

Jesus the Pattern Son

God has a wonderful plan for you.

Myopic religion tells man how to get into heaven, *but God wants to get heaven into man*. Religion emphasizes either the historical past - *Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God who died for our sins*- or the prophetic future- *Jesus is coming again*. **But God is doing something now!**

In the beginning God made mankind in His image (Gen. 1:26). Theologians have speculated on what the image was like, but the Bible tells us specifically what the image was. He fashioned the First Adam after Jesus, the Second Adam, who is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, His express image (Heb. 1:3). Anyone who saw Jesus experienced the time-space manifestation of God. If Jesus was the express image of God, and He was, He was the pattern God used to make man, and He wants to make you like Him.

There were seven unique events in the life of Jesus that brought forth The Last Adam; His birth, baptism, temptation, transfiguration, crucifixion, death and ascension and these *seven events also appear in the life of every person who is a New Creature*.

1: His Superbirth. Mt. 1:18 says an angel visited the Virgin Mary and told her she would conceive a son without the participation of a human father. This was a divine supernatural intervention, but why a virgin?

When Adam sinned his rebellious nature passed on to his descendents, but God promised the Seed of the Woman would deliver them (Gen. 3:15). This is a wonder since woman doesn't have the seed; the man does. The Seed of the Woman was a Virgin Birth. When the Seed comes He would not inherit the sin nature caused by Adam's fall. Jesus

received His flesh from Mary, but His DNA and inherited genes were from God, making it possible for Him to pay for all sins on the cross.

We too receive a sinless supernatural birth. Paul wrote: “And so it is written, the first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.”(1 Cor. 15:45). “And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.” (v.49). Jesus told Nicodemus, a Jewish teacher, “Except a man be **born again** he cannot see the kingdom of God.” (Jn. 3:3) and, “Except a man is born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God” (v.5). When you were born again you were made a brand new sinless creature.

Luke 2: 13, 14 reports all heaven rejoiced when Jesus, the Last Adam, was born. Likewise, when we are born again or born from above there is joy in heaven (Luke 15:7). When the Prodigal Son came home his father rejoiced. “My son who was dead is alive and is found.”

2: His supernatural baptism. When John the Baptist baptized Jesus God spoke from heaven saying: “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased” (Mt. 3:17). At that moment the Spirit of God descended upon Him and He began His ministry of redemption. Jesus was about thirty years of age when God announced to the world: “This is My beloved Son.” *Huiiothesis, adoption*, is the “placing of a son.” It’s a time when the Father recognized His sons training was complete and he is ready to participate in the family affairs.

We too have a supernatural baptism. When we are baptized in water our names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life and we became part of God’s family with full rights of inheritance. It’s when God says, “Welcome, my child. You are now a new

creature. All the old things have passed away and everything is new and the past is forgotten” (2 Cor 5:17). It is when you received authority to become a child of God (Jn. 1:12).

3: His supernatural temptation. Immediately after He was baptized the Lord faced an extreme testing when He was tempted by the devil. As the Last Adam He faced every temptation, test and trial the First Adam experienced, but without sin.

Satan’s strategy in tempting Jesus was to get Him to doubt Who He was. Again and again he sneered: “If you’re the Son of God, prove it.” Not once did Jesus take the bait, but each time He firmly spoke the written word (Lk. 4:4). These temptations taught Him obedience. After He successfully endured the forty day fast and the wilderness trial He turned toward the public in the power of the Spirit. From that moment He only said what He heard the Father say and He only did what He saw the Father do. He was completely obedient to the Laws of the Kingdom.

Religion without the full knowledge of God’s Plan for Man often sides with the tempter. “I’m just a poor sinner hanging on and waiting for the rapture to get me out of this wicked world.” *We too, like Jesus, learn obedience through our trials* and not to question what God says about our true identity. 1 Cor. 10:13 says we are tempted, but not more than we can withstand, and God always gives a way of escape. If I know I am a son I will say I AM just as Jesus said I AM. Whatever the Son is I am too. “As He is in the world so are we.”

