Christology

Lecture 10

Issues which fall within the scope of Christology include the Trinity, which deals with the relationship between God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, as well as rebirth, which concerns the relationship between Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and fallen people.

Section 1

The Value of a Person Who Has Realized the Purpose of Creation
First, the relationship between God and a perfected person may be compared to that between the dual characteristics of a person, that is, between mind and body. Just as there is inseparable oneness between the mind and body of a true person centered on God, there is inseparable oneness between God and a true person who together form a four position foundation. In that union, the person experiences the Heart of God as his own reality. Having a fully mature character, such a person is a temple of God, in whom God can dwell continually, and comes to possess a divine nature.
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Relationship of dual characteristics between God and perfected person

Heavenly Father → Perfect

Matt. 5:48

"Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

• Jesus spoke of this state of perfection, saying, "You, therefore, must be perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect." (Matt. 5:48)

Perfect Person: Divine value

Thus, we see that a person who has realized the purpose of creation assumes a divine value, comparable to God.

Purpose for which a human being was created

God's dual characteristics → Only Love

Second, let us consider the value of a human being from the perspective of the purpose for which he was created. Each person is God's substantial object partner who manifests a distinctive aspect of God's dual characteristics.
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Purpose for which a human being was created

God's dual characteristics

Joy

Person

Only Love

Hence, that person is the only one in the entire universe who can stimulate that distinctive aspect of God's nature to bring Him joy.

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Perfect Person: Divine value

Every person who has completed the purpose of creation is thus a unique existence in the cosmos.

Human relationship with the universe

Third, let us consider the value of a human being based on his relationship with the universe. The universe is the substantial unfolding of the dual characteristics of a human being.

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A person who has completed the purpose of creation can govern the entire universe.

With human beings acting as mediators, the spirit and physical worlds enter into a reciprocal relationship.

A person's spirit self encapsulates all elements of the spirit world while his physical self encapsulates all elements of the physical world.
A person who has completed the purpose of creation thus encapsulates all the essences of everything in the cosmos. This is why a human being is called a microcosm of the universe.

For these reasons, a human being has the value of the entire cosmos.
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2.1 Perfected Adam, Jesus and Restoration of the Tree of Life

Tree of life (Gen. 3:24)  Tree of life (Rev. 22:14)

Human history is the history of the providence of restoration. Its goal is the realization of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth when, at the end of history, the tree of life which was lost in the Garden of Eden will be regained.

2.1 Perfected Adam, Jesus and Restoration of the Tree of Life

Tree of life (Gen. 3:24)  Tree of life (Rev. 22:14)

Had Adam fully realized the ideal of creation, he and likewise all of his descendants would have become trees of life mentioned in Genesis.

2.1 Perfected Adam, Jesus and Restoration of the Tree of Life

Tree of life (Gen. 3:24)  Tree of life (Rev. 22:14)

However, Adam's fall frustrated God's will, and ever since, fallen humankind has hoped to be restored as trees of life.
Since a fallen person can never fully restore himself as a tree of life by his own efforts, a man who has completed the ideal of creation must come as the tree of life and engrail all people with himself.

Jesus is the tree of life portrayed in Rev. 22:14.

Adam, had he realized the ideal of perfection symbolized by the tree of life in the Garden of Eden, and Jesus, symbolized by the tree of life in the Book of Revelation, would be identical in the sense of having realized the goal of creation.
2.1 Perfected Adam, Jesus and Restoration of the Tree of Life

- As such, they would have equal value.

2.2 Jesus, Human Beings and Fulfillment of the Purpose of Creation

- A perfect person has the same divine nature as God. He is unique in all the cosmos. Furthermore, he possesses the value of the cosmos.

- There is no greater value than value of a person who has realized the ideal of creation. This is the value of Jesus, who surely attained the highest imaginable value.
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2.2 Jesus, Human Beings and Fulfillment of the Purpose of Creation

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Jesus: Perfect Adam

• Thus, Jesus is a human being who realized the ideal of creation on the individual level.

Who is Jesus?

God
Jesus

• The conventional Christian belief in Jesus’ divinity is well founded because, as a perfect human being, Jesus is totally one with God.

Who is Jesus?

God
Jesus
Perfected People

• To assert that Jesus is none other than a man who has completed the purpose of creation does not degrade the value of Jesus in the least. In fact, the Principle of Creation elevates the true value of all perfected people, who fulfill the purpose of creation, to a level comparable with Jesus.
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Who is Jesus?

