12/08/21

AMCL THURSDAY Lecture 4

# Introduction

God’s Choice of Jesus confronts the choosing Self with the promise of a new way living with His Him, the body of Christ

## The Share in the Reality of the World

### The world that has been created for the Son

#### Divine Life in Creaturely Form

### The world already reconciled in the Son

#### Divine Life as promise

# he is the Beginning

‘He is also the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning,the firstborn from the dead, so that He might come to have first place in everything.’ Col.1:18

## Vindicated

### A Transcendent Reign for the ‘King of the Jews’

#### ‘God has resurrected this Jesus. We are all witnesses of this. Therefore, since He has been exalted to the right hand of God and has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit, He has poured out what you both see and hear.’ (Acts 2:32&33)

### The faith of the Messiah vindicated

#### ‘not abandoned to Hades…your holy one will not see decay’ (Ps.16)

#### ‘I will be Messiah Jesus…’

#### Seated above the Satan not knelling before…

### Made or Revealed as Lord?

#### For Peter, after saying, ‘He hath made Lord and Christ,’ straightway added, ‘this Jesus whom ye crucified;’ which makes it plain to any one…that not the Essence of the Word, but He according to His manhood is said to have been made. (CA.II.XV.12 - Schaff)

## Lordship in the Spirit

### A Fourth Century problem…

#### The Father does all things through the Word in the Holy Spirit… It is not a Trinity in name alone and in linguistic expression, but in truth and actual existence. For just as the Father is ‘He Who Is,’ [Ex.3:4] so too is his Word “He Who Is” and God over all [Rom.9:5]. And the Holy Spirit is not without existence but exists and subsists truly.[[1]](#footnote-1)

#### ‘The Spirit is said to be, and is, the image of the Son.’[[2]](#footnote-2)

### The Perfecting work of the Spirit

#### The Spirit in Creation

#### The Spirit in Anticipation

#### The Two Hands of God

##### Irenaeus – Adv. Her. Bk.V.6.1

# He is the Head of the Body

The share in the reality of the world, already reconciled comes to the Choosing Self in the form of the Church.

## The Body Constituted in the Spirit

### ‘Jews from every nation…’

### ‘Samaria had accepted the word…and they received the Holy Spirit.’

### ‘The gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles.’

## The Spirit and the People of Promise

### The purpose was that the blessing of Abraham would come to the Gentiles by Christ Jesus, so that we could receive the promised **Spirit** through faith’ (Gal. 3:14)

### ‘I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my people..’ *(*Lev. 26:12)

## The Choosing Society

### A system of free exchange

### Society, Community and the Fascist State.

### Fashions, consumerism and *Everydaynes*

#### “In its inconspicuousness and unascertainability, the real dictatorship of the They is unfolded. We take pleasure and enjoy ourselves as they take pleasure; we read, see and judge about literature and art as they see and judge; we find shocking what they find shocking. The ‘they,’ which all are, prescribes the kind of being or our everydayness.”[[3]](#footnote-3)

## The Spirit Perfects Testimony

### The Last days for testimony to Christ

#### ‘In the last days, says God, I will pour out My Spirit on all humanity; then your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.’

##### Like Sinai, Pentecost is a divine speaking event.

### Preserving Testimony

#### “Within such a [tradition constituted] community authority will have been conferred upon certain texts and certain voices….”[[4]](#footnote-4)

### Envy & the Body

#### ‘For as the body is one and has many parts —so also is Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body….’ (1Cor.12:12-13)

#### The Spirit and Belonging

#### The Spirit and Exclusion

#### Genuine Unity & Concrete Diversity

##### **‘In all life, and especially in the life of the church, eschatological reserve should be the hallmark of thought and action: a recollection of the limits of our possibilities, given at once both human finitude and the sin that continues to hold back even, sometimes especially, those who are on the way to final redemption.’[[5]](#footnote-5)**

### Joining Flesh & Creating Bodies

#### Husbands & Wives

#### Parents & Children

# Conclusion

Athanasius. *Letters to Serapion on the Holy Spirit*. Translated by Mark Del Cogliano, Andrew Radde-Gallwitz, and Lewis Ayres. Popular Patristics. New York: St Vladimir’s Seminary Press, 2011.

Heidegger, Martin. *Being and Time*. Translated by Joan Stambaugh. edited by Denis J. Schmidt. Albany: SUNY Press, 1996. Originally published as Max Niemeyer Verlag, Tübingen, 1953.

MacIntyre, Alasdair. *Whose Justice? Which Rationality?* Notre Dame, Indiana: U Notre Dame Press, 1988.

1. Athanasius, *Letters to Serapion on the Holy Spirit*, trans. Mark Del Cogliano, Andrew Radde-Gallwitz, and Lewis Ayres, *Popular Patristics* (New York: St Vladimir’s Seminary Press, 2011), 1.28.3. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Ibid., 1.24. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Martin Heidegger, *Being and Time*, trans. Joan Stambaugh (Albany: SUNY Press, 1996). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Alasdair MacIntyre, *Whose Justice? Which Rationality?* (Notre Dame, Indiana: U Notre Dame Press, 1988), 354. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Colin Gunton, ‘ “Until He Comes”: Towards an Eschatology of Church Membership’, International Journal of Systematic Theology 3.2 (2001), p. 192. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)