

# Chapter Nine

## **Trinity and Life:**

As you can see, there is a coherent relationship between life and the Trinity. More significant is that the availability of life could only come from one Source. Man traded life for death through disobedience to God. However, God created a way to restore that life by becoming incarnate in the Second person of the Trinity. At one point in time, man was without hope of life, now eternal life is readily available through Jesus Christ because of Calvary's cross. How does the cross of 2000 years ago continue to bring salvation to Man? The answer to that question is the intended focal point of this chapter.

## **The Ascension in Bodily Form:**

To learn of this we want to look at a couple of issues. Each will help expand our understanding of the Trinity. The first matter involves the ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven. For a closer view of this incident, we must turn our attention to one specific verse of Scripture. In this passage, we find that Jesus has scarcely finished relaying the Apostles their final instructions before He ascended into heaven. The Bible gives us a stunning picture of this dramatic event as it unfolded.

- And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight - (Acts 1:9)

## **They Beheld Him Go Up:**

We find something of specific interest within this verse of Scripture. When Jesus ascended into heaven, they beheld Him being taken up, disclosing that He went up in Body, Soul and Spirit. You ask-- why is this important? Simply this: because they watched Him being taken up out of their sight revealed that He had to be in His bodily form. Furthermore, if Jesus had assumed His deified position as God, salvation for humanity

would be invalid. Perhaps we can secure a better grip on this observation by considering the following.

**Dust to Dust:**

In the book of Hebrews we find the following statement:

- And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. - (Hebrews 9:27)

In the book of Genesis, God told Adam and Eve before their banishment from the Garden of Eden:

- In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. - Genesis 3:19)

In view of Hebrews 9:27, we discover that man dies only once. As a Man, Jesus was subject to all the laws pertaining to man indicating He could only die once for our sins. Thus, there could not have been a second chance for the redemption of man.

The second Scripture, Genesis 3:19, takes note that the body of man returns to the dust of the ground, yet the soul of man, as established, goes to the place where destined. Although the body of Jesus was in human form, it did not return to the dust of the ground because it was not created from the dust of the ground. Jesus was born directly from God and could not return to dust. For that reason, as happens with mortal man, His body returned to where it came from—the only difference is His body came from heaven.

**Flesh and Blood Cannot Enter Into Heaven:**

Turning now to another passage of interest, we make this discovery, “Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption” 1 Corinthians 15:50. Notice that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. Also observe here that it does not to say flesh or blood, but flesh and blood.