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## Introduction

In Isaiah 65:17 it says, **“For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.”** See also Isaiah 66:22; 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1,5.

What are all these verses speaking of? What is God telling us that we did not know?

Because of the teachings of men and their lack of wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, multitudes of Christians are being deceived. They do not understand spiritual things, for they have been taught by men and not by the Holy Spirit.

This earth that is here now will pass away. It will be gone, and there will be a new heavens and a new earth. God cannot lie. God has spoken it, and it will come to pass.

Being that there is going to be a new heavens and a new earth, there is also going to be new creatures in heaven. There are creatures here on earth that were created in Genesis, Chapters One and Two. Man was among those creatures that were created in Genesis, Chapters One and Two.

In Genesis 2:7 it tells how the LORD God created the first creation of man. 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.”**

Because of the teachings of men, what many believe was spoken of here is corrupted by the knowledge of good and evil that came upon mankind in Genesis, Chapter Three. The minds of people were corrupted by sin and death, which came upon mankind when Adam and Eve ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

This corruption has continued for centuries. In Genesis Chapter Four, Cain did not listen to the LORD God and followed the thoughts that Satan put in his mind. This is all explained in Genesis 4:1-12. Cain submitted to the thoughts of Satan and he slew Abel, his brother. Thereby Cain, who was the first born son of Adam and Eve murdered his brother.

In 1 John 3:8 it says, **“He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning...”** Cain submitted to the Devil and therefore, it says in 1 John 3:12, **“Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.”**

By the knowledge of good and evil, Satan brought corruption upon the human race, beginning with Adam and Eve and then it continued on in everyone who was “born of the flesh” into this world. In Romans 5:12 it says, **“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.”**

Because of this corruption in the minds of mankind, many have taught things that they did not receive from God. They received their information from men whose minds were corrupted by eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

God had a plan before Adam was created. God’s plan goes beyond this world that we live in today. God’s plans are for eternity. God’s plans included “a new creation of mankind.” A new creature in Christ Jesus, “Born of the Word of God the Holy Spirit.”

The first creation of mankind was earthly of this earth (1 Cor. 15:45-48). By forming man of the dust of the ground, man was created an earthly creature. Man had an earthly body which needed air to breathe to live upon this earth.

Adam was not spiritual as some teach. Adam could not live in the heavens. Adam was a natural man, with a physical earthly body of flesh and bones. Adam became “a living soul” by the LORD God breathing his soul into his earthly body. This physical earthly body of flesh and bones needed air to breathe in order to live.

Then about four thousand years later Jesus came, “born of the Holy Spirit and Mary” (a virgin woman). Jesus already had a heavenly “spiritual body.” A heavenly body does not need air to breathe. When Jesus was born into this world of the Holy Spirit and Mary, He also received a physical, “earthly body” of flesh and bones. By receiving a physical earthly body, Jesus became “the Son of Man,” born of a woman and the Holy Spirit.

Adam could not live in heaven being he did not have a heavenly body of spirit. Adam was earthly, and Jesus was heavenly. This is explained in 1 Corinthians 15:40-49.

This new creation of mankind is a part of God’s plan for eternity. In the new heavens there will be new creatures, called “Sons of God” Who are the Sons of God? In Romans 8:14 it says, **“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”**

The first creation of mankind was in Adam. The second creation of mankind is in Christ. All who are in Christ when they die upon this earth will be changed. In 1 Corinthians 15:51-54 it says, **“Behold, I shew 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.”**

What is written in 1 Corinthians 15:51-54 applies only to those who are in Christ when they die here on earth. For it says in 1 Corinthians 15:22, **“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”** Those who are not in Christ when they die here on earth will not be in heaven, they will spend eternity in hell with the Devil and his demons.

If anyone is not positive they are in Christ, they need do what it says in John 1:12. It says, **“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:”** God only receives those who receive Jesus Christ as their LORD and Savior. Do it now, and your name will be written in the Book of Life.

## Understanding the Scriptures

The Scriptures are written prophetically. In 2 Peter 1:20,21 it says, **“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation...For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”**

The writing of the Scriptures came by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the understanding of the Scriptures can only be understood by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. In 1 Corinthians 2:4 it says, **“And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.”**

Then in 1 Corinthians 2:6-8 it says, **“Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought...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.”**

Then in 1 Corinthians 2:12-14 it says, **“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.”**

Only the Holy Spirit can reveal the truth of the Scriptures. What man teaches that does not come by revelation of the Holy Spirit will be false. The Holy Spirit is **“the Spirit of Truth”** (John 16:13). Only the Holy Spirit can reveal the truth to man.

