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## Introduction

What does it mean in Colossians 1:27, where it says, **“Christ in you, the hope of glory.”** “Christ in you, the hope of Glory” was a mystery, which was hidden from the world until after Jesus was crucified, dead, and raised again from the dead (Col. 1:26).. This is a subject that is very important for Christians to understand. It is not just speaking of now, in the flesh, but also after we leave this earth and enter into eternity.

Christians were not born into this world with the ability to live in heaven as God lives. Christians were born in the likeness and image of Adam (Gen. 5:3). Adam was an earthly creature, created by the LORD God of the elements of this earth. Adam needed air to breathe to continue to live.

Jesus was God with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Jesus came into this world, having the very life of God the Father within Him, for Jesus was one with God the Father and the Holy Spirit (John 1:1-4; 1 John 5:7). Jesus came down from heaven into this world, so that those who would receive Him and believe in Him could become heavenly creatures, and spend eternity with God forever.

In 1 Corinthians 15:44-48, it tells us of the difference between mankind as an earthly creature and mankind as a heavenly creature. Adam was an earthly creature, whereas Jesus Christ was a heavenly creature.

God desires for Christians to become like His Son, Jesus Christ. In 1 Corinthians 15:49, it says, **“And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.”** We were born into this world as an earthy creature, with a physical body that needs air to breathe to stay alive. We were born with a living soul, that controls everything we do. In Job 32:8, it says, **“But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.”** Therefore, we also have a spirit within us that God uses to communicate with us.

God is looking for those who will have perfect relationship and fellowship with Christ. God desires a “one on one” relationship and fellowship with every born again Christian.

In the new birth, God dwells in every born again Christian. Christ is God with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Christians are in Christ Jesus. In Philippians 2:13 it says, **“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”** Therefore, it is God in us doing His good pleasure. Colossians 3:2,3, says, **“Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth...For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.”**

God does not want anyone or anything to come between Himself and those who are in Christ Jesus. In 1 Timothy 2:5, it says, **“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”** God desires that everything we do should be done in direct connection with Christ in us.

Adam was the beginning of a creation of mankind that was earthly, of this earth. Jesus Christ is the beginning of “a new creation of mankind,” that is a heavenly creation.

Jesus set the example that every Christian should follow. In John 10:30, Jesus said, **“I and my Father are one.”** One, means, “not more than one and not less than one.” Jesus did not say that He was God the Father. What Jesus was saying is that His Father and He were in total agreement with everything that He did. How many Christians today want to be in total agreement with God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ?

Jesus said to His disciples, “Come, follow Me!” Jesus was not talking about only in this life on earth, but also in eternity with Him forever. Therefore, it is important that Christians understand eternity in the past, present, and in the future.

Everything that is happening today, and everything that will happen in the future is dependent upon what happened in the past. Where did this subject of “Christ in you” have it’s beginning? God

reveals the past to us in the Scriptures. If we do not understand the past, we will easily be deceived by the teachings of men, who do not understand the past, present, and future.

We need to start with the first time something is mentioned according to time in eternity, not just time in this world. There was a lot that had happened before this world was created that determines what will happen in this world, and also what will happen after this world and everyone in this world are gone. Where will people spend eternity after they leave this earth?

If we start in the beginning of time in eternity, we will have a much better understanding of what will happen in these last days, and in eternity hereafter.

Let us first get a clear view of what happened in the very beginning of creation. To understand what happened in the very beginning we must search the Scriptures, for much of the information is not in chronological order from Genesis through Revelation.

## From the beginning

In Genesis 1:1 it says, **“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”** (NKJV). What happened in the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth? In Proverbs, Chapter Eight, the person doing the speaking is the Son of God Himself, called **“Wisdom.”** Wisdom was with God the Father from the beginning.

Those who do not know the Son of God as **“Wisdom,”** do not truly know the Son of God. Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and was always the Son of God from the beginning. In Proverbs 8:4, it says, **“Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man.”**

Why was the Son of God speaking to **“men”** and **“the sons of man”** already in Proverbs, Chapter Eight, even before mankind was created? The Son of God is GOD with the Father and the Holy Spirit. God has all knowledge of all things at all times. God created “wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.” God knows everything at all times. What is revealed to us in the Scriptures is for our understanding, that we might know and understand what God wants us to know and understand.

Already, before man was created, the Son of God was speaking of things concerning people, especially you and I. The Scriptures are written so that each one of us could know the truth and walk in the truth. To know the truth and walk in the truth we need wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.