1 Timothy 2:5- For there is one God...
...and one mediator between God and men...
...the man Christ Jesus."

- It is written in 1 Tim. 2:5: "For there is one God, and
one mediator between God and men, the man Christ
Jesus."

2.3 Is Jesus God Himself?

John 14:9-10 → He who has seen me has seen the father.

- When Philip asked Jesus to show him God, Jesus said,
"He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you
say, 'Show me the Father?' Do you not believe that I am
in the Father and the Father in me?" (John 14:9-10)
Based on such biblical verses as this, many Christians
have believed that Jesus is God, the Creator.

- Since Jesus is one with God, he may be understood to
be God's second self, but he is not God himself.
Jesus

1. Domination over all things and angels

*Because Jesus came with full value of a true person who has completed the purpose of creation, angels and all things were put in his dominion.*

Jesus

2. No original sin: no Satanic invasion

*Jesus, having no original sin, had no condition in himself for Satan to invade him.*
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**Jesus**

- 4. Experience God's Heart
- 3. Thoroughly understand God's Will
- 2. No original sin: no Satanic invasion
- 1. Domination over all things and angels

• Jesus thoroughly understood the Will and Heart of God.
• He also experienced God's Heart as his own reality in his daily life.

**Fallen Person**

- 1. Looks up to angels and all things

• A fallen person has nothing of the value of a true person who has completed the purpose of creation. Rather, he has fallen to such a low status that he looks up to the angels, who were created to be his subordinates.

**Fallen Person**

- 3. Cannot fathom Will and Heart of God
- 2. With original sin: Satanic attack
- 1. Looks up to angels and all things

• A fallen person with original sin is stained with the condition through which Satan can attack him.
• A fallen person cannot fathom the Will and Heart of God. At most, he can catch only a glimpse of them.
4.1 Rebirth → 4.1.1 Jesus and the Holy Spirit and Their Mission to Give rebirth

Adam and Eve fell and became evil parents, multiplying evil children.

Hence, fallen people must be born anew as children without original sin.
4.1 Rebirth

4.1.1 Jesus and the Holy Spirit and Their Mission to Give rebirth

- Jesus came as the True Father, and the Holy Spirit as the True Mother, in order to give rebirth to fallen people, transforming them into good children thoroughly cleansed of original sin. The Holy Spirit came as the True Mother.

4.1.2 Jesus and the Holy Spirit and the Dual Characteristics of the Logos

- Adam and Eve, the embodied object partners of God in image, were created separately out of the dual characteristics of the Logos.

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4.1.2 Jesus and the Holy Spirit and the Dual Characteristics of the Logos

- Logos is Greek for "rational principle" or "the Word."
- Because they fell, however, this world became an earthly hell.

Therefore, to give rebirth to fallen people, Jesus came as the second Adam and the True Father of humankind.

This being the case, should not there also have come the True Mother of humankind and the second Eve? The one who has come as the True Mother is the Holy Spirit.
When we believe in Jesus as the Savior through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we receive the love of the spiritual True Parents, generated through the give and take between Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Through this love, new life is infused into us, and our spirits are reborn as new selves. This is spiritual rebirth.
4.2 The Trinity

To fulfill the purpose of creation, Jesus and the Holy Spirit must form the four position foundation with God as the center.
*God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit thus become one, and this oneness constitutes the Trinity.

Trinities with God and with Satan

If Adam and Eve had not fallen, but had formed this trinity with God and become the True Parents who could multiply good children,...
...their descendants would have also become good husbands and wives with God as the center of their lives.

Trinities with God and with Satan

Each couple would thus have formed a trinity with God.
Instead, when Adam and Eve fell, they formed a four position foundation with Satan and their center; in other words, they formed a fallen trinity with Satan.

Jesus and the Holy Spirit in oneness with God could form only a spiritual trinity. They could fulfill only the mission of spiritual True Parents.

Christ must return in the flesh and find his Bride. They will form on the earth a perfect trinity with God and become True Parents both spiritually and physically.
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Spiritual and perfect trinities

They will give fallen people rebirth both spiritually and physically, removing their original sin and enabling them to build trinities on earth with God as the center.

Luke 6:38 - "Give, and it will be given to you... for the measure you give will be the measure you receive."

Qur'an - "Surely the likeness of Jesus, in the sight of God, is as Adam's likeness."

The Bridegroom's Path

Hebrews 4:15
For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.