

## Fall and Incarnation

*John 1:10-14; Genesis 2 – 3*

*He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:10-14, NASB)*

Father, Son, and Spirit gifted the humans with the freedom  
to will and speak and breathe,  
to live and create and rule.

They shared with the human beings the right to  
think and choose.

A Rebel, a Liar, a Hater, a Destroyer,  
a created being who had turned his own gift of choice  
entirely toward himself,  
seduced the humans into doing the same.

They chose  
their own will,  
their own wisdom,  
their own sovereignty instead of the Father and Son.

They chose  
darkness instead of light,  
shame instead of glory,  
a curse instead of blessing,  
grief instead of joy,  
death instead of life.

But the love of the One Being was  
still full and overflowing,  
still giving and longing for the creature He had made.

Instead of abandoning the humans,  
He drew still closer to them.

From His unquenchable love,  
the One Being came to them.

He didn't send them a messenger:  
He came Himself.

He didn't just speak to them.

He joined Himself to them.

He became one *with* them.

He became one *of* them.

When the time was right,  
the Father willed, and  
the Spirit breathed, and  
and the Word became flesh.

Heaven and earth,  
holy and human,  
creature and Creator  
were again One.

**Hymn: [Before the Starry Universe](#)**

*We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
one in Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he was born of the Virgin Mary, and  
became man.*

*--The Nicene Creed*