

The Faith Jesus had in the Father

We as Christians realize there is a process that we may enter into the family of God and that is accepting Christ as your savior, being baptized for your sins and receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so one will inherit eternal life and God will be your Father.

But how do we know this will actually work?

Through Christ's sacrifice we are justified and therefore sinless. We are now in a position to have access to the Father.

In a sense a baptized Christian is like Adam before he sinned, who had access to God but **he was not saved** in that he had not received the Holy Spirit yet, which was represented by the fruit of the Tree of Life.

At baptism we are not yet saved, but are justified. We, like Adam, still need the Holy Spirit to be saved. That is made possible by Christ sending his spirit into us. That's why Paul says we are justified by Christ death *and* saved by his life.

[Rom 5:10 NKJV] 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

We are not saved at baptism. That justifies us so we can have access to the Father and receive the Holy Spirit.

We humans need the holy spirit as it is by that spirit we are led to salvation and it's by that spirit we are resurrected from the dead.

[Rom 8:11 NKJV] 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

All humans need the spirit of God and that included Christ.

That's why immediately *after* baptism there is the laying on of hands and God begets you with his spirit. At that time, via the holy spirit, God Most High becomes your Father.

[Gal 4:6 NKJV] 6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

The Word became flesh, subject to death and lived a life without sin, however, because he was human he needed God's spirit to live forever.

Jesus sought out his cousin John to be baptized but NOT because he had sin but he underwent the baptism of John because its purpose was for the people of Israel to show a **national repentance**. The nation had returned to God before.

Remember John was to go forward “in the spirit and power of Elijah to prepare a people for the Lord”. So it was not a baptism for their personal sins but for the nation’s sins. Jesus, to set an example as a citizen of a sinful NATION, instructed John to proceed with his baptism.

Upon coming out of the river Jordan those present witnessed a dove, representing the holy spirit, coming down from the Father to light upon Jesus. Since one cannot see the Holy Spirit this was done for the benefit of those who were present.

Since Jesus had no sin he did not need to be baptized for personal sin but he set an example for us and immediately following that example he receive the spirit of God.

Noticed after the baptism John is praying and the Spirit came upon Jesus.

It is ONLY after receipt of the Holy Spirit God declares that Jesus was his son.

Luke 3:21-22 KJV 21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

This was prophesied to happen in Psalm chapter 2.

Psalms 2:7 KJV 7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me,

*Thou art my Son; **this day** have I begotten thee.*

Was Jesus a son before this? One wonders if the sperm that went into Mary was made up of the Word. The begetting was by the power of the Holy Spirit and if the seed in Mary was made up of the Word then the scripture would be true that Emmanuel or God was with us. But the “Most High” God would not be Christ’s Father until this moment. The scripture says “this day” have I begotten you.

Remember the Word became flesh thus could have sinned and **WOULD** eventually die.

Remember as the “son of man” and a son of Adam it was appointed unto him to die as it is with ALL men.

[Heb 9:27 NLT] 27 And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment,

As a human being Jesus needed to be saved. Not from sin, as he was sinless, but as a flesh and blood human being he needed to be changed into spirit via a resurrection.

[Heb 2:14 NLT] 14 Because God's children are human beings--made of flesh and blood--the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death.

Having the spirit of God he could be declared to be the son of God but it was only **through the resurrection** was he actually God once again.

[Rom 1:4 KJV] 4 And declared [to be] the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

As a human being Jesus was all flesh and subject to all the temptations, pains and trials of a human being. And, of course, he was subject to death. If not crucified he would have died of old age eventually.

When he gave up being the Word and became subject to death he put all his faith in the most high God that the plan would work. He would need to be saved once he entered the human realm. He had to rely SOLELY on God to reinstate him as God.

It's ridiculous to say Jesus was 100% God and 100% human. He clearly was a human being subject to death. However, though with God's help he lived a life without sin.

The Holy Spirit had to be added to ensure that he would have the opportunity for eternal life and it must be added for **you** to have the opportunity to inherit eternal life and to be born as a son of God. No spirit no eternal life.

[Rom 8:9 KJV] 9 ... Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Jesus had the spirit of God with him and around him from birth. Probably even prior to birth. With the spirit with him he was protected and had wisdom but there's another part to it. The spirit of God needs to be *in* a person. Man has a spirit and God's spirit enters ours and we go from, in a sense, being an unfertilized egg to being a God embryo.

