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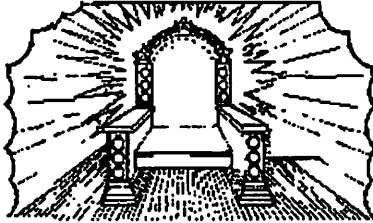
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## PREFACE

This course is a study in the Book of the Colossians, for the purpose of exploring the Shikinah glory of Almighty God, giving the Eternal Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, the pre-eminent place in our Christian walk. The Author of Colossians, God the Holy Spirit, used Paul the Apostle to not only correct the local church of their errors in legalism and mysticism, but to establish the importance of the Word of God as the criteria and mode of life for the Christians. There will be many references to the other Epistles, confirming what was written to the church of Colosse. This local church was faithful in fruit bearing for the Lord, ever since the Gospel first came to them. But error was found within the assembly, which had to be dealt with, not only for the immediate church but for all of the churches down through this church age of grace. Paul was given this authority to write, being led by the Holy Spirit. "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God." Col.1:1. Our emphasis will not be upon the historical background, but rather upon the established truth in the Bible. We face a similar skeptic and mystic approach today with the various cults and religious groups, which try to delve into spiritism, avoiding the truth of God's Word. What seemed to be leading such into a religious life, was actually depriving them of the abundant life in Christ Jesus.

God the Holy Spirit, through Paul is giving warning, not only to the church in Colosse but to all of us in every age. Knowledge without discernment is always dangerous in any realm, and especially in the things of God. Wistful thinkers like to speculate and attempt new patterns of thought, apart from the Spirit of God. May the Word of God give us the safe guard against such. "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but test the spirits whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world. By this know ye the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God. And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God; and this is that spirit of antichrist, of which ye have heard that it should come, and even now already is in the world." 1 Jn.4:1-3. As we study the Book of Colossians, our main emphasis will be to glorify God in all of His fullness. "But these things are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name." Jn.20:31.

The Holy Spirit gives us ample warning of these various teachings, where the religious groups or cults use familiar terminology but subtly bring in heresies or just part truths. For many years we have been confronted with a "Hyper-Dispensationalism", and right now we are being faced with "Progressive - Dispensationalism", which cannot be clearly defined at this present time. But, be aware of these changes. "Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshiping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind." Col.2:18. This heresy being taught to the young Colossian church developed into a human thought pattern called,

"Gnosticism. So now there are those theologians who are working on the development of a progressive establishment of the kingdom, which could be similar to a partial return of "Post-millennialism" "Beloved, believe not every spirit. but test the spirits whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

It is always good to remind oneself of 2 Timothy 2:15. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." There are important rules and regulations in which we have, in studying God's Word. May I just list these for your admonition.

- 1. Knowing the author of the Bible with all of His characteristics and personality as found in the Bible.**
- 2. Keeping the interpretation of God's Word in context and applying it to the designated recipients.**
- 3. There are many applications to the Word of God, but one interpretation.**
- 4. Know the over all plan of God for all ages, so the Bible can be rightly divided.**
- 5. Recognize dispensational truth, but discover that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. (Heb.9:22.)**
- 6. Differentiate between Israel and the church. (Rom.9 & Rom.11.)**
- 7. God is calling out a bride for Christ during this age of grace, with a special out pouring of the Holy Spirit from Pentecost until the Rapture. (Joel 2:28; Acts.2:1-4; Jn.14:16-17;)**
- 8. The Old Testament saints had their sins covered, until Christ Died on the cross, with the removal of their sins. New Testament saints immediately have their sins removed, because of the perfect sacrifice of the Eternal and Incarnate Son of God. Lev.1-7; John 3:15-18; Jn.5:24; Rom.3:21-26; Rom.8:1-4; Eph.3:1-5; Eph.2:4-10.)**
- 9. God is gathering together, during this age of grace a specific body of Christ, born immediately of the Holy Spirit, in preparations as the bride of Christ. This began at Pentecost and will close with the Rapture of the saints. This is of great importance as we consider Israel and the church, during this age of grace.(Jn.14:16-17; Jn.3:5-8; 1 Cor.12:13; Acts 2:1-4; 1 Thess.4:13-18.**

10. **Bear in mind that Old Testament saints are in two divisions, (1) Those before the nation Israel, (2) Those of the nation Israel through whom the Messianic hope was preserved. Enoch a good example of those before Israel became a nation, through the lineage of Shem and confirmed with Abraham.. (Gen.5:21-24; Jude 14-15.) Gen.12-17:19.**
  
11. **The New Testament Saints are divided as follows. (1) From Pentecost until the Rapture takes place. (Acts.2:1-4; 1 Thess. 4:13-18.) (2) The Tribulation saints, including the 144,000 missionaries from among the Jews, and those who received their message, (Rev. 7:1-17; Rev.14:1-7. During the tribulation, there will be God's special messengers, Moses and Elijah who will also witness for three and one half years. (Rev.11:1-12;) Then the special angel of God with the everlasting Gospel. (Rev.14:6-7.) (3) The kingdom Saints, described by Christ as "sheep" (Matt.25:31-40.) There will be those who will flee to the hills during the onslaught of Satan, and be protected during the tribulation in a place of refuge, prepared by God. (Matt.24:15-26; Rev.12:13-17.) These will enter into the kingdom of righteousness, when Christ returns with the saints of all previous ages. There will also be others who will survive the tribulation, who haven't taken the mark of the beast. There will also be those born during the kingdom age who will be among the kingdom saints. Then there will be the tribulation saints who were slain because they would not take the mark of the beast. Rev.20:4-6**

May the Lord , through the Holy Spirit, guide you and teach you His precious and living Word, as you study the principles laid down in this textbook. As Paul wrote to Timothy, being led by the Holy Spirit may I commend the Epistles unto you for your admonition in the Word of God. "These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly; But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the nations, believed on in the world, received up into glory." 1 Tim.3:14-16. May the glory of God be manifested in each of our lives, giving Christ the pre-eminent place in our every thought, word and deed.

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## FORWARD

I have asked a precious brother in Christ to write the forward of this textbook, whom I learned to love through our rich Christian fellowship, while at Dallas Theological Seminary. We have had the privilege of traveling through Texas during Christmas vacation together, singing in a quartet and proclaiming the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. God has used him greatly through radio preaching, Bible classes and other ministries for the Lord. May I introduce to you, my dear brother in the Lord, Joe MacNamee of San Antonio, Texas.

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I was saved in 1932 and the next year I found myself in the Dallas Theological Seminary with a group of godly loving and aggressive young men. The following year a quintet toured South Texas, singing and preaching the Word, in several Texan styled churches, during the Christmas holidays. Upon graduation from the Dallas Theological Seminary, two of those young men went to the mission field. Andy Losier to Africa and Fred Frewing to South America. As for me, the Lord opened the door for a radio program in San Antonio, Texas. It so happened in the providence of God, when I was saved in 1932, that I made one resolution, "Read the Bible through in a year". The Dear Lord helped me keep this resolution, and through this reading, I found more texts than I could preach on in ten years. Spiritually, I grew stronger in that year than any time since. Because of the blessings in reading the Bible through in that year, I renew that resolution each year.

Reading through Colossians I find myself quoting particular verses quite frequently, such as, "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son; In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins; Who is the image of the invisible God, the first - born of all creation; For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers - all things were created by him, and for him; And he is before all things, and by him all things consist." Col.1:13-17. With such statements, we see the great doctrines of the Deity of Christ, His pre - eminence, the completeness of our salvation, and our very life is found in him. Epaphras had taught them well, but they were warned by the Holy Spirit, to watch out for those who want to put some philosophy and asceticism in with the pure gospel.

Paul's prison helpers as recorded in Colossians chapter 4 , deserve a comparison with David's mighty men, as we read in 2 Samuel chapter 23:8-39. I admonish those reading this Biblical textbook and others of Dr. Losier's, to read the Bible through each year as a great help in finding the treasures from God's precious word.

Brother Joe Mac Namee

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# **CHAPTER ONE**

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### THE PRE-EMINENT GLORY OF CHRIST

#### INTRODUCTION

When the Eternal Son of God entered this world as the Incarnate One, He came submissive to the will of the Father and obedient unto the Holy Spirit. The supreme glory of God was hidden, demanding faith from those whom the Father gave to Him. In our day and age, we have both the past records to depend upon as well as the out pouring of the Holy Spirit. The epistle gives us the Eternal Son of God as the one in whom all pre-eminence should be given in order to enjoy the abundant Christian life. This abundant life in Christ Jesus is based upon God's marvelous grace toward us, through His Eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. We therefore do not hope to attain favor before God by our own works, but through the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. This should established a peace within every believer, giving him confidence and stability in serving the Lord. "Grace be unto you, and peace, from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ." Col. 1:2b.

God the Holy Spirit gave us a wonderful description of our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God in having the Book of Colossians written by Paul. Opinions of the Lord Jesus Christ must give way to such a description as we have recorded in Colossians 1:15-23. Paul was given this privilege to receive such a declaration, being appointed as an "Apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God." God the Holy Spirit is exalting the second person of the Trinity, by declaring Him as the image of the invisible God. Paul's introduction is marvelous in it's scope. Let us just list these various truths which are especially found in the first chapter of Colossians, with a brief explanation.

#### 1. "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God."

Paul, becoming an apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ was by the will of God and was not a self imposed position. It also was not a man given appointment, but of God. "Paul, an apostle (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead)" Gal. 1:1. Paul had to defend his appointment as an apostle before the counsel in Jerusalem. "For do I now seek the favor of men, or of God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by revelation of Jesus Christ." Gal. 1:10-12. Paul spent time in Arabia after his conversion and then returned to Damascus before he met with the disciples. (Gal. 1:15-18.) The Lord Jesus Christ, whom Paul beheld on the way to Damascus became Paul's teacher. God had a specific work for Paul to do, being led by the Holy Spirit. Paul was well prepared for his

high calling as an apostle as well as for the establishing of the early church. He had one of the finest theological educations at the feet of Gamaliel. "I am verily a man who is a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day." Acts 22:3. He declared himself a fellow saint with Timothy. "Paul an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy, our brother, to the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are at Colos'se: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ." Col.1:1-2.

## **2. Grace and peace comes from our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

There is no possibility of merit before God the Father, but by grace, and that is only available in and through the Lord Jesus Christ. Worldly religions try to discover another way of gaining merit and favor after death, but all is in vain. Mankind is totally depraved apart from God and all of our own righteousnesses are counted by God as filthy rags. (Isa.64:6.) There is nothing that we can do or give that will satisfy Almighty God, and that is why our acceptance before God the Father must come by the marvelous grace of our loving Lord. Having been accepted by the Father through the merits of the Eternal Son of God, then we can enjoy the peace of God which passes all knowledge. What possibly could we offer to God who is the Creator of all, including our very being.

## **3. "Giving thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ"**

The Triune God cannot be separated, for they are in perfect unity with equal status. So often we fail to offer thanks to God, being bogged down with our requests. God the Father is invisible, but always ready to listen to our prayers, as they are made through and in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." Jn.14:13-14. Having been created by God, we also are subject to God in all things. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God." Phil.4:6.

## **4. "Praying always for you"**

It is a joy and privilege to pray for those of "The Household of Faith", especially those who are in sweet fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ. The Divine love which is manifested in us, through the fruit of the Spirit, combines the saints together with a hope which we have in heaven, secured and sealed by the Holy Spirit. These saints had been taught by Epaphras, who was a faithful minister of Christ. (Col.1:7.) Teaching one another in the most holy faith is very essential in our Christian life.

## **5. The Apostle Paul's prayer for the Saints. (Col. 1:9-14.)**

Paul was never too busy to pray continually for the fellow believer. He was aware of the great need that all believers had to "be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;" Paul had a heart of love for the brethren, with a great desire to establish the saints in the most holy faith. He cared nothing about his bondage and prison sentences but his one concern was to glorify the Lord and establish the saints in the Word of God. He knew that whatever circumstances that he found himself in, all was for the furthering of the Gospel. He spent days and nights in prayer and please note what his desire was.

**Walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing.**

**Be fruitful in every good work.**

**Continual increase in the knowledge of God.**

**Strengthened in the power of God.**

**Practice patience and take the continual suffering joyfully.**

**Give God the Father sufficient thanks, for such a rich inheritance.**

**Thankful for being delivered from the power of darkness.**

**Made partakers of the kingdom of His dear Son.**

**Being redeemed through Christ's blood, the remission of our sins.**

With all of the suffering that Paul went through,(2 Cor.11:16-33.), he still had a desire to pray for others. He met the Lord Jesus Christ, and that made the difference. (2 Cor.12:1-10.) The contrast in Paul's life before his conversion and after his conversion is a complete turn about, because the Lord met him face to face by the Divine and sovereign grace. As he was zealous in opposition to Christianity, so he became extremely zealous for the furthering of the Gospel.

## **THE PRE-EMINENT GLORY OF CHRIST**

There never was a time when The Lord Jesus Christ came into existence, for He is the Creator of all things as the second person in the Trinity. "All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made." Jn.1:3. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are united in all things and have always existed as the Triune God. Their characteristics are the

same, but have agreed upon certain activities of revelation as they associate with their creation. Christ is given the pre-eminent place in the plan of the Triune God. Christ being the very image of God the Father becomes our all in all throughout eternity. "Who is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers - all things were created by Him, and for Him; And He is the head of the body, the church; who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in all things He might have the pre-eminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him should all the fullness dwell." Col.1:15-19. Here are some important factors concerning the Lord Jesus Christ, which we briefly mention as to our Savior's character. The Lord never had a beginning but always existed, and never will have an ending. As Creator of all things, He could not be created.

#### **A. THE ETERNAL EXISTENCE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST**

May we be reminded that the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ was not something that was attached to Him, during any particular time period, but was His from eternity past, being co-equal with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. May we remind you that Christ, being the Creator of heaven and earth, and is the exact image of the Invisible God the Father, could in no way have been created. May we examine just some of the characteristics of the Lord Jesus Christ, Throughout the New Testament, you will not find a more complete description of the Glory of God in Christ Jesus our Lord, than in the Book of Colossians.

- 1. Christ is the exact image of God the Father. (Col.1:15.)**
- 2. His incarnation is the first born of all creation. (Col.1:15.)**
- 3. Christ the Creator of all things. (Col.1:16; Jn.1:3.)**
- 4. All creation, thrones, dominions, principalities and powers were all created for the glory of Christ. (Col.1:16.)**
- 5. Christ always existed and all things consist by him. (Col.1:17.)**
- 6. Christ is the cornerstone and head of the body, which is known as the church. (Col.1:18; Eph.2:20.)**
- 7. Christ being the resurrection and the life, layed down His life and took it again, being the first-born from the dead. (Col.1:18.)**

8. **Christ has the pre-eminence over all things. (Col.1:18.)**
9. **God the Father has fully approved that His Son should have all the fullness of creation. (Col.1:19.)**
10. **Reconciling all things unto Himself, by the blood which was shed upon the cross. (Col.1:20.)**
19. **The saints have been accepted holy and blameless, not to be reproved in His sight. (Col.1:21-23.)**

We as sinners, saved by grace, should rejoice that we have been called into this marvelous eternal life, chosen by the Lord to be the bride of Christ. We as members of the body of Christ, we have not just been given the forgiveness from our sins, but adopted into the Royal family of God, and have become joint heirs with Christ. "Having predestinated us unto the adoption of sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will. To the praise of the glory of His grace, through which He hath made us accepted in the Beloved." Eph.1:5-6. "The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God; And if children, then heirs - heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ - if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together." Rom.8:16-17. With all of the glory of the Son of God, we too shall share in that eternal praise and glory. "And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages hath been hidden in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ, to the intent that now, unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places, might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus, our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence by faith of Him." Eph.3:9-12.

The eternal existence of the Lord Jesus Christ is clearly set forth, not only in the Book of Colossians, but through out the Bible. Let us just list some of these important references.

1. **Before Abraham was, "I Am". (Jn.8:58.)**
2. **The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Word. (Jn.1:1-2.)**
3. **The Lord as Creator of all things could not be created, but had always existed with the Father. (Jn.1:3.)**
4. **Christ is the source of life. (Jn.1:4; Jn.10:28.)**
5. **Christ and God the Father are one. (Jn.10:30.)**

6. **Christ being the very God is to be worshipped. (Heb.1:6.)**
7. **Christ has an eternal throne. (Heb.1:8.)**
8. **Christ laid the foundations of the earth and created the heavens. (Heb.1:10.)**
9. **Christ is the "Alpha and Omeg'a", the beginning and the ending. (Rev. 21:6.)**
10. **He is called, Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isa.9:6b.**

The Eternal Son of God is thoroughly dealt with in my latest textbook, entitled, "**Christ The Eternal Son of God**". The Lord Jesus Christ neither had a beginning or will He ever have an ending. The exceptionally clear example of this is found in the king and priestly life of Melchizedek of the Old Testament. Note what the Lord has recorded in the Bible. "For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being, by interpretation, King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like unto the Son of God, abideth a priest continually." Heb.7:1-3. This can be none other than the Lord Jesus Christ of the Old Testament. Christ's entrance into this world came through the virgin birth, not as the start of His beginning, but rather as merely an entrance into this world as the Incarnate One. Christ never had a birthday, for He always existed and always will exist as the Eternal Son of God. To be the express image of God the Father, He had to be equal in all of the Father's traits.

## **B. THE ETERNAL WORK OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST**

"But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." Gal.4:4-5. This is an astounding revelation of the timing of this great event, "The Incarnation of the Eternal Son of God". Why was this so necessary? The character of God was threatened through a battle that started in heaven among His heavenly creatures, called the angels. God had given His angels the freedom of choice between light and darkness, truth and error, right and wrong, and everything that God stood for, or what God was against. We do not know how long it was before the chief angel called Lucifer, decided to subtly oppose God as we have recorded in Isaiah chapter 14:12-17. Lucifer pronounced the five "I Wills", and straight way



gathered his army of angels around him. God in His omniscience was aware of all of this and had won the battle before it began. The Triune God had fore-known just exactly what they would do. This entailed the creation of man in God's own image as the Bible teaches. "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created he them." Gen.1:26-27. "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Gen.2:7. Why was man so important in God's victory over the evil forces? God knew that His creation, on planet earth would be infiltrated by rebellious Lucifer who became the Devil, Satan and also named the Serpent. Satan took over one angel out of every three of God's angels, and so, it would not be hard to take over earthly man. BUT GOD, had already prepared a human body for His Son, the first fruits being created in the likeness of man, but without sin. The seed of the woman was the channel through which the Eternal Son of God would come to this earth and deal with the sin question once and forever. Note Gen.3:15; Isa.7:14; and as we quoted, Gal.4:4-5. The demons, combined with rebellious mankind are causing great turmoil upon this earth, BUT GOD'S "So Great Salvation" has been established almost two thousand years ago, through the sacrificial death of the Son of God upon the cross. May we just list some of the results from the death and resurrection of the Eternal Son of God.

1. **God the Father has made everlasting peace by the sacrifice of His Son on the cross and raising Him up again from the grave. (Col.1:20.**
2. **Christ having removed the barrier of sin has restored and reconciled all things to the Godhead, both on earth and in heaven. (Col.1:20.)**
3. **The human believers become friends of God, Christ having paid the debt and established peace. (Col.1:20-21.)**
4. **The human believers of all ages will now be able to be presented to God the Father, blameless, and holy and the judgement of sin removed and unproved. (Col.1:22.)**
5. **By the removing of the sin barrier, the victory has been won and God will now be able to make His new heavens and new earth wherein dwelleth eternal righteousness and sin will be removed forever. (Dan.9:24.)**
6. **God could manifest His mercy through grace, upon those who believe. (Rom.3:21-22; Eph.2:5-8.)**

Now since this is an eternal work of the Lord Jesus Christ, our salvation is entirely based upon the credentials of the Eternal Son of God. It would seem as though one could lose all of these rights, if our faith failed us. That is not necessarily so, for we who have trusted in the Lord have been reconciled to God the Father through Christ's shedding His blood on Calvary's cross. However, we can experimentally be disturbed and perplexed, if we are not grounded and settled in the word of God. Positionally, we who believe on the Lord are established, but experimentally, we may have been taught the wrong interpretation of the Word of God. There are some who have tried the "By-Products" of Christianity, just tasting the Gospel of Christ, but never being born again. These can be classified as never personally accepting Christ as Savior. To continue in the faith is to be born of God the Holy Spirit, and made a new creature in Christ Jesus. God's grace has been made possible through His Son, and we therefore experience peace that passes all understanding.

### **GROUNDING AND SETTLED IN THE FAITH**

"If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature that is under heaven, of which I, Paul, am made a minister" Col.1:23. Being made new creatures in Christ Jesus, we become securely and steadfastly grounded and settled in the most holy faith. How is that accomplished? It certainly is not dependant upon visions, or any type of our very personal accomplishments, but rather upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we study the Word of God. Paul was greatly concerned about the young church at Colosse. He rejoiced in the Lord that his efforts in teaching them were not in vain. When we, as Paul, stand up and make our stand for the Lord, in spite of our afflictions or persecution, we then have reason to rejoice in the Lord. The Word of God establishes us in the faith and enables us to stand firmly upon the promises of God. "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have shown toward His name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end; That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." Heb.6:10-12.

There are many "Homo Sapiens" in this world who have been exposed to Christianity and have enjoyed some of the by products of this new life, but have "Fallen Away", from the exposure of the faith. They may have tasted some of the good things that God the Holy Spirit has implanted in others, but never made the final decision. These need to make the first step of faith and be born of the Holy Spirit. Then and then only can they begin to be established in the faith and work toward maturity. "Therefore, leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgement. And this will

we do, if God permit. For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good Word of God, and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again unto repentance, seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put Him to an open shame." Heb.6:1-6. In other words, anyone who has been born again, cannot crucify Christ afresh, for then Christ would have to return to the cross and be crucified again. This is impossible. So anyone who has fallen away, could only do so, after having been exposed to the Gospel and the Holy Spirit, but that one who has merely tasted Christianity has never made the final decision. This would merely make them candidates for the new birth, having never accepted Christ as their personal Savior. We know this as a certainty because eternal life is everlasting and one cannot fall away from everlasting life which God gives freely, through the Lord Jesus Christ. God provides life that never will end through the sacrificial death of the Lord upon the cross.

### **CHRIST IN YOU THE HOPE OF GLORY.**

When God promises to give you something, there is no turning around with Him, for His Word is as His immutable character. Note what the Lord said, concerning His Father. "As thou has given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given Him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou has sent." Jn.17:2-3. "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, who gave them to me, is greater than all, and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one." Jn.10:27-30. These are strong statements, direct from Almighty God, "Christ in you the hope of glory". It is amazing, how God has poured out His eternal love upon His creatures, making known the riches of the glory of His Eternal Son to the saints. Our perfection is 100% in Christ Jesus!

Since our hope is based upon God's eternal Word, we need not doubt our credibility before God the Father. Since Christ has counter signed this hope, with His own precious blood, we have absolute assurance, through the Lord Jesus Christ, who has been given all authority, both in heaven and earth. We who have put our trust in the Lord, have also been sealed by the Holy Spirit, and indwelt by the Lord Jesus. As Christians, let us be mindful of the great inheritance that we have in Christ Jesus. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus, who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; And, being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Phil.2:5-8. Christ became obedient unto death, that He might make us, by faith, partakers of His eternal life.

### **C. THE ETERNAL POSITION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

It is an amazing position that each person in the Godhead has eternally, in relation to each other. God the Father is the invisible one whom no one can see and live. It was Moses who desired to see the face of Almighty God, with whom he had this special communication. "And he said, I beseech thee, show me thy glory. And He said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee, and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and show mercy on whom I will show mercy. And he said, Thou canst not see my face; for there shall no man see me, and live." Ex.33:18-20. God the Father is invisible and is only revealed through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Some day we shall see the Lord face to face and be like Him.

As to the Eternal Holy Spirit, we have an experience of newness of life through Him, who indwells us forever. Elijah also desired to see God with a direct revelation of the Holy Spirit. Here is God's answer to Elijah. "And He said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord, and, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire; ^And after the fire a still, small voice." 1 Ki.19:11-12. It was the Lord Jesus Christ who became flesh and dwelt among us and we will some day see Him in His glorified body.. He had prepared Himself a body before the foundation of the world, so that He could become our redeeming sacrifice. "Wherefore, when He cometh into the world, He saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me;" Heb.10:5. We were purchased out of the slave market of sin, not with silver nor with gold, "But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot, who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you," 1 Pet.1:19-20. The Lord Jesus Christ, as the Eternal Son of God has always existed as the great "I Am"! One day, when we see the Lord face to face and be like Him with our glorified bodies, we will behold that eternal glory which Christ has always had with the Father. Our present desire as believers should be, "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in that which is to come; And hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all." Eph.1:17-23. What a

statement direct from God! The eternal glory of the Lord Jesus Christ is to be shared with the saints of all ages. "That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Col.2:2-3. God's marvelous grace covers it all!

As the true church and the body of Christ, we need to be knit together in Christ Jesus, and not limited to any particular group within the church. Yes, we need to assemble together and be affiliated with Bible believing groups, but fellowship with all Bible believers. This is what Paul proclaimed to the church at Colosse. It is therefore imperative that our faith remains steadfast in Christ Jesus, being , "Rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding with thanksgiving." Col.2:7. Heaven is going to be a glorious unification of the saints of all ages, and therefore we ought to practice, being rooted together in Christ now, and established in the most holy faith. It is Christ who will always have the pre-eminent place in all of His creation, and our unity in Him is very essential. Being members of the body of Christ, it is imperative that we establish a Christian fellowship with each other, giving Christ first place in our lives, knowing that we shall see Him face to face and be like Him. May our faith not waver, knowing, "Christ in you the hope of glory". so, positionally, we are eternally established in Christ Jesus. We are to share with Christ's eternal glory as the bride of Christ. "For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power." Col.2:9-10.

### **COMPLETION OF ALL THINGS IN CHRIST JESUS**

This is indeed a very strong position that we are called into, by faith. Christ is the "Incarnate One" and is the total expression of the Triune God. To make our position secure, we are sealed by the Holy Spirit. (Eph.1:13.) The body of Christ as the future bride will be absolutely complete and blameless by the grace of God. Because of Christ, we will be given a special place throughout eternity, as the bride of Christ in our glorified bodies. Let us explore the four chapters in the Book of Colossians, and observe the various references to Christ as the Supreme, "All in All"! Christ is the visible expression of the Godhead and providing "Homo Sapien's" communication with the "Invisible God". Throughout the Old Testament, it was the Eternal Son of God who made His appearances, when it was necessary. For that "Incarnate Body" was prepared before the foundation of the world, in order to communicate with mankind, who was made in the image of God. Let us examine some of the ways in which Christ was and is supreme. May we always remember, "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgement unto the Son; That all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father, who hath sent Him." Jn.5:22-23. Christ must have the supreme place in our lives

now and throughout eternity. We have God the Holy Spirit within us, so that He might lead us into all truth, glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ. The Eternal Son of God is God the Father's communication with His creation. Christ is called, Immanuel, God with us. Let us study some of these ways in which Christ is supreme, from the Word of God as seen in the New Testament.

