



O Son of God Incarnate

This is how He came to us: Take all of God and the very best of man (what little there is of it) and that is Jesus.

JESUS IN FLESH is what man was supposed to be, indeed was before the fall: wholly good, a life centered on God his Father. Adam ultimately sinned; Jesus never has, because only He is also wholly God.

In this singular form, the Son of God brought to earth the fullness of Father God: His heart, His mind, His love, His light.

In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

John 1:4-5

*O Son of God Incarnate,
O Son of man divine!
In whom God's glory dwelleth,
In whom man's virtues shine;
God's light to earth Thou bringest
To drive sin's night away,
And through Thy life so radiant,
Earth's darkness turns to day.*

Christ Jesus had many names and titles, synonyms meant to help mere man apprehend His supernatural fullness. One of these, *logos*, translated "Word," is used by the apostle John to express, among other things, that Christ embodied not just the speaking God, but the *reasoning* God.

Here is one of the ways Jesus personalized God for man, and not as an unapproachable, unattainable, representative figure, but as a living, breathing conduit from God to man.

But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. For Who has known the mind of the Lord, that he will instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:14-16

God Incarnate, Jesus Christ, brought to earth the very mind of God. And those who place their trust in Him as Savior receive the permanent indwelling Spirit, that inseverable umbilical connecting believers to the reasoning mind of their heavenly Father.

*O Mind of God Incarnate,
O Thought in flesh enshrined,
In human form Thou speakest
To men the Father's mind:
God's thought to earth Thou bringest
That men in Thee may see
What God is like, and seeing,
Think God's thoughts after Thee.*

We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *to be* the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

1 John 4:14-16

Those who manufacture love from the clay of earth have no idea what true love really is. God does not just demonstrate love, He *is* love. God's love is not some fragile, flower-child, warm cozies, feel good, wispy emotion; His love pulses with the clarity and raw energy of His eternal heart. True, supernatural love is what sent His own Son to die for the sins of man, and the One who died and then rose from death transferred that same love to those who believe in Him.

By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

1 John 4:9

*O Heart of God Incarnate,
Love-bearer to mankind,
From Thee we learn what love is,
In Thee love's ways we find:
God's love to earth Thou bringest
In living deeds that prove
How sweet to serve all others
When we all others love.*

“Pray, then, in this way:
‘Our Father who is in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.’”

Matthew 6:9-10

Jesus Christ, Son of God, brought down to earth at least one more thing from the Father: Christ was God’s will personified.

It was God’s will that man would be offered salvation from their sin. It was God’s will that His own Son would be the bringer of that grace. It was God’s will that His own Son would pay the ultimate penalty of His life to obtain man’s salvation.

And it was God’s will that that salvation would make it possible for *man’s* will to at last be lost in His.

*O Will of God incarnate
So human, so divine!
Free wills to us Thou givest,
That we may make them Thine:
God’s will to earth Thou bringest
That all who would obey
May learn from Thee their duty,
The truth, the life, the way.*

Wilbur Fisk Tillett

In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:4b-6