

JESUS NO LONGER A MAN

Since His Resurrection He Is
"The Lord of Glory."

Begotten and Born of the Spirit,
"Put to Death in Flesh,
Quickened in Spirit."



London, April 23.—Pastor Russell preached in London Tabernacle today to a crowded house. His theme was the resurrected Lord, no longer a man, but ascended where he was before—made partaker of the divine nature. His text was, "He was put to death in flesh, but quickened in spirit" (I Peter III, 18). The speaker said:

In the past those of us who continued to believe in the resurrection of the dead, held some inconsistent theories respecting the matter which served to make the resurrection doctrine the more absurd in the minds of those opposed. For instance, we claimed that the *Logos*, the Son of God, left the heavenly or spirit nature and, according to the Scriptures, was made flesh, and that He was resurrected from the dead a human or fleshly being and ascended to heaven with a body of flesh. In the same breath we acknowledged that human nature is a little lower than the angelic; and thus, while still wishing to honor the Redeemer and to see wisdom and love in the Heavenly Father's Plan, we assumed that the Savior, since His ascension, has had a body inferior to that of the angels and out of harmony with His surroundings; and that this is to be to all eternity a part of the cost of human redemption.

How absurd! Do not the Scriptures particularly tell us that in His resurrection the Son was highly exalted by the Father, far above angels, principalities and powers and every name that is named? Do they not tell us that "flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God"? Do they not tell us that the elect Church, in order to be the Bride of Messiah and His associate in the heavenly Kingdom, must be "changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye," in order that she may be made like Him, and because "flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom"? We have been too careless in our study of the Divine Word. On this subject, as upon others, we have assumed that our forefathers of the "Dark Ages" understood the matter thoroughly. We forgot that those who lost so much of the Holy Spirit that they could burn fellow Christians at the stake were quite likely to be more or less confused on all questions. But "the path of the just is as a shining light, shining more and more unto the perfect day," and it is now our privilege to learn the way of the Lord perfectly, in the light now shining upon the Bible through the aid of our wonderful concordances and other Bible study helps.

Begotten of the Spirit—Then Born.

Our difficulty on this subject arose from our failure to understand that human and spirit natures are distinct, and that God has provided two distinctly different salvations for mankind—the salvation of this Age being exclusively spiritual, while that of the next Age will be exclusively human. We are not to think of these natures as blending, but, according to the Lord's Word, we are to view them as distinctly separate. Whoever is of the human nature is earthly, fleshly, whether perfect or degraded. Whoever is of the spirit nature is heavenly, whether perfect or degraded. Thus when "the *Logos* was made flesh and dwelt among us," He was human, though unblemished. And the fallen angels are still spirit beings, although cut off from Divine favor and fellowship. In other words, human nature is not an imperfect form of spirit nature but a totally separate and distinct nature.

The *Logos*, the Only Begotten of the Father, "was made flesh" (John I, 14). He was not a spirit being incarcerated in a body of flesh and wearing it as a garment, or living in it as a house. He became like others of the race, except that "He was holy, harmless, separate from sinners," while all others are sinners, imperfect. Like other men, the man Jesus was not a dual being—a spirit being living in a human frame. He was merely human.

But the Redeemer became a dual being when He received the begetting of the Holy Spirit at the time of His baptism. Thereafter, for three and a half years, until His crucifixion, He was dual. The flesh was the same—but the spirit-begetting received from the Father constituted Him a new *Ego*, a new person. He not only thereafter had new hopes, based upon Divine promises, but He had a new mind or new will specially illuminated, quickened, enlightened by the Holy Spirit. From the time of His baptism, His flesh (all that belonged to His human nature) was given up to die in the carrying out of the Heavenly Father's purposes. Thereafter the Spirit-begotten One waited merely for the accomplishment of His sacrifice according to the Father's will, and for a new

body, a glorious spirit body, in the resurrection—His completing or perfecting as a New Creature.