In the Scriptures, God reveals His wisdom, knowledge, and understanding in types and shadows, figuratively speaking and symbolic teachings.

God reveals things from His position in eternity, not always according earthly time. God has knowledge of things past, present, and future at all times. Many times God reveals things that are not in the natural as though they are already done and complete.

Those who do not receive the revelation of the Scriptures from the Holy Spirit will easily be deceived by the teachings of men. In Job 32:8 it says, **“But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.”** The revelation of the truth will come from the spirit of man, not according the intellectual knowledge of men.

## **The Old heavens & The New heavens**

Symbolically, there is a dividing point between the Old heavens and the New heavens. That dividing point for us is symbolically at the Cross of Calvary.

That which is before the Cross is a part of the revelation of the old heavens and the old earth. That which is after the Cross is a part of the revelation of the new heavens and the new earth. When we rightly divide the Scriptures, we will know the complete plan of God for the creation of man (2 Timothy 2:15).

The Old Testament contains the revelation of the beginning of the heavens and the earth. It includes what happened in the beginning even before the creation of man. It also tells what happened to man after the creation of man. This is the foundation upon which the New Testament is built.

The New Testament is the revelation of what the future holds for us in the new heavens and upon the new earth. The New Testament reveals who will be in the new heavens? It also reveals who will not be in the new heavens?

The Word of God has been written. What is written in the inspired written Word of God (which is written in Hebrew, Chaldees, and Greek), will come to pass. What has been changed by men in their Bibles may not come to pass. Only that which was inspired to be written by the Holy Spirit will stand.

God is doing exactly what He said in the inspired written Word, called “the Scriptures.” Jesus said **“the Scriptures cannot be broken”** (John 10:35). The truth of the Old Testament and the New Testament is written in the inspired written Word of God. It will come to pass exactly as God has spoken it.

In the Old Testament it is revealed to us what happened in the heavens before the creation of man. It is also revealed what happened to man after the creation of man. It also reveals God’s plan for the new heavens and the new earth.

The Old Testament is the foundation of all that is contained in the New Testament. The New Testament is the fulfillment of that which was prophesied in the Old Testament. The prophecies of the Old Testament are written in types and shadows, figurative and symbolic teachings. Therefore, we are without excuse for not knowing the total plan of God for our lives. Each one is responsible for receiving from God the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of the will of God for their eternal life.

Those who reject the information made available to them are rejecting God, and establishing their own place in eternity. Those who receive the information made available to them, and obey the LORD, will establish their own place in eternity.

The choice of where we will spend eternity is up to each one individually. God is a personal God, and deals with each one personally. Those who obey the LORD will be rewarded for their obedience. Those who disobey the LORD will receive their rewards for their disobedience.

In the Old Testament times, many people disobeyed the LORD and died, and may spend eternity in hell. A few people in the Old Testament obeyed the LORD and went to heaven and will spend eternity in heaven.

In the New Testament many people disobeyed the LORD and will spend eternity in hell. A few people will obey the LORD and they will spend eternity in heaven with the LORD (Matt. 7:13,14).

Being that we are not living in the Old Testament times, what we do must be according the New Covenant, not the Old Covenant. The New Testament is for those in the New Covenant (which includes those living at the time Jesus went to the Cross, and after the Cross).

The Old Covenant has already passed away, and the new has already come. We cannot live according to the Old Covenant. We must live according to the New Covenant.

The Jewish nation at the time of John the Baptist and Jesus were doing what they thought according to their own intellect, knowledge and understanding. They were looking for a deliverer who would come as “the Son of King David” and set up his kingdom here on earth to deliver those who were in bondage to the Romans at that time.

What Jesus was teaching was “**the kingdom of God**” (Mark 1:14.15). What the Jews did not know is that the Kingdom of God was not an earthly kingdom. It was not going to operate as an earthly kingdom. It was to begin on earth and continue to reign in heaven as “The Kingdom of God.”

Jesus Christ, is the King of the Kingdom of God. The Holy Spirit is in control of all that happens in the Kingdom of God. Therefore, the Kingdom of God is rightly called the “the reign of God” the Holy Spirit. Those who “will not permit” the Holy Spirit to have control in their lives may not inherit the Kingdom of God.

