

Christ's humanity occasions our divinity

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What's the gospel in seven words? We asked theologians, pastors and others both to answer this question and to expand on this in a few sentences. To see all the responses together as they're posted, bookmark [this page](#). Add your own version [here](#). --Ed.

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According to both Irenaus and Athanasios, God became like us so that we might become like God. Clement observes that through obedience one "becomes a god while still walking in the flesh." Cyril avers that as we are called "temples of God and even gods, so we are." Gregory Naziansus admonishes us: "Become gods for His sake." The consensus of the church fathers and mothers is that the purpose of Christ's coming is to endow us with life, divine life, endlessly becoming. Good journey!