Three and One-half Years Our Lord Was a Dual Being.

Hence, during the period of our Lord's ministry, for three and a half years, He was a dual personage. So far as form and organism were concerned He was a man, but so far as mind and purpose and interests were concerned He was changed—a New Creature, a spirit being; earthly things had passed away. The New Creature followed the instructions of the Divine Word and providences to the extent of mortifying the flesh—surrendering it fully for the accomplishment in it of the Divine will. "The cup which My Father hath poured for Me shall I not drink it?"

The great Teacher Himself gives us the picture of a human birth as illustrating the experiences through which He passed and the similar experiences through which all of His faithful followers must pass in order to reach the plane of heavenly glory. This picture contains three distinctive views—(1) begetting—(2) quickening—(3) birth. These three steps were illustrated by our Lord's own experiences. He was begotten of the Holy Spirit at the time of His consecration at baptism. He was quickened or energized by that Holy Spirit after His forty days' experience in the wilderness when He began His active service as "the Messenger of the Covenant," selecting His Bride, the Church.

When He finished His sacrifice at Calvary the man Jesus was dead, and the New Creature Jesus, spirit-begotten and quickened and developed was three and a half years old. According to the Divine Program He slept in *hades*, the tomb, and on the third day was born from the dead, raised up by Divine power as a New Creature, being given a spirit body of divine nature—glory, honor, immortality; "Him hath God highly exalted" (Philippians II, 9). He did not lose His personality, His identity, and could therefore properly say, "I am He that liveth and was dead" (Rev. I, 18).

"Now the Lord is That Spirit," II Corinthians III, 17.

Thus was our Lord "put to death in flesh and quickened in spirit"—made alive in spirit, a Spirit Being. True, He was also quickened by the Spirit. It was the Father's Spirit or Power which raised Him from the dead, as the Scriptures declare (Romans VIII, 11). Indeed, as the Apostle reminds us, all the blessings of Divine providence are of the Father. From Him cometh every good and every perfect gift.

He Who thus ascended up on high, the Prince of glory and partaker of the divine nature, is the same Who first descended to the earthly nature, yea, Who was humbled even unto death, even the death of the Cross, and went to the tomb as the sinner's substitute or ransom-price. The forty days which intervened between the Redeemer's resurrection and His ascension taught two great lessons:

(1) That the crucified One was no longer held in the bonds of death, no longer a prisoner in the grave.

(2) It also taught that the Risen One was different in many respects from what He was before He died. No longer was He a man. No longer was He flesh. The body of flesh prepared for Him for the suffering of death had served its purpose. He needed it no longer. The Father had raised Him up to the plane of glory again. As a quickening spirit He was with the disciples during the forty days, instructing them during the few moments of each of His seven or eight appearances. But He was teaching them equally when invisible to them. He noted their perplexities. His several appearances were in different forms—as a gardener, as a traveler, as a purchaser of fish on the shore of Lake Tiberias, calling out, "Have you any fish?" and then, "Drop the net on the other side."

He "revealed" Himself to the disciples in various ways in connection with those materializations and then straightway He "vanished" out of their sight, to be present with them, unseen, for days. For identification He appeared on two occasions in a body bearing the marks of His crucifixion. During those forty days the faithful Teacher established the faith of His followers in Himself as the glorified Messiah, their Heavenly Bridegroom, Who would later come again and receive them unto Himself and at that time give to them also a similar resurrection "change," that they should be like Him, "see Him as He is" and not as He was, and share His glory—because "flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God" (I Corinthians XV, 50).

"Above the Brightness of the Sun."

St. Paul, the last of the twelve Apostles to be called (to take the place of Judas), needed, as well as the others, to be able to witness to the resurrection of Jesus. Of this He tells us, saying, "He was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve; after that He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; after that He was seen of James; then of all the Apostles; and, last of all, He was seen of me also, as of one prematurely born" (I Corinthians XV, 5-8).

