

# H Y M N S

## Concerning the Spirit of Jesus

- 1 The Spirit of God today  
The Spirit of Jesus is,  
The God-man who died and rose,  
Ascending to glory His.
- 2 'Tis from such a Jesus came  
The Spirit of Jesus to us,  
To make His reality  
Experience unto us.
- 3 The Spirit of Jesus has  
All elements human, divine,  
The living of man in Him  
And glory of God combine.
4. The suff'ring of human life,  
Effectiveness of His death,  
His rising and reigning too  
Are all in the Spirit's breath.
- 5 With all these components true  
His Spirit in us doth move,  
And by His anointing full  
The riches of Christ we prove.
- 6 This Spirit of Jesus doth  
Encompass both great and small;  
Inclusively He doth work  
In us, making God our all.

**T**he Spirit of God today has become the Spirit of Jesus. To the casual reader of this hymn, written by Witness Lee, such a statement may be passed over without apprehending its profound significance. But the Spirit of God becoming the Spirit of Jesus indicates that something has been added to the Spirit. He is no longer just the Spirit of God; He has become the Spirit of Jesus. The Holy Spirit is the general title given to the Spirit of God in the New Testament. The Spirit of Jesus, however, is "the God-man who died and rose," having all the elements of His person, including His glory, now constituted into the Spirit of God.

The purpose of the Spirit becoming the Spirit of Jesus is revealed in stanza 2. The Spirit of Jesus has come to us who believe in order that His reality may become experience to us. While the Spirit of God was only divine, He could not bring God to us. Now, however, as the Spirit of Jesus, He is God in the Son as the Spirit reaching man, bringing us the experience of everything the Savior is and has accomplished. Jesus is not only the One who lived a historical life

two thousand years ago, nor is He only the risen Savior seated in the heavens and waiting to come again; He is the pneumatic Christ, presently indwelling the believers to be their life and everything. Stanzas 3 and 4 present the details of what the Spirit of Jesus is for our experience.

**T**his Spirit contains all the elements of both the human and the divine life, including the uplifted human living of the Lord Jesus and the glory of God. This Spirit also contains the sufferings of Jesus' human life and the effectiveness of His death. Thus Paul could speak of knowing Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death (Phil. 3:10). All this is available in the all-inclusive Spirit of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and because the Spirit of God has become the Spirit of Jesus, His life can be reproduced in and experienced by us.

The final two stanzas express how the Spirit of Jesus, moving in the believers as the anointing, is the key to unlock all of the riches of Christ that they may be enjoyed and displayed in us. Stanza 5 of the hymn says, "With all these components true [that is, with all the elements of Jesus' humanity and human experiences which have been added to the Spirit of God as the Spirit of Jesus] / His Spirit in us doth move." The Spirit moves in us by His anointing, the continual moving of the Spirit in our human spirit to saturate our being with the riches of Christ so that "by His anointing full / The riches of Christ we prove."

"This Spirit of Jesus doth / Encompass both great and small." From the grandest steps in His process to the finest details of His obtainments and attainments, He works "inclusively" in the believers to constitute them with these divine riches, thus "making God our all." When we see such a revelation of the Spirit of Jesus, we begin to experience what it means to be "strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man, that Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith" (Eph. 3:16-17). Then through this Spirit of the indwelling Christ, we may become "full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are and to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God" (vv. 18-19). Through the Spirit of Jesus, God becomes our all, and we become His expression for the fulfillment of His eternal purpose.

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