In John 14:6, Jesus said to Thomas, **“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life...”** Jesus was not just saying that to Thomas, but Jesus was also saying that to you and I. If we do not believe what Jesus said, we will not know the Truth. Therefore, if we do not believe what “Wisdom” said in Proverbs, Chapter Eight, we will not know the Truth, concerning why we are alive in this world today. It all begins with receiving “wisdom, knowledge, and understanding” of all that God has revealed to us in the Scriptures.

When we read Proverbs, Chapter Eight, we need to understand that the word **“Wisdom”** and the word **“I”** are speaking of the same person who is speaking to us in Proverbs, Chapter Eight.

In Proverbs 8:22-31, The Son of God, called Wisdom, said, **“The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old...I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was...When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water...Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth...While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world...When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth...When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep...When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth...Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him...Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.”**

From the beginning of eternity, when the heavens and the earth were first created, God knew the end of eternity from the beginning of eternity. Jesus Christ, who is the Son of God, and is called “Wisdom” in Proverbs Chapter Eight, said, **“...my delights were with the sons of men.”** Why were His delights in the sons of men?

Before man was created, the Son of God already knew the plan of God for mankind. While the earth was first being created, the Son of God knew that You and I would be born into this world, whereby, we would have an opportunity to become “Sons of God, led by the Holy Spirit.” In Romans 8:14, it says, **“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”**

When we understand the end from the beginning, we can become what God had planned for us from the very beginning of creation. Before the angels were created, God had great plans for you and I.

In Ephesians 1:3-6, speaking of Christians, it says, **“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 (kosmos), that we should be holy and without blame before him in love...Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will...To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.”**

The Greek word “kosmos” means “the world itself, the earth, the universe, including all its inhabitants.” That goes all the way back to Proverbs 8:22-31, when Wisdom (the Son of God) said, **“...my delights were with the sons of men”** (Prov. 8:31).

We need wisdom, which comes from the LORD, to know the plan of God for our lives here on earth and in eternity to come. It is not all about what we have now in this world, or what we can have in this world. It is all about the plan of God for us individually in eternity to come.

The Bible reveals in 1 John 4:8, that **“God is Love.”** It says in John 4:8, **“He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.”** In James 1:17, it says, **“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”** This means that whatsoever God does, He does it because of His Love.

Because God is the beginning of all creation, God must maintain all creation based upon His Love for His creation. To maintain His Love for His creation, God must be righteous in everything He does. Therefore in Job 8:3, it says, **“Doth God pervert judgment? or doth the Almighty pervert justice?”** In Job 34:12, it says, **“Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.”**

Anyone who is a born again Christian knows that there is a devil, and he is not like God. The Devil does not have any love. He is the opposite of God. Therefore, God must be just in everything He does. God cannot pervert judgment.

From the very beginning of eternity, God has never changed. God has always been Love. God will always be Love. That means that whatsoever God does, He does it because He is Love, and love is the opposite of evil. In Psalm 97:10, it says, **“Ye that love the LORD, hate evil...”**

Following Proverbs, Chapter Eight, when the earth was first created by the Father, while the Son, called Wisdom, was with the Father, God created angels in the heavens. Among these angels, God created three known arch angels. These are, Lucifer (Isa. 14:20), Gabriel (Dan. 8:16, 9:21, Luke 1:19,26), and Michael (Dan. 10:13, 21, 12:1, Jude 1:9, Rev. 12:7). These arch angels were over multitudes of other angels, each group having a specific purpose.

In Ezekiel 28:12-19, it gives us information concerning the creation of Lucifer, and his rebellion against God. In Ezekiel 28:15, speaking of Lucifer, it says, **“Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.”** God never created anything that was not perfect in the day that God created it. Lucifer was perfect when God created him. Lucifer’s position was before the throne of God, leading many angels in praise and worship of God in the third heavens. Lucifer himself rebelled against God.

Lucifer was given time to repent of his rebellion, but he did not repent. Therefore, in Isaiah 14:12-20, it tells of Lucifer when he was cast down to the earth, and what he has been doing on earth. It tells how Lucifer, as Satan the Devil, continues his rebellion, working through evil spirits and in the lives of people, to exalt himself. It also tells us in the Book of Revelation of Lucifer’s final place in eternity, which is in hell. In Revelation 20:10, it says, **“And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”**

The Devil was here on the earth already in Genesis 1:2, before this creation of the earth took place. Before Genesis 1:2, the earth was destroyed by water. This is all explained in 2 Peter 3:5,6, where it says, **“For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water...Whereby the world that then**

**was, being overflowed with water, perished.”** The word **“perished,”** means “completely destroyed, void, without form.” This was the condition of the earth in Genesis 1:2, where it says, **“And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”**

It was the same water that was first created in Proverbs 8:24-29, that covered the earth in Genesis 1:2. It was upon this same earth, where Satan was cast down to, that the LORD God created mankind.