The Kingdom of God will reign in the new heavens and will be in a position above the angels. Under God, all of creation will be subject to the Kingdom of God, with Jesus Christ as the King.

Those who submit themselves to Christ and the Holy Spirit completely, and stay committed until the end, will reign with Christ for all eternity. Those who submit themselves to any other authority may not reign in the Kingdom of God in eternity.

Here on earth, everyone in the kingdom of God must overcome the works of darkness and remain faithful until the end. Grace and forgiveness of sins is available to those who do sin and repent. But for those who do not repent, they could be cast out of the Kingdom of God.

Jesus was not teaching an earthly kingdom. Jesus was teaching a heavenly kingdom that came down to earth to gather together people upon the earth that desire to be a part of a new creation of mankind reigning in the kingdom of God.

The Kingdom of God is speaking of a spiritual kingdom where God and man are joined together in one. It is a new creation of mankind that will live forever and reign with Christ for all eternity.

All who are born again in Christ Jesus are not in the kingdom of God. A person must first be born again before they can understand the kingdom of God. Jesus said in John 3:3, “**Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**” Once a person is born again, they are given the opportunity to enter into the kingdom of God. In John 3:5-7, Jesus explained this by saying, “**Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God...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.**”

Therefore, first a person must be born again. That is the beginning of a new creature in Christ. After they are born again, they must go thorough a process of being taught by the Holy Spirit according to the Word of God and enter into the Kingdom of God. This is the purpose of the Epistles in the New Testament. Christians must follow the instructions in the New Testament to reign with Christ in the Kingdom of God.

## The Kingdom of God

When Jesus came to preach the kingdom of God, the Jewish nation was in bondage. They were like the Children of Israel were in the land of Goshen before Moses and Aaron come to deliver them from bondage to Pharaoh and the Egyptian slave masters.

When Jesus came, the Jewish people were surrounded by the Romans and in slavery to their own leaders, the Pharisees, Scribes, and Sadducees. They did not know the love of God, neither did they know the power of God to set them free.

They knew about the love of God and the power of God that delivered the Children of Israel from the Egyptians at the time of Moses. But the Children of Israel disobeyed the commandments given them and let other gods and false prophets put them back into bondage. They did not know that the commandments were given to keep them free of the works of the Devil. Therefore, they went back into bondage, first to the Babylonians, then the Persians, then the Greeks, and then the Romans.

Before Jesus started preaching the kingdom of God, He first received the Holy Spirit (following His baptism in water by John the Baptist) (Matt. 3:16,17). Then later in Luke 4:16-19 it says, **“And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read...And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written...The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised...To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”**

This was the way God would deliver them from the bondage they were in at the time. They needed to be set free of the law of sin and death that came in the garden of Eden when Adam and Eve ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Jesus did not start teaching the kingdom of God until after He received the anointing of the Holy Spirit sent from God the Father. The kingdom of God operates by the anointing of the Holy Spirit. In Acts 10:38 it says, **“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”**

The Kingdom of God is not religious people doing their will according to their ideas and customs. The Kingdom of God does not put people in bondage to customs, rules, and regulations. The Kingdom of God sets people free of the works of the Devil.

In Romans 14:17 it says, **“For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.”** Without **“righteousness”** there will not be any true peace. Without **“peace”** there will not be any true **“joy.”** Without **“the Holy Spirit”** we cannot be free of the works of darkness.

In Mark 1:14,15 it says, **“Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God...And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.”**

As Jesus went about setting the people free of the works of the Devil, the Pharisees, Scribes, and Sadducees came against Jesus. They accused Jesus of breaking the Law of the Sabbath Day. They were holding the people in bondage to their rules and regulations.

The Pharisees, Scribes, and Sadducees did not know the love of God. They did not know the power of God to set them free of the works of the Devil.

Jesus was not teaching what the Jewish leaders wanted to hear. They wanted to continue to

hold the people in bondage so they could rule over them. Jesus read why He came from the Book of Isaiah, **“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised...To preach the acceptable year of the Lord”** (Luke 4:18,19).

In teaching the Gospel of Kingdom of God, Jesus went around demonstrating the power of God to set people free and keep them free of the works of the Devil.

