

## Something Wondrous

All creation knew that something wondrous was happening when God the Son of the three person Godhead took it upon Himself to be made “of no account”. This was done in His taking the form of a common man, a man of no perceived difference from any other man. In coming to us here on earth He emptied Himself of all glory, manifestations and positions of deity. He would refer to Himself as the Son of man, as He truly was, even though at all times He was just as truly God. He put His Godness totally under the hand of God the Father in heaven; and, being a man, under submission to the laws and authorities of men, civil and, as a Jew, the religious laws. What a wondrous thing; He had come to us in the likeness of me, you, a human person. (Philippians 2:6-8) More wondrous is that He in His part of the Godhead chose to do this and this in agreement with the rest of the Godhead. They had chosen the humiliation of the Cross.

The Word, who spoke all creation into being, who was with God, and was God, became flesh! (John 1) The Word, spoken of, is Jesus before He became Jesus of Nazareth. He was, is of the Godhead: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; all of which are equally God, equally eternal, and existing in and of themselves. In all these ways He was still God, though He entered the world He created (See John 1.) as a man, whom He also created. He was born as baby to a woman just as we have been born. He came in the only form we could relate to, the human form. He came to show us *in person* the way back into the fullness of relationship to the Father.

### Something Wondrous: Transformation

Something wondrous happens when the Holy Spirit enters into the human spirit: conception! – the beginning of a new God-designed human soul. By this process of a rebirth, the taking of the old blind, deaf and dumb spirit of a man and reforming a new living spirit responsive to Him – who in the beginning had created the man (and woman) with a living responsive spirit – a sin-born man /woman is entering into transformation. This is the journey of the changing of one's direction from the serving of self, unto eventual destruction, to the serving of Most High God unto joy and peace of which He is the only eternal source. Believe me I've been on both sides. Being one's own god will end in a crash, hopefully sooner rather than later.

Please let me try on you a material world, scientific definition of the word transformation and then give it a spirit world application:

In world of science: a biological process in which there is genetic modification of cells by the uptake and incorporation of exogenous\* factors

In the world of the spirit: God's Holy Spirit's modification of the human spirit by the uptake and incorporation of His DNA.

\*exogenous: something introduced from outside the organism or system.

In transformation there must come a change in composition or structure which will bring about a change in character and condition.

When Christ Jesus is recognized and then received in a manner that brings one into believing that He is

the Messiah, truly God's Son who came as a man to announce God's love for His precious but totally rebellious creation, man, to the extent that He would allow His Son, who lived in obedient faith, to die in humiliation and horrible pain in our place -- a people deluded into the eternal darkness of believing they can somehow be captain of their own ship – the Holy Spirit enters into the very core of self, called the heart. The demise of the sin-fallen, human nature makes room for the new creation, and a new God-conscious nature is born.

This new Spirit -born man has the capacity of having a spirit made right with and alive to God for God's spirit resides there, a heart that is made clean with daily upkeep and guidance by the Word of God, and the availability of the mind of Christ – knowledge, understanding, and the wisdom to act on these – as we yield in the attitude of our mind to the dominion of our new creation's Captain. Self has been the king- pin, the focus, of our mind, will and emotional responses. For transformation – the change of one thing that is dying to something that is eternally significant – to continue there must come to be a daily establishment of who's in charge – the old or the new. Denial of self-determination and opening to Spirit guidance and Jesus-following is costly to the ego; but what it buys is peace and joy that cannot be taken away by any lack, loss or circumstance that comes against you. There will be no disgrace of the sentence of eternal separation from our Creator God for those who rely on the word of faith which is to call on the name of the Lord of all creation. This is what justifies you: Declare with your mouth that Jesus is the Lord of all including yourself, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead and in this you have salvation/deliverance, the penalty for your sin being paid in full.

The speaking forth from your mouth is the declaration of your deliverance/salvation.  
The believing of your heart is what God declares to be the justification for the forgiveness of the penalty for your sin.