In six days God created all of the things mentioned in Genesis, Chapter One. Included in the everything created on the sixth day, the LORD God created mankind, “male and female.”

God had a great plan for mankind before Adam was first created. In Genesis 1:26-28, it says, **“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 replenish 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.”**

In Genesis 2:7, it gives us details of how mankind was created in the beginning. It says, **“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.”** In 1 Corinthians 15:44-47 it gives us greater details of the creation of man, along with the details of the second creation of mankind, which is “in Christ Jesus.”

Adam was created as an earthly creature, which needed air to breathe to live. Whereas, in Christ Jesus, we are heavenly creatures that can live without air to breathe.

At this time, while we are still here on earth and have a body of flesh and bones from the first Adam, we still need air to breathe to continue to live on this earth. Even though, we already have a spiritual body, which is the same body we will have in heaven when we leave this earth.

In order to receive a spiritual body in Christ Jesus, we must first become born again of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit. In 1 Peter 1:23, it says, **“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.”**

Speaking of Jesus, in John 1:4, it says, **“In him was life; and the life was the light of men.”** Our eternal life was in Jesus Christ already when Jesus come into this world as a Man, born of the Holy Spirit and of a virgin woman by the name of Mary.

Jesus is the Word of God and Jesus is **“the Seed”** of the new birth. Every seed must reproduce after it’s kind (Gen. 1:11,12,21,24,25). The first Adam and the Second Adam are not the same kind. Born again Christians must reproduce after the image and likeness of Jesus Christ.

In John 1:10-13, it says, **“He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not...He came unto his own, and his own received him not...But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name...Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”** When we become born again of the Word of God, the Holy Spirit causes us to become a New Creature in Christ Jesus.

This is the beginning of when it says, **“Christ in you, the hope of glory.”** It is not talking about our physical body which needs air to breathe. It is talking about our spiritual body that we will continue to live in, in the heavens with when we go to be with Jesus.

We are to “glorify God” while we are still on this earth in an earthly body. It is after we leave this earthly body and go to be with the LORD in the heavens that “we will be glorified.” We are not to be glorified in our life here on earth. We are to be glorified in our resurrected body after we leave this earth to be with Jesus for all eternity.

Spiritual things that are revealed to us in the Scriptures come by type and shadow, figurative speaking, etc. Those who try to understand the Scriptures by literal language will not know the truth until it is too late to receive the truth. Multitudes of people, including Christians, are being deceived by the spirits of this world. They are believing what is being taught to them by people teaching from their mind, and not receiving their information from the Holy Spirit.

In 1 Corinthians 2:11-14 it says, **“For what man knoweth the things of a man, save 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 which 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 Ghost 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.”**

Jesus said in John 6:45, **“It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God...”** The Holy Spirit will do the teaching. In Hebrews 8:10, it says, **“...I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people.”**

God Himself is going to teach us His laws for the New Covenant. Not like the way the law of the Old Covenant was taught by men. In 1 John 2:27, it says, **“But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.”**

To be taught by God, we must receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The anointing of the Holy Spirit is received when we receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues (Acts 1:4,5,8, 2:4).

Lucifer was deceived himself, when he rebelled against God, while still in the third heavens before the throne of God. After Lucifer was deceived, he became Satan, the Devil. At one time Lucifer said, **“I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High”** (Isa. 14:14). That was Lucifer's great deception, whereby he deceived himself, thinking he could become like God. Instead of becoming like God, Lucifer became Satan, the Devil.

The Devil never changed, he still thinks he can become like God. From the time Lucifer became Satan, the Devil, he has been deceiving multitudes of people, thinking they can become like God.

Satan's deception uses part truth and part lies. Part truths are the same as lies. Satan uses the Word of God and adds to it or takes something away from the Word of God to deceive people. Satan uses the Word of God in a deceptive way to try to get Christians to believe what he says. The Devil and his evil spirits operate through people within the Churches today as well. We must not let the devil and the spirits of this world lead us astray. Jesus told us that the Devil is a liar, and there is no truth in him (John 8:44).

Following the creation of Man in Genesis 2:7, man was placed in the garden of Eden, where the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil were among the other trees in the garden (Gen. 2:9).

The first principle that God established with mankind is in Genesis 2:16, where it says, **“And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat.”** This command of the LORD God established a free will for all of mankind. God will not stop mankind from choosing to serve the Devil. God will not force mankind to serve God. The Devil cannot stop mankind from serving God. The Devil cannot force mankind to serve the Devil. The decision, as to whom mankind will serve is totally in the control of mankind, not in God's control

and not in the Devils control.

