 2:32-36, 1 Pet 3:18-22, Rev 1:5, 19:11-16, Psalm 2, Dan 7:13-14



Christ is now Head of the church, His Body, which is being built up in love. At the end, God will head up all things in Christ: Head over all things to the church, which is His Body, His fullness... The mystery of His will, His pleasure, to head up all things in Christ... The eternal purpose in Christ Jesus Eph 1:22-23, 9-10, 3:1-21; 4:7-16, 5:25, Rom 12:1-5, 1 Cor 12:12-13, 13:1-13, Col 1:12-20, Rev 1:9-18, Mt 6:9-10,

— On the Day of Resurrection —

Christ breathed Himself as the Spirit into His disciples:

"Receive the Holy Spirit"

John 20:22; 7:37-39, 14:15-20, 16:7-13, Gen 2:7, Gal 3:5, 13-14, Phil 1:21

We were reborn as His many brothers:

God regenerated us through the resurrection....

"Go to My brothers"

1 Pet 1:3, John 20:17; Heb 2:10-13

Christ's humanity was uplifted with the divine nature:

## RESURRECTION

"You are my Son;

today have I begotten You"

Acts 13:33, Psalm 2:7; Rom 6:4-5



In resurrection, Jesus Christ became the life-giving Spirit:

The last Adam became a life-giving Spirit

....The Lord is the Spirit

1 Cor 15:45, 2 Cor 3:17; John 11:25, 1 John 5:20,

Rev 1:4-5, 5:6

...Much more we will be saved

in His life, having been reconciled

Rom 5:10-21; Heb 10:10,14, 1 Pet 1:9

## ASCENSION

"I ascend to My Father and your Father"....

Jesus, crowned with glory....

"The Son of Man at the right hand of God"

John 20:17, Heb 2:9, Acts 7:56; 1 Pet 2:6-8

He is able to save to the uttermost, because He lives

Heb 7:25-26; Rom 8:26-39, John 17

A High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek • Heb 6:20;

2:14-3:1, 4:14-16, 7:1-28, 10:19-22

We have an Advocate with the Father....

He is faithful and righteous to forgive 1 John 2:1, 1:5-10; 1 Tim 2:5, Luke 7:34

As God, Christ was eternally the Son of God (John 17:5), but as a man He was, like all men, created (Luke 1:31, Col 1:15).

Through the resurrection, His created human nature was begotten with God's eternal, divine nature, and thus uplifted and glorified so that, as a man, He became the Son of God.

As such a one, He is now the Firstborn among many brothers:

Declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection....

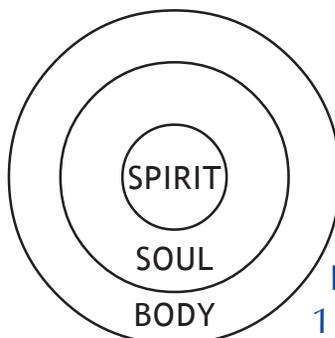
The Firstborn among many brothers • Rom 1:3-4, 8:28-30; Luke 24:26, John 17:1-5, 20:17, Acts 13:33, Heb 2:10-13

### CREATED MAN

In God's own image  
Gen 1:26-27, John 10:34  
Of the earth Gen 2:7  
A vessel Rom 9:23  
Of 3 parts: spirit, soul, and body 1 Thes 5:23, Gen 2:7, Heb 4:12  
Pure, but without the divine life Gen 3:22

### FALLEN MAN

Dead in sins Eph 2:1  
Indwelt by sin Eph 2:2, Rom 7:14-24, Gen 3:11  
Alienated from God's life Eph 4:17-18, John 3:36  
Under condemnation Rom 5:18, John 3:18-19  
The conscience, in his spirit, still active Rom 7:22-23



Gen 3:6-7  
Rom 5:12,19  
1 Cor 15:21-22

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God  
Rom 3:23; 5:18, 6:23, Dan 5:27, Mt 25:41-46, Rev 20:11-15

Conformed to the image of His Son, the Firstborn... We shall be like Him

Rom 8:29-30, 1 John 3:1-2; Eph 1:3-6, 2 Thes 2:13-14

SPIRIT

SOUL

BODY

“Blessed are those who wash their robes that they may have right to the tree of life



and may enter by the gates to the city”

Rev 22:14; 2:7, 22:1-2, Ps 36:7-9, Heb 11:8-10 Gen 2:9,16, 3:22-24

Changed in a moment

**GLORIFICATION**

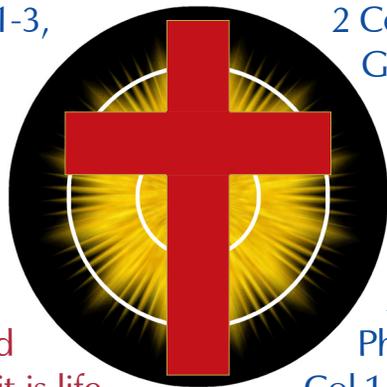
...will happen in a moment, at the Lord’s return, when God’s life saturates our body. 1 Cor 15:50-53, Phil 3:20-21