### **THE NEW TESTAMENT DECLARES CHRIST SUPREME**

- 1. Authority over all nature. (Matt.8:23-27; Mk.4:36-41; Lk.8:22-25.**
- 2. The light of the world. (Jn.1:9-10; Jn.3:16-17; Jn.8:12; Jn.9:5; Jn.12:46;)**
- 3. The pre-existence and preincarnate work of Christ. (Jn.8:58;Jn.1:3; Heb.1:2;)**
- 4. Co-equal with God the Father. (Jn.10:30; Matt.16:27; Jn.5:19-23; Matt.11:26; Jn.14:7-11; Col.1:15..)**
- 5. All judgement given to Christ. (Jn.5:22; 2 Cor.5:10; Rev.20:11-15.)**
- 6. Christ the source of all life. (Jn.1:4; Jn.11:25-26.)**
- 7. Grace, pardon and righteousness comes through Christ. (Rom.5:17-21; Eph.4:7.)**
- 8. Christ is the only way of salvation. (Jn.3:16-18; Acts.4:12.)**
- 9. All blessings come through Christ Jesus. (Eph.1:3-14.)**
- 10. God the Father hath put all things in the hands of Christ, (Eph.2:22-23; Col.2:9.)**
- 11. All needs are supplied through Christ. (Phil.4:19.)**
- 12. Christ the object of the Christian's faith. (Phil.3:8-14.)**
- 13. Christ is given the power to change our bodies into a glorified body. (Phil.3:20-21; 1 Jn.3:1-3.)**
- 14. Christ the Creator of all. (Jn.1:3; Col.1:16.)**
- 15. Reconciliation only through Christ. (Col.1:20-22; 2 Cor.5:18-19.)**

**16. All wisdom to be found in Christ. (Col.2:2-3; Col.3:16.)**

These statements from the Bible certainly declare the Lord Jesus Christ as supreme and our all in all. God the Father hath richly blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus. Study carefully Ephesians chapter one verses 3-14. Christ has paid the debt as well as removed the barrier of sin and therefore we are subservient to the Lord Jesus Christ. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ, according as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love." Eph.1:3-4. Are you ready and looking forward to seeing Christ face to face? May each of us be found faithful to the Lord, awaiting His "Well Done".

**CONCLUSION**

As we have made a quick survey of the supreme Christ, it is also imperative that we understand the mysteries of so great salvation, through Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God is the ultimate honor, praise and glory to be manifested in all creation. This takes into an account the billions of angels as well as all of mankind. We as "Homo Sapiens" were made in the image of God, and then we became totally depraved. It was also necessary that we should be made new creatures in Christ Jesus. The marvel of marvels is the special treatment that we will get in the heavenlies, as the bride of Christ. We shall not only share in the glory of Christ as His bride, but we also are made to be "Joint Heirs" with Christ Jesus. We will have a seat of honor in the presence of Christ, who will be our "Bridegroom". The friends of the Bridegroom will become our friends throughout eternity to come. "Oh the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgements, and ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been His counselor? Or who hath first given to Him, and it shall be recompensed unto Him again? For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: to whom be glory forever. Amen." Rom.11:33-36.

The pre-eminent glory of Christ will be shared by us throughout eternity, to the praise and glory of God. May we make every effort in this life to witness to the saving grace of our loving Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We as His ambassadors have been called into this marvelous life to glorify our precious Savior. May the Holy Spirit have full sway in our lives, and keep on filling us with Himself, as we tell the world that Jesus saves, keeps and satisfies. May we always remember that, "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because greater is He that is in you, than he who is in the world. They are of the world; therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. We are of God. He that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. By this know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error." 1 Jn.4:4-6. Since Christ is to receive all glory and honor, we should take heed to Christ at all times. By

the grace of God we are what we are because of the love of the Lord Jesus Christ, shed abroad in our hearts. "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen." Heb.13:20-21.

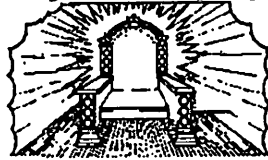


## **QUESTIONS CHAPTER ONE**

- 1. Through whom do we glorify God? Give Scripture.**
- 2. What is the purpose of the Holy Spirit in this world? Give Scriptures.**
- 3. How did Paul become an apostle?**
- 4. How do we obtain grace and truth? Give Scripture.**
- 5. Give a description of Paul's prayer for the church at Colosse.**
- 6. Give some Scriptural evidence that Christ is the exact image of God the Father.**
- 7. Give some Scriptural proof, denoting the pre-eminence of Christ.**
- 8. What is meant by "The first born of all creation", as found in Colossians 1:15?**
- 9. Who according to the Scriptures is Creator of all things? Please explain.**
- 10. What evidence do we have in the Scriptures that Christ always existed?**
- 11. What is meant by "Christ the Corner Stone"?**
- 12. What is the eternal work of the Lord Jesus Christ?**
- 13. Name at least 5 of the results of the death and resurrection of Christ?**
- 14. When and how is one grounded and settled in the Christian faith?**
- 15. Write briefly on the subject, "Christ in you the hope of glory".**
- 16. Write briefly on the subject, "The eternal position of the Lord Jesus Christ".**

## **CHAPTER TWO**

*To God be the Glory !*



*'The heavens declare  
the Glory of God;  
the skies proclaim  
the work of His hands.'*

*Psalms 19 : 1*

# **The Eternal Glory of God**

## **CHAPTER TWO**

### **THE ETERNAL GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

We need to constantly remind ourselves as creatures of God that nothing can be added to or taken away from the Triune God. They will always remain as perfect and complete with no variableness or need to alter their course in eternity. We cannot fully understand this unique situation with our finite minds, but we must accept it as written in the Bible. They will always remain the same, yesterday, today and forever. (Heb.13:8.) These truths apply to Jesus Christ, who is equal in all characteristics as God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. The unity and the oneness in the Triune God is absolutely marvelous and beyond our comprehension. Let us examine some of these profound statements as recorded in the Bible.

#### **A. THE UNITY IN THE TRIUNE GOD**

Within the Godhead, there always has been perfect unity, and equality in characteristics. Each person in the Godhead has equal power with perfect harmony and glorification. The three persons are One God, with the same characteristics. "Hear therefore, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." Deut.6:4-5. In this reference we have both the plural for God as well as the singular, relating to the Godhead both in the individual personalities as well as the three persons in one, which we call the Triune God. The individual relationship of the three personalities in Almighty God is absolutely perfect and without any conflict. Perhaps the best way to illustrate this is with the various parts of a tree. You have a root system as well as a trunk and branches, yet they cannot be separated, for then they would not be classified as a tree. There are many combinations of three elements within one unit, such as an egg, having yoke, the white and the shell, water in the form of a liquid, vapor and ice, a person with the sir name, first name and middle name, and we could give many other examples similar to these. An outstanding example is the use of only three colors, Red, blue and yellow, and from these three we can combine them in many ways, making every color in existence. Since black and white are colorless they are not considered. The Godhead is unique and in a class by themselves as the Word of God teaches. It is not for us to question what the Bible teaches, but we accept it by faith, knowing it is the Word of God.

Let us consider the unity within the Triune God, as the Bible presents these facts. The first reference to the plural personality in the Godhead is Genesis chapter one and verse one. The plural word "Elohem" is used when the heavens and earth were crated. It is our first encounter with a unified God,as we face

God, "creating out of nothing", both the heavens and the earth. There are also many references as "And God said", which infers that the personalities were speaking to each other as they spoke. One very important statement is found in Genesis chapter one verse twenty six. "And God said, **Let us make man in Our Image, after Our Likeness;**" Some may question this by quoting the following verse. "So God created man in **His Own Image**, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them". May I ask you a simple question, "What image could then be selected in the Godhead"? We are told that "God is Spirit". (Jn.4:24.), but man is both of spirit and of flesh, so where would the likeness be? The most plausible explanation would be in the spirit's realm, through the "Incarnate One", even the Lord Jesus Christ. God the Father is invisible, as well as God the Holy Spirit, so we would then get our likeness through the Lord Jesus Christ, "In His own image". "If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also; and from henceforth ye know Him, and have seen Him. Philip saith unto Him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been such a long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you, I speak not of myself; but the Father that dwelleth in me, He doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me; or else believe me for the very works' sake." Jn.14:7-11.

Not only do we have the likeness of the Father and the Son in the Godhead, but we have a close relationship through the new birth given to us by the Holy Spirit. Perhaps the most lovable relationship between the Father and the Son occurred during six occasions.

### **1. The resurrection of Lazarus**

The prayer which Christ offered to the Father was full of compassion. "Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up His eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always; but, because of the people who stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me." Jn.11:41-42. The communication between God the Father and God the Son is wonderful and in complete unity.

### **2. The giving of God the Holy Spirit**

"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." Jn.14:16-17. This is a very important close relationship of the Triune God, each person agreed to do a particular work in the great "Master Plan" of all ages. It was a settled issue that

God would send the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit would indwell the believers, from the day of Pentecost until the Rapture. This was settled before the foundation of the earth. God the Holy Spirit was sent, not only to give us this new birth, but also to become a part of us, through His eternal indwelling. This is a marvelous new relationship from the Triune God. It was God's way of providing us with Divine life, in preparations for us to become the bride of Christ.

### **3. The intercessory prayer for the disciples**

The Father has sent His Eternal Son into the world to become the supreme sacrifice for the sins of the whole world, according to their eternal plan before the ages. This is an excellent example of the unity within the Godhead. Note the prayer of the Lord. "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also who shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one, as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them, that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am, that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me; for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world." Jn.17:20-24. This is another evidence of the unity within the Triune God. But the liberals and all of the ecumenical crowd, try to use this unity to establish their way of trying to unite all religions of the world into a religious melting pot. There never was unity among the religions of the world, nor will there ever be unity except a unified punishment in the lake of fire.

### **4. The use of His Father's mansions for His "Bride To Be".**

"In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also." Jn.14:2-3. This is a very wonderful relationship with the Father, as these mansions are available for the "Bride To Be", who has been purchased out of the slave market of sin by the Lord Jesus Christ. The bridegroom is preparing a special place for each of us in His Father's mansions. We are not told as to where these mansions are located in heaven, but we do know that the Bride's chamber will be ready on that great resurrection day. We as the future bride of Christ will be presented to God the Father prior to the marriage feast and will be blameless, when we stand before the Judgement seat of Christ to receive our rewards according to our faithfulness. (2 Cor.5:10.), All the wood, hay and stubble, will be removed. (1 Cor.3:11-17.) and our glorified bodies will be like the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Jn.3:1-3.) We shall behold our Savior, Lord and

Master, face to face! This should make everyone of us homesick for our heavenly abode. It also should make us alert to the great commission which has been given to us. "Go tell the nations, that Jesus saves, keeps and satisfies. Christ is our all in all and the first fruits of the resurrection. "If ye, then, be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." Col.3:1-2.

## **5. The bitter cup of Calvary**

The Lord led the way to the Mount of Olives, knowing that His hour had come, for Him to go to the cross. It was with great agony as He faced that terrible death. "Then saith He unto them, My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death; tarry here, and watch with me. And He went a little further and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt." Matt.26:38-39. Here we have a perfect unity and submission to the Father, which is manifested in this prayer of tremendous grief, which lasted for one hour. The disciples fell asleep, during the three hours of prayer, by the Lord. He bore it all alone, even during that season of prayer during each time. "He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me except I drink it, thy will be done." Matt.26:42. Christ knew that it was for this purpose that He came into the world, to become the sin bearer for the whole world. Christ had power to lay down His life and power to take it again. "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father." Jn.10:17-18. His final hour of prayer was also alone, "And He came and found them asleep again; for their eyes were heavy. And He left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words." Matt.26:43-44. Each hour of prayer was submissive to the will of God the Father.

## **6. The fruit bearing ministry within the Triune God**

The description which God has recorded in John chapter fifteen of the vine and the branches as a unit is very important, in the work of the Lord. The abiding requirements are very crucial in bearing eternal fruit to the glory of God. Christ said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the Vinedresser." Jn.15:1. "I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing." Jn.15:5. There is one very important relationship that is essential for "Abiding In Christ" and that is you must be born again by God the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit's prayers to God the Father (Rom.8:26-27.), we soar into the heavenly realm. The intercessory prayers of Christ, as our Eternal High Priest, give us access into the

Holy of Holies, making intercession before the Father continually in our behalf. (Heb.7:23-28.) That middle wall of partition has been broken down, since God Himself has entered into the Holy of Holies, once and forever, giving us a continual access into the presence of God. This continual access into the presence of God should also make possible a continual fruit bearing in behalf of our High Priest. "In this is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." Jn.15:8.

## **B. THE UNITY WITHIN THE ETERNAL EXISTENCE OF THE TRIUNE GOD**

The Bible clearly sets forth a wonderful unity within the Godhead and sets forth each person in the Godhead as being equal to each other. This in itself assures us that there is perfect unity in Almighty God from eternity past and on into the eternity of the future. It is of great interest, as Christ was being baptized by John the Baptist in the river Jordan that the Holy Spirit came down upon Him. (Matt.3:13-16.) Then we have the actual voice from God the Father speaking with these words from heaven. "Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus, also, being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased." Lk.3:21-22. Perhaps it would be good to list some of these special occasions, expressing the unity in the Godhead.

- 1. The unity in the creation of man. (Gen.1:1-31; Gen.1:26-27.)**
- 2. The unity in the seventh day of rest. (Gen.2:1-3.)**
- 3. The unity in the great plan of all ages. (Dan.9:24.)**
- 4. The unity in the battle against Satan. (Gen.3:15.)**
- 5. The unity in the flood and the call of Noah. (Gen.6:1-9:19.)**
- 6. The unity in the call of Abraham and establishing the Messianic hope. (Gen.12:1-9.)**
- 7. The unity in the destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah. (Gen.18:1-19:29.)**
- 8. The unity in sending forth the Eternal Son of God. (Gal.4:4-5.)**
- 9. The unity in the baptism of the Eternal Son of God for the kingdom. (Lk.3:21-22.)**

10. **The unity in the special anointing of Christ by the Father and including believers in that anointing (Acts:38; 2 Cor.1:21; 1 Jn.2:27.)**
11. **The unity in the Transfiguration. (Matt.17:1-5.)**
12. **The unity in heaven, where Christ is seated on the right hand of God the Father. (Matt.26:64.)**
13. **The unity with the use of the mansions of God the Father in the heavens. (Jn.14:1-6.)**
14. **The unity within the Triune God. Jn.14:26.)**
15. **The Unity in the New Creation. (Rev.21:1-22:5.)**

These are but a few of the many references in the Bible as to the unity of the Godhead, without any discord or dissension. The Triune God, with each individual personality is in perfect harmony with every decision to be made. As we look into the Book of Colossians with the emphasis on "The Glory of God" in the Godhead, may we summarize their unity as existing eternally together. These references from the Book of Colossians need to be compared with other references in the Bible. In the omniscience of the Godhead, all of this was prepared in eternity past, and before the foundation of the world or any creation. God has a supreme purpose in allowing a freedom of choice among the angelic host as well as all mankind. It is God's purpose in all of His creation to eventually separate sin from His new creation forever. (Dan.9:24.) Sin will be eradicated from God's creation and will never appear again. That will be a glorious day, when sin will be gone forever! May we review some of the ways in which the Triune God pours out grace upon those who believe.

1. **God the Father permits us as believers to share in the inheritance with the Eternal Son of God. (Col.1:12.)**
2. **God the Father delivered us from the power of darkness through His dear Son. (Col.1:13-14.)**
3. **The Eternal Son is the exact image of God the Father. (Col.1:15.)**
4. **The Eternal Son was given the authority over all creation. (Col.1:16-17.)**
5. **The Eternal Son as the head of the church which has received it's new birth by the Holy Spirit who dwells within. (Col.1:18-19.)**



6. **Reconciliation of all things comes through the Eternal Son. (Col.1:20-21.)**
7. **The Eternal Son will someday present us blameless unto God the Father, in whom He is well pleased. (Col.1:22-23.)**
8. **God the Father makes known His rich mysteries in us, the hope of glory. (Col.1:27-28.)**
9. **The Incarnate Christ expresses the love of the Triune God, toward their creation. (Col.2:2-3.)**
10. **Within the "Incarnate Christ" dwells all the Godhead bodily, and we as believers are absolutely complete in the Lord Jesus Christ. (Col.2:9-10; Col.3:11.)**
11. **All condemnations against us are blotted out by the finished work of Christ upon the cross. (Col.2:14-17.)**
12. **God the Father has reserved His right hand position upon the throne for His Eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, in whom He is well pleased. (Col.3:1-4.)**
13. **God the Father has elected that we as believers should have our all in all in His Eternal Son. (Col.3:12.)**
14. **God provides peace to those who are in Christ Jesus. (Col.3:15-17.)**
15. **Christians, being of the Royal family of God should live as unto the Lord, regardless of duties in this life. (Col.3:18-4:1.)**
16. **The unity within the Godhead should have great influence on our lives, praying for one another, witnessing to each other. (Col.4:2-5.) "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." Col.4:6.**

This brings us to a very important issue in the Godhead concerning their position and relation to each other. Believers as members of the same body which is in Christ, we have a responsibility to one another to work in harmony with each other. The Bible is very emphatic as to what God hates among His creatures, and especially of the household of faith. "These six things doth the Lord hate; yea, seven are an abomination unto Him." Let us examine these traits which God hates, as recorded in His Word. (Prov.6:16-19.)

**"A Proud Look"**, There is no place in Christianity for any of us to be proud or to put on a "holier than thou" attitude.

**"A Lying Tongue"**, It is written, "I said in my haste, All men are liars." Ps.116:11. It was Dr. H.A.Ironside who commented on this verse in my Bible study at Dallas Theological Seminary, when he commented, " He could have taken his time and said the same thing". Mankind, being totally depraved finds it easy to lie, and we as Christians need to refrain from lying. It is the trend of the times to misrepresent and to lie, making personal profit through it. God hates all liars.

**"Hands That Shed Innocent Blood"**, The commandments clearly tell us "Thou shalt not kill", and you may say, I haven't physically killed anybody, but may I ask you, "What have your thoughts been toward someone that you hated"? There are many ways that you can shed innocent blood, such as slander, inference, gossip, and the like. Take heed to this statement from God's word. (Matt.5:21-22.)

**"An Heart That Deviseth Wicked Imaginations"**, Your thoughts and intents within your heart often imagine and scheme wickedly to gain some advantage over another brother. This is hated by God and is detrimental to one's soul. Satan works on such imaginations, in the religious realm, using his demons to mislead every thought word or deed.

**"Feet That Are Swift In Running To Mischief"**, These folks are often called "Busy Bodies" with gossip and the spreading of evil rumors. "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God." Jas.1:19-20.

**"A False Witness That Speaketh Lies"**, Briberies cause many a person to fall to that terrible falsehood and the telling of lies against the innocent. "Behold. we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which, though they are so great and are driven by fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, wherever the pilot willeth. Even so the tongue is a little member and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity; so is the tongue among our members that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature, and it is set on fire of hell." Jas.3:3-6.

**"He That Soweth Discord Among Brethren."** Prov.6:16-19. May we as individual members of the body of Christ, allow God the Holy Spirit to try us,

through and through! The Triune God is in perfect unity, both through their actions as well as their character. Certainly, we as sinners, saved by grace, need to strive toward that goal. It is true that no one among the believers has ever attained that ultimate goal, but we need to depend upon the Holy Spirit for these greater heights for the Lord. There will be a day in our eternal life that we will receive that glorified body, like unto the Lord's, and then perfection will be a quality of the saints of God.

As the Triune God has always existed in perfect unity, each having the same characteristics, we understand from the Bible that they are also in perfect harmony. There has never been a difference of opinion. Perhaps it would be advisable to just list their characteristics as recorded in the Bible.

1. **The Triune God is absolute. (Isa.40:30.)**
2. **The Triune God is love. (2 Jn.4:7-10.)**
3. **The Triune God is absolute holiness. (Exod.3:2-6; Isa.6:1-3.)**
4. **The Triune God is just. (Rom.5:1-2.)**
5. **The Triune God is absolute truth (Veracity). (Jn.1:1-5,14.)**
6. **The Triune God is eternal life. (Jn.5:26.)**
7. **The Triune God is immutable (He never changes). (Isa.46:9-10.)**
8. **The Triune God is impeccable (He cannot sin). (Jn.8:45-46).**
9. **The Triune God is sovereign (He reigns over all).**
10. **The Triune God is omniscient (He knows everything). (Rom.11:33-36.)**
11. **The Triune God is omnipotent (He is all powerful). (Job.38:1-39:30;Ps.62:11.)**
12. **The Triune God is omnipresent (He is everywhere). (Ps.139:1-18.)**

When one really comprehends the eternal character of the Triune God we must cry out, " Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgements, and His ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been His counselor? Or who hath first given to Him, and it shall be recompensed unto Him again? For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things: to whom be the glory forever. Amen." Rom.11:33-36. We can also cry out, "Behold what manner of

God;" 1 Jn.3:1a. In order for us to understand the Eternal Triune God, we must study the Bible very thoroughly, under the teaching and guidance of God the Holy Spirit. When we have a problem in our lives or lack wisdom in understanding the Word of God, God is our ever present help in time of need. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord." Jas.1:5-7.

In understanding the character of the Triune God, by means of the Bible, we are able to understand their unified position with each other. May we study this important truth as found in the Word of God. Through understanding the unity in position of each personality in the Godhead, we can determine many difficult truths from the Bible. Knowing the author of the Bible, will clarify many of the teachings from the Bible.

### **C. THE UNITY IN THE POSITION OF THE TRIUNE GOD**

As members of the Royal family of God, we should want to know the three personalities in the Godhead and our approach to them. God is not a God of confusion, but is absolutely perfect in every aspect. We do not approach God abruptly, but we come to Him, in the name of His Son. He is the Eternal King, immortal, invisible, and the only wise God. God being in three persons has a definite procedure to follow. We know that, "God is Spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." Jn.4:24. We have been born of the Holy Spirit, so we can approach God in the spiritual realm. However, in order to talk to God the Father, we must approach Him in the Name of His Dear Son. Since the Godhead is "Co-Equal", none of them can be ignored. Let us examine each in their position within the Godhead. God is not a God of confusion but is orderly and concise and demands that we follow the necessary procedure. This is why we must study the Bible thoroughly, with the help of the Holy Spirit. Let us understand what the Bible teaches concerning the Triune God.

#### **1. GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT**

God the Holy Spirit is of great importance in our approach to God the Father. The Holy Spirit is the means by which we can approach God the Father. "It is the spirit that giveth life; the flesh profiteth nothing. The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." Jn.6:63. Our communication with the Father must therefore be in a spiritual form, based upon the Word of God. We also know that "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Tim.3:16. Such a statement as this from the Bible declares that this inspiration is "God-breathed". To understand the Scripture, you must be "Spirit-Alerted", as this is

the position and workings of God the Holy Spirit. Although God the Holy Spirit seems to be the silent partner in the Godhead, yet He is as real and as powerful as God the Father and God the Son. God the Holy Spirit is the personal touch in our lives of Divinity. Never before in the history of man has there been such an out pouring of the Holy Spirit in the lives of "Homo Sapien" as occurred on the day of Pentecost! We of all races and colors have now access to a personal relationship with God, by being born of the Holy Spirit. It goes far beyond, being created by God and into the realm of being indwelt by the third person of the Godhead. When we receive that glorified body, like as unto the Lords, we will have the most wonderful communion with God, having the Holy Spirit within us forever and ever. This privilege which we now have as Christians is far greater than the saints of previous ages. According to God's great plan of all ages, we are living at a time when God has started His "Count Down" for the final battles against Satan and all his wicked forces. The Rapture of the saints could take place at any time, taking us out from the wrath to come. (1 Thess.1:10.) Let us list some of the power manifested through God the Holy Spirit.

1. **The Spirit of God was in perfect unity with creation as He moved upon the waters. (Gen.1:2.)**
2. **The Holy Spirit had a part in the making of man in the image of God. (Gen.1:26-27.)**
3. **The Holy Spirit is the Author of the Holy Bible. (2 Tim.3:16-17.)**
4. **The Holy Spirit was present when Abraham saw the three men approaching his tent. (Gen.18:1-33.)**
5. **The Holy Spirit was promised to be poured out upon all nations, among those who would believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. (Joel 2:28.)**
6. **The Holy Spirit in His great power would not always be patient with the evil of all generations. (Ps.103:9.)**
7. **The Holy Spirit is greater than all might and power found in creation. (Zech.4:6.)**
8. **The Holy Spirit gives eternal life to all who accept Christ as their personal Savior. (Jn.6:63; Jn.3:6.)**
9. **The Holy Spirit as the third person in the Trinity has made His abode in mankind forever and ever. (Jn.14:16-17.) He has given us the Divine spark, in preparation for the marriage to the Lamb of God.**

10. **Since the Holy Spirit is the Author of the Bible, He has also made Himself available to guide, and teach all truths and searcheth the heart of mankind. (Rom.8:14; Jn.16:13; 1 Cor.2:10-11.)**
11. **The Holy Spirit is the one real baptism, identifying those who believe with the Lord. (Eph.4:5; 1 Cor.12:13.)**
12. **The Holy Spirit gives believers patience to wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. (Gal.5:5.)**
13. **The Holy Spirit anoints the believers and gives understanding of the Scriptures. (1 Jn.2:27.)**
14. **The Holy Spirit gives wisdom in the use of the knowledge of the Bible. (Eph.1:7.)**
15. **The Holy Spirit is very sensitive to the presence of sin in the lives of believers and can be grieved. (Eph.4:30.)**
16. **The Holy Spirit can be so grieved in believer's lives, that His power is quenched. (1 Thess.5:19.)**
17. **The Holy Spirit is the means through whom we are adopted into the royal family of God. (Rom.8:15-17.)**
18. **As we use our natural gifts for the glory of God, the Holy Spirit can add to these gifts according to His will. (1 Cor.12:11.)**
19. **The Holy Spirit spends time praying for the believers. (Rom.8:26.)**
20. **The Holy Spirit desires to keep on filling the believers' lives with Himself for the work of God. (Eph.5:18.)**
21. **The Holy Spirit convicts of sin , revealing the need to accept Christ as the redeemer, or as believers, He helps to restore such from their sins and bring them back into fellowship with Christ. (Jn.16:8; 1 Jn.1:9.)**
22. **The Holy Spirit is our comfort and ever present help as He indwells the believers. (Jn.14:16,26; Jn.15:26; Jn.16:7; Gal.3:1-5.)**
23. **The Holy Spirit is restraining the evil powers during this age of grace to help us fulfill the great commission. (2 Thess.2:7.)**

**24. The Holy Spirit will never leave us nor forsake us. (Jn.14:16.)**

It is glorious to see the great responsibility that the Holy Spirit has been throughout the ages and continues to be at this present time. Were it not for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in those who believe, we could well expect Satan and his demons to overpower the saints. "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the Spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you; on their part He is evil spoken of, but on your part He is glorified." 1 Pet.4:14. We are not indwelt by just a magic power, but rather with the "Eternal Spirit"! Praise God for such a beautiful unity in the Godhead with each person in the Trinity maintaining that unified position. We serve the living God, having had our sins purged by the blood of Christ our Redeemer. "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the Eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" Heb.9:14.

