

“BECOMING GOD” Part 2
SELECTED SCRIPTURES

I. THE FIRST ONE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

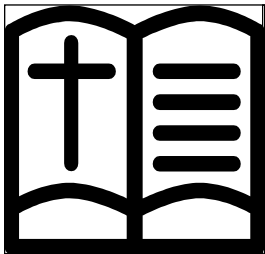
- A. *Made like God, but created; he cannot be of the same essence but he shares the attributes of God that God is willing to share; they are partakers of the divine nature*
- B. *His role is to act as the ambassador of God representing Him in the acts of dominion, provision, care, and cooperation with all things on earth*
- C. *He and his wife are the first model but they are not the pattern; the Christ is the pattern; by blessing, other models will follow in their image*
- D. *They are given enough freedom to make choices within the sovereign field God has designed for them*
- E. *They failed the test*

II. THE LIE - YOU CAN BE EQUAL WITH GOD

You can act independently of God and be as great as He is in your own dominion. You do not need God to have all you want and to live free. You can be god.

III. THE MEANS - SELF-EFFORT APART FROM GOD

- A. *Chemically - modify your perception*
- B. *Through genetic modification - modify your person*
- C. *Through technology - modify your surroundings*
- D. *By giving personality to the inorganic; sharing power of the “gods”; entering the spirit world illegally - gain supernatural power*



IV. THE TRUTH

- A. *God is not finished with the world He created, though ruined by rebellion and sin in the two realms of the kingdom of God*
- B. *He foretold through the ages of His coming Messiah that would deliver the whole cosmos in His time*
- C. *His Messiah would redeem the cosmos from its ruin and give it a whole new creation with a new order of beings to populate it and sustain it. His Messiah is Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and Lord of all*
- D. *He would restore people to their proper role as Sons of God, partakers of the divine nature, through a total union with Jesus, God in the flesh*
- E. *He would restore the whole cosmos and bring it into peace with God, living in the peace of God; men would rule in their proper role as lords of the earth*

V. THE MEANS - FAITH ALONE!

- A. *The new birth: humble faith in Jesus as the only Messiah and the only way to Life*
- B. *The life of the cross; rejection of the former way of personal sovereignty replacing it with...*
- C. *...the life of the resurrection; reception and sustaining the new life and identity with humble, faith-filled obedience to the Christ*
- D. *Abiding in Christ with His word abiding in you fully*
- E. *Walking in the Spirit*
 - 1. *Being led by the Spirit in doing good*
 - 2. *Using your spiritual gift... often!*
 - 3. *Putting discipline into your life: prayer, study...*