Along with the command in Genesis 2:16, the LORD God informed mankind of **“the law of sin and death,”** which is also mentioned in Romans 8:2. The LORD God said, in Genesis 2:17, **“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 (muwth) die (muwth) {die die}.”** These are two deaths, eternal death (separation from God) and physical death (of the physical body of mankind).

Neither of these two deaths completed their course immediately, but would complete their course over a prolonged period of time. Therefore, these two deaths “came upon” Adam and Eve the day that they ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. They became resident within mankind that same day, but they did not complete their actions at that time. In 1 Corinthians 15:53, eternal death of the soul of man is called “corruption,” and physical death of the physical body is called “mortality.”

The Devil, using the serpent brought “upon” mankind two deaths, eternal death and physical death. These two deaths passed from one person to the next through the blood line of Adam, who was the first person created by the LORD God. The blood line passes from male to male, not from female to female. Even though Eve was the first to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, Adam was blamed for sin entering into mankind “because of the bloodline which passes from male to male.”

Even before Adam and Eve were created, God had a plan for mankind that the Devil did not know or understand. In Revelation 13:8, it mentions **“...the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”**

In 1 Corinthians 2:7,8, it says, **“But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory...Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.”**

By the command given in Genesis 2:16, the Devil could not stop mankind from serving the LORD God, neither could the Devil force mankind to serve him. Therefore, the Devil used a serpent to deceive Eve, and then used Eve to get Adam to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil also.

The Devil still operates the same way, by using people to deceive other people. There are many false prophets in the Churches today. A false prophet is one who is receiving his information from the wrong source.

## Wisdom, Knowledge, & Understanding

To understand the Scriptures concerning mankind, we need to understand spiritual things. Those who live by understanding natural things only will be deceived by the Devil.

Our eternal life is a life in the Spirit of Christ, not in the flesh of man. Therefore, we must understand things in the spiritual realm. The Scriptures reveal spiritual things in types and shadows, symbolic language, figurative speaking, etc. If we do not understand the way God reveals spiritual things to us, we will not understand the Scriptures.

Let us take a few examples of how God reveals spiritual things to us. In John 15:1, Jesus said, **“I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.”** What kind of a vine is Jesus talking about? Is Jesus truly a vine like a grape vine? No. Jesus is not a physical vine like a grape vine. At the time Jesus was speaking to His disciples, Jesus was a man in a physical body. Jesus was also a man in a spiritual body. Jesus was using “figurative speaking,” talking about spiritual things, not physical things.

Another example is in John 6:53,54, where it says, **“Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you...Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”** Was Jesus talking about eating His physical body and drinking His liquid blood? Absolutely not. The word “eat” also means “to consume.” Jesus was talking about consuming the words that He was speaking and living by the Word of God.

In John 1:1 it says, **“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”** In the beginning Jesus was the Word of God (which is spiritual). Words are not physical, they are spiritual. In the spiritual realm we do not live by physical things, we live by spiritual things.

When a person is born into this world, their first birth is a birth into the physical realm of life, which is earthly life. In our earthly life, people live by earthly things, which are physical, including the air we breathe. To continue to live in this world in an earthly body we need air to breathe.

Born again Christians receive a spiritual body, and are translated from the flesh body of man into a spiritual body, which is in Christ Jesus (Rom. 8:9). Many people today do not understand who they are in Christ, because they do not understand spiritual things.

Once a persons is truly born again they must learn to understand spiritual things. Spiritual things are not understood by those who are not born again. Therefore, all throughout the Old Testament, God was working with people who did not understand spiritual things.

God had to use natural things to get mankind to understand spiritual things. God was limited in just how much He could teach those who were natural people, concerning spiritual things. God told those who were natural people certain things, but had to use natural things to get them to understand what He was telling them.

Let us take an example from Leviticus 17:10, which says, **“And whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood; I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people.”** Why was God so opposed to the Children of Israel eating blood? They were given flesh to eat, but not the blood that was in the flesh.

In Leviticus 17:11, it is explained, by saying, **“For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.”**

God was speaking of spiritual things, which the children of Israel did not understand. It was not the blood itself which was of a natural substance, but **“the life of the flesh which was in the blood.”** The life of the flesh that was in the blood was not of a natural substance, it was spiritual,

which is “the soul life” of the living creature. The soul life of every living creature is in the blood. When a living creature dies, it’s soul life leaves the natural physical body. We see an example of this in Genesis 4:9,10, where it says, “**And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?...And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.**” In Hebrews 11:4, it says, “**By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.**” The soul of man still speaks to God, even after the physical body dies. When the soul life leaves the natural body of a natural physical creature it can no longer live upon this earth.