In the ordinary course of events St. Paul would not have seen the Lord until His resurrection, when he himself would come forth as a member of "the Church of the First-born." He therefore describes his view of Jesus on his way to Damascus as being like that of one born before the time. In other words, St. Paul saw the Lord as He is and not as He was. He saw the Lord of glory, and not the man Jesus. The appearance was glorious indeed. In various parts of the Bible angels in their normal condition are pictured as bright-shining ones. Thus one of the

Prophets fell as dead before an angel of the Lord, whose face shone as the sun. Thus John the Revelator, granted a glimpse of the glorified Christ, fell as dead before Him. The effect of this great light above the brightness of the sun upon the eyes of Saul of Tarsus was destructive and a miracle was necessary for their repairment.

Thus the Lord identified Himself in glory with His former self, the man Jesus. These lessons of the Lord should not have gone unheeded. We should not have thought of the glorified Messiah as a man. The effect of the wrong thought has not only been clouded our appreciation of the Savior in glory, but has also confused many respecting His Second Advent. It is safe to say that even yet the majority of those who are expecting the Second Coming of the Son of God and His establishment of His Messianic Throne are looking for Him as a glorified man, forgetting that He sacrificed Himself as a man, and that He took not back that sacrifice, but received exaltation to the more excellent glory than that which He had left to become our Redeemer.

These wrong expectations respecting Messiah's Kingdom have turned the hearts of many in a contrary direction. They have reasoned correctly—that the establishment of an earthly Kingdom, with Christ the King in the flesh and His saints joint-heirs with Him in His Throne, also in the flesh, and with an earthly court—would be a condition of things inferior to the present one and apparently very inadequate for the accomplishment of the great things which the Bible promises Messiah's Kingdom will secure.

The proper thought respecting the resurrection of our Lord and His present glory shows us clearly that His Kingdom, when it shall be established, will, indeed, be a heavenly Kingdom, a spiritual one. From this standpoint only can we see the force of the Apostle's contrast, when he pictures to us how Satan, ambitious and scheming to be the Emperor of the world, took the path of disobedience. He indeed gained his desire and is the "Prince of this world"—over a sorry Empire, in which sin and death reign. On the other hand, the Apostle points to the fact that our Redeemer, loyal to the Heavenly Father to the core, humbled Himself to take the human nature, to be crucified; and that therefore God has exalted Him and will give to Him the Kingdom now usurped by Satan, the Prince of this world.

Satan will be bound for the thousand years of Messiah's reign. The spiritual Prince of darkness will be deposed and the spiritual Prince of Light and Truth, as the Father's honored Agent, will be inaugurated as King of kings and Lord of lords. And "He must reign until He shall have put all enemies under His feet"—the last enemy being death, Adam's death, the death introduced through the deceptive lie of "Satan, who was a murderer from the beginning and abode not in the Truth" (John VIII, 44).

St. Paul, according to the Greek text, institutes a comparison between Satan's course and that of the *Logos* (Philippians II, 6). He there implies that Satan was ambitious and sought to grasp Divine prerogatives, but that the *Logos* "did not meditate a usurpation to be equal with God," but, on the contrary, humbled Himself and made Himself of no reputation. Nevertheless, eventually, in the outworking of the Creator's great Program, the One who humbled Himself will be the Exalted One, and the one who exalted himself will be abased. The Apostle urges the Church to follow the example of Jesus—"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time" (I Peter V, 6).

Church of the First-born.

As the Only-Begotten of the Father was begotten of the Holy Spirit at the time of His consecration, as an embryo New Creature, and as He was born of the Spirit or perfected as a New Creature in His resurrection, so also the Scriptures indicate must be the course along which the Church is to follow Him. None can be born of the Spirit unless first he has been begotten of the Spirit and quickened of the Spirit. It is through this spirit-begetting, quickening and birth that the "elect of God," called during this Age to a change of nature, are made New Creatures—"members of the Anointed One," the Christ, the Messiah, the Mediator between God and the world, under-kings, under-priests, under-judges, in association with their Lord, the Chief Priest and Bridegroom.

