

God Became Man So That Man May Become God

- I. God's economy is to make man God in life and nature but not in the Godhead—Gen. 1:26; John 12:24; Rom. 8:29; Heb. 2:10:**
 1. Man has God's image and is of God's kind—Gen. 1:26; 2:7, 9.
 2. The son has the same life and nature as the father—8:16; John 1:12-13.
 3. The bride has the same life and nature as the bridegroom—John 3:29; 2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:23-32; Rev. 21:2.
- II. God became man—Jesus, the first God-man—in order to produce many God-men as the mass reproduction of Himself—John 1:1, 14; 12:24; Heb. 2:10:**
 1. Jesus accomplished redemption through His death to remove man's sin—John 1:29; 1 Pet. 2:24.
 2. Christ in resurrection became the life-giving Spirit in order to enter into man to regenerate man and to make man God in life and nature—1 Cor. 15:45b; John 3:6; Rom. 12:2; Phil. 3:21.
 3. Regeneration is for man to receive God's "gene" so that man may become God, resemble God, and live God—John 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:3.
- III. The reality of the God-man living—John 14:6; 16:13; Col. 2:16-17:**
 1. Being not only a good man but a God-man to live a God-man living—John 1:12-13.
 2. Having real love, loving God, loving man, and loving our enemies—Rom. 8:35-37; Mark 12:30; 1 John 4:7-12; 2 Pet. 1:4-7; Matt. 5:44.
 3. Not being anxious but being peaceful and joyful—Phil. 4:4, 6-7; 1 Thes. 5:16.
- IV. How to receive Christ and become God to have this wonderful God-man living?**
 1. Believing and receiving Him—John 1:12-13.
 2. Calling on Him—Rom. 10:9, 13.
 3. Being baptized into Him—Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27.