Why did God speak so much to the Children of Israel about the eating of the blood of animals and fowl? God was using figurative speaking, symbolic language, types and shadows, etc. to teach how that His Son, Jesus Christ would come into this world and give His life of the flesh by shedding His blood for the forgiveness of the sins of the whole world. Jesus gave His life of the flesh, which was in His blood, as a payment for the sins of the whole world.

Before Jesus came in the flesh and gave His life of the flesh “which was in the blood,” God used types and shadows, symbolic language, figurative speaking, etc. to teach spiritual things. Once Jesus died on the cross by shedding His blood, whereby the life of the flesh which was in His blood left His body, causing His physical death, the price was paid for the sins of the whole world.

The blood in the flesh is physical, but the life of the flesh which is in the blood is the “soul life” of every living creature. Therefore, God used the sacrifices of animals from Abel to Jesus, to teach spiritual things.

Without wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of spiritual things, many Christians have taught things that are not true. Unless we understand the natural man, created in the beginning of this creation, we will not understand the plan of God or the purpose of God for us in this creation.

The teachings of men will lead us into deception, and prevent us from following the leading of the Holy Spirit in our lives. One of the greatest errors in the teachings of men is concerning the creation of mankind mentioned in Genesis 1:26-28 and Genesis 2:7.

In Genesis 1:26, it says, “**And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...**” What is the image of God, and what is the likeness of God? By not understanding spiritual things, many have taught according to what is written in the natural, in the Scriptures. Many have taught from the King James Version of the Bible, that the image of God that Adam was created in is “spiritual,” because it says in John 4:24, in the King James Bible that “**God is a spirit.**” Therefore, they teach that Adam was also spirit. Then they also teach that because it says in the King James Bible, in Luke 3:38 “**...Adam, which was the son of God,**” that Adam was spiritual.

Adam was not the son of God. Adam was a created creature, similar to all animals and fowl. Adam received His living soul by the breath of the LORD God as He breathed into the nostrils, the breath of life (Gen. 2:7).

The teaching that Adam was spiritual is ignorance gone to seed, so to speak. The King James Version of the Bible is not correctly translated in these two verses. By operating from the natural mind of man, and not receiving their information from the Holy Spirit they get into great error.

To begin with, they do not understand what the meaning of “image,” and “likeness” is speaking of. God is not speaking of physical, natural things. God is using symbolical language, figurative speaking, types and shadows, etc. to reveal spiritual things.

When it says in Genesis 1:26, “**Let us make man in our image,**” the image of God is not that God is spiritual, but how we imagine God in our minds after studying the Scriptures according to what the Scriptures say about God. The image of anything is produced in our minds, based upon what we receive by the five senses, and the knowledge we have concerning what we see, and understand.

The first indication of what the image of God is, is in 1 John 4:8, where it says, **“He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.”** Therefore, the first indication of the image of God is love. If God is love, then we should see that image of God in everything God does. Wherever you look in the Scriptures, you will see the love of God for His whole creation, including the first creation of mankind in Genesis.

There are multitudes of references to the Love of God throughout the Scriptures. The greatest reference of the Love of God, is in regards to the creation of mankind, and how much God loves mankind in general.

Jesus Christ, who is the image of God, showed us God’s love for mankind, when He came into this world as a man in the flesh and gave His own life of the flesh for the sins of the whole world. There is no love greater than when the Son of God gave His life for the sins of the whole world. There are many other references to the Love of God, such as the explaining of Love in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. This is the image of God that mankind was created in, in the beginning.

We see the end results of the image of God that man was created in, in the New Creature, “in Christ Jesus.” The two commandments that are given to Christians are the commandments of love. In Matthew 22:37-40, it says, **“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind...This is the first and great commandment...And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself...On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”**

In the ages to come, in the spiritual realm in heaven, all new creatures in Christ Jesus must walk in love, “which is the image of God.” God was love from the beginning and will always be love forever.

The **“likeness”** of God mentioned in Genesis 1:26, is “how God does things.” The likeness of anything is how it exists, what it does and how it does what it does. God does everything by “faith in His Word.” The heavens and the earth were created by God, “by faith in His Word.” All of creation mentioned in Genesis, Chapter One was created by God having faith in His Word. God spoke His Word in faith and it was so. What God said, came to pass as God spoke His Word.

Adam was created in the image and likeness of God. Adam failed to walk in love and operate by faith in the Word of God. Therefore, sin entered into the human race. Adam and Eve began to operate by “the knowledge of good and evil,” rather than by love and faith in God’s Word.