It is through the position of the Holy Spirit in the Godhead, that we are made alive in Christ Jesus. "There is, therefore, now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and of death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son, in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Rom.8:1-4. Let us now draw from that great resource of power in the Holy Spirit, so that we can overcome the power of the evil one. Depend upon the work of the Holy Spirit in your lives and not fulfil the lust of the flesh. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again unto fear; but have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." Rom.8:14-15.

Although God the Holy Spirit seems to be that still small voice behind the scenes, yet He is equal to God the Father and God the Son in all of these attributes. May you as a student of the word study carefully the work of the Holy Spirit, using the textbook which I have written on this very subject of the Holy Spirit. He will be our life long indwelling member of the Godhead, who will remain within us forever and ever. He was instrumental in giving us, as believers, that Divine spark of life, preparing us for that great wedding day when we become the bride of Christ. God the Holy Spirit was willing to take that humble position, yet maintained all the mighty power of the Eternal God. May we allow the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us into these marvelous truths from God's precious and living Word. As we continue our study of the eternal glory of God, may we now examine the Scriptures as to Christ the Eternal Son of God. These Scriptures have been given to us by the Holy Spirit, and we need to be taught by Him, if we are to understand the great heritage that we have in and through Christ Jesus. It is very important that we understand that the Lord Jesus Christ is from everlasting to everlasting and always existed with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.

## **2. CHRIST THE ETERNAL SON OF GOD.**

Since the Lord Jesus Christ is the outward expression of the Triune God, we have more tangible truths from the Bible concerning Him than of the Holy Spirit, or of God the Father. We will study the life of Christ in the following categories.

- a. Christ in His Eternal Existence.**
- b. Christ in the Old Testament.**
- c. Christ in His Incarnation.**
- d. Christ of the Kingdom Age.**
- e. Christ of the Ages to come.**

### **INTRODUCTION**

As we continue our study concerning "The Glory of God", our main concern should be, to understand God's expression in the human realm. Someone from the Godhead had to become as one of us and relate to us the eternal glory of God. We have studied the characteristics of God from the Word of God, and now may we study the Incarnate One, the Lord Jesus Christ. "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth." Jn.1:14. The Triune God in their perfect unity, planned all of this before the foundation of the world, with a desire to be with mankind. Christ took upon Himself the form of man, apart from the sin nature, being 100% perfect God and 100% perfect man.

- a. Christ in His Eternal Existence.**

Since all things were created by the Eternal Son of God, it is then plausible that He could not be created but as the Bible says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness overcame it not." Jn.1:1-5. The glory of the Triune God was manifested through the Lord Jesus Christ in every aspect of the word. Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end and has been highly exalted above all principalities and powers. The blessed hope that is established in our hearts can only come through the Lord Jesus Christ. "Grace be unto you, and peace, from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before His



throne; and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto Him that loveth us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us a kingdom of priests unto God and His Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold He cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see Him, and they also who pierced Him; and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so, Amen. I am Alpha and Omeg'a, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." Rev.1:4b-8.

Let us analyze the contents of this revelation, which describes the eternal existence of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is of great importance that we understand that the Lord Jesus Christ is very God as well as very man. Christ is the Eternal Son of God and is as God the Father, without beginning or ending.

- b. The eternal estate of Christ.** "Who is, and who was, and who is to come," Christ is the ever existing one, without beginning or ending. He is the Alpha and the Omeg'a, and has always existed with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.
- c. Jesus Christ Himself the witness.** "Who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead". There is no need of the Almighty to have a greater witness than Himself, who has power over death. The Triune God is a perfect witness within themselves, and with perfect unity.
- d. Christ supreme over all rule.** "The prince of the kings of the earth." One day the Lord Himself shall rule the nations in perfect righteousness, with a rod of iron. (Ps.2:9.) God the Father has given Him all authority and power. (Jn.5:21-23.)
- e. Christ the only effective Redeemer from sins.** "Unto Him that loveth us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood." Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins. (Heb.9:22.)
- f. Christ as the King of kings and has power to make us a kingdom of priests.** "And hath made us a kingdom of priests unto God and His Father". This will take place as we enter the kingdom of righteousness in our glorified bodies. (Rev.5:10.)
- g. Christ possesses glory and dominion forever.** "To him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. God the Father hath so ordained that His Eternal Son should have dominion and power forever. To God be the glory, great things He keeps on doing! Let us patiently wait for that crowning day! "To the only wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. (Jude 25.)

- h. This same Christ will return for His saints and with His saints.** "Behold, He cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see Him, and they also who pierced Him; and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so, Amen." Rev.1:7. "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." Matt.24:30. This is an event that will be world wide, first with the Rapture, when the saints are "Caught Up". Those seven years in the heavenly mansions will terminate, as we return to earth with the Lord. The Lord will fight that great battle of Armageddon as a prerequisite to establishing His kingdom of righteousness. (Rev.19:11-21.) The cleansing of the whole earth will take place after this battle of Armageddon, in preparation for the thousand year kingdom of righteousness. We as saints will become a kingdom of priests, teaching the righteousness of the kingdom of God. There will be great sorrow among those who rejected Christ, but rejoicing among those who will accept Him as the ruler of righteousness. Christ, during His earthly ministry has taught the kingdom principles very thoroughly, and according to this, we will be sent throughout the world teaching the kingdom of righteousness.
- i. The eternal existence of Christ.** "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." This statement from the Bible is certainly sufficient to place the Lord Jesus Christ in the eternal realm as the Almighty God.

### **THE ETERNAL KINGDOM OF THE SON OF GOD.**

As we search through the Book of Colossians we become aware of Christ as the Eternal Son of God. The three persons of the Godhead are unified in such a loving way with no separation or discord. Let us list these various references for our study. They will require much study using the whole Bible for our full understanding and admonition. God has permitted us to see some of the glory of the Godhead through the reading of the Bible, being taught by the Holy Spirit.

- a. God the Father hath translated us and given us an inheritance in the kingdom of His dear Son. (Col.1:12-13.)**
- b. Christ is the image of God the Father, taking upon Himself an Incarnate body. (Col.1:15.)**
- c. Christ the Creator of all things. (Col.1:16-17.)**

**d. Christ becomes the head of the church with all the fullness, as to the pleasure of God the Father. (Col.1:18-19.)**

The true church was started on the day of Pentecost, built upon that statement made by Peter, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God". Matt.16:16b. We as believers are partakers of that glory of the Lord in His resurrection and the first-born from the dead. This places the "True Church" in a very unique position for all of eternity. It is therefore imperative that we observe and live according to the Biblical teachings, concerning the body of Christ.

**e. Christ the means through which reconciliation is obtained. (Col.1:20)**

God had promised through Daniel that He would provide the reconciliation for the iniquity of the whole world. Dan.9:24. This is of great importance in the complete plan of God. "And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself - by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were once alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath He reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and unblamable and unreproved in His sight," Col.1:20-22. Christ, being our propitiation before the Father has restored our fellowship and relationship with the Godhead through His death and resurrection, adopting us into the royal family of God. The grace of God was manifested through Christ bringing eternal reconciliation, to those who believe.

## **CONCLUSION**

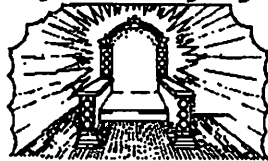
As we have studied this important factor as to the unity in the Triune God, we can better understand why we are able to have tremendous confidence in the Biblical truth. God's love is absolutely perfect, and we are reminded that, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear, because fear hath punishment." 1 Jn.4:18. We have reviewed many examples of this marvelous unity with the Godhead, We also have seen how they are interdependent upon each other with equality of power. This is but a reminder to every believer that our life with each other should be in harmony. We are members of the same body of Christ and each of us is given a particular work to be completed. God the Holy Spirit is our ever present help and is waiting to guide us into all truth. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to His abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." 1 Pet.1:3-5.

## QUESTIONS CHAPTER TWO

1. Give examples from the Bible as to the Triune God.
2. Give six occasions, showing the lovable relationship of God the Father and God the Son.
3. How can you prove the eternal existence of the Triune God? Give Scriptures and examples.
4. Give truths obtained from Colossians 1:12-28.
5. Give truths obtained from Colossians 2:1-17.
6. Give truths obtained from Colossians 3:1-18.
7. Give truths obtained from Colossians 4:1-18.
8. Explain and give comments on Proverbs 6:16-19.
9. Name 12 characteristics of the Godhead with Scriptures.
10. Write an essay on Romans 11:33-36.
11. Give a personal survey of the individual persons in the Godhead.
12. Explain the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives as believers.
13. Write on the life of Christ as in eternal existence.
14. Write on "The Life of Christ in the Old Testament."
15. Write on "The Life of Christ in the Incarnation."
16. Write on "The Life of Christ during the Kingdom age."
17. Write on "The Life of Christ in the Ages to come."

## **CHAPTER THREE**

*To God be the Glory !*



*'The heavens declare  
the Glory of God;  
the skies proclaim  
the work of His hands.'*

*Psalms 19 : 1*

# **Giving Priority to the Glory of God**

## **CHAPTER THREE**

### **GIVING PRIORITY TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

As we further study the glory of God, may I remind you that we cannot add to or take away from the eternal glory of God. Through His creation, God is sharing His eternal glory with the angelic and human creatures. God's glorified plan for all ages is being fulfilled according to what He has revealed to us through the Holy Bible. We can trust the future to our loving God, based upon what He has already accomplished. Although we do not deserve His grace which has been bestowed upon us through His Eternal Son, we have been made, as saints of God, to be partakers of the glory of God.

#### **A. TO GOD BE THE GLORY, GREAT THINGS HE HATH DONE.**

##### **MAN BECOMES A LIVING SOUL AFTER THE LIKENESS OF GOD.**

God's one desire is to have His creation share in His glory, which has been made evident to us when He breathed upon Adam and he became a living soul. "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Gen.2:7. This act of God should show to us the deep desire that God has for holy fellowship with His creation. The Triune God also desired to have something of His creation in a spiritual likeness of the Godhead. "And God said. Let us make man in our image, after our likeness;" Gen.1:26a. God has honored mankind in a very special way, and it is important that we return our thanks to God by obeying His desire. "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father who hath made us fit to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light." Col.1:10-12.

##### **MAN GIVEN DOMINION OVER CREATION UPON THIS EARTH.**

The environmentalists and the atheists would have the ignorant believe that we evolved and gradually we adapted to our environment. But listen to what God's Word has to say. "And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." Gen.1:26b. God had given first man dominion over all upon the earth, with sufficient knowledge and wisdom to keep it under control. This is not a wild imagination but rather God's provision through His marvelous grace. Adam was even given the privilege of naming the

thousands of different creatures, and he had the intelligence to retain their given names. As he walked in the cool of the evening with visible God, he was taught many things. God even told him about the heavenly skies, and certainly taught him to read and write. Why do I say this? Because Enoch, of the seventh generation from Adam could write, having also walked with God, and wrote about the ungodly of the world. He was also informed that the Lord would someday come to rule this world with ten thousands of His saints. (Jude 14-15.) Yes men eventually lived in caves, but that was because of a degeneration and degrading of mankind, due to their drifting away from their Creator. By the grace of God, early man had recorded some important data so that when Moses arrived on the scene, he could write the Pentateuch, under the guiding hand of the Holy Spirit. The style and descriptions as well as the names of God would indicate that Moses had access to earlier writings. God had not left the process of development to evolvment, but as recorded, "And the earth brought forth vegetation, and herb yielding seed after its kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after its kind: and God saw that it was good." Gen.1:12. We might also quote a few more passages to confirm this. "And God created great sea monsters, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind and every winged fowl after its kind, and God saw that it was good." Gen.1:21. "And God made the beast of the earth after its kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after its kind and God saw that it was good." Gen.1:25.

Then, when God created all of the living creatures, after their kind, He turned His attention to the one who would have dominion over all. "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." Gen.1:28. This certainly is very plain and simple that mankind was created separate according to the image of God.

### **A PARADISE GARDEN OF EDEN PROVIDED**

"To God be the glory, great things He hath done"! "So God created man in His own image, and in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them." Gen.1:27. They were fully grown, when God created them and He could have sent them forth on their own, but God, had a prepared garden, ready for them to enjoy. "And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to till it and keep it." Gen.2:15. This was a perfect and beautiful garden without weeds and diseases. A variety of food was plentiful and the surroundings were gorgeous. All the produce that the garden produced was for Adam and Eve and their posterity, except one tree for God. "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat; But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Gen.2:16-17. This was as

a test of obedience which God gave to Adam and Eve. Because of disobedience death came to all of us. "Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are whom ye obey, whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" Rom.6:16. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate of the forbidden fruit, they were driven out of that beautiful garden, and sin passed unto all of us. But praise God, "But not as the offense, so also is the free gift. For if through the offense of one many are dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many." Rom.5:15. We also might add, "Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin." Rom.4:8.

As the imputation of sin took place upon the whole human race, so those who believe and are born of the Holy Spirit will experience the imputation of God's absolute and perfect righteousness. "And so it is written, The first man, Adam, was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a life giving spirit. However, that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy; and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption." 1 Cor.15:45-50. These are very important truths for us to digest, so that we may realize that Christ did not come to restore us to flesh and blood, but to bring us the Divine spark of eternal spiritual life. Our salvation does not return us to the innocency of Adam and Eve, when they were created, but rather gives us eternal life by being born of the Holy Spirit as well as the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Whether we live or are dead physically when the Rapture takes place, we already are guaranteed incorruption and immortality. "Behold I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So, when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is in the law. But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.", 1 Cor.15:51-58. This certainly gives us great hope, for we not only are freed from the bondage of sin, but brought into the heavenly and eternal Paradise, where sin will never appear again. We have much to look forward to because, "To God be the glory, great things He hath done."! We have lost that Paradise of the garden of Eden, but through our new birth, we are being prepared for God's eternal Paradise.



## **PARADISE LOST AND HEAVENLY PARADISE GAINED**

So, Adam and Eve and all of their posterity can say, "Paradise Lost", because of disobedience. But God in His omniscience was prepared for this and through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, a heavenly Paradise was gained. We must constantly remind ourselves that God's great desire is to dwell with His creation, even at the tremendous cost of the cross. "Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.: Isa.7:14; "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel, which, being interpreted, is God with us." Matt.1:23. May we list but a few of these wondrous things which God has already done in the past.

1. **Provided His Son to redeem us from sin. (Gal.4:4-5; Jn.3:16.)**
2. **Provided Heavenly Mansions, for the saints to live in. (Jn.14:1-2.)**
3. **The Bridegroom preparing a place for His bride. (Jn.14:1-2.)**
4. **New birth by God the Holy Spirit. (Jn.3:5; Acts 2:4.)**
5. **Blotted out the handwriting against us.(Col.2:14.)**
6. **Given us a new name, reserved in heaven for the saints of all ages. (Rev.2:7.)**
7. **Christ in us the hope of glory. (Col.1:27.)**
8. **Already blessed with spiritual blessings in heavenly places. (Eph.1:3.)**
9. **Sealed by the Holy Spirit. (Eph.1:13.)**
10. **We who believe are already complete in Christ Jesus. (Col.2:9-10.)**
11. **Called of God to serve Him. (Col.3:15-17;Rom.1:6-7; 1 Thess.2:12.)**
12. **Continual cleansing available in the heavenlies. (1 Jn.1:7-9.)**
13. **Continual prayer in our behalf by God the Holy Spirit. (Rom.8:26-27.)**
14. **Christ our Advocate in the heavenlies. (1 Jn.2:1-2.)**
15. **Given special gifts by the Holy Spirit. (1 Cor.12:1-11.)**

16. **Already members of the body of Christ. (1 Cor.12:12.)**
17. **Understanding of the Word of God, through the Holy Spirit. (Jn.16:12-15.)**
18. **New creatures in Christ Jesus. (2 Cor.5:17.)**
19. **A new name written down in heaven awaiting our arrival. (Rev.2:17;)**
20. **Joint heirs with Christ as heirs of God. (Rom.8:17.)**
21. **Potentially seated with Christ at the right hand of God. (Eph.1:20; Eph.2:6.)**

We could go on and name many other provisions that God has done in the past and keeps on doing for our benefit, but may this suffice for the time being. You add to the list of these as the Holy Spirit reveals the great things that God has already done in your behalf. We are being built together upon the solid foundation of Christ, as the body of Christ. We as believers are also called "Living Stones" (1 Pet.2:4-5.). God intends for us to be alive for His Eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ! We as believers have become partakers of Divine life by God the Holy Spirit. What more could we ask for than what God has given already and promised to give to us? We may not know much about what the future holds, but we already know the loving God who holds the future.

#### **B.TO GOD BE THE GLORY IN ALL THINGS THAT WILL BE DONE.**

The Lord has left us in this world for a witness to His saving grace and we need to take heed to His great commission. "And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, All authority is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age. Amen." Matt.28:18-20. This is a command to every believer regardless of age or situation. In the Lord's prayer to the Father, we have a special prayer for the believers. "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." Jn.17:15-18. We as Christians are sent into this wicked world to point precious souls to the Lord Jesus Christ who has paid the debt of the sins of the whole world. (Jn.1:29).

There is work to be done for the Lord and it certainly is very urgent at this present time. The world has become as "Sodom and Gomorrah" in our day but we are not to become weary in well doing, regardless of the circumstances.

"And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal.6:9. You remember that Isaiah lived at a time when Israel was drifting away from God. The Lord had to reveal in vision to Isaiah, this great task set before him. God had to cleanse him with coals from off the altar, to prepare him for his commission. "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." Isa.6:8. The question that Isaiah asked is of great importance. "Then said I, Lord, how long? And He answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate." Isa.6:11. As in the day of Isaiah, so in our day, there is a great need for all believers to set their priorities right. The signs of the time indicate that the clouds are forming and the Rapture is drawing very near. Are we ready to meet the Lord in the air? Will our works be as wood, hay, and stubble, before the judgement seat of Christ or as gold, silver, and precious stones? Let us therefore be faithful to the Lord, who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light! (1 Cor.3:12-15.) Answer God's high calling and be faithful to Him who has called you. Don't abuse these bodies of ours, for we have been bought with the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. God's Word clearly says, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" 1 Cor.3:16. May it be said of each of us, "We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints;" Col.1:3-4. This world with its limitations is but a testing realm and in preparation of sharing with the eternal glory of God.

As we have reviewed some of the past preparations and fulfillment of what God has done, so now let us list some of the promises of God for the future. "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit; for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." 1 Cor.2:9-10. God has recorded some of these preparations for eternity in the Bible, and God the Holy Spirit, who dwells within us will guide us into all truth, if we are in fellowship with God and a student of the Word of God. "We were once dead in sins, and now are made alive in Christ, and now we can by God's grace understand the heavenly and eternal things planned by God. "But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath made us alive together with Christ (by grace ye are saved), and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus; That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." Eph.2:4-7. Now let us just list some of those future blessings and provisions which God is preparing for the saints of God. God has declared these wonderful provisions and blessings which are yet to come, and may we review them with great anticipation as well as adoration of the Lord Jesus Christ who has made these possible, through that great sacrifice at the cross.

- 1. The Rapture of both the dead and the living "In Christ Jesus".  
1 Thess.4:13-18; 1 Cor.15:51-57; 1 Thess.1:10; 1 Thess.4:15; 1 Thess.5:4-6; 1 Thess.5:10; 2 Thess.1:10; 2 Thess.2:1-3; 2 Thess.3:5.**
- 2. A glorified body is waiting for us like unto the body of the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Jn.3:1-3.)**
- 3. We will see our Lord Jesus Christ, face to face. (1 Jn.3:1-3)**
- 4. We will stand before the judgement seat of Christ and receive our rewards according to our faithfulness during our earthly pilgrimage. (1 Cor.3:13-16; 2 Cor.5:10.**
- 5. We will behold the mansions of God the Father and be assigned a place prepared for us by the Bridegroom. (Jn.14:1-6.)**
- 6. We will see and fellowship with those of our family and friends. (1 Cor.13:12.)**
- 7. We will be introduced to the saints of all ages. (1 Cor.13:12; Gen.12:1-3.)**
- 8. The true church will become the bride of Christ. (Rev.19:7-10.)**
- 9. We will be issued special wedding garments of fine linen. (Rev.19:8.**
- 10. We will enter heaven as very important people and at the great marriage feast, we will enjoy fellowship with the Old Testament saints who will be our guests. (Rev.19:9.)**
- 11. We will witness the greatest Lord's communion table, the feast of remembrance made real. Our Lord will take the fruit of the vine for the first time since the crucifixion. (Matt.26:26-29.)**
- 12. As those born of the Holy Spirit, we will become a kingdom of priests, to reign with Christ during the Millennium. (Rev.5:10.)**
- 13. As those born again and in our glorified bodies, we shall be sent forth to evangelize the whole world, during the Millennium which is 1,000 years. (Rev.5:10.)**
- 14. Nature and all creation will be restored, as it was in the garden of Eden. (Isa.11:1-10; Isa.12:1-6; Isa.25:1-9;**

15. **Israel will be redeemed and fully restored to her land. (Isa.43:1-7; Isa.54:1-17; Isa.60:1-22.)**
16. **There will be a new heavens and a new earth created by God, as the old heaven and the old earth will pass away. Isa.65:17; Rev.21:1-8.**
17. **There will be a second resurrection of all the unregenerate of all generations, and they will stand before the great white throne judgement for their final condemnation. (Rev.20:11-15.)**
18. **At the great white throne judgement seat, every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Phil.2:9-11.)**
19. **All God's new creation will be free from sin forever and ever. (Dan.9:24.)**
20. **Our Lord Jesus Christ will dwell with the saints forever and ever. (Rev.21:3.)**
21. **There will be no more sorrow, or pain, or death forever and ever. (Rev.21:4.)**
22. **All wickedness , sin, death and the grave shall be cast into the lake of fire and never escape throughout eternity to come. (Rev.19:20; Rev.20:10.)**
23. **There will be a New Jerusalem, coming down from God, where evil will never enter. Rev.21:9-27.**
24. **The Lord is preparing an eternal Paradise with God dwelling among men forever and ever. (Rev.22:1-5.)**

#### **THE PRINTED WORD TO "THE REGIONS BEYOND".**

During this age of computers and speedy communication, we as Ambassadors for Christ need to take advantage and "Speed the Gospel light", while there is still time. The cost of sending missionaries around the world has multiplied so rapidly, and the outreach is so limited that we need to depend more and more on "The Paper Missionaries". Yes, we still need to send forth missionaries, and especially the nationals, but they need the tools of the printed page. There are ample supplies of the printed page, to send the Gospel around the world in every generation. The national Christian leaders are in great need of

Biblical study material to share with their people. Let us redeem the time, while we are able and while the doors are open! Remember that, "So shall my Word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isa.55:11.

The printed Word of God represents God's communication with His creatures. It is one method by which we keep in touch with our Creator and learn more about Him. As we study the Word of God we acquire a wonderful knowledge of Almighty God. "Praise ye the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation. The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them who have pleasure therein. His work is honorable and glorious, and His righteousness endureth forever. He hath made His wonderful works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion." Ps.111:1-4. As we study the Bible under the guidance of God the Holy Spirit, we draw near unto the Everlasting Father, as children in the royal family of God. "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts. I will speak of the glorious honor of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works." Ps.145:3-5. May we be reminded that what we verbally say is soon forgotten, but what is said on paper, has the potentiality of being read hundreds of times as well as used to teach the Word of God to countless others. With nationalism on the upward trend, may we supply these National Christian Leaders with the tools to get the job accomplished.

### **A GLORIOUS RAPTURE OUT FROM THE WRATH TO COME.**

From the Word of God we learn that sin will be forever removed from the creation of God and "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever." Rev.11:15b. The coming of the Lord for His church will be the prelude to a mighty take over by Christ of the kingdoms of this world. We as the future bride of Christ will be caught up out from the wrath to come. "That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing: but that it should be holy and without blemish." Eph.5:27. The Lord has in keeping for us, in our heavenly abode those glorious bodies, fashioned after Himself, awaiting us when that trumpet sounds. "For our citizenship is in heaven; from where also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our lowly body, that it may be fashioned like His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself." Phil.3:20-21.

We as believers will be taken out of this world and delivered from the wrath to come (1 Thess.1:10). From our heavenly base, after that great and terrible tribulation upon earth, we will return with the Lord, as He sets up His kingdom of righteousness. The wrath of God will conclude upon planet earth with the great battle of Armageddon. Christ Himself will lead forth to battle and will

defeat the nations single handed. "And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations, and He shall rule them with a rod of iron; and He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS" Rev.19:15-16. The beasts shall immediately be cast into the lake of fire, and Satan and his demons shall be cast into the bottomless pit for the duration of the thousand years, awaiting his final judgement, when he too and all of his demons will be cast forever into the lake of fire. "And I saw thrones, and they that sat upon them, and judgement was given unto them; and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the Word of God, and who had not worshiped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." Rev.20:4.