Kingdom of God has come to destroy the works of the Devil and give people an opportunity to reign with God for all eternity. The Kingdom of God is not an earthly kingdom, but a heavenly kingdom with Jesus Christ as King.

In the Kingdom of God, it must be God in control of everything we do. It cannot be people doing their own will of the flesh. We must be led by the Holy Spirit. We must walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh.

In Matthew 18:3, Jesus said, **“Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.”** Little children trust in their father for everything. Little children obey their father and are rewarded for their obedience.

In the kingdom of God, God must be the source and supply of everything. God will supply all our needs according to His Word. The Word of God includes that we work with our hands to provide for ourselves and those of our household. In Ephesians 4:27,28 it says, **“Neither give place to the devil...Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.”** In 1 Timothy 5:8 it says, **“But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.”**

God supplies our needs according to His Word. In the kingdom of God all things must be done according to the written Word.

I had a good friend in the LORD years ago. He has now gone to be with Jesus. He told me what happened years ago in his life. He was in the Auto-body repair business. He had been in business for a few years. Then he went out of business because he could not get enough work to pay his bills. He put all of his tools and equipment in storage.

One day he attended a meeting of some Christian business men. Someone told him, *“If you would ask the LORD to bring in work, He will do it for you.”* This brother in the LORD got excited and the next day (which was a Saturday), he went looking for a building to rent and start up in business again.

He found a building for rent that was on a side street, just off a main street. He talked to the owner and told the owner that he wanted to rent the building to use for an Auto-body repair shop. He did not have any money, but told the owner that the LORD was going to bring in the work. He promised the owner that if he would let him use the building for one month, he would pay him two months rent before the end of the first month. The owner said to him, your idea seems a little crazy, but I will let you move your equipment in based upon your promise.

That day, he moved his equipment into that building. On Monday morning he prayed, *“LORD I am here and ready for business. Bring me in some work. Thank You Jesus.”* Shortly after he prayed a car pulled up in the front of the building. The driver asked, *“Is there an Auto-body shop somewhere around here?”* My friend said, *“Yes, right here!”* Then the driver said, *“I need some work done on my car. I was driving in the area and the LORD said to me, go over to this place and have your car repaired today.”* That was the first job he did in that place.

From that day on for three months, every time he needed work he would pray and the LORD

would send him more work. For three months he always had work. During those three months he did not have a telephone in the building. He did not have any sign out in the front letting people know he was in the Auto-body repair business. Many people would stop and tell him, the LORD said they should come to him and he would do the repair work on their vehicles for them. The LORD was bringing in the work, simply, because he asked the LORD.

During those three months he took in a lot of money. He paid his tithes to his church. They said he was the largest tither in the church. After three months he got a telephone and put up a sign to let people know he was in the Auto-body repair business at that location.

But that did not stop him from praying and asking the LORD to bring in more business. He continued to ask the LORD whenever he needed more work. He continued to pay his tithes and thank and praise the LORD for everything. For years, he was the largest tither in the church where he attended.

When I first met this brother in the LORD, he had his own buildings (a house and a repair shop). Both buildings were paid for, and he and his wife started a Church in their house. They gave to the poor, food, clothing, and other things they needed. They never asked people for money. They always had the money they needed to pay all their bills.

This brother in the LORD and his wife continued to ask the LORD to bring in work. The work kept coming in. Many times they had more work than they could do. They sent a lot of jobs over to another brother in the LORD, who was also in the Auto-body repair business. His shop was about two or so miles away.

The LORD is faithful to take care of those who are His own, and ask Him when they need something. God wants to supply all our needs (Matt. 6:25-33). God also wants us to obey Him and ask when we have a need.

The LORD took good care of this brother in the LORD. After many years of serving the LORD, he went to be with Jesus on his birthday at seventy-two years old.

In the Kingdom of God, we must “have faith in God” for everything we have need of. We must be taught by the Holy Spirit how to do it God’s way not the ways of the world.

In Matthew 6:25-32, Jesus was teaching on the Kingdom of God. In Matthew 6:31,32, Jesus said, **“Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal 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.”**

In the Kingdom of God we do not need to spend a lot of time thinking about these things. We should know that our Father in heaven will take care of these things. Jesus said, **“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you”** (Matt. 6:33). The kingdom of God is not of this world. We must learn how to live in the kingdom of God and do the will of God in our lives here on earth.

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