

How to Finish the Work, 1

The Divinity of Jesus Christ

Clothed Divinity with Humanity

- **Hebrews 2:9** But we see **Jesus**, who was **made a little lower than the angels** for the suffering of **death**, crowned with **glory and honour**; that **he by the grace of God** should taste death for every man.
 - “Strength and **grace** have been provided **through Christ** to be **brought by ministering angels** to every believing soul.” SC 52.3
- **Hebrews 2:16** For verily he **took not on him the nature of angels**; but he took on him **the seed of Abraham**.
- **Hebrews 10:5** Wherefore **when he cometh** into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but **a body hast thou prepared me**.

(Filling Humanity with Divinity)

All the Fulness

- **Colossians 2:9** For in him dwelleth **all the fulness** of the Godhead bodily.
- **Ephesians 3:14** For **this cause** I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Ephesians 3:15 Of whom the **whole family in heaven** and earth is named,
Ephesians 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be **strengthened** with might **by his Spirit in the inner man**;
Ephesians 3:17 That **Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith**; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
Ephesians 3:18 May be **able to comprehend** with all saints what is the **breadth**, and **length**, and **depth**, and **height**;
Ephesians 3:19 And to **know** the love of Christ, which **passeth knowledge**, that ye might be **filled** with **all the fulness** of God.

- **2 Peter 1:3** According as **his divine power hath given unto us all things** that pertain unto **life and godliness, *through* the knowledge of him** that hath called us to **glory** and virtue:
- “Strength, grace, and **glory** have been provided through Christ, to be brought by ministering angels to the heirs of salvation.” 2T 453.2
2 Peter 1:4 Whereby are given unto us **exceeding great and precious promises**: that by **these** ye might be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Time in Bible Study and Prayer - why?

- **Mark 1:35** And in the **morning**, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a **solitary** place, and there **prayed**.
- “As **one** with us, a **sharer** in our needs and weaknesses, He was **wholly** dependent upon God, and in the secret place of prayer He **sought divine strength**, that He might go forth **braced** for duty and trial. In a world of sin Jesus endured struggles and torture of soul. **In communion with God He could unburden the sorrows** that were crushing Him. Here He found comfort and joy. In Christ the cry of humanity reached the Father of infinite pity. **As a man He supplicated the throne of God till His humanity was charged with a heavenly current that should connect humanity with divinity**. Through continual communion **He received life from God**, that He might impart life to the world. **His experience is to be ours.” DA 362-363**
- **Philippians 2:5** Let this **mind** be in you, which was **also** in Christ Jesus.
- **John 6:63** It is the **spirit** that **quickeneth**; the flesh profiteth nothing: the **words** that I speak unto you, they **are spirit**, and they **are life**.
- “**The life of Christ that gives life to the world is in His word**. It was by **His word** that Jesus healed disease and cast out demons; by **His word** He stilled the sea, and raised the dead; and the people bore witness that **His word** was with power. **He spoke the word of God**, as He had spoken through all the prophets and teachers of the Old Testament. The whole Bible is a **manifestation of Christ**, and the Saviour desired to fix the faith of His followers on the word. *When His visible presence should be withdrawn, the word must be their source of power.* Like their Master, they were to live “by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” Matthew 4:4. **DA 390.3**

Omnipresent?

- **John 16:7** Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is **expedient** for you that **I go away**: for **if I go not** away, the **Comforter will not come** unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

- “Cumbered with humanity, **Christ could not be in every place personally**; therefore it was altogether for their advantage that He should leave them, go to His father, and **send** the Holy Spirit to be His successor on earth. The Holy Spirit is Himself divested of the personality of humanity and independent thereof...” **14MR 23.3**
 - “**Through the ministry of the angels**, the **Holy Spirit is enabled** to work upon the **mind** and **heart** of the human agent, and **draw** him to Christ...” **YI July 5, 1894, par. 5**
 - “It is the **office of heavenly angels to prepare the heart** so to **comprehend God's word** that we shall be charmed with its beauty, admonished by its warnings, or animated and strengthened by its promises... **Angels are round about those who are willing to be taught** in divine things; and in the time of great necessity **they will bring to their remembrance** the very truths which are needed.” **GC 599.3**
- “The **angels of God are to be regarded as ever present** with the **interested, consecrated** worker, **perpetually** stimulating, strengthening, and encouraging the efforts of the laborers on earth.” **7MR 387.1**

Omniscient?

- **Hebrews 5:8** Though he were a Son, yet **learned he obedience** by the things which he suffered.
- **Luke 2:52** And Jesus **increased in wisdom** and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Omnipotent?

- **John 5:19** ...the Son can do **nothing** of Himself...

This is How We Do it

“The **angels of God are ever moving** up and down from earth to Heaven, and from Heaven to earth. **All the miracles** of Christ performed for the afflicted and suffering were, by the **power of God, through the ministration of angels**. Christ condescended to take humanity, and thus he unites his interests with the fallen sons and daughters of Adam here below, while his divinity grasps the throne of God. And thus Christ opens the communication of man with God, and God with man. **All the blessings from God to man** are through the **ministration of holy angels.**”
2SP 67.2