This thousand year period is only interrupted for a short season, as Satan makes his last stand, before he is thrown into the lake of fire, to remain there forever. (Rev.20:7-10.) This will usher in the second resurrection, when all the unregenerate dead of all ages will have to stand before the great white throne. That will be an all revealing event as the records are brought forth. Since these unregenerate did not accept Christ as their personal Savior, they only have their own good works to justify themselves, if they have any. Their sins will not be the issue as they were paid for at the cross. The unpardonable sin will be their rejection of the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. They will have no claims before God, as their personal good does not meet God's standards of goodness. Their human merit will fall far short of God's demands and therefore they will be condemned to the lake of fire, for eternity. However, before they leave the judgement hall, they all will have to bow their knees before Christ who will be sitting on the throne. They also will have to confess that He is the Eternal Son of God. "Wherefore, God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God, the Father." Phil.2:9-11. Now, let us see what the Bible has to say, concerning this Great White Throne. "And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away, and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and hades delivered up the dead that were in them; and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Rev.20:11-15. This is certainly a terrible indictment against all religions other than Christianity and the Old Testament saints. All will be without excuse and be cast into the lake of fire, being punished

with an eternal living death, under extreme punishment. There will be no second chance after death, so now is the accepted time to accept Christ as personal Savior. There is no other name given among men, that will provide salvation, only the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.: Jn.14:6.

### **A GLORIOUS ETERNAL KINGDOM TO COME.**

It is hard for us, with our finite minds, to imagine a perfect flawless eternal kingdom of righteousness. It is difficult for us to comprehend an eternal kingdom of righteousness apart from wickedness, BUT GOD says it and we believe it! "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a people of His own, zealous of good works." Tit.2:13-14.

Down through the ages, God has been gathering saints to whom He may share His eternal glory. The Triune God desires to share their eternal glory with the saints of all ages, as Christ Himself has said. "And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them, that they may be one, even as we are one." Jn.17:22. This is a tremendous statement from the Lord, as He prayed to God the Father, in that hour when He was about to drink that bitter cup of the crucifixion. As The Lord was ready to go to the cross, His great concern was for the saints. "While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name; those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves." Jn.17:12-13. Christ was willing to endure the cross to share His joy with those who would believe. "Oh what love that drew salvation's plan, Oh the grace that brought it down to man"! Oh the mighty gulf that God did span, at Calvary. May I just name some of the reasons which caused Christ to endure the cross.

- 1. God determined to vindicate His character as absolute. (Gen.3:15.)**
- 2. God was determined to put down all opposition to His holy character. (Exod.20:1-26.)**
- 3. God tested the Angelic Hosts through volition as to their loyalty, sealing the faithful angelic host for their loyalty. (Isa.14:12-17; Rev.11:3-4.)**



4. **Making possible the removal of all saints from Sheol and bringing them into the heavenly Paradise. (Ps.68:18; 1 Pet.4:5-6; Eph.4:8-10; Lk.23:39-43.)**
  5. **Bringing so great salvation to mankind. (Heb.2:3; Jn.3:16,18,36; Jn.5:24; Jn.20:31; Rom.5:1-2.)**
  6. **Judging sin once and forever and bringing in everlasting righteousness. (Dan.9:24.)**
  7. **Sharing Divine life with His creatures through the new birth and indwelling of the Holy Spirit. (Jn.14:16-17; Jn.16:13-15.)**
  8. **Preparing a Bride for His Eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. (Rev.19:7-9; Eph.5:25-27; 1 Cor.12:27.)**
- C. TO GOD BE ALL PRAISE AND HONOR FOREVER AND EVER FOR ALL THAT HE IS AND ALL THAT HE HAS PLANNED.**

As we study the Bible, we get anxious for that crowning day when God's plans are complete, and all things become new. We are told in detail of the Kingdom of righteousness for the thousand years, but as to the eternal kingdom of righteousness we do not have much information. However we know that the character of God never changes, so we can expect a continuation of the kingdom of righteousness. The only difference will be, that the rod of iron will not be necessary, as eternal righteousness will be the order for all eternity. This day is still a far way off, as there will be a 7 year tribulation and then a thousand year kingdom of righteousness, before the everlasting kingdom takes place. As we study the Bible, we discover that God has predicted that He was going to make all things new. The Old Testament Saints looked forward to that final resurrection, contemplating the new heavens and the new earth. That is why the dead were buried rather than destroyed. Abraham also testified of this. "By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac, and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Heb.11:9-10. This was Abraham's way of exercising his faith before the nations. With his great amount of wealth, he could have built a city if he so wished, but he desired to live his whole life in a tent, waiting for that permanent city, made by God Himself.

Let me remind you, that all this that God is doing in our behalf is God's way of sharing His eternal glory with His creation. God has always been self sufficient with complete glory to His name from eternity past. If we will diligently study the Bible we will not only observe this, but will also discover all

that He has done for the saints in the past, and all that He is doing for the saints of all ages in the future. Let us name a few of these outstanding provisions that God has done, in the past, and what He is planning for the future.

#### **GOD'S PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE SAINTS.**

- 1. Made in the likeness and image of God. (Gen.1:26.)**
- 2. Planted a beautiful garden of Eden for man. (Gen.2:8-17.)**
- 3. God gave beautiful Eve to Adam as a companion. (Gen.2:18-25.)**
- 4. God walked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the Evening and taught them to read and write. (Gen.2:15-25; Gen.3:8; Jude 14-15.)**
- 5. Sought out disobedient Adam and Eve. (Gen.3:8-13.)**
- 6. Promised that the seed of the woman would defeat Satan. (Gen.3:15.) This happened with the coming of the Eternal Son of God as a babe in the manger. (Gal.4:4-5.)**
- 7. Sacrificed to cover their sins and tailored their first clothing. (Gen.3:21.)**
- 8. Cain was to be destroyed after killing his brother according to capital punishment.(Gen.9:6,) but God showed grace and placed a mark on him. (Gen.4:8-15) But Cain led his family into greater sin. (Gen.4:23-24.)**
- 9. Enoch walked with God and was taught by God and told of future events. (Gen.5:21-24; Jude 14-15.)**
- 10. Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. (Gen.6:8.)**
- 11. Noah did according to God's command to build an ark and three of his sons and wife accepted this as a revelation from God. They were saved to keep alive the Messianic hope. (Gen.7:1-24.)**
- 12. God separated the nations at the tower of Babel. (Gen.11:1-9; Deut.32:8.)**
- 13. God gave Abraham a special land and a promise of a city. (Gen.12:1-7;**

- 14. God made an unconditional covenant with both Abraham and David. (Gen.15:10-18; Heb.6:16-17; 1 Chron.17:11-13; 2 Sam.7:16,24; 1 Ki.8:23; 1 Ki.9:5.)**

## **CONCLUSION**

As human beings, we must recognize our eternal God who is maker of heaven and earth, and give Him all glory and honor with praise to His Eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, We have graduated from being of this world system and are now citizens of heaven. Our outlook is not the grave but rather to what lies beyond the grave. We have a glorious future all planned out for us . These former things will soon be forgotten as we eventually will know as we are known. "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? Shall God that justifieth? Who is he that condemneth? Shall Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us? What shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creation, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord." Rom.8:31-39.

The extent of God's love for those who believe is immeasurable, the depth of His provision is beyond comprehension! By the grace of God, His eternal glory is being shared with us in ways past our finite understanding. As we study the Bible, we begin to comprehend a little of God's Divine viewpoint. Having already been blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places, in Christ Jesus, and positionally been seated with the Lord, we can only shout with joy! This alone should cause us to want to please the Lord, allowing the Holy Spirit to keep on filling us with Himself.

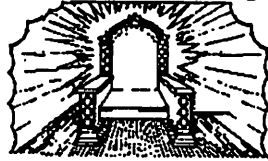
Our finite minds cannot fathom the omniscience of God, that we could be chosen in Christ before the foundations of the world. This does not mean that we did not have a choice in choosing Christ, but rather that God knew our every thought and intent and decision that we would make of our own free will. There is nothing hidden from God and since He knows the end from the beginning, there was no problem with God to give John on the Isle of Patmos a pre-view of things to come with a clear view and details. It therefore behooves us to give the Triune God the priority in our present lives. Yes, we have the choice, and may we choose to do the will of God , bringing glory and honor to His name.

### **QUESTIONS CHAPTER THREE**

- 1. What is our priority in life as saints of God?**
- 2. How are we different from animals? Give Scripture.**
- 3. Write an essay on, "Man has been given dominion over creation upon the earth".**
- 4. Explain according to the Bible, what the Garden of Eden must have been like.**
- 5. Write an essay on "Paradise lost and Heavenly Paradise gained."**
- 6. Name at least 15 outstanding things that God has done in the past. Give Scriptures.**
- 7. Why must God have priority in all future events? Give Scripture.**
- 8. Name with Scriptures 20 events which God has planned for the future good of the saints of all ages.**
- 9. Why is the Printed Word of God so important in reaching the lost? Give Scripture to prove your points.**
- 10. Write an essay on, "A Glorious Rapture To Take Place". Use Scriptures to prove your points.**
- 11. Write an essay on, "A Glorious Eternal Kingdom to come". Give Scriptures.**
- 12. Name 5 reasons that caused Christ to endure the Cross. Give Scripture.**
- 13. What are God's future plans for the saints of all ages? Give Scripture.**
- 14. Write an essay on, "The Eternal Glory of God". Give Scriptures.**
- 15. How do we show the glory of God in our lives as Christians?**

## **CHAPTER FOUR**

*To God be the Glory !*



*'The heavens declare  
the Glory of God;  
the skies proclaim  
the work of His hands.'*

*Psalms 19 : 1*

# **Gracious Reconciliation to the Glory of God**

## **CHAPTER FOUR**

### **GRACIOUS RECONCILIATION TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

According to Daniel 9:24;, the Lord is to make an end of sin and make reconciliation for iniquity. This required a body like man in order to make reconciliation for man. "Wherefore, in all things it behoved Him to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people." Heb.2:17. We also read, " For it pleased the Father that in Him should all the fullness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself - by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were once alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath He reconciled. Col.1:19-21. In order for a sinner to be reconciled to God, there had to be one who was acceptable to God, fulfilling all requirements. No creature could fill that position, so it had to be the Incarnate Eternal Son of God, for God the Father, to be satisfied. Then God the Father could show mercy by grace, bringing reconciliation through the finished work of His Son and the forgiveness of sins.

#### **A. GRACE THE PROVISION FOR RECONCILIATION.**

God's marvelous and amazing grace was provided in and through the Lord Jesus Christ. We as Gentiles were alienated from God while the Jews had a special place in the economy of God. God kept alive the Messianic hope through the Jewish tribe of Judah. "For He is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances, to make in Himself of two one new man, so making peace; And that He might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby, and came and preached peace to you who were afar off, and to them that were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now, therefore, we are no more strangers and sojourners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone, in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord; In whom ye also are built together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." Eph.2:14-22. These are amazing statements from the Bible and we can only say, along with Paul, "But by the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace which was bestowed upon me, was not in vain, but I labored more abundantly than they all; yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

Therefore, whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed." 1 Cor.15:10-11.

We accept these changes by faith, knowing that it is through Christ that we are reconciled to God the Father. "By whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." Rom.5:2. May our Christian lives, which have been reconciled to God, show forth a continual growth in grace. (Acts.13:43.) Whether we were under the law of God, or without the law of God, we are partakers of the grace made possible by Christ, being reconciled to God. We might ask, "What was the purpose of the Law, if it could not bring reconciliation"? "Moreover, the law entered, that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound; That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ, our Lord." Rom.5:20-21. As Timothy was admonished, "Thou, therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." 2 Tim.2:1. So, may we be strengthened by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, knowing that we have been reconciled to God the Father by Christ, the Eternal Son of God. The law was necessary in order that we might know the requirements to be justified before God the Father. Praise God, the Lord Jesus Christ fulfilled the law in our stead.

There is no way that we could earn or deserve God given grace, for the price would be far beyond all of the righteousness of mankind. It required God's absolute perfection, making possible our reconciliation to God. "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began. But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." 2 Tim.1:9-10. We have therefore been brought into the right relationship with God the Father, through His Eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **B. GRACE PROVIDED BY THE ETERNAL SON OF GOD.**

We can only say, "To God be the glory, great things He hath done"! God wishes to share His eternal glory with His special creation, and eternity will reveal this to us. All things have been placed in the authority of His Eternal Son and it is in Him, that we have our all in all. Without the debt of our sins being paid for, past, present and future, there would be no possibility of grace being offered to us. God cannot tolerate sin and that is why it had to be paid for by death and removed and cast in to the depth of God's forgetfulness. It cost God the Father His Eternal Son, taking our place, so that the debt may be paid. "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. I do not make void the grace of God; for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain." Gal.2:20-21. Praise

God for the Christ of the Cross, which not only removed the barrier of sin, but provided us with eternal life by the grace of God. God always does exceeding abundantly, beyond what we could imagine. God has accomplished in Christ, what would be impossible by us. God has provided our all in all in Christ Jesus, and we better "By Faith", accept God's provision. "And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus."

1 Tim.1:14.

The grace of our loving Lord has been securely sealed in each of our lives by God the Holy Spirit. "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Spirit teacheth, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him, neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ." 1 Cor.2:13-16. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich." 2 Cor.8:9. What a privilege we have of being securely kept by the power of God through Christ, being sealed by the Holy Spirit. "That we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ; In whom ye also trusted, after ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also after ye believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, Who is the earnest of our inheritance until redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory." Eph.1:12-14. May we continue in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ in our Christian life, knowing that this grace has been provided to us through the finished work of Christ on Calvary's cross.

### **C. GRACE IS OUR ALL SUFFICIENCY TO THE GLORY OF GOD.**

There are certain requirements by God the Father, which must be met, in order to approach Him. God personality and character demands strict adherence and specifications. These all have been met in Christ Jesus and we cannot add to or take away from what Christ has provided. Christ becomes our all in all, with sufficient grace to the glory of God. What God has provided through Christ is for our benefit. The glory of God is supreme, and lacks nothing. God wishes to share some of His eternal glory with mankind, and praise God, we are the recipients of this glory! Christ as our Savior, Lord and Master, who shares His eternal glory with those who believe. "For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power;" Col.2:9-10.

Our sufficiency is complete in Christ to the glory of God, and we lack in nothing to the satisfaction of God the Father. "Not that we are sufficient of



ourselves to think anything as of ourselves, but our sufficiency is of God," 2 Cor.3:5. This should be remembered, as we present our work and our gifts unto God. "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." 2 Cor.9:7-8. We need to remind ourselves that whatsoever we do should be done in appreciation of what God has completed in Christ Jesus.

The laws of God are perfect and we are reminded from the Word of God, "For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, Cursed is everyone that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them. But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident, for, The just shall live by faith. And the law is not of faith, but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written, Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree; That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." Gal.3:10-14. For these reasons we are reckoned to be blameless before God, and when the Rapture takes place, Christ will present us to the Father in His perfection.

Since all glory and honor belongs to Almighty God we are reminded, "But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth." 2 Cor. 10:17-18. It was God the Holy Spirit through Peter who declared, after Pentecost, "The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified His Son, Jesus, whom ye delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go." Acts 3:13.

Those things which the Holy Spirit had written in times past were for our learning and admonition. "For whatever things were written in earlier times were written for our learning, that we, through patience and comfort of the scriptures, might have hope. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus, that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore, receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God." Rom.15:4-7. This should certainly remind us to give God all glory and honor, even as we should be mindful of one another, as Christ gave His all for our redemption. It is Christ who should be glorified in our bodies, "Who shall change our lowly body, that it may be fashioned like His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself." Phil.3:21. This should thrill our souls, knowing that we are going to be partakers of His eternal glory. Yes, in this present life, we do have trials and tribulations, but praise God as we wait patiently for the appearing of the Lord in the sky, we might be glorified together with Christ Jesus. "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried by fire, might

be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now we see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls." 1 Pet.1:7-9.

Without the grace of God through the Lord Jesus Christ, it would be impossible for the most devoted person to approach God. From start to finish our lives upon this earth are totally dependent upon God's Grace provided through Christ who removed the barrier of sin. "Therefore, as ye abound in everything, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also. I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the earnestness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love. For we know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich." 2 Cor.8:7-9. God is able to multiply His grace toward us, seeing that His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ is well pleasing, doing the perfect will of the Godhead. "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; He hath given to the poor; His righteousness remaineth forever." 2 Cor.9:8-9. Because of Christ, whosoever will may come, being called as partakers of God's eternal love, and His limitless grace is poured out upon our lives. This all is according to God's eternal purpose. "According to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus, our Lord. In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him." Eph.3:11-12.

This grace shed abroad in our hearts through Christ has made possible that Divine spark through the Holy Spirit. We already have eternal life, in that very moment that we accepted Christ as our personal Savior. This grace of eternal life is established by the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. This should certainly encourage us to good works, for the glory of God. "Young men, likewise, exhort to be sober-minded, in all things showing thyself a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing incorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech, that cannot be condemned, that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you. Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things, not answering again; Not purloining, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God, our Savior, in all things. For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." Tit.2:6-11. May we always remember as those who are new creatures in Christ Jesus, to do all as unto the Lord and not for the praise of men. There is a reckoning day coming, when we shall stand before the judgement seat of Christ. May we hear, "....., Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy lord." Matt.25:21.

## CONCLUSION

It is by grace alone that we have been reconciled to God, through the Lord Jesus Christ. "According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us unto glory and virtue; By which are given unto us exceedingly great and precious promises, that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; And to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, patience; and to patience, godliness; And to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if these be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Pet.1:3-8. As we glorify the Lord in and through our Christian lives, we become fruitful and increase in the knowledge of our Savior, Lord and Master. By these principles we glorify Almighty God in our Christian walk through this life upon "Planet Earth". God the Holy Spirit can keep on filling our lives with Himself, as He guides us into all truth.

**Down at the cross where my Savior died,  
Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,  
There to my heart was the blood applied.  
Glory to His Name.  
There to my heart was the blood applied,  
Glory to His Name.**

The amazing and glorious grace which has been applied to our lives is beyond our comprehension. We can only accept it, because God has said it! Christ must be our all in all, or else He is not at all! God the Father only recognizes the finished work of His Son and praise God, we have resurrection life through His Son. "If ye, then, be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth." Col.3:1-2. As far as God is concerned and from His divine view point, we are already resurrected creatures. Christ is our resurrection and life. It was Christ Himself before He raised Lazarus from the dead that said to Martha "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? She saith unto Him, Yea, Lord; I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, who should come into the world." Jn.11:25-27. It was Martha that clearly recognized Jesus as the Messiah, promised to Israel. He as the Son of God could not only raise Lazarus from the dead, but one day shall call all to the resurrection, some to eternal life and others to eternal death. "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection; on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him

a thousand years." Rev.20:6. This future reigning with Christ has been dealt with in chapter five. The Triune God is so keen to share their eternal power and glory with their creatures that by simple faith, we are potentially brought into the heavenlies to sit with the King of kings and Lord of lords.

We are alive in Christ Jesus with a lively hope! "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to His abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." 1 Pet.1:3-5. May we spend much time in talking with God and thanking Him for all of these manifold blessings, through Christ Jesus. "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil." 1 Pet.3:12.

We do not add to God's "So Great Salvation", but we can show our appreciation through our good works, by the power of God. "As ye have, therefore, received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him, rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding with thanksgiving." Col.2:6-7. We must be constantly aware that we have this new life because of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Potentially, we are already seated with Christ in these heavenly places. "If ye, then, be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory." Col.3:1-4. These statements are of eternal value, from the very presence of the Triune God! May our daily life show that we are new creatures in Christ Jesus, and old things are passed away! May we always remind ourselves that we are nothing in ourselves, and all that we are able to become is by the grace of God. "But God forbid that I should glory, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." Gal.6:14.

## QUESTIONS

### CHAPTER FOUR

1. **When did God the Father make reconciliation for iniquity? Give sufficient Scripture.**
2. **Explain Hebrews 2:17; and Colossians 1:19-21.**
3. **Why did the Jews have a special place in the economy of God, in bringing salvation to the world? Scripture please.**
4. **Explain Ephesians 2:14-22.**
5. **What does reconciliation mean and how are we reconciled to God?**
6. **Explain Romans 5:2 and Romans 5:20-21.**
7. **What was God purpose in giving the laws? Scripture please.**
8. **How was God able to apply grace and at the same time remove the barrier of sin? Give Scripture.**
9. **Explain 2 Timothy 1:9-10.**
10. **How did righteousness come to us? By law or grace? Scripture.**
11. **What requirements are necessary so that God the Father is satisfied in exercising Grace in the sinner's life. Scripture.**
12. **Explain 2 Corinthians 3:5.**
13. **What place does giving and works have in our Christian life?**
14. **Explain Galatians 3:10-14.**
15. **According to 2 Corinthians 10:17-18; for what can the Lord commend us? List some of which you are aware.**
16. **Explain Acts 3:13.**
17. **What is the purpose of the Old Testament?**
18. **Explain Philippians 3:21.**

- 19. What is the purpose of the trial of our faith? Scripture.**
- 20. Why are good works not able to qualify us for the grace of God in our lives? Scripture.**
- 21. Write an essay on the Following Scripture. Colossians 3:1-4.**

## **CHAPTER FIVE**

*To God be the Glory !*



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# **The Inherited Riches of the Glory of God**

## **CHAPTER FIVE**

### **THE INHERITED RICHES OF THE GLORY OF GOD.**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

As we study the inherited riches which are awaiting us, may we realize that these riches are eternal and are given forever to the saints of God. We now are about to enter into the eternal realm, based upon the written Word of God. This is not some hopeful dream or merely wistful thinking. What we are about to research is more real than anything that this life can offer to you. As I often remind my students, "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.: 2 Cor.4:18. Be ready for the thrills of your life as we delve into the inherited riches which are ours, in Christ Jesus.

#### **A. ADOPTED INTO THE ROYAL FAMILY OF GOD.**

These eternal riches are dependant upon being a member of the royal family of God. We need to search out the Scripture to find out how this is possible for those who were once dead in trespasses and sins to become a royal member of the family of God. "And you hath He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins; In which in times past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the sons of disobedience; Among whom also we all had our manner of life in times past in the lusts of our flesh and of the mind, and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath made us alive together with Christ (by grace ye are saved), and hath raised us up together, and made us to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus; That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." Eph.2:1-7. This gives us a clue as to these inherited riches which the Lord has laid up for us in the heavenly storehouse. Let us just list some of this eternal wealth which we own together with Christ and with one another.

#### **THE SAINTS INHERITED RICHES.**

- 1. Made alive in Christ Jesus. (Eph.2:1; Rom.6:11.)**
- 2. Partakers of God's rich mercies. (Eph.2:4.)**
- 3. Partakers of God's great love. (Eph.2:4; Jn.3:16.)**



4. **Sharing the same life that Christ has. (Eph.2:5.)**
5. **Salvation by the grace of God. (Eph.2:5; Rom.3:24; Rom.5:20; Tit.2:11.)**
6. **Guaranteed resurrection through the Lord Jesus Christ.(Eph.2:6; 1 Pet.1:3; Eph.2:8-10.)**
7. **Already attained a seat with the Lord Jesus Christ. (Eph.2:6.)**
8. **In the ages to come our riches in Christ Jesus will remain. Eph.2:7.)**
9. **Called children of God by God's great love. (1 Jn.3:1-3.)**
10. **Glorified bodies promised to us, like the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Jn.3:2.)**
11. **We have become a kingdom of priests to rule and reign with Christ. (Rev.5:10.)**
12. **We are joint heirs with the Eternal Son of God. (Rom.8:17.)**
13. **New birth by the Holy Spirit. (Jn.3:5-8; Jn.14:16-17.)**
14. **Baptized by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us forever. (1 Cor.12:13.)**
15. **Given a new name written down in glory. (Rev.2:17.)**
16. **Christ is preparing a special place for each of us in the countless mansions of God the Father. (Jn.14:1-6.)**
17. **Will teach the Word of God to the nations for a thousand years. (Rev.5:10.)**
18. **We shall experience sinless life perfected for eternity in our glorified bodies. (1 Jn.3:1-3.)**
19. **We shall be partakers of the living waters and fruit of God for eternity. (Rev.22:1-5; Rev.22:14.)**
20. **Sin, death, pain, and hell destroyed forever. (Rev.20:14;21:3-4.)**

21. **All evil forces will be cast into the lake of fire and remain there forever and ever. (Rev.19:20; Rev.20:10.)**
22. **God will create all things new, for the old creation will be burned with fervent heat. (Rev.21:1-22:5; 2 Pet.3:10-13.)**

What can one desire more than what God has in store for us. We are so often reminded of God's Word, "But it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit; for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, except the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given unto us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Spirit teacheth, comparing spiritual things with spiritual." 1 Cor.2:9-13.

Now let us penetrate into the future, where flesh and blood cannot enter. This new order of resurrection of which Christ is the first fruits, will also be ours when we experience that great "Air Lift". There is no prophecy yet to be fulfilled, that would prevent the Rapture of the saints to take place. The final word must now come from God the Father, for that trumpet to sound. It may not be too far away as we see the signs of the time. Especially as we observe the return of Israel to her land, the world of Sodom and Gomorrah, the period of time, and the ground work being laid by the Common Market of Europe, for the "Revival of the Roman Empire". This revival of the Roman Empire is prophesied according to the Book of Daniel. Let us examine some facts and possibilities of the saints with their glorified bodies. Do we have any revelation from God's Word as to what these bodies will be like? There isn't too much concerning these bodies, but they certainly will not be like the human flesh requiring blood. "And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.: 1 Cor.15:49-50.

Since Christ is the first fruits of the resurrection, let us examine some of the Scripture relating to His resurrected body.

### **AT THE TOMB**

The angel that came to the tomb was able to roll back that great tomb stone with no trouble at all. This indicates a sign of strength. Then the angel was as swift as lightning, and was clothed with raiment as white as snow. The angels which dwell in the spiritual can converse with human beings, as the angel talked to the women. (Matt.28:2-6.) When the women hastened to tell the disciples that Jesus had risen, it was Jesus Himself that met them. "And as they went to tell His

disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held Him by His feet and worshipped Him. Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid, go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me." Matt.28:9-10. This in itself is very revealing. The glorified body can be visible to the human eye and can be touched. Another description at the tomb, we see the women entering the tomb and an angel looked like a young man. (Mk.16:4-7.) This should convince us that we will look very normal in our glorified bodies, as this so called "Young Man". Now turn with me to the Book of Luke. "Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulcher, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed about this, behold two men stood by them, in shining garments; And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! " Lk.24:1-6a. Here we have an added one like unto a man, standing by the women. They were real to the women, which indicates that our glorified bodies will be real and able to be among human beings wearing glorified clothes. Now turn to the Gospel of John for a further account. Mary Magdalene went early to the sepulcher, and was surprised to see the stone rolled away. She ran and told Peter and John who came to the tomb and saw an unusual thing. The grave clothes were neatly folded. All this amazed the disciples who went and told the other disciples. (Jn.20:1-10.) But Mary remained and two angels appeared unto her and talked with her. (Jn.20:11-13.)