Leading many sons into glory Heb 2:10; Col 3:1-4

Work out your salvation Phil 2:12-13; 1 Tim 4:7-8,

Transformed into His image... Until Christ is formed in you

1 Pet 1:3-9, 2:1-3, 4:1-2, 17-19, 5:5-10, 2 Pet 1:3-11, 3:14, Rom 8:16-19



2 Cor 3:16-18, 4:16-18, Gal 4:19; 1 Pet 2:4-5,9

Crucified with Christ; Christ lives in me Gal 2:20; 5:19-24, Rom 6:1-11, 7:18, 2 Cor 1:5-11, 4:7-12, Phil 1:20-21, 3:3, 7-21, Col 1:24, 2:20-23, 3:1-11

The law of the Spirit of life...The mind set on the spirit is life and peace

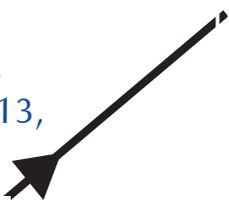
**TRANSFORMATION**

Rom 8:1-15; Heb 8:6-13, 2 Cor 3:2-3, Mt 16:24-27, Phil 4:4-9

Be transformed by the renewing of the mind • Rom 12:1-2; Eph 4:17-24, 1 Cor 2:6-16, 1 Pet 1:13-16, Titus 1:1, 2:11-14, 3:1-7, John 13:34

“That which is born of the Spirit is spirit” • John 3:6;

4:23-24, 7:38, 1 Cor 6:17, Prov 20:27, 2 Tim 1:6-7, 4:22, Eph 1:13, Rom 8:16, 1 Pet 3:3-4, Eze 36:25-27



**REGENERATION**

...happens the instant we believe in Christ. It is to be “born anew” as God’s child, and made alive, when He imparts His divine seed, with His life, into our spirit, so that Christ Himself now lives in us. 1 Pet 1:23, John 1:12-13, 3:3-7, 14:6,20, 15:4-5, 17:26, Rom 8:9-10,16, Eph 2:4-5, Col 1:26-29, 1 John 5:10-13

That Christ may make His home in your hearts by faith • Eph 3:17; John 14:23, 17:26, 1 John 4:7-8, 12-21 Become partakers of the divine nature 2 Pet 1:3-4; Heb 12:10, John 1:12-13, 1 John 5:12

“You must be born anew” John 3:7; Rom 8-13, 10:11;

In Christ, a new creation • 2 Cor 5:17; Gal 6:14-15 “A new heart and new spirit” • Eze 35:26-27; Mt 22:37 Heb 11:11: It pleased God to reveal His Son in me • Gal 1:15-16 1-6, “Repent and be baptized!” • Acts 2:28; Mt 4:17, Rom 6:3-5 — The goal of your faith: the salvation of your souls — Gal 1 Pet 1:9; Mt 11:28-30, 16:24-27, 25:1-30, Mk 9:41-50, 1 Cor 3:10-17, 2 Cor 5:10, Heb 2:3, 10:35-39, James 1:12, 21

**THE NEW JERUSALEM**

The Bride, the Wife of the Lamb, having the glory of God, with the river of life and tree of life, where God and man will dwell together in love for eternity. Rev 3:12, 21:1-2, 9-11, 22:1-5,17

**SALVATION IN HIS LIFE THE GOAL • CHRIST IN YOU**

An organic process that issues in God’s expression. Worked out in us day by day.

**GLORIFICATION**

Phil 3:21, 1 Cor 15:50-53

**CONFORMATION**

Rom 8:29, 1 Cor 15:49

**BUILDING UP**

Eph 4:15-16, John 17:22-23

**TRANSFORMATION**

2 Cor 3:16-18, Rom 12:1-2

**RENEWING**

Eph 4:22-24, Titus 3:3-5

**SANCTIFICATION**

Rom 6:19,22, Heb 10:14

**SHEPHERDING**

John 10:10-11, 1 Pet 2:25, 5:1-2

**REGENERATION**

1 Pet 1:23, John 1:12-13, 3:3-7

To grow, we must be poor in spirit (Mt 5:3, Eph 4:1-7, Ps 133), turning our heart to receive the Lord as the Spirit and life (2 Cor 3:16-18) so that He may dwell in our heart (Eph 3:17, John 14:23, 17:26). Taking the word as food (1 Pet 2:1-3, John 6:63, Jer 15:16, Prov 4:20-22), by prayer (Eph 6:17-18, 2 Tim 3:16), helps us grow (John 17:17, Heb 4:12) and take the cross (Mt 16:24-27) to abide in Christ (John 15:4-5), serve in spirit (Rom 1:9, 2 Tim 1:6-12), and withstand Satan (1 Pet 5:8-10). We must also be in our local church with all those who call on the Lord (1 Cor 1:2, 2 Tim 2:22, Rom 10:8-13) to drink the Spirit (1 Cor 12:3,13, Isa 12:3-6, John 4:14) and build up His Body (Eph 4:11-16, 1 Pet 2:4-5).