



Christ before the Manger in Poetry and Wisdom Literature

“The Aspiration for
Communion with Christ”

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The Application Question in front
of us is:

How do we maintain communion
with Christ in our Body of Flesh?

We see Jesus in the OT Pointing To Him in the NT

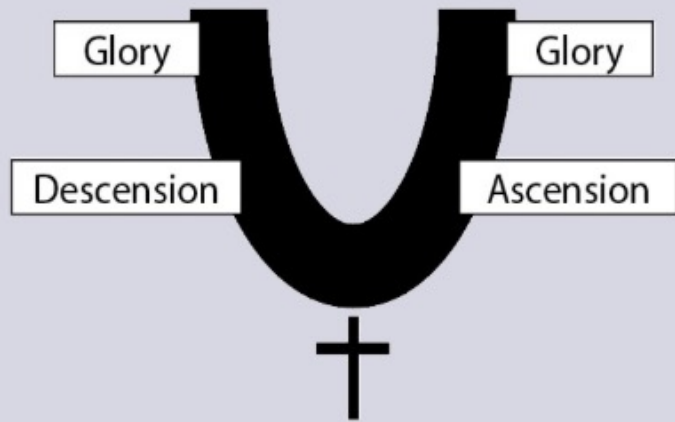


Figure 23.1.

This U shape comes from putting together the many statements about who Jesus is as the divine Son of God, what he accomplished on earth, and where he now is as the ascended Savior at the right hand of God. The eternal Son of God was glorious before the creation of the world (John 1:1–3). He descended to the earth by taking on flesh and becoming the man Jesus of Nazareth (Matt. 1:18–24; John 3:13; Eph. 4:9). He suffered, died, and was resurrected (Mark 15:1–47). Then he ascended bodily to reside in glory again in heaven with God the Father (Acts 1:9–11; Heb. 1:3), having received the name that is above every other name (Phil. 2:5–11).

Figure 23.1 Reference 6

II Cor. 3:18 (KJV) “But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from **glory to glory**, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

Psalms 19:1 (NIV) The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

We can gaze into His glory in general revelation, or His specific revelation to us in His word, as we give ourselves again to God.



Transfiguration Mosaic (565-66)
from St. Catherine's Monastery,
Mount Sinai (Egypt). Page 142.
Reference 6

Other PARALLELS BETWEEN YAHWEH AND JESUS

Yahweh in the Old Testament	Mutual Title or Act	Jesus in the New Testament
Isaiah 40:28	Creator	John 1:3
Isaiah 45:22; 43:11	Savior	John 4:42
1 Samuel 2:6	Raise dead	John 5:21
Joel 3:12	Judge	John 5:27
Isaiah 60:19-20	Light	John 8:12
Ex. 3:14	I AM	John 8:58; see 18:5-6
Isaiah 42:8; see 48:11	Glory of God	John 17:1,5
Isa. 41:4; 44:6	First and Last	Rev. 1:17; 2:8
Hosea 13:14	Redeemer	Rev. 5:9
Isa. 62:5; Hosea 2:16	Bridegroom	Rev. 21:2
Psalm 18:2	Rock	1 Cor. 10:4
Jeremiah 31:34	Forgiver of Sins	Mark 2:7,10
Ps. 27:9;46	Prayer to Come to Man's Aid	Acts 7:59
Isaiah 45:23	Confessed as Lord	Phil. 2:11

This Chart is based on McDowell, p. 100; and Geisler , To Understand the Bible Look for Jesus, pp. 48-49. Adapted by Ron Rhodes in Christ Before the Manger: The Life and Times of the Preincarnate Christ.pp. 112-114

Teaching	Psalms	NT Reference
Birth and Written Plan for the Messiah	104:4 40 & 45 (The Marriage with the People of Faith throughout all generations)	Heb. 1:7 Lk. 4:18 (The Holy Spirit's anointing) II Cor. 11:2; Rev. 19:7
Hatred of Jew and Gentile	2:1-2	I Cor. 1:23
Humiliation	8:4	Heb. 2:6
Deity	45:6	Heb. 1:8
Ministry	69:9	Jn. 2:17
Rejection	118:22	Matt. 27:46
Betrayal	41:9;69;109	Jn. 13:18
On Trial and in the Garden	27	Matt. 26:1-27:30
Crucifixion	22	Matt. 27:46
Piercing His hands and feet	v. 16	Jn. 20:20
Mocked on the cross	v. 7-8	Lk. 23:32-43
Offered Vinegar	Ps. 69:21	Matt. 27:48
No Bones Broken on the Cross	Ps. 34:20	Jn. 19:36
Resurrection	2 and 16	Acts 2:27
Ascension	68:18	Eph. 4:8
Reign and Triumph	102:26; 68; 72	Heb. 1:11
Conquering King and Enthroned Messiah	110 and 2	Rev. 20:11-21:5

What Types of Psalms (*) Are There?