In the present life the new nature is merely begun, and, as the Apostle declares, we have it as a treasure in earthen vessels—in earthly bodies. He again declares that all the spirit-begotten ones are in a conflict in which it is required that they shall prove themselves "overcomers." Their special conflict is with their own flesh. The New Creature, the new will, must mortify the deeds of the flesh, the desires of the flesh. It must "fight a good fight" and demonstrate its loyalty to God and the principles of His righteousness. Otherwise it will not be accounted worthy or "meet for the inheritance of the saints in light" (Col I, 12).

The First Resurrection, or Chief Resurrection, is to be that of the Church. It must be completed before the world's resurrection can begin. And concerning this First Resurrection it is stipulated that none can have share in it except the blessed and the holy. And for these a reward is promised, that they shall be priests unto God and shall reign with Christ a thousand years—on the earth, over the earth, as earth's spiritual Empire and Ruling Government, to put down sin and to uplift righteousness.



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THE GERMAN CLUB OF THE PLATTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

Enjoy an Elaborate Affair at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Falter on Third Street.

From Saturday's Daily

The banquet given by the members of the German club last evening at the home of John Falter was a very charming affair and afforded a splendid evening's entertainment to those present. Every effort had been put forth to make the occasion one which would live forever in the memories of those participating in it and was a most fitting close of the evenings the club have enjoyed together during this school term. There were twenty-five present and the affair throughout was ascribed the most enjoyable of its kind held for some time.

A very delicious dinner was faultlessly served in four courses by Misses Marie Donnelly and Madeline Minor, a dinner which consisted of German dishes and which were thoroughly relished by all. As stated in these columns in last evening's issue, the menu was not only written in the German script, but also spelled in the German way.

Following the dinner an impromptu program of toasts was had, these being given in the German language and everything being in the German style and manner. Matthew Herold acted as toastmaster and introduced each of the speakers in a very pleasing manner, each introduction being given in the German language.

Miss Johnston gave a toast to the High school, Rev. Steger, who has been meeting with the club, gave splendid talks on the people, customs and country of Germany, and gave a toast to "America." John Falter gave a toast to the "Girls," and Miss Mildred Cummins to the "Boys." Miss Fern Long to "Germany," and Mr. Reu Frans to the "Teacher."

After the program of toasts had been concluded, the guests repaired to the parlor of the Falter home, where they indulged in a social time. Some German songs were sung, instrumental selections were given and other amusements were participated in, all of which went to make up an evening of considerable enjoyment.

It was in the wee small hours when the company dispersed, regretting very much that this German club would not meet any more, but voting the occasion of last evening a most delightful one.

Express Appreciation.

The Red Men express their highest appreciation to the general public for the liberal patronage enjoyed last evening at the opera house, and to the Commercial club for having the street so splendidly lighted. Many of the bidders entering did not appear in the contest, but the thanks of the order are tendered those who took part and helped to make the contest a success.

Committee.

E. H. Schulhof, piano tuner. Platts, phone 286.

Injured While Playing Ball.

Master George Dovey, son of Comptroller Dovey, met with a serious accident this morning while playing ball on the bar. Several other boys and George were in an interesting game of ball, when the batter knocked a foul which George made an effort to catch, and having his eyes on the ball, ran directly into a barbed wire fence, cutting an ugly wound across his face. He made his way to Dr. Livingston's office, where the wound was dressed, and George was taken home in a hack.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT AND NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Falls From Horse and With Foot Fast in Stirrup Is Dragged, Kicked and Trampled On.

