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The Emancipation of All Humanity

We're sometimes asked "are you sure that everyone is included in Jesus? I thought only those who believe in Jesus are included in his life with the Father." So we find it helpful to print quotes from theologians throughout history who have spoken of how Jesus is the inclusion of humanity in the life of the Trinity. In this quote Athanasius of Alexandria describes how the incarnation of the Word as the man Jesus means the emancipation of all humanity:

God being good and Father of the Lord, in pity, and desiring to be known by all, makes His own Son put on Him a human body and become man, and be called Jesus, that in this body offering Himself for all, He might deliver all from false worship and corruption, and might Himself become of all Lord and King. . . the Father in making Him man (for to be made belongs to man), did not simply make Him man, but has made Him in order to His being Lord of all people, and to His hallowing all through the Anointing. For though the Word existing in the form of God took a servant's form, yet the assumption of the flesh did not make a servant of the Word, who was by nature Lord; but rather, not only was it that emancipation of all humanity which takes place by the Word, but that very Word who was by nature Lord, and was then made man, hath by means of a servant's form been made Lord of all and Christ, that is, in order to hallow all by the Spirit. ~ *Against the Arians*, Discourse II, 15.14.