

For Meditation and Self-Reflection

Colossians 1:16: *“For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.”*

1 Timothy 2:4: *“This is good and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”*

Acts: 28-29: *“For in him we live and move and have our being. As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’ Therefore, since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill.”*

God is omniscient and is able to see us not only as we are, but also as what we will become. God is also omnipotent and fully capable of molding each of us into the image of Jesus Christ. It is God’s desire that we all be “saved” or “made like Christ,” and God is fully capable of achieving that end.

You could make a good case from the Bible that Jesus Christ is unique, in the sense that only He was directly “begotten” or “birthed” by God the Father. Not only is Jesus a child of God, but He is also “fully” God, in the sense that He emanated from God and was created from “God parts” or “Spirit.” Both Jesus and God the Father are made of the same “stuff,” which is “Spirit.” Both are spiritual, divine beings.

So how can mortal human beings, such as ourselves, also be God’s children, as Jesus taught? The answer is simple, we were all birthed by the Spirit of Christ, who is fully God. At the core of our being we are spiritual entities, made of Christ (or God) parts. We all have a divine, or spiritual, nature.

The Apostle Paul taught that we actually have two natures, a divine inner nature and a fleshly physical nature (see Romans 7). Most of us, during our earthly sojourn, do not very closely resemble Christ, but we all have the potential to become like Him.

No matter how sinful and weak you might view yourself to be, you can take comfort in knowing that you are made of “God parts” and are loved completely and unconditionally by God, who is in the process of molding you into the perfect image of Christ.