Mary turns about and sees Jesus but did not recognize Him, no doubt with tears running down her cheeks. Then Jesus speaks to her, "Jesus saith unto her, Mary, She turned herself, and saith unto Him, Rabboni, which is to say, Master." Jn.20:16. When we have our glorified bodies we will speak, each with an individual voice, as Mary recognized Jesus' voice. As mentioned before, she clung to His feet, which certainly shows that these glorified bodies will have substance. Now we need to examine the Word as to what the resurrected Christ does in His glorified body.

### **THE RESURRECTED LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

As we have already seen the Lord at the tomb that He is very much alive in His glorified body, now we would like to examine His presence with His disciples and a little of His activity during those 40 days before He returned to His heavenly throne. An interesting appearance of the Lord was to the two disciples who were on their way to Emmaus. (Mk.16:12-13; Lk.24:13-32.) Let us examine this first reference in the Book of Mark. "After that He appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country. And they went and told it unto the rest; neither believed they them". Mk.16:12-13. This is of great interest, as Christ appears to these disciples on the way to

Emmaus. Did you note the words, "in another form", which indicates that the glorified body can change appearances and even look like a natural man. In Luke, we have a clearer picture of Jesus appearing to these two men. Everything seemed normal and the conversation was natural. They were no doubt amazed when Jesus discovered that they were very sad. Jesus let them talk and "Then He said unto them, O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them, in all the scriptures, the things concerning Himself." Lk.24:25-27. I just wish that we had a recording of all that Christ spoke to these two men, but as we study the messages given unto the prophets, it becomes clear to us, as to what Jesus said concerning the Messianic hope.

The two disciples did not recognize Jesus, but were hungry for the truth and brought Him into their abode. "And it came to pass, as He sat eating with them, He took bread, and blessed it, and broke it, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him; and He vanished out of their sight. And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us along the way, and while He opened to us the Scriptures? Lk.24:30-32. Through this Scripture we see another phase of one in a glorified body, and that is, they can eat various foods. The New Heavens and the new earth will flourish with delicious foods and we all will be partakers of it. We all have enjoyed the delicious foods in this lifetime, and we can be assured that in eternity to come when all things are made new, that the food for our glorified bodies will be far superior to anything in this present life.

## JESUS IN GALILEE

The disciples were commanded by Christ to go to Galilee and wait for Him. This they did and when He appeared, they saw Him and worshiped Him. (Matt.28:16-17. It was then that the Lord gave that great commission to go into all the world, preaching the Gospel, ushering in the age of grace. This was the turning point from kingdom teachings to the formation of the church, which is the body of Christ. "And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, All authority is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age. Amen." Matt.28:18-20. Since the establishment of the kingdom of righteousness was postponed, the new age of grace was to begin at Pentecost, with the out pouring of God the Holy Spirit. The disciples were to tarry in Jerusalem until Joel 2:28 would be fulfilled. This out-pouring of the Holy Spirit was the beginning of the formation of the body of Christ, which would become the bride of Christ after the Rapture. No wonder John, on the Isle of Patmos cried out, after seeing the culmination of events, leading up to the new heavens and the new earth, "Even so come Lord Jesus"!

## **JESUS IN THE UPPER ROOM**

The two men of Emmaus lost no time in returning to Jerusalem, even though it was late. "And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and those who were with them. Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. And they told what things were done along the way, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread." Lk.24:33-35. There had to be something very familiar to these disciples, as Christ broke the bread, It probable was the scars from the crucifixion which they saw, and the manner in which He broke the bread. Of course, the disciples in Jerusalem doubted all of this, until the Lord Himself appeared in their midst. He showed them the scars in His glorified body, and they could hardly believe it, thinking this was just a vision that they all had. Finally, Jesus proves it to them by asking for food. "And while they believed not for joy, and wondered, He said unto them, Have ye here anything to eat? And they gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and an honeycomb. And He took it, and did eat before them." Lk.24:41-43. The Lord was proving to the disciples by eating the fish and honeycomb that He was not just a vision, but He was real!

Since Thomas was not with the others, when Jesus appeared to them, he refused to believe. (Jn.20:24-5.) After eight days Jesus appeared again and Thomas was with the others. "Then said He to Thomas, Reach here thy finger, and behold my hands, and reach here thy hand, and thrust it into my side, and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered, and said unto Him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." Jn.20:27-29.

## **GLORIFIED JESUS CHRIST, THE PROVIDER**

Glorified Jesus continued with the disciples during 40 days after the resurrection. Now He was ready to share with them the food prepared for some hungry men, showing His everlasting power as the Creator and Provider. The disciples went fishing in the Sea of Tiberias with no results the whole night. Then in the morning Jesus appears along the shore. "Then Jesus said unto them, Children, have ye any food? They answered Him, No. And He said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and ye shall find. They cast, therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fish." Jn.21:4-6. John immediately recognized that it was the Lord, and he told Peter. Peter did not wait for the boat to take him to shore, but jumped in and came to shore. There was a fire burning, with prepared fish and bread. "Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples dared ask Him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise." Jn.21:12-13. Oh, the great love manifested to the disciples by the Lord Jesus Christ!

Perhaps with these appearances of Jesus, after the resurrection, we all might have a better insight into just what a glorified body can do. "Beloved, now are we the children of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as He is pure." 1 Jn.3:2-3. We have great anticipations as well as aspirations, as we wait for those glorified bodies, like unto the Lord Jesus Christ. If anyone thinks that this present physical life is real, may I remind you that the glorified life to come will be far superior to this present life! What we have reviewed tells the story very clearly, and now let us examine what is recorded of the risen Lord's 40 days with the disciples.

### **THE FORTY DAYS OF GLORIFIED TEACHING**

After the resurrection, the Lord gathered His disciples and perhaps others around Him and continued to teach them "Kingdom Principles". "Until the day in which He was taken up, after He, through the Holy Spirit, had given commandments unto the apostles whom He had chosen; To whom He showed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs, being seen by them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God;" Acts 1:2-3. Their command was to remain in Jerusalem until baptized by the Holy Spirit, which occurred on the day of Pentecost. It must have been the most exciting time that these disciples experienced, to have the risen Lord with them in His glorified body. Just to think, "We shall be like Him" in a glorified body forever and ever! I don't know about you, but I am anxious to be caught up together with the Lord and so shall I ever be with Him.

The chapter of the kingdom to come has closed for almost two thousand years, as God the Holy Spirit gathers members of the body of Christ. The clock of Israel has been stopped during this church age, but will start ticking when the Rapture takes place. Christ did not teach church doctrine during His whole earthly ministry, for He left that to the disciples to do, being led by the Holy Spirit. Remember when Christ asked His disciples, "Whom do men say that I, the Son of man am"? It was Peter who said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Christ answered Peter, "Thou art Peter( a little pebble) and upon this rock (A large stone) I will build my church, and the gates of hades shall not prevail against it." (Matt.16:13-18.)

The disciples were wondering when the Lord was going to restore the kingdom to Israel. "When they, therefore, were come together, they asked of Him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom of Israel? And He said unto them, it is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power. But ye shall receive power, after the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And, when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up, and a

cloud received Him out of their sight." Acts 1:6-9. This was the final message to the disciples before the Ascension. The believers were to take the message to the ends of the world, after they received power through the Holy Spirit. This occurred on the day of Pentecost, fulfilling the prophecy of Joel 2:28. The Lord knew that the Gospel of the grace of God was going to be proclaimed throughout the world, from Pentecost onward, when the church was born, and the body of Christ began to be formed. For almost two thousand years the message of grace has been proclaimed, and the signs of the times, indicate the soon return of the Lord, to rapture the saints into the mansions of His Father.

## **THE GLORIOUS RAPTURE AND RETURN OF THE LORD**

No doubt it was a great disappointment to the disciples, having the Messiah taken up from their presence, but the birth of the church at Pentecost revealed greater things than just a restoration of Israel, for God was planning a Kingdom of righteousness which would be forever and ever. "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever." Rev.11:15. As the disciples beheld the Lord taken up in the clouds, they then were informed, "And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Who also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." Acts 1:10-11. Praise God for this marvelous hope, by means of the Rapture which is to take place, taking us out from the wrath to come (1 Thess.1:10). After that terrible tribulation upon this earth we all will return with the Lord as a kingdom of priests, and the Lord will rule in the kingdom of righteousness. (Rev.19:11-16.)

Make no mistake about the difference between the Rapture and the Second Advent of the Lord. They are both of great importance, for Christ must come in the clouds for His saints, taking them to the Father's Mansions for the duration of the Tribulation, and then come with His saints to establish the kingdom of righteousness upon the earth. Review your notes on these important events, in order to prevent confusion.

The Rapture is the next great event which will deliver the believers from that terrible wrath which will come upon this earth. The "Abomination of Desolation" declared through Daniel and confirmed by Christ will be the culmination of hell breaking loose on earth. Satan and his billions of demons will take over the controls of the evil forces, in the hands of the two beasts. God will have to shorten the time of daylight, lest no life would be spared. "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Matt.24:21-22. This latter half of the seven years of tribulation will be the final

struggle for Israel as well as many Gentile believers, who will be saved during the tribulation. This tribulation is known in the Old Testament as "Jacob's Trouble". "Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it; it is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it." Jer.30:7. Here again we see the grace of God working in behalf of Israel, during these terrible days. All this will be taking place while the raptured saints are enjoying the Mansions of God the Father.

## **B. A GLORIFIED BODY FOR THE SAINTS, WHICH IS RESERVED IN THE HEAVENLIES.**

We need not be bewildered as to the capacity of the glorified body, for Christ is the first fruits of that new eternal order of life. Let us examine the possibilities according to the resurrected body of the Lord Jesus Christ. We must remember that we are to be like the Lord, when we see Him face to face. We can learn very much from those 40 days that Christ remained with His disciples after the resurrection. It is hard for human beings to imagine anything more tangible than this material realm, but, may we realize that the Divine realm is the real substantial existence. That is where we are going to get our glorified bodies, which will be sufficient for us throughout eternity to come. May we now study the activities of the Lord Jesus Christ, after He rose from the grave. We will learn a little of the capability of the heavenly existence. Since we will have a body like the Lord Jesus Christ, let us examine the Scriptures pertaining to this.

### **LIKE CHRIST'S GLORIFIED BODY.**

We need to view the various appearances of Christ with His disciples after the resurrection to clarify our understanding as to what are the possibilities, living in a glorified body. Our mentality will be perfect, for the teaching of God's Word, during the kingdom age. Christ's glorified body has become the first fruits, and we shall be like Him. All of Christ's staff will be in their glorified bodies, like unto His. This is but another glorious provision that has been made for the saints of God. God will give us a great capacity in the retaining of the truth as well as the teaching of the truth. We will have tremendous wisdom as we live with the Lord among the earthy people during the thousand years. "When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory. And before Him shall be gathered all nations; and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats. And He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;" Matt.24:31-34. These so called "sheep" which will be placed by the right hand of the Lord will be the earthy people that will come out of the tribulation who were protected by God. The saints of all ages, which will be



raptured before the tribulation, will return with the holy angels and rule and reign in righteousness. We will be known as a kingdom of priests. It will be the work of the saints, in their glorified bodies to travel throughout the world, proclaiming the righteousness of God. Many will accept, the salvation offered to them , but the majority will object to our message, but will have to tolerate it for the thousand year period. All of these who object will be the children born during the kingdom age, who will prefer ungodly acts, rather than God's righteousness. When Satan is loosed for a season from the bottomless pit, they will be easy prey for him as he makes his last stance before God consumes his armies with fire from heaven and casts him and all his demons into the lake of fire, where the two beasts were previously cast. (Rev.19:20; Rev.20:7-10.) Let us study the message which we will be preaching to the multitudes during the kingdom age.

### **C. A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD.**

We have ample material as to what we will be preaching during the millennial kingdom, but little is said as to who will do the teaching. However, we do have sufficient Scripture, concerning the fact that the saints of all ages will be sent throughout the world reaching every tribe and kindred with the Gospel of the kingdom. The teachings of the Lord during His earthly ministry will be some of the teaching which we will conduct during that thousand year period. We will glorify the Lord in our eternal bodies, and that in itself will be a tremendous witness to the nations. Perfect righteousness will be maintained throughout the world during this time. There will be no one with any excuse not to accept Christ as the Redeemer of the world. But since the earthly people will be totally depraved, many will prefer darkness to God's glorious light.

### **ZERO HOUR FOR THE KINGDOM OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**

Since the kingdom cannot begin until after the great tribulation, and the great tribulation cannot begin until the saints of all ages are raptured and in the presence of God. Let us turn to chapter four and chapter five of the Book of Revelation and study what God has to say about the saints before the throne of God. As we have already studied concerning the rapture, let us now behold the saints, pre-televised for John in their glorified bodies. "And before the throne there was a sea of glass like crystal; and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind." Rev.4:6. Here we have a clear view of the countless saints of God as a sea of glass, and the four powerful living creatures. These creatures, most likely are cherubim who protect the holiness of God, having all seeing eyes. They are the ones which took the place of Lucifer, when he sinned against his Creator. They are described as manifesting the four gospels of the New Testament. "And the first living creature was like a lion, (kingly) and the second living creature like a calf,(servant) and the third living creature had a face like a man, (Incarnate) and

the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle" (heavenly). Rev.4:7. These worship Almighty God who sat upon the throne, day and night. (Rev.4:8-9.) Then we have the 24 elders, representing the Old Testament saints and the New Testament saints, worshiping the one upon the throne. (Rev.4:10-11.) As we turn to chapter five, a question is asked, concerning the scroll in the hand of the one upon the throne. Who can be found to open those seven seals? No one could be found, which caused John to weep. (Rev.5:1-4.) Then the Lamb of God from the tribe of Judah appeared and took the scroll. (Rev.5:5-7.) This gave occasion for the four living creatures and the 24 elders to worship Him, for He is the Eternal Son of God. The multitude of the prayers of the saints burst forth as a sweet incense. (Rev.5:8.)

This will take place before the tribulation can begin upon this earth. However, all the saints will be safely gathered in those Mansions of God the Father. As we will behold the Lamb of God taking the scroll and begin to open those seals, one after another, as the wrath of God is poured out upon the unregenerate under the power of the Beasts. There will be many events taking place in the heavenlies during our seven year stay there, bringing glory and honor to our Almighty God. In brief let us behold the following events.

1. **The Judgement seat of Christ. ( 1 Cor.3:11-15; 2 Cor.5:10.)**
2. **The assignment of the saints in the Mansions of God the Father. (Jn.14:1-3.)**
3. **The Marriage and marriage feast of the church to become the bride of Christ. (Rev.19:7-10.)**
4. **The great battle between Satan and Michael the Arch Angel and their armies. Rev.9:1-12; Rev.12:7-12.)**
5. **The saints shall sing a new song to the glory and honor of God, honoring the Lord Jesus Christ. (Rev.5:8-10.)**
6. **There will be a great reunion of families, and saints of all ages, and making new acquaintances with those of all ages. (1 Cor.13:12.)**

### **THE NEW SONG OF THE SAINTS**

"And they sang a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And has made us unto our God a kingdom of priests, and we shall reign on the earth." Rev.5:9-10. This new song will be sung in heaven by the saints before the rapture can begin. It clearly gives us the future tense as to the time that we will reign upon

the earth. But before Christ comes to reign upon the earth, the wrath of God will break loose upon the earth as the seals of the scroll are broken. There will be a series of judgements, as recorded in Revelation chapter six through chapter eighteen. When those seven years expire, then we as the saints of God shall return with the Lord to rule and reign with Him during a thousand years. As we approach these end times, there will be great rejoicing in the heavenlies. The Lord will never leave us nor forsake us, to His praise and glory. When He returns for us, He will be with us forever! As these events will take place, there will be great rejoicing in heaven.

## **GREAT REJOICING IN HEAVEN**

"And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the living creatures and elders, and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessings. " Rev.5:11-12. This takes us into billions of both angels and men in the throngs of heaven, giving all praise and honor to the Lamb of God who has taken away the sins of the whole world. (Jn.1:29.) This will all take place, when the saints are raptured according to God's Word. (1 Thess.4:13-18.) These who will shout with joy, will be gathered from all of heaven and earth to give honor to the Lamb. "And every creature that is in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever. And the four living creatures said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped Him that liveth forever and ever." Rev.5:13-14, These are very important verses from the Bible with eternal meaning. All the saints from everywhere will have a part in this worship service in heaven. It will occur before the seals are opened, to begin the tribulation of the seven years of the wrath of God upon this earth. Those seven years in the mansions of God the Father will be glorious, receiving our rewards for faithfulness, preparing for the marriage of the Son of God, the great feast with the Lord, the battle with the Devil as Michael and his army throw him out of heaven, and finally our return to earth to rule with Christ. It will be after the kingdom age that the second resurrection will take place, bringing forth all of the unregenerate of all ages. They will have to stand before the "**Great White Throne**", and be judged from out of their individual records, and all will fall short of the glory of God. Their final judgement will be cast into the lake of fire forever and ever. But before they are cast into the fire, every unregenerate person will have to acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ as the Eternal Son of God and bow their knees before Him. We praise God for our part reserved for us in the first resurrection. "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection; on such the second death hath no power," Rev.20:6a.

## **EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW BEFORE THE LAMB OF GOD.**

"Wherefore, God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God, the Father." Phil.2:9-10. This will include every unregenerate person from Cain on through the ages, and they will all appear before "The Great White Throne". They will recognize the one whom they rejected, and be judged out of the books of works and be cast into the lake of fire. But before they are thrown into the eternal fire, they will fall down before Christ and declare Him as the Eternal Son of God, to the praise and glory of God. During their lifetime upon this earth, these unregenerate have rejected Christ as their personal Savior, will now have to bow their knees before Him as He sits upon the great white throne. They also will have to acknowledge that the Lord Jesus Christ is and always has been the Eternal Son of God. This will take place before they are forever cast into the lake of fire. What a tragedy that will be when they face the eternal lake of fire! There will be no escape from that everlasting fire, and those that enter shall have the wrath of God poured out upon them forever and ever.

## **THE KINGDOM OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**

This kingdom of righteousness was first heralded by a substitute for Elijah, because God in His omniscience knew that the Messiah would be rejected by Israel. "Behold I send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in; behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. "Mal.3:1. John the Baptist was sent to herald the King of Israel in place of Elijah. "Behold, I will send you Elijah, the prophet, before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord." Mal.4:5. In these two verses from the Book of Malachi, we have the fulfillment predicted of the first and second coming of the Lord to establish His kingdom of righteousness. God sent a substitute for Elijah, knowing Israel would reject their Messiah, but will send Elijah before the kingdom of righteousness is proclaimed. (Rev.11:3-13.) God is never too late with the fulfillment of His promises.

It was necessary for the Messiah to present Himself as the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world, and the High Priest and King after the order of Melchizedek. (Heb.7:11-22.) The Levitical law was given to reveal the perfection necessary to approach God, but it was only the Eternal Son of God who could achieve that perfection for those who believed. He has been declared both High Priest, and King of kings and Lord of lords, after the order of Melchizedek. During the first advent of the Eternal Son of God, He taught Kingdom principles, but bought our salvation at the cross, shedding His precious blood, as the remission of sins.

## THE FIRST ADVENT OF CHRIST

"But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." Gal.4:4-5.

We have the record of the Eternal Son of God, taking upon Himself the form of man, being conceived by the Holy Spirit with the virgin birth. This marvelous undertaking of the Godhead was predicted by God. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; He shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel." Gen.3:15. This set the battle in array between Satan and the Eternal Son of God. Israel was given the sign. "Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, the virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel." Isa.7:14. "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was in this way: When as His mother, Mary, was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph, her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privately. But while he thought on these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary, thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for he shall save his people from their sins." Matt.18-21.

The Eternal Son of God took upon Himself the form of man to both be the sacrificer and the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. He lived some 30 years in preparation for the kingdom teachings, though He knew that He would be rejected by Israel. John the Baptist was heralding the King with the Gospel of repentance and many people identified themselves in preparation for the kingdom, by baptism. May I make it very clear to you that John the Baptist was not presenting Christian baptism, but rather kingdom identification. How do I know this? Turn with me to Acts 19:1-7. "And it came to pass that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper borders came to Ephesus and finding certain disciples, he said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Spirit since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there is any Holy Spirit. And he said unto them, Unto what, then, were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people that they should believe on Him who should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve." This certainly should be proof enough of the change from kingdom teaching to the Pentecostal teachings. It also shows that the kingdom was postponed and had to wait until after the great tribulation. During the latter half of the seven years of tribulation,

Elijah will come with Moses and herald the coming King and kingdom. (Rev.11:1-6.) These last one thousand, two hundred and sixty days will be known as the Abomination of Desolation, revealed to Daniel (Dan.9:27.) and confirmed by Christ. (Matt.24:15, 21.) They will proclaim the coming kingdom under great opposition, but God will protect them, until the fullness of their prophetic ministry. This will usher in the kingdom of righteousness, in which we as the saints of God will return with the Lord and after a great slaughter during the battle of Armageddon, the Lord will set up a thousand year reign of righteousness upon the face of the earth.

## **THE KINGDOM TEACHINGS**

Under the most favorable conditions, the kingdom of righteousness will be established, as we have mentioned in previous teachings. Nature will be restored, The false prophets will be cast alive into the lake of fire, Satan will be chained and cast into the bottomless pit, the goats will be separated and destroyed, while the sheep will enter into the kingdom, and we who will have our glorified bodies will be sent forth as a kingdom of priests, to teach the kingdom principles. (Rev.19:11-20:1-3; Rev.5:10; 60:1-22; Isa.52:1-12; Isa.25:1-12; Isa.2:1-5; Isa.11:1-16.)

Let us review some of these teachings which were taught by Christ during His earthly ministry.

1. **The Beatitudes will be established throughout the whole world. (Lk.6:20-49)**
  - a. **The poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matt.5:3.)**
  - b. **Those that had mourned, shall be comforted. (Matt.5:4.)**
  - c. **The meek, shall inherit the earth. (Matt.5:5.)**
  - d. **Those that desire righteousness, shall be satisfied, under the complete protection of Christ as He rules with a rod of iron. (Matt.5:6.)**
  - e. **Those who show mercy, shall receive mercy. (Matt.5:7.)**
  - f. **Only the pure in heart, will see God. )Matt.5:8.)**
  - g. **Those that strive for peace, are the sons or children of God. (Matt.5:9.)**
  - h. **The kingdom of heaven will be for those who are willing to be persecuted and slandered for the name of God. (Matt.5:10-12.)**

- 2. The sermon on the Mount, will become the rule of the Kingdom of righteousness. (Matt.5-7.)**
  - a. We shall be the salt of the earth, among the earthy people. (Matt.5:13.)**
  - b. We shall be the light of the whole world, during the kingdom age. (Matt.5:14-16.)**
  - c. Anger and evil thoughts are not to be tolerated, during the kingdom. (Matt.5:21-26.)**
  - d. We shall teach concerning the evil of the lust of the flesh. (Matt.5:27-32.)**
  - e. Perjury and retaliation and evil vows, will be forbidden during the kingdom age. (Matt.5:33-42.)**
  - f. The predominant trait of the kingdom, will be love and perfection, even to the loving of your enemies. (Matt.5:43-48.)**
  - g. Truth and genuine principles, will be taught. (Matt.6:1-8.)**
  - h. All needs will be met during the kingdom of righteousness. (Matt.6:19-34.)**
  - i. The golden rule will be practiced. (Matt.7:12.)**
  - j. There will be false teachers with whom we will have to warn the earthy people against them. (Matt.7:15-23.)**
  - k. The Kingdom Prayer, and fasting. (Matt.6:9-18.)**
  - l. The saints of all ages, will take part in teaching the righteousness of God.**
  - m. Whatever the situation, in reaching and preaching to the nations of the world, we in our glorified bodies will be able to cope with all situations.**

## **THE PRAYER OF THE KINGDOM AGE**

### **Matthew 6:9-13.**

The prayer which the Lord taught His disciples which is often called the Lord's prayer is applicable for all times, but is particularly for the kingdom age. Why is this so? In order to answer this, we must remember that all the teachings of the Lord were anticipating kingdom teachings rather than church principles. Since Christ was presenting Himself as the Messiah of Israel, their prayer should be, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." During the kingdom age, all authority will be in the Son of God's hands, throughout the whole world. That is why they of the kingdom will pray, "Give us this day our daily bread". Remember that there is one interpretation to God's Word, but many applications, therefore man of all ages is dependent upon Almighty God for his daily food. The next phrase, "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors". If we were to depend upon forgiveness of our sins, according to our forgiving others, it would be a matter of works. Our forgiveness is by the merit of Christ during this age of grace. During the kingdom age, Christ will be ruler over all, and the beatitudes will be the order of the day. "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen." During the kingdom age, the Lord will direct their paths in righteousness and protect against yielding to temptations. The rule of righteousness will be His scepter, and although the kingdom of earthy people will be totally depraved apart from the Lord, yet, as they yield to His righteousness, Christ will always deliver them from evil. These principles are eternally with God during all ages. Finally, we know that God's kingdom is established forever in power and great glory. Yes, this prayer can and is prayed today, but we need to pray it with understanding.

### **CONCLUSION**

As we close this chapter, may we be mindful of the rich inheritance that we have been given in and through the Lord Jesus Christ. In this day and age of grace, we are being prepared for the kingdom, having been adopted into the royal family of God. There is a glorified body in the heavenlies, awaiting for us, to the praise and glory of God. We will be fully equipped and prepared for the kingdom age, as we fulfill our priestly office in teaching the righteousness of God to the nations of the world. The Lord has allotted one thousand years of such teaching, with a world under the rule of His dear Son. There will be ample food for all and the economy of the nations will flourish under the leadership of the Lord. Nature will be restored, and men will have no excuse whatsoever not to accept Christ as their personal Savior. We will start out with believers, but as they produce children, they will personally have to accept or reject the Lord under our teaching. Even though the surroundings upon the earth will be under the



righteousness of the Lord, there will be countless numbers of the kingdom born children, who will resent these teachings. Nevertheless , they will have to submit to our teachings, and will become easy prey to Satan when he is released from the bottomless pit, after the thousand years. (Rev.20:7-8.) There effort to rebel under the satanic power will soon end with fire from heaven. (Rev.20:9-10.)

