

“WORD OF LIFE”

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CHRIST IN HIS PERSON

A. In the Godhead

7 - The **Life-giving Spirit**

✚ GOD BREATHED (2 Tim 3:16):

- 1Cor. 15:45 - So also it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living soul”; the last Adam *became* a **life-giving Spirit**.
- John 1:14 - And the Word **became** flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.
- John 1:29 - The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, Behold, **the Lamb of God**, who takes away the sin of the world!
- John 10:10 - The thief does not come except to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may **have life** and may have *it* abundantly.
- Acts 2:21 - And it shall be that everyone who **calls on the name of the Lord** shall be saved.”

✚ THE EXCELLENCY OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST (Phil. 3:8):

❖ The **first man Adam** **became** a living soul, and the **last Adam** **became** a **life-giving Spirit**.

- The first man Adam, **became** a living soul **through creation** with a **soulish body**.
 - Adam as a living soul is natural
- The last Adam, Christ **became** a life-giving Spirit **through resurrection** with a **spiritual body**.
 - Christ as a life-giving Spirit is resurrected.
 - First, in **incarnation** He became flesh **for** redemption (John 1:14, 29).
 - Then in **resurrection** He became a life-giving Spirit **for** imparting life (John 10:10).
 - As the life-giving Spirit in resurrection,
 - He is ready to be received by His believers.
 - When we believe into Him, He enters our spirit, and we are joined to Him as the life-giving Spirit to become one spirit with Him (1 Cor. 6:17).
 - In this way our spirit is made alive and resurrected with Him.
 - This life-giving Spirit is the **essence** to germinate a new creation.
 - The life-giving Spirit is the processed Triune God, *who passed through* the process of incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection.
 - Now in resurrection He is the life-essence **to germinate the new creation**.

❖ We have **become** the **new creation** germinated by Christ **as** the life-giving Spirit.

➤ In **Resurrection**

- **First**, He took the step of **incarnation**
 - to become a man in the flesh (John 1:14),
 - to be the Lamb of God to accomplish **redemption** for man (John 1:29),
 - to declare God to man (John 1:18),
 - and to manifest the Father to His believers (John 14:9-11).
- **Second**, He took the step of **death and resurrection**
 - to be transfigured into the Spirit so that He may **impart** Himself into His believers as their life and their everything
 - to produce the church for the expression of the Triune God.

- On the day of His resurrection, Christ **breathed** on the disciples, said to them, “*Receive the Holy Spirit.*” (John 20:22)
- By breathing the Spirit into us, the Lord imparted Himself as life and everything to us essentially.
- The Lord **became** the Spirit, the *pneuma*, the breath, that He might come into us.
- **Through** resurrection and **in** resurrection Christ is now such a wonderful life-giving Spirit. *(This is the fulfillment of His promise in John 14:16-20.)*

- It is as the Spirit that He was breathed into the disciples.
- It is as the Spirit that He is received into His believers and flows out of them as rivers of living water (John 7:38-39).
- It is as the Spirit that He enters into us as the Comforter and abides in us (John 14:16-17).
- It is as the Spirit that He lives in the disciples and they live by Him and with Him (John 14:19).
- It is as the Spirit that He abides in the disciples and they abide in Him (John 14:20; 15:4-5).
- It is as the Spirit that He comes with the Father to the one who loves Him and makes an abode with him (John 14:23).
- It is as the Spirit that He makes all that He is and has to be fully realized by the disciples (John 16:13-16).

- Being the **Spirit—the Lord Spirit** (2 Cor. 3:17)
 - The letter kills but the Spirit gives life, **the Spirit who gives life**.
 - The Lord Christ is the Spirit.

✚ SPEAK TO THE PEOPLE ALL THE WORDS OF THIS LIFE (Act 5:20):

- ✚ The Word who is Christ **became flesh** to be the Lamb of God to shed His blood **for** our **redemption**.
- ✚ He **became** in resurrection the **life-giving Spirit** **for** the purpose of **imparting Himself into us as life**, to be our life and everything **for** the **producing of the church**.

*(The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 23, point 7)
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