
The Incarnation

The source of our being, and well-being

This Word, then, the Christ, the cause of both our being at first (for He was in God) and of our well-being, this very Word has now appeared as man, He alone being both, both God and man - the Author of all blessings to us; by whom we, being taught to live well, are sent on our way to life eternal.¹

The Incarnation as manifestation of the Creator-Logos

This is the New Song, the manifestation of the Word that was in the beginning, and before the beginning. The Saviour, who existed before, has in recent days appeared. He, who is in Him that truly is, has appeared; for the Word, who "was with God," and by whom all things were created, has appeared as our Teacher.

The Word, who in the beginning bestowed on us life as Creator when He formed us, taught us to live well when He appeared as our Teacher; that as God He might afterwards conduct us to the life which never ends.

He did not now for the first time pity us for our error; but He pitied us from the first, from the beginning. But now, at His appearance, lost as we already were, He accomplished our salvation.²

The reciprocity of the Incarnation

This is why the Son Himself came to earth, this is why He put on our frail human nature, this is why He willingly endured man's lot, that, having been measured to the weakness of us whom He loved, He might in return measure us to His own power.³

Theosis

And now the Word Himself clearly speaks to you, shaming your unbelief; yes, I say, the Word of God became man, that you may learn from man how man may become God.⁴

¹ *Prot.* 1 (ANF Vol.2, p.173a)

² *Prot.* 1 (ANF Vol.2, p.173a)

³ *QDS* 37 (Loeb, p.347 - altered)

⁴ *Prot.* 1 (ANF Vol.2, p.174a)