We too are tempted! Satan also attacks your identify. God knows who you are and the enemy knows who you are, but if you don’t confess who you are you are defeated.

3: Supernatural transfiguration. Later, Jesus withdrew to the mount taking with Him Peter, James and John. There God overshadowed Him like a bright cloud and again said, “This is My son, hear Him. (Mt. 17:5). His countenance glowed like a thousand white lights as God filled Him. At that moment God manifested Himself **IN** Jesus and revealed Himself **TO** the disciples. They had to say something so one nervously said, “Let’s build three tabernacles: One for Moses, one for Elijah and one for you.”.

When Moses returned to Israel after spending forty days and nights in God’s Presence on Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments, His face glowed so that the children of Israel could not look at his face. God filled Moses with His presence. God filled Jesus with His presence and *God fills us with His Presence.*

“But we all with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the *same image* from glory to glory , just as by the Spirit of the Lord” (2 Cor. 3:18). God is still transforming us into Christ’s image. From temptation to transfiguration, from glory to glory and from victory to victory, He is molding us into His image:.

4: Supernatural Crucifixion. Men are born to live, but die while Christ was born to die, so men can live. The penalty for breaking God’s Perfect Law was death. Although Jesus was tempted in every point as we are, He never sinned, so death had no legal hold on Him. He died, but He didn’t die for breaking God’s Law. Rome didn’t kill Him and the Jews didn’t kill Him; no one could kill Him. He willingly laid down his sinless life to pay the penalty for every person who ever sinned. He was our Kinsman

Redeemer exchanging His innocent life for the guilty. From the cross He cried: “Father forgive them because they don’t know what they are doing” (Lk. 23:34).

If Jesus was the Pattern Son and died in our place how does death work in us?

Listen to the Apostle Paul! “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me” (Gal. 2:20). If that doesn’t thrill you enough read Rom. 6:6: “Knowing this, that our old man was *crucified with Him* that the body of sin (Adam’s sin nature) might be done away with that we should no longer be slaves of sin.” “*And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh and its passions and desires*” (Gal. 5:24).

Something tremendous happened in the spiritual realm when Jesus died. The huge veil in the temple separating the Holy of Holies was violently ripped from top to bottom, an unnatural act in itself. Scripture tells us the veil represented man’s flesh which separated him from God. Jesus opened a new and living way into God’s Presence apart from man’s righteous works or faith. His death split the veil, satisfied the broken Law, and made it possible for all men to enter directly into God’s Presence.

Hebrews 9:7 makes this crystal clear. “The high priest entered the Holiest Place once a year to offer animal blood for Israel’s sins. But Christ came as High Priest, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood, He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.”

6: Supernatural Death. In John 10 the Great Shepherd said: “Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down my Life that I may take it up again. No one takes it

from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again” (Jn. 10:17,18)

Crucifixion was the most horrible of all deaths devised by sinful men. The body stretches in a position causing suffocation. Automatic reflexes force the body to find breath and pushes against the nailed hands and feet causing extreme pain. ***You and I can't willingly die.*** The body automatically fights to get air into the lungs.

We die in order to be born again. The carnal flesh, the old Adam, man's sin nature must die. We, not God, crucify the flesh and reckon our self dead to sin, but alive unto God. I am dead, but my life is hid with Christ in God.

7: Supernatural Ascension. The resurrected Jesus remained with the disciples and believers for forty days teaching things concerning the Kingdom of God. One morning while standing on the Mount of Olives with every eye staring at Him, He slowly ascended in a cloud. They were spellbound and amazed when angel spoke and said: “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven” (Acts 1:11). He is now seated in the heavenlies and would you believe? ***Me too!***

“Even when we were dead in trespasses, [God] made us alive together with Christ and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus”(Eph. 2:5,6). “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord” (1 Thess. 4:16,17).

Christ saved us and we will go to heaven. No one else wants us. Until then God is doing something: He is getting heaven into us and finishing what He began in Gen. 1:26 by conforming us into the image of the Last Adam.

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