[Rom 8:16 KJV] 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

[2Co 1:22 KJV] 22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

To inherit eternal life, and to be fully God once again, Christ was no different than his flesh and blood human family. He needed the spirit of God IN HIM. It is by that spirit one is resurrected to immortality.

As the Word he had lived forever and was with the Most High from the beginning as is clearly stated in the first chapter of the gospel of John.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

But what is amazing is that he *volunteered* to become flesh and be subject to death. He willingly left being immortal God and took on being a lowly human, subject to death, to save mankind.

[Phl 2:6-8 NET] 6 (Christ) who though he existed in the form of God did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself by taking on the form of a slave, by looking like other men, and by sharing in human nature. 8 He humbled himself, by becoming obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross!

Notice how the New Living Translation puts it:

Phl 2:6 Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.

What faith to leave a safe environment to enter the physical world ruled by the devil. He had full faith in the Most High and it paid off as he was raised from the dead and changed back to God, now sitting on the throne next to the Father.

He went from the Logos and creator of mankind to the SON and the SAVIOUR of mankind. He has a NEW name.

Now the Most High is **his Father** and he has inherited all things as *a son*.

[Phl 2:8-11 KJV] 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of [things] in heaven, and [things] in earth, and [things] under the earth;

11 And [that] every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ [is] Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

He suffered as a human being, and learned obedience by the things he suffered and finally died a true death. But when he became flesh he knew that the Father would be able to save him.

Christ is Our Example and Trailblazer

You and I become every bit as much the son of God when we receive his spirit after baptism. We are like an impregnated egg, now an embryo - a son.

And, just like in Christ example, the Father declares us as his son and our names are written in the book of life along with a “new” name. We just haven’t been completely born “again” as yet. But we do see Christ’s journey and we know “it WORKS”!

Mankind was first created in “God’s image and likeness” as fleshly humans but we will be in Christ’s spiritual resurrected image at the Resurrection.

[1Jo 3:2 NLT] 2 Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.

We are told that we are “already God’s children”. That is because God views us as Godly embryos as his children prior to birth. But at birth we will be different!

We will inherit “all things” which clearly includes the Universe but the verse says “not yet”. But we see Christ and we will rule and reign with Christ if we are faithful to the end.

[Heb 2:6-9 NKJV] 6 But one testified in a certain place, saying: "What is man that You are mindful of him, Or the son of man that You take care of him?

7 You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, And set him over the works of Your hands.

8 You have put all things in subjection under his feet." For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing [that is] not put under him.

But now we do not yet see all things put under him.

9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels ... crowned with glory and honor.

In addition to a “new name” and having the Father’s name upon us, since after the Resurrection we will be FULLY his children and not just in his image, we will join Christ in ruling the Universe from his Throne.

[Rev 3:21 KJV] 21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Just like my son is as much human as I, we will be as much God as our Father and elder brother.

[Rom 8:29 NLT] 29 For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

[1Co 15:49 KJV] 49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

It is almost too good to be true and the devil knows it. He even attacked Christ, trying to cast doubt upon this fact.

Notice when Jesus was led by the spirit into the wilderness the devil began his attack zeroing in on this exact point.

He started his temptations with; **"If you are the son of God"**.

Bible is very clear that Jesus learned obedience. There would be no reason for the devil to attack him being the son of God unless there is an opportunity for some doubt to enter in.

It took faith for Jesus Christ to believe that he had received the spirit of God and that the Father had called him his son. That enabled him to withstand these temptations and accusations that came both from the devil and the scribes and Pharisees and leaders of Israel at the time. We must fight off those doubts as well from time to time.

Jesus learned his purpose and fate by reading the scriptures. Because the spirit of God was with him his understanding of the word of God was far beyond his years. It was God's spirit leading him that gave him such understanding, even at the age of twelve.

[Luk 2:46-47 KJV] 46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

It took time and study for Jesus to learn all he had to learn as there are nearly 50 scriptures in one way or another prophesy about the Messiah. Many of his actions and answers were based upon scriptural instructions in the book of Psalms and the Prophets. He knew he was the Messiah and when he read what the Messiah would do or how he would be treated Christ knew it meant him.

