

The Work of Christ for the Experience of Christ

I. The process of Christ

A. Incarnation (Matt. 1:23; John 1:14; 1 Tim. 3:16)

Philippians 2:6-7 Who, existing in the form of God, did not consider being equal with God a treasure to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming in the likeness of men.

B. Human Living (Matt. 4:3-4; Heb. 4:15, 5:8)

Philippians 2:7-8 But emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming in the likeness of men; ⁸ and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient even unto death, and that the death of a cross.

John 5:19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, The Son can do nothing from Himself except what He sees the Father doing, for whatever that One does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

John 5:30 I can do nothing from Myself; as I hear, I judge, and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.

C. Death (1 Cor. 15:3; Heb. 2:9; John 12:24)

Philippians 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient even unto death, and that the death of a cross.

1 John 3:8 ...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Hebrews 2:14 Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil.

John 1:29 ... Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

Galatians 6:14 But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.

Romans 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with Him...

Ephesians 2:15 Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, so making peace.

Galatians 5:24 But they who are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and its lusts.

D. Resurrection (Acts 2:24; Rom. 1:4; 1 Cor. 15:45)

Philippians 3:10 To know Him and the power of His resurrection...

John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has regenerated us unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Cor. 15:45 ...the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

E. Ascension and enthronement (Acts 2:33-36, 5:31; Eph. 1:20-23, 4:8)

Philippians 2:9-11 Therefore also God highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,¹⁰ that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue should openly confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

F. Descension (1 Cor. 15:45b; Acts 2:33; 1 Cor. 12:13)

Philippians 1:19 ...the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

G. To our spirit

Philippians 4:23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

II. For the producing of the church

A. The definiteness and practicality of the church

Philippians 1:1 Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the overseers and deacons.

B. The oneness of the church experientially

Philippians 1:27 Only, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, that whether coming and seeing you or being absent, I may hear of the things concerning you, that you stand firm in one spirit, with one soul striving together along with the faith of the gospel.

C. The key to the oneness in the church-life

Philippians 2:2 Make my joy full, that you think the same thing, having the same love, joined in soul, thinking the one thing.

Philippians 4:2 I exhort Euodias, and I exhort Syntyche, to think the same thing in the Lord.

D. Rich in virtues

Philippians 2:1, 3-4 If there is therefore any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of spirit, if any tenderheartedness and compassions...³ Doing nothing by way of selfish ambition nor by way of vainglory, but in lowliness of mind considering one another more excellent than yourselves; ⁴ Not regarding each his own virtues, but each the virtues of others also.