Type	Example Psalm (s)	Description
Prophetic	Previous slide	Depicted or Predicted the Life of Christ
Praise	41, 72, 89, 106, 150, 145-9, 150	Charateristic of the entire book is Praise
Petition	6, 16, 39, 41, 102	Pleas for God's help
Pentence & Forgiveness	51 32, 130	Confessions of Sin Assurance that God forgives
Pastoral	23	God's care for His covental people
Precept	37, 19, 119	Doctrine and ethics like those found in the book of Proverbs
Prayer	17, 86, 90, 102	A spirit and it's soul in communion with God
Professions of Faith	33, 107,	Talk to God about our faith in Him
Patriotic	44, 46, 108, 126, 128, 129	A theocratic patriotism of God's covenant people
Pilgrimage	120-134	<i>Esprit de corps</i> in journeying to Holy Places
Imprecatory	109, 35, 69, 137	Call down Curse Psalms (All judgement goes to the Son – Jn. 5:2)

* Not all of each Psalm is of this type shown demonstratively here; specific verses have been extracted to show the types.
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Team Work

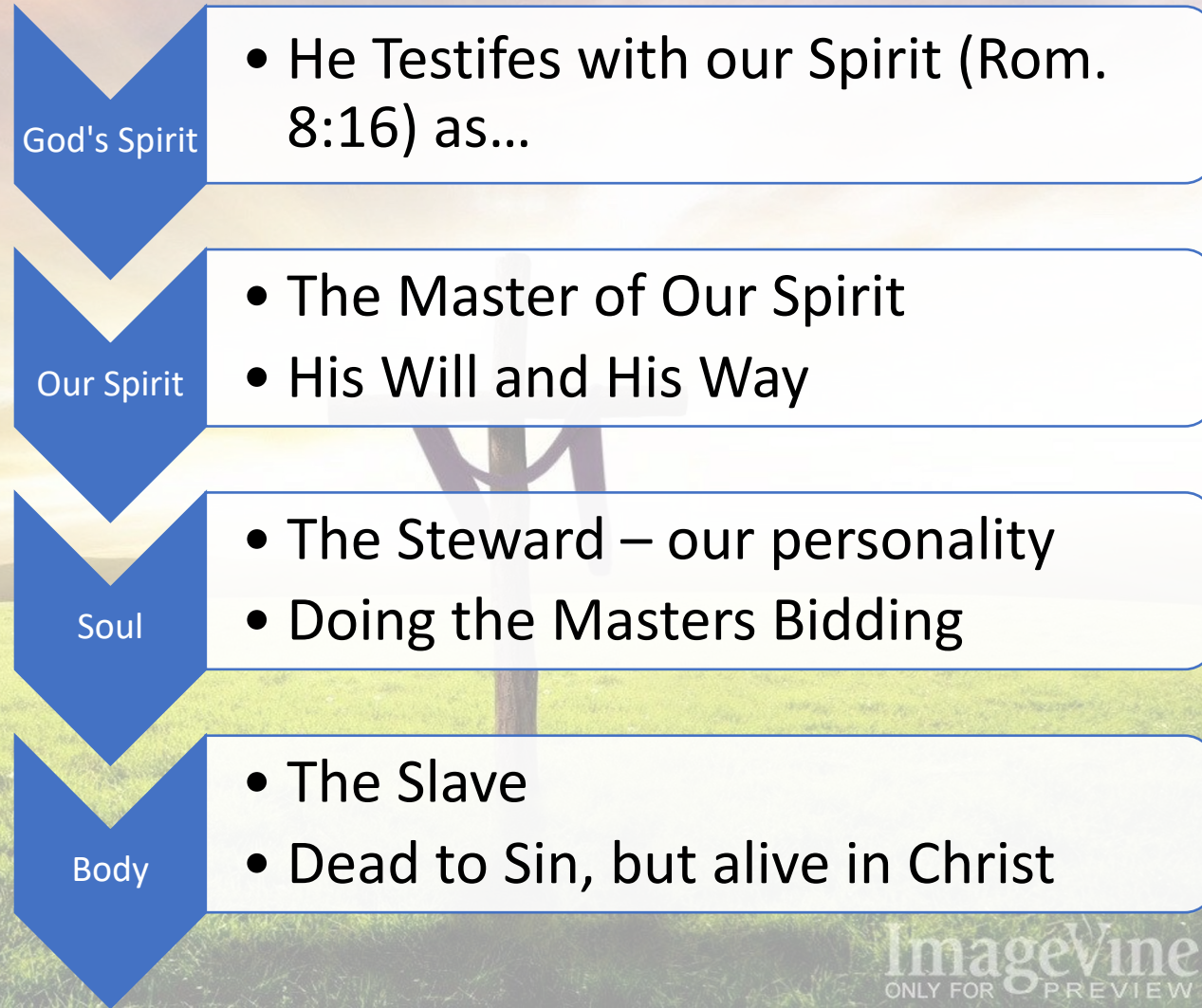
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How Can We do the Father's Will – Being Like Christ?

The Carnal Life vs. The Indwelled Spirit Life

There are Two Ways the Spiritual Life May be Lived out the Christian Life in A Believer...

The Bifurcated (Carnal, Natural Life), where sometimes we walk by the Spirit and sometimes by the Soul, driven by the body's desires. The Soul waffles back and forth sometimes under it's power and sometimes under control of the Spirit (James 1:8).



The Contrast...

- The Soul divided between God's Spirit Control and our Soul's Fleshly Cravings...

- Busily Planning
- Flushed with Anxiety
- Entertaining many thoughts and ambitions
- Carrying out our own will
- Self Conscious and Centered
- Cares are a focus of life
- Self Sufficient

- The Soul Under the Holy Spirit's Authority – At Rest (Eph 6:6; Isa. 26:3; Matt. 6:25,33; I Pe. 5:7; Ps. 63:8)

- A Calm Trust in the Lord
- Quietly Waiting
- Considered Living -Waiting and Resting in Him
- A Heart Aligned with God
- Cares Belong to God
- Admit incompetency Toward God's Will and Ways

Hebrews 4:12 (KJV)

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

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