

# Hydroelectric Power Plant Illustration

I don't know if any of us here this morning has ever visited a hydroelectric power plant or dam. If you have, you would have learnt that the electricity that is manufactured or generated daily from that hydroelectric power plant or dam consists of thousands and thousands of volts of electrical power.

Our homes, our domestic appliances, our office equipment, and our electronic devices operate on only 110 or 220 or 240 volts of electrical power. This is why even a small power surge of 300 volts can damage our appliances and equipment. So, how then do we get the thousands of volts of electrical power generated from a hydroelectric power plant or dam into our homes and into domestic appliances without destroying them?

The solution is actually quite simple. The thousands of volts of electrical power from the power plants and dams are transmitted through large electrical cables into small electrical buildings placed in strategic locations in our towns and cities. These small electrical buildings contain equipment that are called Step-Down Transformers.

These Step-Down Transformers step down, that is, they reduce, and transform the thousands of volts of electrical power from the power plants to the level of the 110 or 220 or 240 volts that our domestic appliances and electronic equipment need to operate, and it is this stepped down electrical power that is then transmitted into our homes and offices.

In exactly this same way, God, wanting to place His infinite divine life into finite created human beings like you and I, stepped down His divine life to our human level through the normal everyday human life that Christ lived here in our world.

When we place our faith in what Christ did on the cross for us, we receive God's forgiveness of our sins, and God the Holy Spirit spiritually transmits into us the divine life of God that was stepped down to our human level through the everyday life that Christ lived in our world, so that we are empowered to live our Christian lives in the strength, and in the righteousness, of Christ Jesus.

This is why Christ Jesus said in John 14:20 that after His work on the cross, He will be in us, and we will be in Him. This is also why Paul wrote in Galatians 2:20 that the life that he lived was not him living at all, but rather it was Christ living in him.

The Christian life, in other words, is Christ living His everyday life in and through our own everyday *Christ-ian* lives.

I hope this imperfect illustration summarizes in some way for you, the *reality*, the *reasons*, and the *results* of the everyday life that Christ lived here in our world two thousand years ago to make the gospel a livable experience for us.