Operating by “the knowledge of good and evil” is the opposite of operating by “love and faith in God’s Word.” Thereby, Satan began to control what man believed and how man operated by the knowledge of good and evil. Mankind became as slaves to the Devil when they followed the way the Devil operates.

Therefore, when Jesus came into this world, it tells us how it came about that Jesus was the Word of God in the beginning and then became flesh. In John 1:1-3, it 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 any thing made that was made.”**

John 1:14 says, **“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.”** By faith in the Word of God, the Word of God manifested in the flesh of mankind. That is how that God does things. That is the likeness of God in everything God does.

After Jesus came into this world, He lived “by faith in the Word of God.” Many times Jesus spoke of His death and resurrection, saying, “the Scriptures must be fulfilled.” What the Scriptures had said throughout the ages did come to pass, when Jesus was crucified, died, and then arose again from the dead.

Jesus lived His life in “the image and likeness of God.” Jesus still lives in the image and

likeness of God. Christians are to live in the image and likeness of God (now in this life and forever in eternity).

If Christians do not understand the image and likeness of God, they will easily be deceived by the Devil in their lives here on earth. Deception comes when people do not understand the truth. No matter what we do, if we do not know the truth, we cannot walk in the truth. Therefore, it is important that we know and understand spiritual things.

## The New Covenant

In the Old Testament, God continued to reveal His plan for those who would serve Him all the way from Genesis 2:15 until the Gospels of the New Testament. Until the Gospels in the New Testament, spiritual things were spoken of, but not revealed to mankind.

In the New Testament, God revealed His plan for mankind in the natural, beginning with the birth of Jesus Christ. God first sent an angel to speak to Mary in Luke 1:26-38. Then God sent an angel in a dream to speak to Joseph in Matthew 1:20,21.

According to what was already written in Genesis 2:16, God could not force Mary to agree with the plan of God from the foundation of the world. When Mary said, in Luke 1:38, **"...Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word,"** God received authority to use Mary to bring Jesus into this world. The same with Joseph. When Joseph agreed with what the angel said to him in a dream, that authorized God to use Joseph to become the stepfather of Jesus.

Remember, the command of the LORD in Genesis 2:16, whereby, God could not force Mary and Joseph to agree with His plans. But, Mary and Joseph did agree after being informed by the angels. That is all that was necessary to get things working according to what God had planned from the beginning of time.

When Jesus was born of the Holy Spirit and a virgin woman, He became the first Man "joined, in one spirit with God." As a Son of God, God dwelt in Jesus and Jesus dwelt in God. This was the beginning of a new creation of mankind, God and man joined together in one.

When Jesus became about thirty years old, God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power to do what God had planned for Jesus to do. In receiving the Holy Spirit, Jesus became Christ, "the Anointed One."

Jesus knew the plan of God for His life here on earth and He followed God's plan by preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God. The Gospel of the Kingdom of God is summed up in one statement, "Christ in you, the Hope of Glory."

How does God get the Glory? God is glorified every time the works of the Devil are destroyed. In 1 John 3:8, it says, **"He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."** Sin originated with the Devil, who was Lucifer at that time. When Lucifer rebelled against God, he sinned against God. Lucifer become Satan, the Devil, the author of sin and death.

Jesus Christ came into this world **"...that he might destroy the works of the devil"** (1 John 3:8). How did Jesus destroy the works of the Devil? Jesus did the will of God the Father in His life as He went about preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. As Jesus went about preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, He healed the sick, cast out devils, restored sight to the blind, etc.

Every time Jesus preached the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, He was destroying the works of the Devil. Every time Jesus healed the sick, cast out devils, restored sight to the blind, etc. He was destroying the works of the Devil. Jesus destroyed the works of the Devil when He died on the Cross, and God raised Jesus from the dead.

It was not Jesus that did the works. It was the anointing upon and in Jesus that did the works. Jesus said in John 14:10, **"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."** Jesus spoke the words, but it was the Father in Jesus that did the works. In John 11:40-44, it says, **"Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?...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 which stand by I said**

**it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me...And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth...And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.”**

In John 11:41-44, Jesus did the believing. Jesus did the praying. Jesus spoke the Word. But, it was the Father in Jesus that did the work. The Devil holds the power of death over people. Jesus prayed and spoke the Word, and God got the glory for the raising of Lazarus from the dead.

In Proverbs 8:31, when the Son of God, called **“Wisdom”** said, **“...my delights were with the sons of men,”** He was seeing born again Christians destroying the works of the Devil. When born again Christians go about destroying the works the Devil, God and Christ Jesus get the glory. For it is **“Christ in You”** that does the works.