## **QUESTIONS FOR CHAPTER FIVE**

- 1. Explain the meaning of "Inherited Riches" Scripture please.**
- 2. When does one get adopted into the royal family of God? Script.**
- 3. Name 10 ways that we inherit the riches of God. Scripture.**
- 4. How do we partake of the order of the resurrection of Christ? Script.**
- 5. In viewing the activities of Christ in His glorified body, what can we expect when we get our glorified bodies? Scripture.**
- 6. Give some evidence of the activities within the glorified body.**
- 7. When was the final great commission given by Christ? Scripture.**
- 8. What do we learn from Luke 24:13-35?**
- 9. Explain John 20:27-29.**
- 10. Explain John 21:12-13.**
- 11. Why is it important that we have these appearances of Christ after the resurrection?**
- 12. What did Christ teach during His 40 days after the resurrection? Scripture please.**
- 13. What important promise do we get as Christ ascends to heaven, after the 40 days with His disciples? Give Scripture.**
- 14. Write an essay on,"Our Glorious Body Like unto The Lord's"**
- 15. Where and when will we become a kingdom of priests in action?**

- 16. Explain the new song of the saints. (Revelation 5:8-10.**
- 17. Explain Revelation 5:11-12; and Revelation 5:13-14.**
- 18. When shall every knee bow to Christ among the unregenerate?**
- 19. Explain Matthew 6:9-13; and give some kingdom teachings.**

## **CHAPTER SIX**

*To God be the Glory !*



*'The heavens declare  
the Glory of God;  
the skies proclaim  
the work of His hands.'*

*Psalms 19 : 1*

# **Walking Worthy of the Glory of God**

## **CHAPTER SIX**

### **WALKING WORTHY OF THE GLORY OF GOD.**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Lord has left us, as believers, in this life for a purpose and we become God's spokesmen, as to the saving grace of our loving Lord. "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have, therefore, opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Gal.6:9-10. As we walk through this life, may we seek to do God's will, witnessing to the world that we belong to the Lord Jesus Christ. "But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." 2 Cor.3:18. We can expect many trials and tribulations along this earthly journey, serving the Lord. God has granted to us many open doors with a great outreach with the Gospel, there will be many trials and difficulties along the way as we face the world, the flesh, and the devil, but as the Word of God reminds us, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God." Rom.8:18-19. Let us study this phase of Biblical training, knowing that as we walk worthy of this high calling in Christ Jesus, we are also partakers of the glory of God through Christ Jesus.

#### **PSALM 1.**

"Blessed is the man who walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth its fruit in its seasons; its leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore, the ungodly shall not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall perish." Psalm 1.

#### **A. PRESENTING OUR BODIES AS A LIVING SACRIFICE, TO THE GLORY OF GOD.**

As a Good Shepherd of His sheep, the Lord never drives His sheep, but gently leads them into green pastures having them feast upon His Word. God has created us different from animals, which merely have an instinct, and has given

us the privilege of choice. One of the early desires of God for your life and for mine, after we accepted Christ as our personal Savior, is to direct our lives in paths of righteousness. This requires the presenting our bodies a living sacrifice in the service of Almighty God. God wants us to humbly offer our services to Him, in this present world. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. For I say, though the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, according as God has dealt to every man the measure of faith." Rom. 12:1-3. These statements are very important in the molding and making our life, according to the will of God. It helps God to refine our lives, as Gold and silver are refined, having the dross and the impurities removed. As we yield our bodies to the Lord, He can do a mighty job of molding and making us after His will. What could we desire more than God's perfect will for our lives? There is nothing more glorious than to allow God to have His perfect will accomplished in our lives.

### **OUR BODIES BELONG TO THE LORD.**

God's Word reminds us that we are indebted to the Lord who created us, and also, since we believed, our bodies have become the temple of God. "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Cor. 6:19-20. Whether you as a believer, submit your body to the Lord, in His service or not, you do not have the right to do as you please with your body. You may become enslaved to some bad habits in your body, which are not well pleasing to God, which deprives you from a full surrender to God. God is always waiting for every believer to present his or her body to Him, before He can show them His perfect will for their lives. As you present your body to the Lord, you do this once and for always, with a complete dedication to do the will of God. Whatever position you are in life, you belong to the Lord, to bring glory and honor to His name. "For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's freeman; likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant. Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men. Brethren, let every man, in whatever state he is called, there abide with God." 1 Cor. 7:22-24.

We are the creation of God, and He could have made us in such a way that obedience would be the natural result of His creation. However, God did not desire a creation of puppets, or robots, but rather He wanted created subjects with a free mind and choice to glorify Him as Creator, Lord and Master. This is actually our privilege, individually, and collectively to choose God, allowing Him to direct our paths. I often think of Joshua, when he was given the leadership of

Israel, taking them into the promised land, as he said, "Now, therefore, fear the Lord, and serve Him in sincerity and in truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the river, and in Egypt, and serve ye the Lord. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the river, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell; but for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.": Josh.24:14-15. May our choice always be to serve the Lord, who has not only died for our sins, but given us newness of life! We have been chosen in the Beloved. "According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him, in love." Eph.1:4. To present our bodies a living sacrifice, really is a "Living Privilege". By God's grace, we have been lifted into the heavenlies, through Christ Jesus. "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a people of His own, that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;" 1 Pet.2:9. As believers, it should be the greatest privilege, to present our bodies in a living service unto God, for all that He has done in the past, all that He is doing in the present, and all that He has planned for the future. It thrills my soul to know that someday we will share in God's eternal glory.

In our dedicated lives to the Lord, may we also desire to bring glory and honor to the Lord, through these earthen vessels. God has given us this treasure in earthen vessels for a purpose. "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of power may be of God, and not of us." 2 Cor.4:7. The Lord has chosen us to witness and testify of His saving grace. We are soldiers of the cross and must, "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Eph.6:11. "Thou, therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." 2 Tim.2:1. Have you presented your body to the Lord as a living testimony and sacrifice? Your ministry will be useless until you are fully dedicated to the Lord, in His service. If you enter the ministry of God for personal gain or prestige, rather than for the glory of God, your efforts are as wood, hay, and stubble, rather than glorifying the Lord. God knows your every motive, and nothing is hidden from Him.

### **THE HOLINESS OF GOD IN A DEDICATED LIFE.**

God's great desire for us is to manifest His holiness through our lives. It is an honor in which the Lord desires to place in our daily life. "Wherefore, gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ, as obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance. But, as He who hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of life, because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your so-journeying here in fear, forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with

corruptible things, like silver and gold, from your vain manner of life received by tradition from your fathers, But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot, Who by Him do believe in God, who raised Him up from the dead and gave Him glory, that your faith and hope might be in God. Seeing that ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently, being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." 1 Pet. 1:13-22. The price that the Lord paid to redeem our souls is far beyond any price that we could pay. It is our reasonable service to dedicate and give our whole life over to the Lord, in His service. There is an old saying, that I heard as a lad, "Only one life, twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last". How true that is, and we should give deep consideration to such truth! May each of us as believers, let the beauty of Jesus be seen in our lives!

### **CHRIST IS OUR LIVING STONE.**

As those who are born of the Holy Spirit we are new creatures in Christ Jesus. "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;" 2 Cor.5:16-18. The Lord wants to use our lives, in this present life to glorify His Name. "Wherefore, laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, As new born babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that ye may grow by it, If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious; To whom, coming as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." 1 Pet.2:1-5. It is therefore important that every Christian be willing to present his body a living sacrifice to God, for the glory and praise to our heavenly Father. It is in Christ Jesus that we become partakers of the glory of God.

Christ is that corner stone and foundation in each of our lives, and we are either building upon the foundation of the Lord with eternal material such as gold, Silver, and Precious Stones, or wood, hay, and stubble. There is nothing wrong with the foundation, upon which we have to build, but rather as to our spiritual condition, as the builder. "For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble- Every man's work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall test every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built upon it, he shall receive a reward." 1 Cor.3:11-14. These rewards will be given out by the Lord, at the Judgement Seat of Christ. (2 Cor.5:10.) Let us labor together, building upon that solid foundation of Christ

for eternity! Always remember, "For our citizenship is in heaven, from where also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our lowly body, that it may be fashioned like His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself. Phil.3:20-21.

As we build for eternity, during this life span, may we choose to serve the Lord with heart mind and soul! We as the elect of God, are to receive our daily instructions from God the Holy Spirit, who dwells within us. "Put on, therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, tender mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; Forebearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any; even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another, in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." Col.3:12-17. As we build our life for the glory of God, may we do all according to God's will, getting our building instructions, according to our Master Builder, the Lord Jesus Christ. May we shun evil, and build to the glory and honor of the Lord. God has entrusted to us, the glorious Gospel message, as His ambassadors, in this present confused world. May our lives be so lived as well pleasing before God. By so doing, we allow the eternal glory of God to be seen in and through our lives.

## **B. CONFESSING OUR SINS, TO THE GLORY OF GOD.**

There is nothing hidden from God, and He is aware of all things, even when a sparrow falls. We may be able to pretend before our fellow man, but that is impossible before God. The Lord wants us, of our own free will, to come to Him with every problem and especially every sin. We are members of the royal family of God, but until we get our glorified bodies, we are encountered by sin. Sin breaks the fellowship with God and all sin must be removed to restore that sweet fellowship with each other and with God. "If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth; But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin." 1 Jn.1:6-7. Do not allow anything to come between God and you, for Christ has broken the power of sin in our lives and removed the barriers between us and God the Father by dying in our stead. It is so easy for us to see the faults in others, and neglect or excuse our own shortcomings. "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye measure, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a



beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to cast the mote out of thy brother's eye." Matt.7:1-5. It is important in our Christian walk, to be considerate one of another. It is also of great importance to be right with God, within our own lives, before we try to help others to get right with God. We need to acknowledge our personal sin, before we scrutinize and personalize our brother's shortcomings. Let us allow God the Holy Spirit to convict us of our own sins, before we judge our brother's shortcomings. Christ will be the final judge in the believer's lives and will be ready to reward those who have been faithful in this present life.

### **ACKNOWLEDGE PERSONAL SIN.**

There is no sinless perfection in this present life, for apart from Christ we are totally depraved. Some may try to say, "I don't sin, I just make mistakes." Regardless of what one may call it, sin is sin. Sometimes we are only prone to consider gross sins, but what will you do with this statement from the Bible? "For whatever is not of faith is sin." Rom.14:23b. Also we might add that, "All unrighteousness is sin," 1 Jn.5:17a. In these bodies of ours, sin is always prevalent and we must guard against its influence in our lives. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." 1 Jn.1:8. This brings up a very pertinent question. What does a Christian do, when he has sinned? Sin always breaks the fellowship with God and also grieves the Holy Spirit. Christ has died for the sins of the whole world, past, present and future. Since this is the case, certainly Christ died for the believer's sins, and forgiveness must be available. Yes, God has His cleansing method for His royal family. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 Jn.1:9. Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord, come to your heavenly Father with that burden of sin and confess every known sin to Him, for He is faithful and because of His Eternal Son dying for the sins of the whole world, He is just and will forgive you. If you try to cover over your sins, you will not only remain out of fellowship with God, but your good works will be as, wood, hay, and stubble, at the judgement seat of Christ, Your rewards will be lost and you will be saved so as by fire. (1 Cor.3:9-15;2 Cor.5:10.) "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." 1 Cor.3:16-17.

Keep short accounts with God, for then and then alone can you enjoy the joy of the Lord down deep in your hearts. I always like to admonish all believers, to have these confessionals directly with God the Father and avoid that future bon fire of wood, hay, and stubble in our lives, at the judgement seat of Christ. You cannot hide anything from God, so why not be truthful with Him and get rid of sin, and rather, hide God's Word in your heart, that you will be prevented from sinning against Him. (Ps.119:11.) Let the Word of God be a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your path. (Ps.119:105.) As you allow the glory of God to shine

in your life and through your obedience, you will be reflecting to others the personality of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in my life and your life, bringing glory and praise to our heavenly Father. Just because there is forgiveness of sin available for believers, does not give the Christians a license to live a sinful life. We need to learn how to keep from sinning as believers, serving the Lord.

### **KEEP FROM SINNING**

We read in the Bible, "Moreover, the law entered, that the offence might abound, But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound; That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ, our Lord." Rom.5:20-21. This brings up another question, If we are under the grace of God, and not under the law, can we do as we please, regarding sin? The Bible clearly corrects such a statement. "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer in it?" Rom.6:1-2. To live by the grace of God and keep from sinning, we must spend much time in the Word of God. Not just quickly reading the Word, as a habit and custom, but rather meditating upon the Word, and allowing God's Word to be assimilated into our very life. Use that "Faith Rest" policy and as a cow chews her cud, so let us feast upon the living Word, until it becomes part of our life. If we are being conformed to the system of the world, it is difficult to feed on the Word! There will always be a conflict between the carnal life and the spiritual life, in this present world. "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with solid food; for to this time ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal; for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?" 1 Cor.3:1-3. If you are favoring the carnal life, it is very difficult for you to feast on the deep things of God's Word.

We must always remember that the new life in the Lord Jesus Christ needs to grow. That growth depends upon your knowledge of the Word of God, which is then converted into wisdom by God the Holy Spirit. We need to constantly grow in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. If we do not grow and go forward, we will automatically decline and become stagnant in our Christian life. The Christian faith is designed by God to be progressive through the various gifts that God gives to His own. God has provided gifts to the brethren to help establish each of us in the most holy faith. "And He gave some, apostles; and some prophets, and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness,

by which they lie in wait to deceive; But, speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, who is the head, even Christ; From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." Eph.4:11-16. The more that we allow the Word of God to become a part of our daily living, the less opportunity that sin has to have dominion in our lives. We need a daily feasting upon the Word of God, this will help you from being persuaded by strange voices..

It is very important that we are not persuaded by strange voices, teaching doctrines contrary to God's Word. These false teachers, often will use Scripture verses out of context to entangle both believers and those seeking some kind of worship. "Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, And not holding the Head, from whom all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God." Col.2:18-19. We are also warned against being once enlightened, then turning back to those things which are false. "Nevertheless then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods, But now, after ye have known God, or rather are known by God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, unto which ye desire again to be in bondage?" Gal.4:8-9. You personally are to answer this question. I lived and work with believers who were just one generation removed from heathenism, and serving these false gods, and it was very easy for them to slip back into compromising and trying to please mammon as well as God. This has been one of the great hindrances throughout the world, causing many to be unable to feast upon the deep things from God's Word. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness, because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shown it unto them. For the invisible things of Him from creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse; Because, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man, and birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore, God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen, Rom.1:18-25. By their fruits, you should know the ungodly, who constantly try to lure you away from the Word of God. Allow God the Holy Spirit to guide you into all truth, according to the living Word of God. God's truth is settled forever in heaven and He has brought it down to planet earth for our admonition and learning.

## **NO PLACE FOR NEUTRALITY IN THE REALM OF GOD**

To the glory and praise of our Almighty God, every provision has been made for our sins, past, present and future. God has made possible the provision for every soul that has or will be born upon the face of the earth. You, who make light of this provision, cannot remain neutral, for you are either for God or against God. There is a hymn that we often used to sing.

### **WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS**

**Jesus is standing at your heart's door,  
Standing and knocking, He has knocked before,  
This is the question you face once more:**

**At your sad heart He is knocking still,  
Longing to enter, your soul to thrill;  
You must accept or reject His will:**

**Oh, will you leave Him alone, outside?  
Or will you choose Him, what-e'er betide?  
This is the question, you must decide:**

**Will you now answer His tender call?  
Will you obey Him, what-e'er be-fall?  
Follow Him daily, as Lord of all?**

### **CHORUS**

**What will you do with Jesus?  
What will you do with Jesus?  
Neutral you cannot be;  
Someday your heart will be asking:  
What will He do with me?**

There is no one in all of God's creation, that is able to escape God's scrutiny. If the written Word of God is able to know every thought and intent of the heart, how much more, the very one that gave us the Word, can understand every thought and intent of our minds? If God so desired, He can make Himself available under every circumstance. He even knows when a sparrow falls! Don't let Satan deceive you that you have a place to hide! In God there is no darkness at all. "And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness overcame it not." Jn.1:5. You may be saying, "I'll take my chances, and wait and see!" Whoever you may be, you don't have a chance to avoid the wrath of God. You may be a carnal Christian, and say. "It is all by grace any how, so what have I to lose?" Let

me tell you, "Carnal Christian", you have much to lose throughout eternity. We as Christians will stand before the Judgement seat of Christ, where our records of faithfulness will be exposed as well as our unfaithfulness. The fire of God's judgement will be placed upon these works of yours, whether, wood, hay, or stubble, gold, silver, or precious stones. Do you want to come before the Eternal Son of God without being able to offer Him thanks

Don't disappoint the Lord in your behavior! If you are weak, always remember that in Christ you can be strong. "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world. They are of the world; therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. We are of God. He that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. By this know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error." 1 Jn.4:4-6. The Lord as the Good Shepherd, calleth His sheep by name and they hear His voice. "I am the good shepherd and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As my Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father, and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, that are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." Jn.10:14-16.

### **C. DOING HIS WILL, TO THE GLORY OF GOD.**

As Christ prayed in that crucial hour on the Mount of Olives, spending at least three hours praying to the Father, His conclusive statement always was, "not as I will, but as thou wilt" (Matt.26:39b.) This second prayer before the crucifixion reveals that great love and devotion that the Eternal Son has to God the Father. "He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying. O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me except I drink it, thy will be done." Matt.26:42. Certainly if the Eternal Son of God is so yielded to God the Father, and is the Creator of the universe, how much more we as creatures should be willing to do His will, regardless of the circumstances. According to the Bible, let us examine some of the Divine desires for His creation.

### **SIN TO BE REMOVED FOREVER**

The key to the whole Bible, according to God's will is the elimination of sin once and forever. God wishes to expel the possibility of sin from ever showing its ugly head again. In order to judge sin once and forever, in God's justice, He is allowing sin to run its complete course, before casting it into the eternal lost. The test through choice had to be granted to His heavenly angels, and as we know there was one out of every three angels that submitted to the opposite of God and became fallen angels or demons. (Rev.12:3-4) In order for their leader to have a domain, he had to steal some area from God and he chose the planet earth as his domain. (2 Cor.4:4.) We had the first evidence of this infiltration upon the earth, as satan indwelt and spoke through the most beautiful

animal in the garden of Eden. Of course mother Eve was the target, and both Adam and Eve fell to the temptation of sin. Then came that great declaration from God Himself, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; He shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel." Gen.3:15. The battle to eliminate sin once and forever was on! The seed of the woman has accomplished this declaration by God, through the Eternal Son of God. The place was Calvary's cross, when the sum total of all sin was paid for in full. John the Baptist declared this, "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the whole world" Jn.1:29.

Sin, having been dealt with at the cross, now the Eternal Son of God must be considered in living a life well pleasing to Him. Christ has made a way through His death and resurrection, removing the barrier of sin, once and forever. Our obedience should be focused upon the Lord Jesus Christ, who has removed the sin question as a barrier between man and God. Since we have been purchased out of the slave market of sin, let us draw from that Divine power to overcome the world, the flesh and the devil. Christ has paid the debt of all of the sins, past, present, and future, and all mankind is without excuse before God, in either accepting or rejecting the Eternal Son of God as their Savior. It is no longer a "sin" question, but rather a "Son" question.

God has passed judgement upon the evil forces of Satan, upon sin and death, for they all will be cast into the eternal lake of fire and remain there forever and ever. Those who reject the Lord Jesus Christ as their Redeemer from sin, will likewise be cast into the eternal lake of fire. Note what the Bible says, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." Jn.3:16-17. By God's grace, salvation has been offered to this whole world through Christ. It is now an individual choice of every human being to accept Christ as their Savior or reject Him. There is no neutrality and there is no other way in which we may even approach Almighty God.

### **GOD'S PROVISION FOR US ALL.**

God has never had a limited atonement in His great plan of salvation. By sending His Eternal Son to the cross to die for sins, Christ died for the sins of the whole world. "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness, but is long suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Pet.3:9. Since this is the case, the sacrificial atonement was sufficient for every soul ever born to be covered. "But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above); Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead). But what saith it? The word is near thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy

heart; that is, the word of faith, which we preach: That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek; for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him. For whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved." Rom.10:6-13, This certainly does not indicate that God has limited so great salvation to a particular group. "That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." Jn.3:15.

### **GOD DESIRES TO BE CHERISHED BY US ALL.**

In my teaching the Word of God, I often mention that God has always been complete in Himself and never can be added to or taken away from what He always has been. However it is God's desire to share His glory with His creation. Since God has loved us with an everlasting love, before the foundation of the world, He has given us the opportunity to reciprocate our love toward Him. God wants to be cherished by us, and by our own free will. As we study the Word of God we are aware of the many ways in which God has shown His love toward us. The greatest blessings are yet in the future, when we get our glorified bodies, but this present life is engulfed with countless blessings from God. It all is based upon God the Father's abiding grace, through His Eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

God in His great love for those who have accepted His Eternal Son, has covered us in His Son's cloak of righteousness. We have been accepted in the Beloved, "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross;" Col.2:14. What a statement and provision that God has made for all who believe! May each of us return our thanks to Almighty God for first loving us, that we in turn can love God with all of our heart. "Put on, therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, tender mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any; even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another, in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." Col.3:12-17.

If we wish to show our love toward God, we need to draw from the source of God, those things which are well pleasing to God. May we also remember that whatever we do in word or deed, we should do all for the praise

and glory of God in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. As we study the Bible, we learn the principles of God, drawing from the strength of God the Holy Spirit to accomplish the will of God. During this life span, we do not achieve perfection, but we do express our desire to be well pleasing to God the Father in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. "For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power;" Col.2:9-10. Since we are complete in Christ, we honor the Father by desiring that the Lord is our all in all! May we desire to please the Son of God, who is the future bridegroom of the church. Allow the Holy Spirit to work the righteousness of God in your life. "And now, little children, abide in Him, that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. If ye know that He is righteous, ye know that everyone that doeth righteousness is born of Him." 1 Jn.2:28-29.

### **GOD WISHES TO DWELL WITH US ALL.**

So far in this present life, God has only appeared to very few of those whom He has chosen for His own. However we know that it is God's wish that He will some day dwell among all His saints. Since no one can see God the Father and live, so God's appearance will be through the Eternal Son, who is like God the Father. One of the names of the Lord is, "Immanuel", God with us. "Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name :Immanuel". Isa.7:14. (Matt.1:23.) God desires to share with His creation the glory which He has always possessed. Adam and Eve and Enoch had a special privilege of walking and talking with the Eternal Son of God. We could name many of the Old Testament saints who talked with the Lord, and were given an insight in the things to come. Paul on the road to Damascus had his first encounter with the Lord, and he also must have had a glorious time with Christ in the Arabian desert over that silent period of three years. However, God has given us a guarantee of His desire to dwell with all believers, making this fellowship possible, by the gift of the indwelling of God the Holy Spirit. "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us. By this know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love, and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." 1 Jn.4:11-16. Perfect love comes from God and we can have confidence that our Divine fellowship is perfected because God the Holy Spirit dwells within us. The fruit of the Holy Spirit consists of, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control; against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the



affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vainglory, provoking one another, envying one another." Gal.5:22-26. God the Father has given us the Holy Spirit to dwell within us forever, this gives us a special communication with the Godhead, which will last throughout eternity. As members of the body of Christ, we have already been endowed with the Divine life through God the Holy Spirit. That Divine life will be transferred over to those glorified bodies, when the Rapture takes place. These glorified bodies will also be clothed upon with the eternal righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are assured of Almighty God dwelling with us, because of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Oh what a day of rejoicing that will be, when this present life is completed and we shall dwell with the Lord forever!

As Stephen addresses the Sanhedrin, the Holy Spirit causes him to quote a very important truth from Isaiah, "Nevertheless, the Most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands, as saith the prophet, Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool, What house will ye build me? Saith the Lord. Or what is the place of my rest? Hath not my hand made all these things?" Acts 7:48-50. (Isa.66:1-2.) We also read, as Solomon built a temple for God, "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have built!" 1 Ki.8:27. What amazing glory of God, that He would look down upon His creation and with everlasting love choose our bodies as His temple. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" 1 Cor.3:16. God has poured out His mercy by His grace through our loving Lord. "Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Spirit, who dwelleth in us." 2 Tim.1:13-14.

The things which God is preparing are amazing and beyond our comprehension! God in person, will dwell among men, as has been fore-told. "And I saw no temple in it; for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it; for the glory of God did light it, and the Lamb is the lamp of it." Rev.21:22-23. That will be a glorious day when Almighty God dwells among men and will have perfect holy relationship with His creatures. The communication will be out of this world, coming down from the heavenlies. "Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations." Ps.90:1. What great expectation we have through the Lord Jesus Christ, when all things are created new!

### **GOD WILL MAKE ALL THINGS NEW FOR US ALL.**

Since all of God's present creation has been contaminated with sin, the Lord Himself will make all things new. This old creation which has been sin cursed will all pass away. As we see the earth in it's present state, we have learned to live with it's imperfections and groanings, but God in His perfection

has first made us new creatures in Christ Jesus, and then the new heavens and the new earth. "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away. And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold I make all things new. And He said unto me, Write; for these words are true and faithful. And He said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omeg'a, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things, and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." Rev.21:1-7. This is God's "Declaration of Eternal Life" to all who believe! As God declared in Daniel 9:24, that He would bring in everlasting righteousness, in His new creation, so it has been declared. We have this blessed hope, established by the Word of God. Before this marvelous new creation comes about, there will be the following.

1. **The Rapture of all the saints. Date only known by God the Father. (1 Thess.4:13-18; Jn.14:1-3; 1 Cor.15:51-58.)**
2. **The seven year tribulation upon the earth. This will take place immediately after the Saints are Raptured. (Rev.6-19.)**
3. **The Judgement Seat of Christ for the Saints which are raptured into heaven, clothed in their glorified bodies. This will take place sometime in the early 7 years in heaven, for the distribution of rewards for faithfulness. (1 Cor.3:12-17; 2 Cor.5:10.)**
4. **The Saints of all ages assigned their particular place in the mansions of God the Father. (Jn.14:1-3.)**
5. **The Marriage of the Lamb of God and the great wedding feast, when the Old Testament saints are invited by the Bridegroom to His wedding with the saints of the church age. (Rev.19:7-10.)**
6. **The great battle in heaven when Satan and all of his demons are cast out forever. This will take place three and one half years after the church is raptured, when the fifth trumpet is blown. (Rev.9:1-11; Rev.12:7-12.)**

7. **At the end of the seven years in heaven, Christ will descend upon the earth with His great armies of angels, the Saints of all ages, and declare war on the two beasts. This is called the Great Battle of Armageddon. Rev.19:11-21.) The Lord will destroy their armies and cast them into the lake of fire, to remain there forever and ever.**
8. **Satan will be chained and cast into the bottomless pit for the duration of the thousand year reign of Christ in righteousness. (Rev.20:1-3.)**
9. **The first resurrection will have it's completion as the Tribulation saints who were slain will come forth for the kingdom of righteousness. Rev.20:4-6.)**
10. **The thousand year reign of Christ in righteousness, when the whole earth will be restored and the saints shall be a kingdom of priests, acting as missionaries around the world. Christ will use the rod of iron to maintain His perfect righteousness. The Lord Jesus Christ's teachings while on earth during His first advent will be taught to all nations. (Isa.11:1-12:6; Isa.32:1-5; Isa.60:1-22; Isa.66:1-21.)**
11. **The final onslaught by Satan will end with Satan being cast into the lake of fire with his demons, and sin will come to an end forever and ever. (Rev.20:7-10.)**
12. **The Great White Throne Judgement will be set up by Christ and all the unregenerate will be raised to face judgement and cast into the lake of fire to remain forever. This will be the second resurrection of all of the unregenerate dead of all ages. (Rev.20:11-15.)**

All of these events must take place before the new heavens and the new earth are created by God. The old heavens and the old earth will be destroyed by fervent heat. "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat; the earth also, and the works that are in it, shall be burned up. Seeing, then, that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy living and godliness, Looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God, in which the heavens, being on fire, shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? " 2 Pet.3:10-12. Then will come to pass all things made new and sin will never occur again throughout eternity, to the praise and glory of Almighty God. (2 Pet.3:13; Isa.66:22-23; Rev.21:1-22:5.) This will be a glorious moment in our lives, seeing the old pass away and all things become new. Christ the first fruits of the resurrection, and because of Him, we are made new creatures for the new creation of God. God's plans for the ages to come are thrilling, with great expectations.

"Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation; old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." 2 Cor.5:17. Since God has given us a new birth by God the Holy Spirit, we are aware, as students of the Bible, that this has been made possible by the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. God has not given us all the particulars of this new creation, but we know that God has great things in store for His faithful. Praise God that sin, death, sorrow, and pain will never occur again. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away. And He said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omeg'a, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things, and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." Rev.21:4-7. There will be no more evil forces to contend with, for God will establish everlasting righteousness, where all sin will come to an eternal ending. This will be a glorious climax to the great plan of God, as He allowed sin to run its course and then judged it at the cross of calvary.

## **WHO SHALL OCCUPY THE NEW HEAVENS AND THE NEW EARTH?**

God has many secrets, yet to be revealed but we know that the faithful angelic hosts and the faithful saints of all ages will occupy both heaven and earth. In this new creation, God has again declared the earth as separate from the heavens. In this new earth, there will be no seas separating the nations. Our present nature has been cursed by the fall of man, and yet we behold much beauty. The new earth will have a beauty second to none and we who will then have our glorified bodies, will be able to enjoy the complete beauty of both heaven and earth. I am sure that we will continue to have Bible classes, both with the angels as well as with each other. There will be great choral choirs with the most beautiful music ever to be heard. Time will be no more and we will forever be in the presence of Almighty God, with the Holy Spirit remaining within us forever and ever.

There will be seasons as the fruit trees will constantly bear fruit for each season. There will be feasting, both with the angels and the glorified saints of all ages. There will be animal and plant life with perfect harmony . Although there will be a difference of talents and responsibilities, we will be content with the talents which the Lord will give to us. Health will reign among all the saints and we shall partake of the living waters flowing forth from the throne of God.

## **CONCLUSION**

Salvation is by grace alone and is a free gift from God, based upon the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. However, there are commitments which we as believers have been given by the Lord Jesus Christ. We must remember that we have been purchased out of the slave market of sin, bought with the

precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. There are some important activities which every Christian is responsible for, before Almighty God. When we are faithful to the Lord in these responsibilities, we glorify the Lord in and through our lives. Let us name these various activities to which we have a responsibility as Christians.

1. **Allow the Holy Spirit to keep on filling us with Himself in our daily life. (Eph.5:18.)**
2. **Allow the Holy Spirit to guide and teach us the Bible. (Jn.16:13; Rom.8:14; Eph.1:17; 1 Cor.2:10-11; 2 Tim.3:16; Jn.14:16,26; Jn.15:26; Jn.16:7; Gal.3:1-5.)**
3. **Listen to the Holy Spirit as He convicts us of sin, causing us to confess our sins before God the Father. (Jn.16:8; 1 Cor.2:10-11; 1 Jn.1:9.)**
4. **Use our natural talents to glorify God. (Matt.25:15-28.)**
5. **Keep from sinning, and do not grieve the Holy Spirit. (Eph.4:30.)**
6. **Obey the great commission which the Lord has commanded us to do. (Lk.22:35-37; Matt.28:18-20; Mk.16:15-18; Lk.24:46-48; Jn.17:18; Jn.20:21; Acts 1:8; 1 Cor.15:6.)**
7. **Teach the Bible to others. (2 Tim.3:16-17; 2 Tim.2:1-2; 2 Tim.4:1-2.)**
8. **Pray for and intercede for others. (1 Tim.2:1-3.)**
9. **Walk worthy of the high calling in Christ. (Eph.4:1; col.1:10; 1 Thess.2:12;)**
10. **Partaker of the fruit of the Holy Spirit. (Gal.5:22-23;)**
11. **Being led by the Holy Spirit. (Gal.5:16-18, 25-26.)**
12. **Present your life and body as a living sacrifice to the Lord. (Rom.12:1-3.)**
13. **Confess your sins daily before the Lord. (1 Jn.1:9.)**
14. **Show to your fellow believer, brotherly love. (Jn.15:9-12; Rom.12:9-10; 2 Cor.5:14; Eph.4:2-16; 1 Jn.3:11-23.)**

15. **Show the world, the love of God, shed abroad in your hearts, (Rom.5:5-8; Rom.13:9-10; Jas.2:8.)**
16. **Glorify the Lord in your daily life, thanking Him for what He has done for us in the past, what He is doing for us in the present, and what He has prepared for us throughout eternity. (Rom.8:28-39; Col.3:17; Phil.1:9-11.)**

As you study these various Scriptures, you will discover that we have a great responsibility before God and man with high ideals. These do not add to your salvation, but they do tell God that we love Him and desire to serve Him in this life upon planet earth. This can only be accomplished as we yield to God the Holy Spirit, who is our source of power through this life. We also must not neglect the reading and the studying of the Word of God. Also spend time in quiet devotions with the Lord. "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." Ps.19:14.

We have a wonderful future ahead of us and it is expedient for us to serve the Lord with all diligence. May the eternal interests of God have our priority in this temporary life upon planet earth. Our destination, as believers has been made secure in the Beloved Son of God. We have been given the guarantee of God the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. We have God's Word in writing, that is immutable and based upon that marvelous character of the Godhead. May we constantly desire to glorify the Lord in our thoughts, words and deeds! "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgements, and His ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been His counselor? Or who hath first given to Him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things; to whom be glory forever. Amen. Rom.11:33-36.

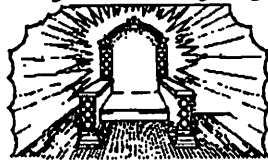
### **QUESTIONS FOR CHAPTER SIX.**

1. **Name some of God's purposes in our life as Christians. Give. Scripture.**
2. **Explain 2 Corinthians 3:18.**
3. **Give a brief essay on Psalm chapter one.**
4. **What happens when we present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God? (Romans 12:1-2.)**
5. **Explain 1 Corinthians 7:22-24; and 2 Corinthians 4:7.**

- 6. How can we show the holiness of God through a dedicated life?**
- 7. Explain 1 Peter 2:1-5.**
- 8. Why does God want us to confess our sins daily?**
- 9. How can we keep from sinning?**
- 10. How can we know the perfect will of God?**
- 11. What planet did Satan steal from God according to the following Scripture. 2 Corinthians 4:4?**
- 12. Why is God's salvation available to all mankind?**
- 13. Since God's glory cannot be added to or taken away, what can we contribute to our Almighty God?**
- 14. What does the name "Immanuel" mean to us?**
- 15. Explain Revelation 21:1-7.**
- 16. Name the events that will precede the creation of the new heavens and the new earth, according to the Bible.**
- 17. Who shall occupy the New Heavens and the New Earth? Scripture.**
- 18. Since salvation is by grace and not of works, what can we do for God?**
- 19. Name the important activities to which the Christians are to do.**

## **CHAPTER SEVEN**

*To God be the Glory !*



*'The heavens declare  
the Glory of God;  
the skies proclaim  
the work of His hands.'*

*Psalms 19 : 1*

# **Abundant Life Within the Glory of God**



## **CHAPTER SEVEN**

### **ABUNDANT LIFE WITHIN, TO THE GLORY OF GOD.**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

We must constantly remind ourselves, "To God be the glory. great things He hath done". We could also add "Great things that He is doing, and great things that He will do." Since we have been saved by grace and not by works of righteousness which we are capable of doing, all that can be accomplished in our lives should bring glory and honor to our Everlasting and Almighty God. The abundant life that we already have positionally is all because of the Eternal Son of God. Our lives are sealed securely by God the Holy Spirit, through whom we have this Divine life, being separated unto God and promised pleasures forever more. As we complete this study of the glory of God, may we search the Scriptures and feast upon the precious provision that God has granted to those who believe.

#### **A. DIVINE LIFE GIVEN, TO THE GLORY OF GOD.**

##### **THE DIVINE LIFE PROVIDED.**

The Holy Scriptures tell us, "And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins: Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace are ye saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus; That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." Eph.2:1-7. All of this is to the glory of God, separate from the limited works of man.

This only could be accomplished in our lives, by the Divine power of God the Holy Spirit. We have been made eternally alive through the Holy Spirit, who gave us this Divine life through the new birth. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." Jn.3:6-7. There is no way that we can boast with any merit of our own, it is all transacted by God Himself. What God sets out to accomplish, He also fully provides within Himself. As Christ was preparing to leave His disciples, He knew that there was a Divine need to keep them from the evil forces. "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another

Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." Jn.14:16-17. This great change took place in the lives of the believers beginning on the day of Pentecost, (Acts 2:1-4.) This was repeated among the Samaritans, by Philip (Acts 8:5-17), then Philip was sent to the Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:26-38), then Peter was sent to the Gentiles (Acts 10:1-48), and finally Paul witnessed to those under the leadership of John the Baptist (Acts 19:1-7. Our new birth by God the Holy Spirit gives us the new Divine life which someday will be clothed upon in a glorified body. From the day of Pentecost until the Rapture, this process will continue, formulating the body of Christ. When the last member of the body of Christ receives salvation, then will that trumpet of God sound and the greatest "Air Lift" of all times will occur. The Old Testament Saints (The friends of the Bridegroom), will come forth, at the sound of that trumpet, having those bodies in the graves, changed, and uniting with their spirit and soul, forming a new glorified body, like unto the Lord Jesus Christ. Those who have believed, being sanctified and separated from the ungodly, will shine forth with the eternal glow of God forever and ever.

## **B. SANCTIFIED FOREVER, TO THE GLORY OF GOD.**

### **THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD**

It may seem strange to some young believers that all saints are sanctified in and through the Lord Jesus Christ. All of us, certainly do not deserve this sanctification, but God in His great provision has so declared our sanctification, based upon the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the will of God that we who accept the Lord should be sanctified. "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication; That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor."

1 Thess.4:3-4. As Christians, we are set apart, as special in the Lord. We are also admonished to be separate from the unbelievers. "Wherefore, come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." 2 Cor.6:17-18. May we always remember that this Divine sanctification can only come from the Father, through the Lord Jesus Christ. "By which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once and for all." Heb.1:10. It was that one sacrifice of the Lord that is sufficient. "For by one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also is a witness to us; for after He had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord: I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them, and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin." Heb.10:14-17. by ALL MEANS This should redound to the glory of God. "To them that are sanctified

by God, the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called." Jude 1b. This all has occurred because of one's simple faith and accepting God's Word. "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them who are sanctified by faith that is in me." Acts 26:18. As you study these marvelous truths from God's Word, may you accept them as your very own, being commended to God. "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them who are sanctified.

As God the Father sanctifies the saints, it is based upon grace, bringing that eternal unity among the believers. It is based upon God's eternal truth through the Lord Jesus Christ. "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through truth." Jn.17:19. We know that the truth comes from God and the Bible is God's Word. God has given us salvation and a new birth through the Holy Spirit, making possible that special Divine sanctification. "But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth, unto which He called you by our gospel, to obtaining of glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Thess.2:13-14.

Paul the apostle recognized his great responsibility among the Gentiles. "That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit." Rom.15:16. Notice what the Holy Spirit prompted Paul to say to the Corinthian church. "Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sos'thenes, our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, both theirs and ours. Grace be unto you, and peace, from God, our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, that in everything ye are enriched by Him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge, even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you;" 1 Cor.1:1-6.

Whatever the past has been in our lives, Christ has paid it all and made the way into the very glory of God. "And such were some of you; but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." 1 Cor.6:11. This should give us reason to depart from a life of sin, and be sanctified by Almighty God. "Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His; and, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor, and some to dishonor. If a man, therefore, purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and fit for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. Flee also youthful lusts, but follow righteousness, faith, love, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart." 2 Tim.2:19-22.

## **C. PLEASURES NOW AND FOREVER, TO THE GLORY OF GOD.**

### **GIVE GOD FIRST PLACE IN YOUR LIFE**

The grace and mercy of God, brings a marvelous peace to those who by faith, accept God's provision to remove the barrier of sin. God alone can give one pleasures now as well as pleasures forever more. "Thou wilt show me the path of life. In thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." Ps.16:11. These pleasures now and throughout eternity are under the jurisdictions of God, with certain restrictions. May I remind you, who would like to enjoy the best out of two realms, that this is impossible. It is as the Lord said, "No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Matt.6:24. If you desire these good things in life, here is what you should do. "Therefore, be not anxious saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, With what shall we be clothed? For after all these things do the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt.6:31-33. Giving God first place in your life makes the difference between limited pleasures, and pleasures forever more.

### **THE WRONG PRIORITIES**

The Bible clearly states the dilemma in which the unregenerate find themselves. They store up for themselves treasures upon this earth, build larger warehouses to store their wealth, and spend their whole life accumulating things, wealth, power and prestige. They need to take heed to the Word of God. God's Word is sown throughout the whole world, and much falls upon deaf ears and shallow ground and the cares of this life. "Now this parable is this: The seed is the Word of Gods. Those by the wayside are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the Word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. They on the rock are they who, when they hear, receive the Word with joy; and these have no root, who for a while believe, and in time of testing fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they who, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection." Lk.8:11-14. This reminds us of the rich fool, who had a great harvest and much wealth, so he pulled down his barns and built larger ones, saying, "And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, Eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee; then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." Lk.12:19-21. Take heed to your desires in this life, for it is so easy to choose the wrong priorities in this life.

Yes, it is so easy to choose the wrong priorities, having the wrong motive in this life. In these last days, before the Rapture takes place, we are reminded that perilous times will come. "This know, also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God, Having a form of godliness, but denying the power of it; from such turn away." 2 Tim.3:1-5. They definitely enjoy the pleasures of sin for the moment and turn away from God's pleasures forever more. It was Moses who could have enjoyed the royal courts in Egypt, rather than be obedient to God, but he chose to serve the living God, rather than enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. (Heb.11:24-29.) Make sure that you do not choose the wrong priorities for your life. "And when He had called the people unto Him with His disciples also, He said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever would save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whosoever, therefore, shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of His Father, with the holy angels." Mk.8:34-38. (Matt.16:24-27; Lk.9:23-26.)

### **A PLEASANT WALK ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD**

As Christians, we have a continual battle in this life, with the ever presence of carnality to face. We may want to glorify God in our lives through our spiritual life, but we constantly find that the flesh is weak. We need to depend upon God the Holy Spirit to keep on filling our lives, so that the fleshly lusts have no room in our lives. "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness;" Col.1:10-11. God desires to share His glory and pleasures with His creatures, but demands our attention, doing His will, above our fellow men. Take notice as to the working of the Holy Spirit in Paul and Silvanus' ministry for the Lord. "For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile; But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men but God, who testeth our hearts." 1 Thess.2:3-4. May we always be mindful to do the will of the Lord in our lives. "Having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself;" Eph.1:9., Search the Scripture and you will find the mystery of God's will, for God takes great pleasure when the saints gain knowledge and wisdom from the Bible.

## **THE RIGHT ATTITUDE TO DO THE WILL OF GOD.**

It is always easier to say "Thy will be done", than it is to do the will of God. One can get confused between the human viewpoint and the Divine viewpoint. The human viewpoint will by pass the Word of God and be entangled with human circumstances. "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God who worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and disputings, that ye may be blameless and harmless, children of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world, holding forth the word of life, that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain." Phil.2:12-16. May we desire to live our Christian lives, well pleasing to our Almighty God. Sometimes it will mean that you will have to stand alone. Take for example, Enoch (Gen.5;21-24.) "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death, and was not found, because God had translated him, for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Heb.11:5-6.

## **DO ALL TO THE PRAISE AND GLORY OF GOD.**

May we constantly remind ourselves that we are indebted to God for everything, and we are not our own. The Lord Jesus Christ bought us with a great price, manifesting His love toward us. God will not deprive us of anything, as we seek to do His will and desire to claim His righteousness. "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might according to His glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father, who hath made us fit to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son; In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins." Col.1:10-14. In our freedom of choice, God allows us to choose to serve Him, or choose our own selfish desires. We are being tested in this life as to whether we desire to satisfy ourselves or glorify our God. "If ye, then, be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory." Col.3:1-4. In this present life, we are being prepared for eternity, when we shall know as we are known. By faith, we accept the promises of God, found in the Bible, and become established in our spiritual life. (1 Cor.13:12.)

## **THE CHURCH AS THE BODY OF CHRIST WILL GLORIFY GOD**

The body of Christ, which is the church, which is the mystery age in the great plan of God, will redound to the glory of God forever and ever. We must always remember that God's eternal glory has always been established in the Godhead. There is nothing that can be added to Almighty God, or taken away. However, God is desiring to share that eternal glory with His creation. The Old Testament saints will glorify God in their special ways as the friends of the Bridegroom. We as the Bride to be are being called out as the eternal body of Christ. We are very special to Christ as the head of the True Church. God the Holy Spirit already is dwelling within us forever, after giving us a new eternal birth. I wish to list some of the important factors as to the purpose of the True Church for time as well as eternity. We are to enter into God's eternal glory , both in this present life and on into eternity. Here is what Christ prayed to the Father in our behalf. "I pray for them; I pray not for the world, but for them whom thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are." Jn.17:9-11. The Eternal Son of God not only wants to make us one as the Triune God, but also declares that He is glorified in His True Church.

### **THE ETERNAL PURPOSE OF THE TRUE CHURCH.**

- 1. The formation of a special "Body of Christ". (Eph. 1:22-23; Eph. 5:30; Col.1:18; Col.2:10; Col.4:12.).**
- 2. Unifying the Believers into one perfect body. (Eph.4:4; Eph.1:28; Heb.13:5.)**
- 3. The Body of Christ, growing together in Christ. (Heb.10:45; Eph.4:15.)**
- 4. The True Church is to bear one another's burdens, as well as rejoicing with them in the Lord. (Gal.6:2.)**
- 5. That the True Church may as the holy temple of God, grow in the knowledge of the Word of God, being led by the Holy Spirit. (Eph.2:21; 1 Cor.3:16.)**
- 6. That the True Church may grow in faith and the knowledge of the Word of God, allowing God to cause us to grow in grace. (1 Pet.2:2; 2 Pet.3:18; 2 Thess. 1:3.)**

7. **God is preparing the True Church as the Bride of His Eternal Son. (Isa.62:5; Jn.3:29.)**
8. **The True Church will some day soon be complete and ready for the marriage and that great feast with the saints of all ages. (Rev.19:7-8; Rev.22:17.)**
9. **The True Church, as the bride of Christ will play hostess along with the Bridegroom to all the Old Testament saints at the wedding feast. (Rev.19:9; Jn.3:29.)**
10. **The True Church has been commissioned for almost two thousand years, to send forth the Gospel message. (Matt.28:18-20; Mk.16:15-18; Lk.24:46-48; Jn.17:18; Jn.20:21; Acts 1:8; 1 Cor.15:6; Acts 8:4-6; Acts 26:18; Rom.10:6-15.)**
11. **The True Church is to teach the Word of God, as they assemble together, building up the saints in the most holy faith. (Heb.19:45; Jude 20; 2 Tim.3:16-17.)**
12. **The True Church is to show forth good works, worthy of the name, "Christian". (Heb.10:24; Jn.6:28-29; Eph.2:10; 1 Tim.2:10; Tit.3:8; 1 Tim.5:10, & 25; 1 Tim.6:18; 1 Tim.3:17; Tit.2:7 & 14; Tit.3:14; Jas.2:18; 1 Pet.2:12.)**
13. **The True Church, as the Bride of Christ, will receive a special glorified body, like unto the Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom. (1 Jn.3:1-2; 1 Cor.15:51-53.)**
14. **The True Church has been declared in the Bible as a "Kingdom of Priests", for a world wide mission enterprise, teaching the righteousness of God, during the thousand year reign of Christ. (Rev.5:10; Heb.12:28.)**
15. **The Triune God has humbly entered into His creature, whom He made in His image, giving a new birth by the Holy Spirit to the True Church, making possible the Divine spark of life necessary for the marriage to the Eternal Son of God. (Joel 2:28; Jn.3:5-7; Acts 8:17; Jn.14:16-19; Acts 2:1-4; Acts 10:44-45; Acts 19:1-7.)**
16. **The True Church is to bear fruit for the glory and praise of our Almighty God. (Jn.15:8-18.)**



## CONCLUSION

When we desire to glorify God in all that we say and do, we are well pleasing to God and share with Him in His eternal glory. We are to reckon the old man dead, and alive in Christ as a new man. "And have put on the new man, that is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him;" Col.3:10. As we study God's Word and increase in spiritual knowledge, converting it into Divine wisdom through the Holy Spirit, we become better prepared to receive our glorified bodies, when the Rapture takes place. May we always remember that the glorification of the Triune God remains the same, regardless of events. God cannot be added to or taken away, for He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. It is God's great desire to share His eternal glory with His creation. In order to do this, volition had to be granted both to the angelic hosts as well as to the human race. Since the debt of all the sin has been paid for at the cross, now God is free to declare His new creation under His righteousness, where sin will never be the issue. The holy angels have already past their test, and now the believers are in the final stages of God's righteousness. The new creation will bring forth wonders of wonders, where all God's creation will share in the everlasting glory of God.

We have a blessed and sure hope in the Lord Jesus Christ which was determined before the creation of the world. "In hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before the world began." Tit.1:2. This is a strong statement from God's Word, and we can praise His name for securing our faith in ages past, and sealing our lives through the new birth and indwelling of God the Holy Spirit. "To God be the glory, great things He hath done"! "What shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creation, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord." Rom.8:35-39. Nothing can separate us from God's love and the glory that we will share throughout eternity. In closing, this great study of "The Glory of God", may we ever be mindful of our loving God, who planned all of this before time began. Our Eternal God desires to dwell among human beings, whom He has made in His image and breathed into them the breath of life, making possible a living soul. "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over

the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. " Gen.1:26-28; "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Gen.2:7.

These are tremendous statements, coming direct from our Eternal and Almighty God. We do not, in this present life, understand all of the marvels of our God, but some day we shall "Know as we are known" (1 Cor.13:12.). May we establish within our very lives some of these responsibilities given to us, as well as the grace and glory of God shed abroad in our lives. The Eternal Son of God, through His incarnation has made all this possible, removing all of our sins as far as the east is from the west, and will not remember them, forever and ever. "For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power;" Col.2:9-10. Our sanctification and identification are in Christ Jesus. "For ye are all the sons of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Someday, the glory of God will shine forth through the united saints of God, bringing all glory and praise with thanksgiving to the Triune God. "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, and Father of all, and in you all." Eph.4:4-6.

By means of the Bible, God has revealed His great plan for eternity to us, and may we spend much time studying the Word of God. The Incarnate and Eternal Son of God has made possible our adoption into the Royal family of God. "God who at sundry times and in diverse manners spoke in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds; Who, being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high," Heb.1:1-3. What a wonderful Savior is Jesus our Lord! God is sharing His eternal glory with us, through His Eternal Son. May we show our appreciation to God for His every provision for us, both now and forever. The Triune God is all sufficient and is in need of nothing, but is desirous to share His eternal glory with His creation. God desires to share His mighty glory with those that will trust Him. Every preparation and barrier has been removed so that God can pour out His love upon those made in His own image. We who have trusted Christ for our redemption, have already been given God the Holy Spirit, to dwell within us forever and ever.

"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen." Heb.13:20-21.