He often spent hours in prayer with the Father trying to decipher his will. He would not be able to do this if he had doubts that God was his Father. We have to approach the throne of God with the same confidence as well.

Giving up being the Word to become God's Son

The Word gave up being God and became flesh. That would be a huge risk unless you knew for sure that you could trust the one called the Most High God. You would need to trust him and also realize that in addition to having the *will* to bring you back from your human experience that the Most High also had the *ability* as well. Trust and faith are the issues here. This is one reason lying is against the law of God. If there had ever been a lie told to the Word by the Most High that would have undermined the entire process. Could the Word REALLY trust the Most High? This is why "no lie is of the truth" and no unrepentant liars will be in the Kingdom of God.

[Rev 21:8 KJV] 8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

The reason Jesus could willingly give up being God to become flesh, was he knew well God the Father would not allow his physical mortal body to see decay and would be resurrected and be changed.

Once that change occurred he would be **just as much God again** as he was before.

Jesus showed us the way and it was his faith that he would become God once again that inspires us that we too may become God. As much God as God is, just like my son is as much human as I am.

In this way he was the "firstborn from the dead" as he was the first to be resurrected to eternal life. All others receiving the spirit of God will need to wait; either in the grave asleep or wait on his return. That includes the Apostles, Prophets and Saints.

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Jesus truly showed us the way by becoming a human being led by God spirit to the point of baptism which of course he did not need because he was like Adam in the garden of Eden before Adam sinned.

But, as he told John, they needed to set the example.

[Mat 3:14-15 NIV] 14 But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15 Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

But he did then receive the Holy Spirit and became the son of God. He was awaiting his resurrection but was still a “son”. Christians are awaiting their resurrection as well at the 7th Trump. But we are already God’s sons in his eyes, just not fully born yet.

Christ shows the way as the Pioneer of our Salvation

Now that we've seen his resurrection we realize Christians go through the exact same process. We now understand that he was the *first* born from the dead and that occurred via the resurrection.

He mentions he had trust in God and that he had children to bring along.

[Heb 2:12-13 NIV] 12 He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises." 13 And again, "I will put my trust in him."

And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me."

Remember the “children” or the saints are asleep waiting for the first resurrection at the seventh Trump. Those NOT called at this time to replace the leadership of Israel will be raised at the end.

Jesus is the FIRST born from the dead

[Col 1:18 NIV] 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

[Rev 1:5 NIV] 5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

Jesus Christ is the *only one* to have been brought back from the dead to be changed into spirit. There have been resurrections from the dead, for example Lazarus, but they lived out a physical life and then died. They were not changed to spirit. This is one of the reasons Jesus allowed the disciples handle him, and see him eat a meal. They were excited because they knew they were getting a glimpse of their own future.

This truly is amazing news for Christians. This is the REAL gospel or “good news”. The life and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth gives us UNDENIABLE proof of our future in God’s kingdom as his actual children. God like our Father.

If the word was willing to enter into the physical world controlled by the devil and be subject to death because he knew the Father would be with him what is our excuse?

The trust the Word had in the God Most High was really amazing. The Most High was NOT his Father in the beginning. Remember the scripture says, "TODAY I have begotten you".

*[Psa 2:7 NKJV] 7 "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me,
'You [are] My Son, **Today** I have begotten You.*

By giving up eternity and becoming flesh he was subject to death as a son of Adam.

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He had trust in the Most High's **ability and his intent** to protect him and keep him from sin and then, after his death, bring him back to life.

But only this time, instead of only a physical resurrection like his friend Lazarus, the Most High God, now his Father, would raise him immortal, incorruptible as God once again.

That's showing the way for his brothers and sisters.

[Heb 2:9 KJV] 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.

Jesus would once again be God fully. But instead of sitting next to the *most high* God he would now be sitting next to his Father.

That's why after his resurrection upon seeing Mary in the garden instructed her to go to the disciples and tell them;

*[Jhn 20:17 KJV] 17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto **my Father, and your Father**; and [to] my God, and your God.*

He shows us the way in that he was now as much God as he was prior, when he was the Word.

We can know have faith as we study the life of Christ to trust the Father that he is both willing and able to bring us into the God family with the *gift* of eternal life.

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