Harold Olson, the 14-year-old son of Oscar Olson, living about two miles southeast of Eagle, was the victim of a serious accident last Saturday night while about to mount his horse to return home from a singing class that had been held at a school house south of his home. Together with a number of other boys, Harold mounted his horse, but accidentally dropped his reins as he did so. While leaning to one side to regain same, the horse took advantage of the opportunity, and giving a sudden start caused Harold to fall from the saddle, his foot catching in the stirrup as he did so.

The boy, in this helpless position, was dragged, kicked and trampled upon by the frightened animal for a considerable length of time, when, by mere chance, his life was saved by the stirrup strap breaking, thus freeing him from further damage from the capers of the horse. The injuries the poor, unfortunate boy received were two broken wrists, three broken ribs, a broken finger, one side of his chest caved in and many minor injuries. Dr. Longacre was called to attend the lad and now has him on the road to recovery.—Eagle Beacon.

Public Spirit.

From Saturday's Daily.

Mr. E. B. Cole and wife of near Murray, accompanied by his brother, drove in from their home this morning and boarded the morning train for the metropolis. Mr. E. B. Cole is the enterprising gentleman who dragged seven miles of public road, beginning a mile east and a mile south of Murray, and extending to the church just south of this city. Mr. Cole's public spirit should be encouraged by other men in the community doing likewise.

Here From Nehawka.

From Saturday's Daily.

F. A. Boedecker, the genial assistant cashier of the Nehawka bank; Edward J. Boedecker and Mrs. A. E. Boedecker, all from Nehawka, were in the city yesterday evening, coming up in the automobile. They came to meet Mr. A. F. Brodecker, who had been in Omaha with some stock.

William Miller arrived from Louisville this forenoon on No. 10 and will visit Plattsburgh friends for a short time.

WARNING TO THE BOYS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

No More Cigarette, Pipe or Cigar Smoking After July 1, 1911.

After the first of next July any boy under the age of 18 years who smokes cigarettes, cigars or a pipe on the street or in public places is liable to arrest and punishment by the courts, says the Lincoln News. This law was passed by the last legislature at the insistence of members of the W. G. T. U., who have pledged themselves to see that it is enforced. It will be interesting to watch the outcome of this latest effort to stop the poisoning of the youths by cigarettes. Hereafter, the difficulty has been to secure proof of violations of the law. The average boy is of the opinion that a "snitch" is about the meanest persons conceivable, and that to tell on the man who supplied them with tobacco places one beyond the pale of boy society. The new law seeks to bring force to bear upon the boy to tell. It makes his use of the cigarette an offense, and the only way open to him to secure immunity, under this law, is to inform on the man who sold to him. Then the punishment falls upon the seller. Not all boys will tell, but a certain proportion will do so. This will have a tendency to make dealers wary, and if they do sell they are open to exposure and punishment. There are men who, because of the profit in the business, will sell to the boys what is practical poison to them, but we opine they will fight shy of the notoriety arrest will bring them under the new law.

Our Time to Kick.

Mr. Editor:

Our attention is called to the fact given publicity in your paper that the Knights and Ladies of Security refused to pay rent due the Commercial club for the use of their hall. We beg to state that whenever we are privileged to use it we pay for the same. For three nights in the first quarter of this year we were locked out, and no janitor or agent could be found to open up; for these nights we refuse to pay. For two nights of the present quarter we have not had the use of the hall. On Monday evening of this week it was taken possession of by the Retail Dealers' association, and we were compelled to hold our meeting across the hall in Mr. Windham's office. Some of the nights that we had the use of the hall in the winter there was no heat, and no janitor service. All we ask is fair treatment from the Commercial club, and we will do our part. It won't require any diplomatic language to fire us over the transom if present conditions continue.

C. H. Smith, President.

Stewart Horse Clippers at \$6.50 and \$9.75. Regular prices were \$7.50 and \$10.75. Only a few left. At John Bauer's.

Miss Nora Battan arrived from her school at Louisville this morning and will spend Sunday with her parents.