When Christians obey the Holy Spirit within them, God gets the glory. Of ourselves, we cannot do anything against the Devil. It is **“Christ in us,”** that does the works.

When we understand spiritual things, we can much better understand what God’s desire for our life is. We are not here on earth to enjoy all that the world has to offer. In 1 John 2:15-17 it says, **“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him...For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world...And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”**

Christians are here on earth to do the will of God. Jesus said in Matthew 7:21, **“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.”**

## God gets the Glory

When the works of the Devil are destroyed, God gets the Glory. Already in Proverbs 8:31, Jesus saw the future, when Lucifer would rebel against God and be cast down to the earth. Jesus also saw when He would come into this world, born of a virgin woman and the Holy Spirit. Jesus saw how that He would die and be raised again from the dead and become the firstborn from the dead. As the firstborn from the dead, Jesus would become the head of the body of Christ. All who are born again are members of His body, which is called the Church (Col. 1:18).

How many Christians today are members of the Body of Christ? How many Christians today are destroying the works of the devil?

In 1 John 3:8, it says, “**...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.**” Now that Jesus came and did what God the Father sent Him to do, Jesus has sent those who are born again into the world to do the same works that He did. In John 17:18, Jesus said to God the Father, “**As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.**” In John 14:12, Jesus said, “**Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.**”

Are Christians today doing what God the Father and Jesus Christ called them to do? Are Christians destroying the works of the Devil? Every time Christians use the name of Jesus against the works of the Devil, God gets the Glory. Every time Christians preach the true Gospel of the Kingdom of God, God gets the Glory. Every time, Christians receive healing by the Word of God, God gets the Glory. Therefore, every time Christians do the same works that Jesus did, God gets the Glory.

Jesus got the glory after He finished the works that the Father sent Him into this world to do. When Jesus rose again from the dead, God glorified Jesus. In Philippians 2:5-11, it says, “**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...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.**” Are Christians glorifying God the Father and Jesus Christ in their lives?

## From Here to Eternity

Christians need to see the plan of God for their lives, now in this world and in eternity, after they leave this earth. In 2 Corinthians 3:18, it says, **“But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”**

What is the glory that Christians should be seeing, according to the written Word of God? Jesus spoke of the glory that He had before the world was in John 17:4,5, saying, **“I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do...And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.”**

When Jesus “called Wisdom” in Proverbs 8:31, said, **“...my delights were with the sons of men,”** He was seeing the end from the beginning. Jesus saw in the spirit, what He needed to do that Christians could become “sons of God” with Him in eternity.

In the beginning, God had only “one Son,” whom we know as Jesus Christ. God desired to have “many sons” forever with Him in eternity. How was God going to have many sons forever with Him in eternity?

God needed an example for us to go by, in obtaining the position He had planned for us in eternity. Jesus became that example in everything He did, in the past, before this earth as we know it today was created, and while He was here on earth in the flesh of mankind. Jesus knew why He came into this world as a man in the flesh, therefore, Jesus said to His disciples, “Come, follow Me!” To become like Jesus, we must follow the example that Jesus set for us.

Jesus, who was the Word of God, humbled Himself and became as man in the flesh. Jesus went from the Glory He had with the Father, to that of a man in the flesh. Jesus submitted Himself to obey God the Father in everything He did.

Jesus then lived on this earth about thirty-three and one half years, in total obedience to God the Father. In His life as a man in the flesh, Jesus took all our sins, iniquities, infirmities, sicknesses, and diseases upon Himself, and bore them for us. Jesus paid the price for all that man caused by disobedience, by His obedience to God the Father.

By Jesus’ obedience to God the Father, Christians can inherit eternity with God forever and ever. In Hebrews 5:8,9, it says, **“Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered...And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.”**

Obedience is the key to everlasting life. Jesus set the example for Christians to follow. Jesus is **“the Way, the Truth, and the Life”** (John 14:6). There is no other Way, no other Truth, and no other eternal Life, for Christians, than that which is in Christ Jesus.

Through obedience to God the Father, Jesus endured the Cross, suffering and dying for the sins of the whole world. Jesus took upon Himself, all that was brought upon mankind by disobedience to God. Because of Jesus’ obedience, God hath highly exalted Jesus’ Name above every name in heaven, in earth, and under the earth (Phil. 2:5-11).

Jesus was glorified for His obedience to God the Father in everything He did as the Son of Man, here on earth. The glory comes after obedience. Jesus was not glorified until after He was obedient, even unto death. In John 7:37-39, it says, **“In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink...He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water...(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)”**

The Holy Spirit could not come upon mankind until after that Jesus was glorified. Jesus had the Holy Spirit dwelling in Him. But, mankind could not have the Holy Spirit dwelling in them until

after Jesus was glorified. The glorifying of Jesus' brought mankind and God together in unity, (man and God dwelling together in one body, the Body of Christ).