**QUESTIONS  
CHAPTER SEVEN**

- 1. How does one receive Divine life? Give Scripture.**
- 2. When did the True Church, or the Body of Christ begin? Scripture.**
- 3. When will this Body of Christ be completed? Scripture.**
- 4. Explain "Sanctification". When are Christians sanctified? Scriptures.**
- 5. Why does the Bible say, "Come out from among them and be ye separate? 2 Corinthians 6:17-18.**
- 6. Explain Acts 26:18.**
- 7. Explain John 17:19; and 1 Corinthians 6:11.**
- 8. Explain Romans 15:16.**
- 9. Can we as believers experience pleasures in this life? Scriptures.**
- 10. Explain Psalm 16:11.**
- 11. Write an essay on "Matthew 6:31-33."**
- 12. Name some wrong priorities that you are aware of in the Christian life.**
- 13. Explain 2 Timothy 3:1-5; and Hebrews 11:24-29.**
- 14. Why is "The Will of God" necessary to glorify the Lord? Scripture. 1 Thessalonians 2:3-4; Colossians 1:10-11.**
- 15. How do we obtain the right attitude toward God? Scripture.**
- 16. How can we do the works that are well pleasing to God? Colossians 1:10-14; Colossians 3:1-4.**
- 17. How can the True Church bring glory to God? John 17:9-11.**
- 18. Give as many as you possibly can of "The Purpose of the True Church" with Scriptures.**

**19. Write an essay on "Bringing Glory To God in our Lives".**

**20. What makes man different from all that God created? Scripture.**

# In the beginning

Was the Word, and the Word was with GOD  
and the Word was GOD

JOHN 1:1

## Eternity Past

THE ABSOLUTE GOD  
THE ABSOLUTE PLAN  
DAN. 9:24

**G**OD - THE FATHER planned it,  
JOHN 10:15-18 : HEB. 10:5b

**G**OD - THE SON provided it,  
JOHN 10:17

**G**OD - THE HOLY SPIRIT proved it.  
1 COR. 12:13

THE ABSOLUTE BLUEPRINT  
to achieve a PERFECT  
ETERNAL PARADISE-  
FREE FROM EVIL  
throughout Eternity to come,  
based on the Word of GOD

**G**OD created the  
Heaven and the  
Earth  
GEN 1:1; PSALM 19:1

The creation of  
the Angels

and the realm of their habitation

LUCIFER (Highest Position) ISA. 14:12; EZEK. 28:12-15

MICHAEL (Arch Angel)

GABRIEL (Mighty Angel) well informed

CELESTIAL CREATURES  
endowed with a choice

• CHERUBIM (Defenders)

• SERAPHIM (Worship)

• LIVING CREATURES  
(Glorious Majesty)

• ANGELIC HOST  
(Innumerable)

GEN. 1:3

Restored Earth  
Six day creation

GARDEN  
OF EDEN

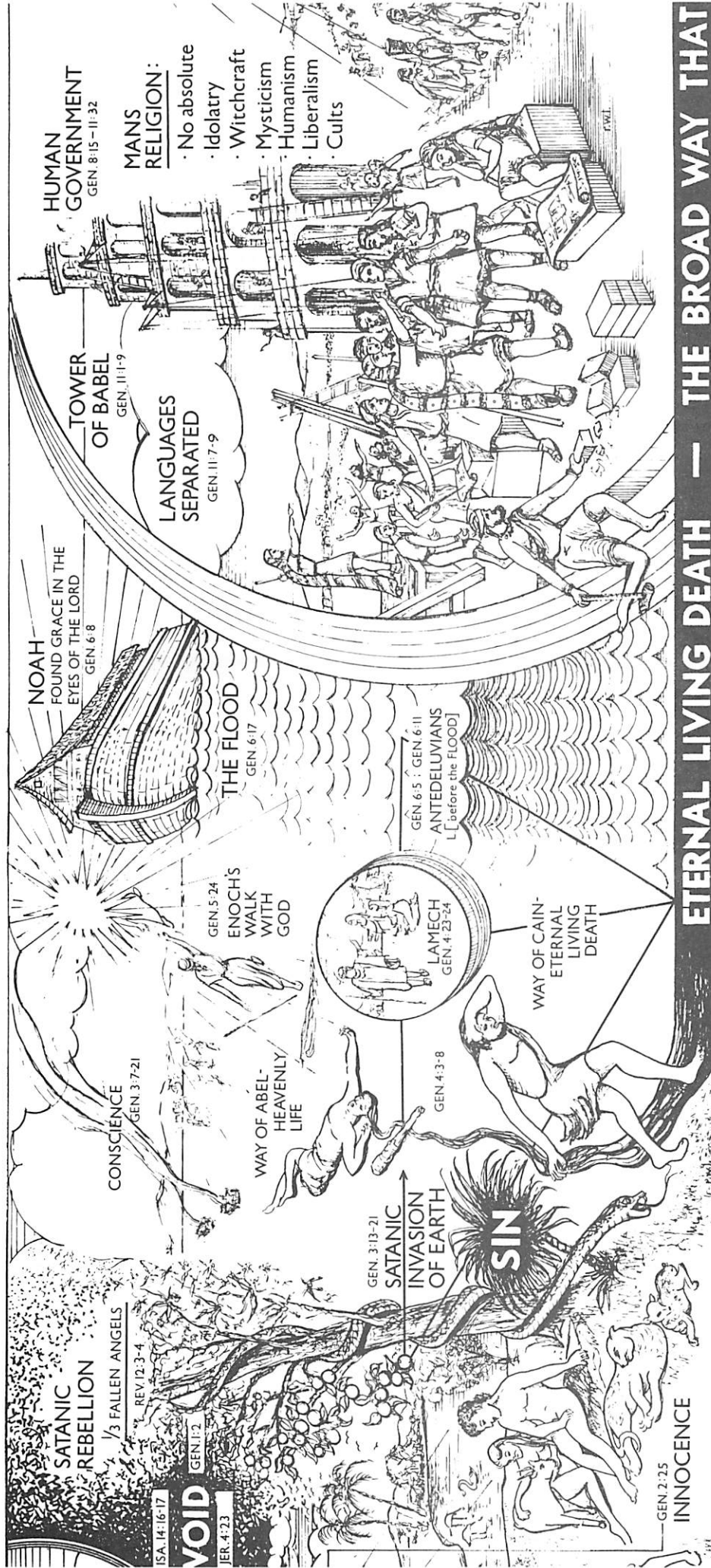


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**HUMAN GOVERNMENT**  
GEN. 8:15 - 11:32

**MANS RELIGION:**

- No absolute
- Idolatry
- Witchcraft
- Mysticism
- Humanism
- Liberalism
- Cults

**TOWER OF BABEL**  
GEN. 11:1-9

**LANGUAGES SEPARATED**  
GEN. 11:7-9

**NOAH**  
FOUND GRACE IN THE EYES OF THE LORD  
GEN. 6:8

**THE FLOOD**  
GEN. 6:17

GEN. 6:5 : GEN. 6:11  
**ANTEDELUVIANS**  
[before the FLOOD]

GEN. 5:24  
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**WAY OF CAIN- ETERNAL LIVING DEATH**

**CONSCIENCE**  
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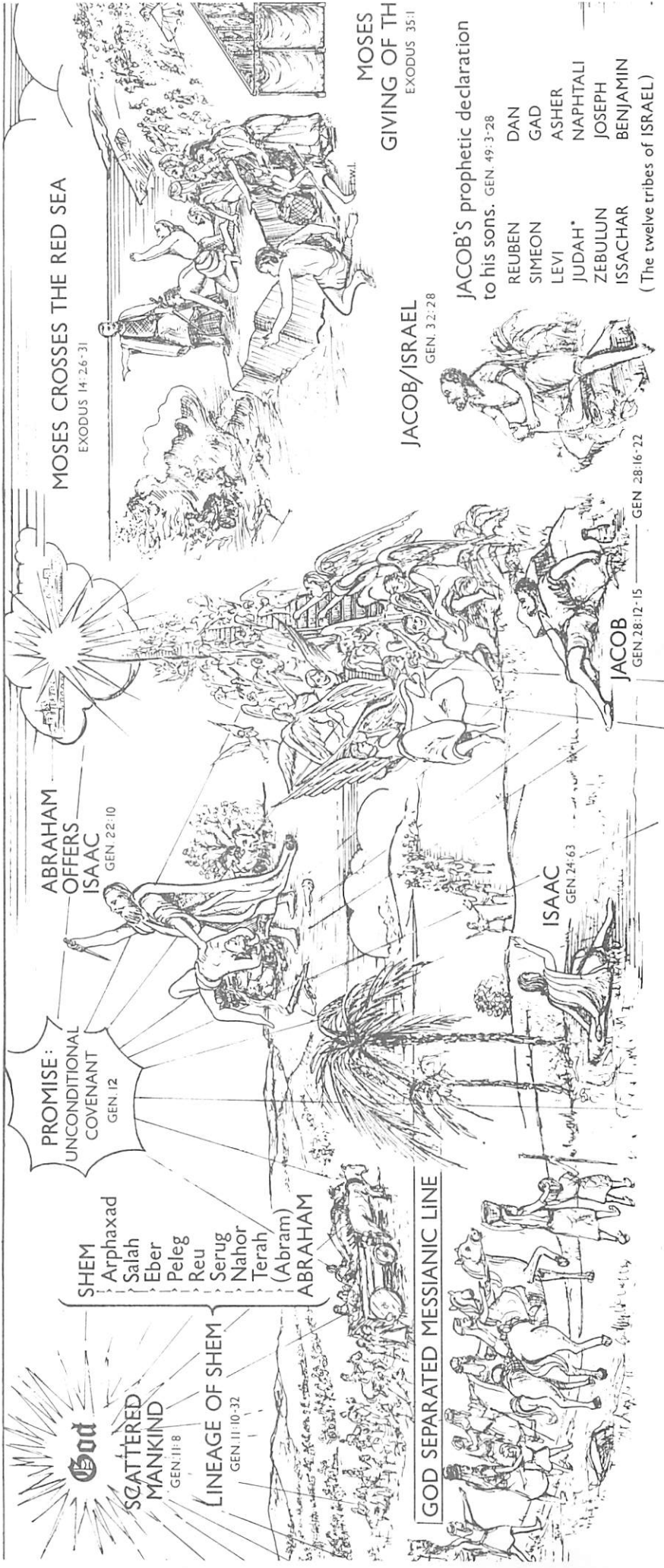
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**SATANIC REBELLION**  
1/3 FALLEN ANGELS  
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**VOID**  
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GEN. 2:25  
**INNOCENCE**

**ETERNAL LIVING DEATH — THE BROAD WAY THAT**



MOSES CROSSES THE RED SEA  
EXODUS 14: 2,6-31

ABRAHAM OFFERS ISAAC  
GEN. 22:10

PROMISE: UNCONDITIONAL COVENANT  
GEN. 12

- SHEM
- Arphaxad
- Salah
- Eber
- Peleg
- Reu
- Serug
- Nahor
- Terah
- (Abram)
- ABRAHAM

LINEAGE OF SHEM  
GEN. 11:10-32

GOD SEPARATED MESSIANIC LINE

JACOB/ISRAEL  
GEN. 32:28

ISAAC  
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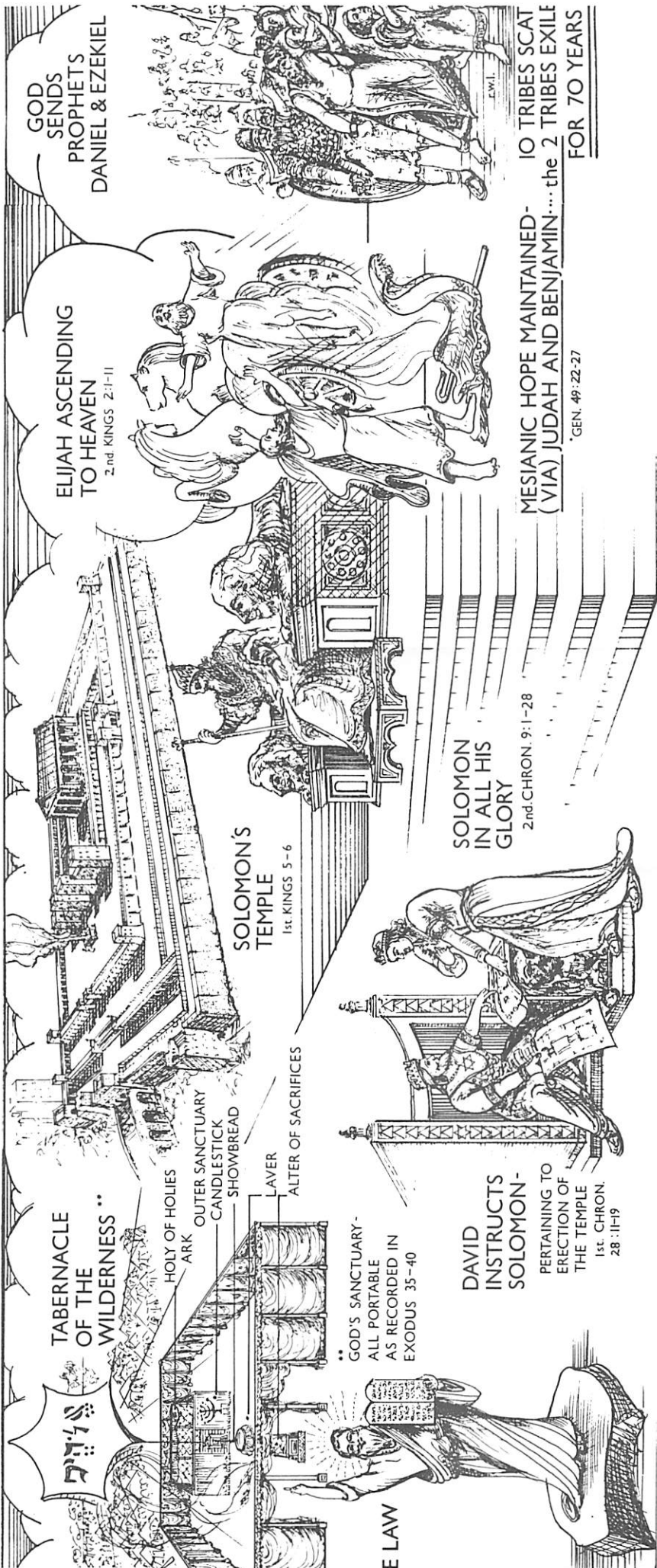
- REUBEN
- SIMEON
- LEVI
- JUDAH\*
- ZEBULUN
- ISSACHAR
- DAN
- GAD
- ASHER
- NAPHTALI
- JOSEPH
- BENJAMIN

(The twelve tribes of ISRAEL)

JACOB  
GEN. 28:12-15

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LEADS TO DESTRUCTION ..... GAL. 5:19-21; ADULTERY, FORNICATION, UNCLEANNESS



GOD SENDS PROPHETS DANIEL & EZEKIEL

ELIJAH ASCENDING TO HEAVEN 2nd KINGS 2:1-11

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HOLY OF HOLIES  
ARK  
OUTER SANCTUARY  
CANDLESTICK  
SHOWBREAD

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE  
1st. KINGS 5-6

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\*\* GOD'S SANCTUARY - ALL PORTABLE AS RECORDED IN EXODUS 35-40

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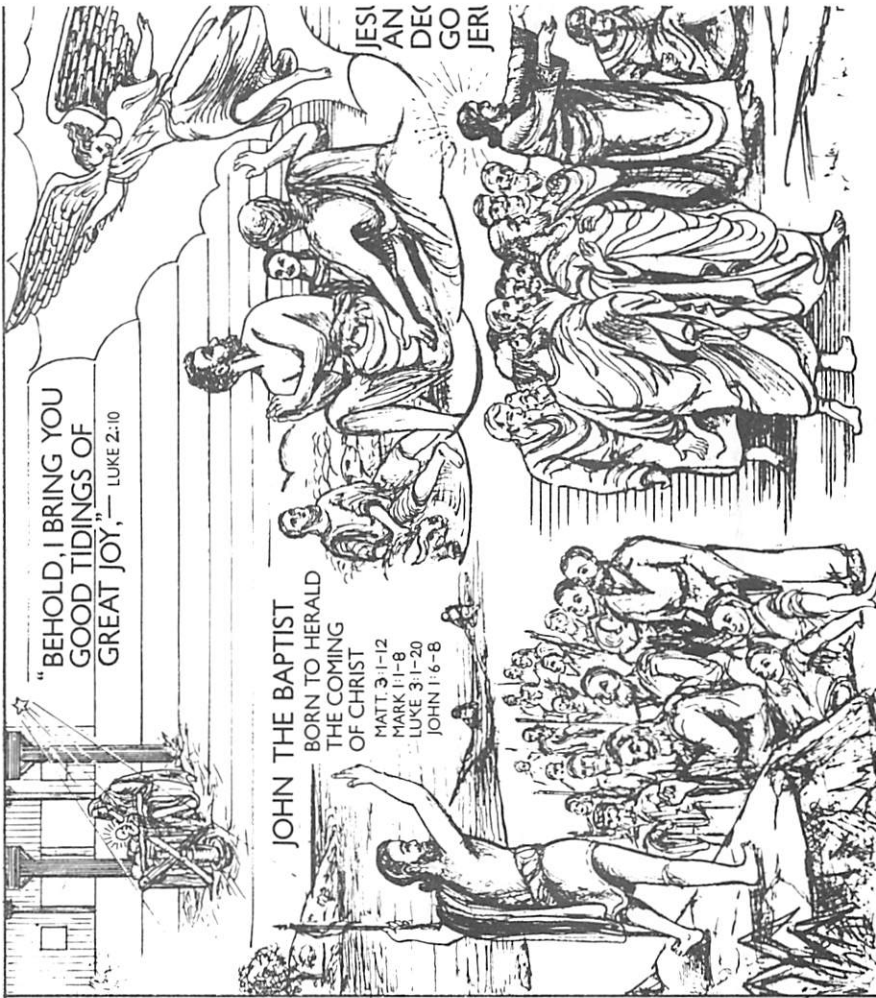
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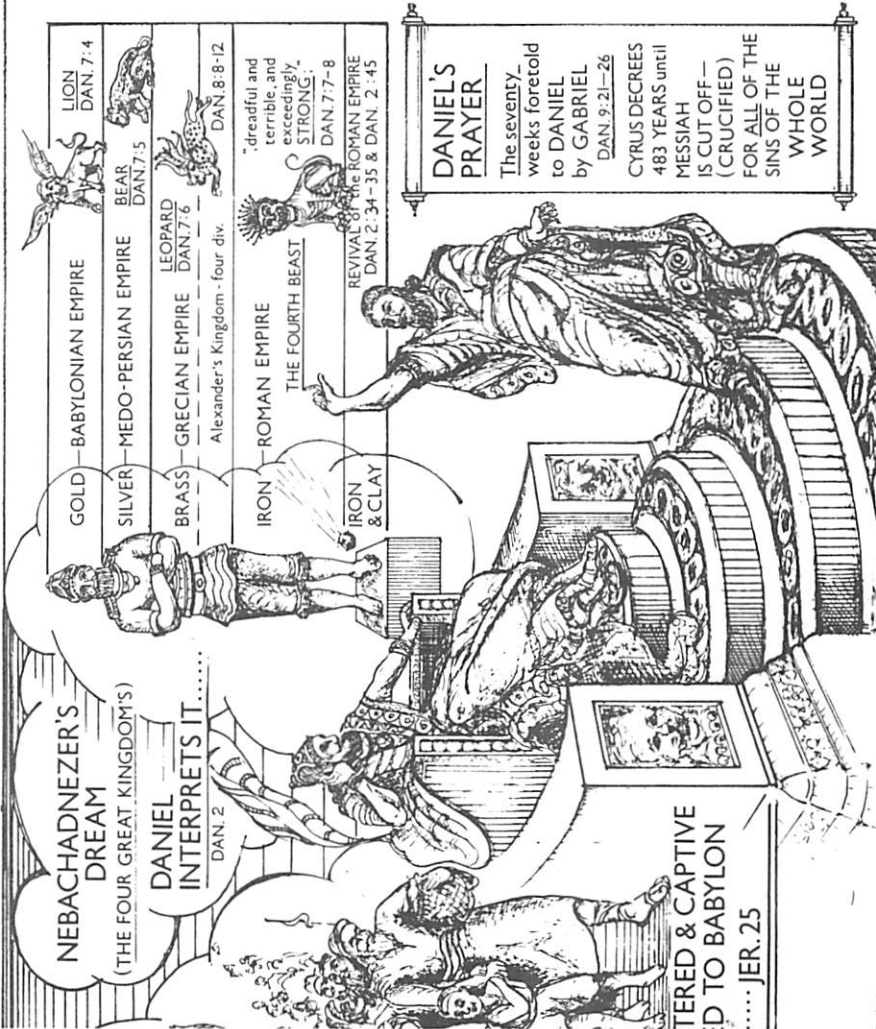




"BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY," — LUKE 2:10

**JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
 BORN TO HERALD THE COMING OF CHRIST  
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 MARK 1:1-8  
 LUKE 3:1-20  
 JOHN 1:6-8

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**NEBACHADNEZER'S DREAM**  
 (THE FOUR GREAT KINGDOMS)

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- GOLD — BABYLONIAN EMPIRE DAN. 7:4
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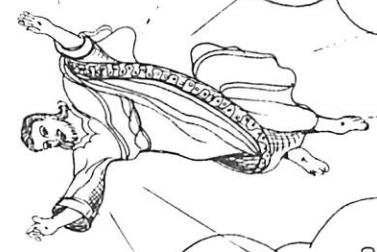
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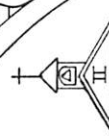
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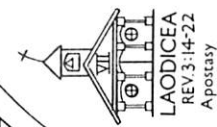


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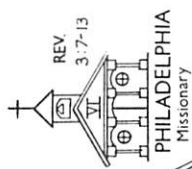


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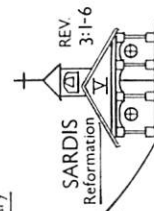
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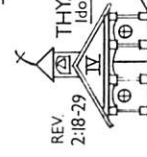
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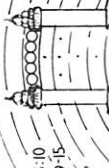


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(RIGHTEOUS) KINGDOM ON EARTH

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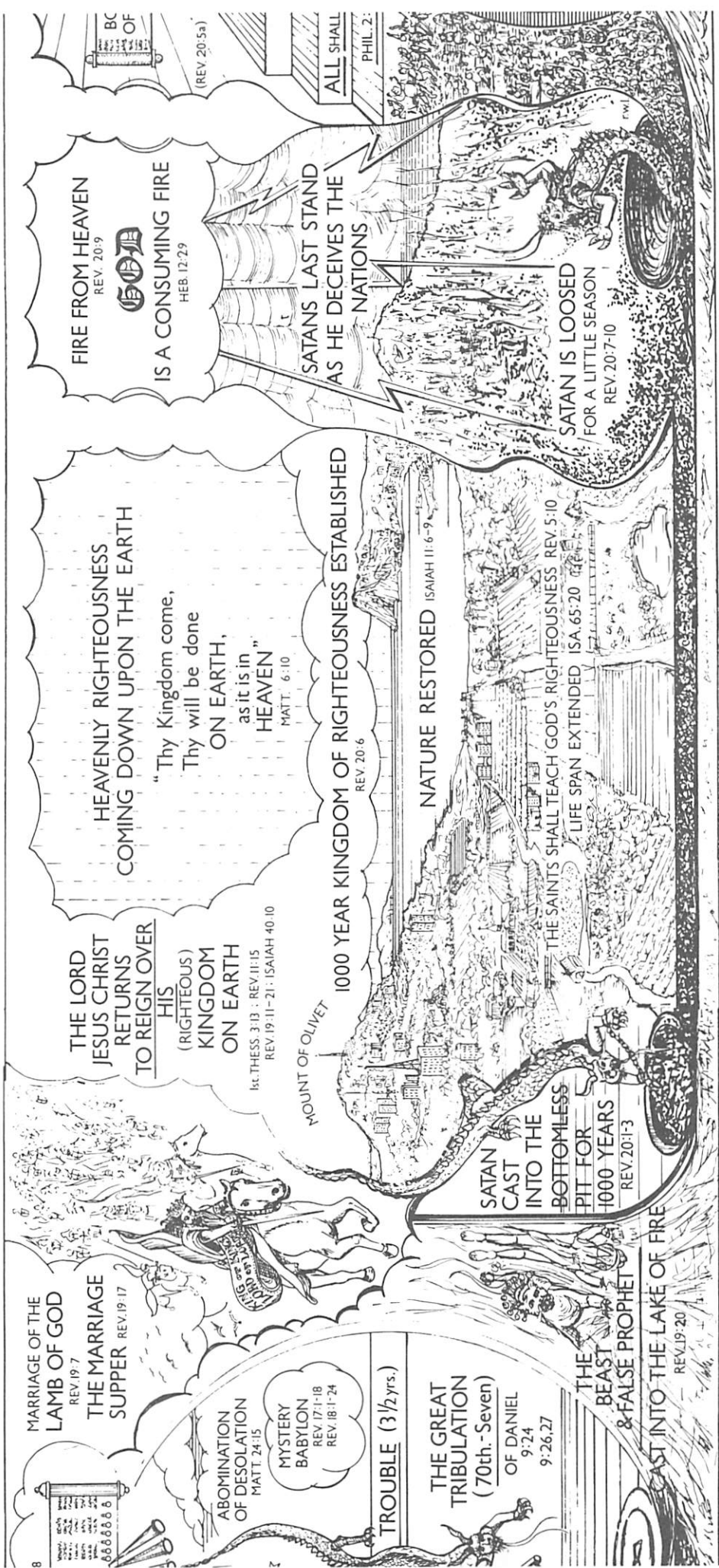
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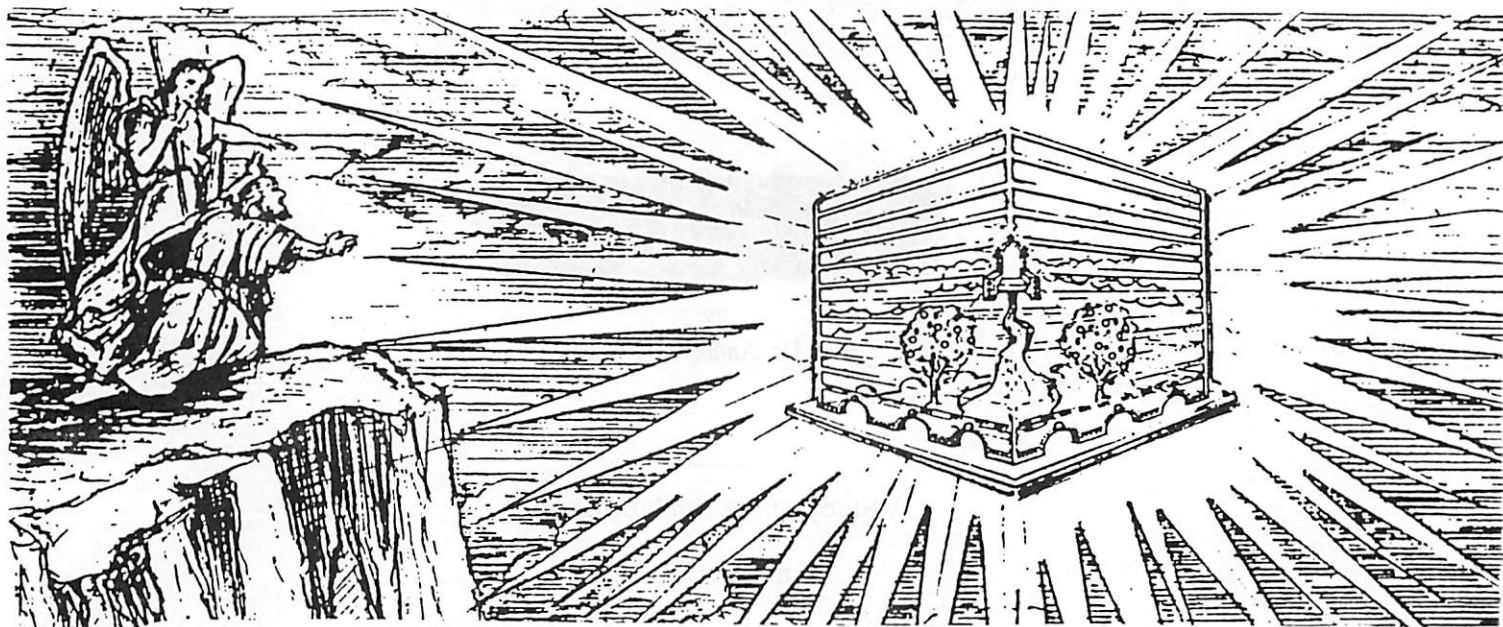
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