

No. 3 The Substance's of Christ's Manhood

Christ in the Likeness of Men

(Christ) was made in the likeness of men; Paul.

The Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ was one of the most important events in Christ's history. Believers should become aware of the part Mary had in Christ's Birth and what part she did not have. We can never join with the Papists and others who embrace Mariology and make her the Mother of God in anyway. Nor can we join with the Jews and others and make her the mother of Christ by ordinary human reproduction.

Mary's part was to make Christ into *a likeness* just as the Potter shapes the clay into a likeness. See my additional work in this series, *The Fourfold Manner of Christ's Birth*, soon to follow, the Lord willing.

Please note that Paul here did not say that Christ was made into a man, but in the likeness of men. Christ was certainly a man, but He was a heavenly man and not of the earthly substance of all other men.

Elohem made our Lord Jesus Christ into the likeness of mankind. However, His substance was only like theirs, but not of theirs. They have fallen and earthly substance. Christ did not and does not. The passage in Hebrews 2 speaks not of our coming out of Adam, but our coming out of God the Father in our essential pure, spiritual being. I will speak to that in another study the Lord willing.

Gen. 1: 26 And God said, Let us make man according to our image and likeness, . . . LXX

Here is the twofold form of man, in both the image and the likeness of Elohem. We can say that many men have created an image in their likeness and be true. In this instance, the Scriptures say that Elohem created an Image of Himself, this Image was in His own likeness.

This does not mean that Christ created Adam and Eve in the same *substance* as He had, but rather in the same *appearance* as He had. Christ's manly substance did not come from the dust and clay of this earth, but from the direct generation of God the Father. Christ has a heavenly substance and Adam and Eve had an earthly substance.

The first Adam was out of this earth. The Second Adam is out of heaven and is therefore the heavenly man.

I Cor. 15:45 **And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit.**

46 Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

47 The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: *the second man is the Lord from heaven.*

48 As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly.

Christ came forth in the appearance or likeness of men. He had a man's body, a man's spirit, a man's mind, and these made up His entire Manhood or soul. He was not lacking in any essential part of manhood. He not only had these four parts as His essential Manhood, but He was in the appearance of man. Therefore, He had all the essential parts of manhood, not just the appearance of manhood.

When we consider Christ properly, we must see in Him, all the essential parts of Manhood, as well as the appearance of Manhood. He was neither a mutant nor a mutilated man lacking in any essential parts.

Paul said that Christ was *made in the likeness of men*. Christ is therefore a *MADE* man. God the Word is not a made or begotten God.

Phil. 2:7 $\epsilon\nu$ \omicron μοιωματι ανηρωπων γενομενος. Now we shall consider Gen. 1:27.

Gen 1:27 και εποιησεν ο θεος τον ανθρωπον κατ εικονα θεου εποιησεν αυτον αρσεν και θηλυ εποιησεν αυτους. LXX.

In Phil. 2:7, Paul said that Christ γενομενος came into existence in the likeness of men. In Genesis 1:27, Moses said that God εποιησεν made man in His likeness.

These are two different Greek terms and they mean almost the same and are often used in an interchangeable way. But, they do not mean totally the same.

In Phil. 2:7, Paul is saying that Christ came into His existence, in His *Incarnate body*, in the likeness of men.