In 2 Corinthians 5:17, it says, **“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”** This was the beginning of a whole new creation of mankind, God and man dwelling together in one body. Christians are “in Christ.” Colossians 2:9,10, says, **“For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily...And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.”**

What God has done for us in Christ Jesus, we could not do for ourselves. Now that we are in Christ Jesus, we need to glorify God by destroying the works of the Devil in our lives and in the lives of others. What Jesus did while He was here on earth in a body of flesh and bones, we must also do, while we are still here on earth in a body of flesh and bones.

Jesus set the example as to how we should live here on earth, and glorify God in everything we do. As we go about casting out devils, healing the sick, raising the dead, God will get the glory. In our lives, we must glorify God in everything we do. It is when we get to heaven that we will receive Glory for all that we did in Christ Jesus here on earth.

Before Jesus left to be with God the Father, after His resurrection from the dead, Jesus gave instructions to those who would follow Him. In Matthew 28:18-20, it says, **“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power 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 Ghost...Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”**

When Jesus spoke these words to His disciples, He was also speaking to Christians today. Jesus said, **“All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.”** For those who are in Christ Jesus, that same power was given to them. Christians who have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, have the same power that Jesus had when He received the Holy Spirit following His baptism in water by John the Baptist. All the power that was given to Jesus as the head of the Body of Christ is available to everyone who is in Christ Jesus.

After telling His disciples that all power was given to Him, Jesus said, **“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost...Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.”** If we are in Christ, then Christ Jesus is also in us. Jesus will never leave those who are in Christ. Jesus will be in us and with us until the end of the world.

In Mark 16:15,16, it says, **“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature...He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”**

Then in Mark 16:17,18, Jesus said, **“And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues...They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”** This is how to do the same things Jesus did. Jesus went about doing these same things. This is how that God gets glorified in those who believe. Every time Christians do what Jesus said to do, God gets the glory.

In Luke 24:46-49, it says, **“And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day...And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem...And ye are witnesses of these things...And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.”**

Then Luke wrote in Acts 1:4,5,8, saying, **“And, being assembled together with them,**

**commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me...For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence...But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”**

These are the things every Christian should be doing. These are Jesus’ final instructions before He went to be with God the Father. One of the most important of these instructions is that every Christian should receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

The power to be a witness unto Jesus is in the anointing of the Holy Spirit, which we receive when we are baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

To follow Jesus example, we need to be doing what Jesus told us to do. There are many things Jesus told us to do. Every one of the things Jesus told us to do are important. When we do what Jesus told us to do, God will get the glory. Jesus will be glorified. The works of the devil will be destroyed by Christ in us, the hope of Glory.

There are two main things that Jesus taught, and set as examples for us in the three and a half years of His ministry. The first one is the two commandments of love that Jesus gave us. In Matthew 22:37-40, it says, **“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind...This is the first and great commandment...And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself...On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”**

When Christians keep these two commandments they are walking in the image of God. The image of God is Love (agape). When we walk in the image of God we are not under the law of sin and death. In Romans 8:1,2, it says, **“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which 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 death.”**

Christians are not in the flesh, they are in the Spirit of Christ Jesus. Romans 8:9 says, **“But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you...Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.”** Christians have been translated from the flesh of Adam into the Spirit of Christ. As long as Christians walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh, they are not under the Law of sin and death, **“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death”** (Rom. 8:2).

Christians must not walk after the flesh, for it says in Galatians. 5:16-18, **“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh...For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would...But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.”**

Keeping the two commandments that Jesus gave us, keeps us from coming under the law of sin and death. As we walk in Love (agape), we are walking in the image of God. Jesus walked in the image of God the Father. We are to walk in the image of Jesus Christ, fulfilling the Law of sin and death, by walking in love.

Christians must also walk in the likeness of God. That means, Christians must walk by faith in the Word of God. In Hebrews 10:38, it says, **“Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.”** The image of God the Father is the same as the image of Jesus Christ. From the beginning of all creation, God the Father walked by faith in the Word of God.

When Jesus came into this world as the Son of God, and the Son of Man, He walked in the image of God the Father. Jesus also walked by faith in the Word of God, which is the likeness of God the Father.

Christians must “walk in love” (agape) and “walk by faith in the Word of God.” When we walk in the image and likeness of God, we destroy all of the works of the Devil. When Christians destroy the works of the Devil, God gets the glory.

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