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REDEEMED BY THE BLOOD

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Introduction

Understanding our redemption by the blood of Jesus is very important to every person alive on this earth. Yet, there are very few who understand our redemption.

Many who are redeemed by the blood are still being destroyed for a lack of knowledge of the Word of God. It was spoken by the LORD in Hosea 4:6, “**My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...**” It was that way back at the time of Hosea, and it is still that way today. Why? The LORD said at that time, “**...because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee...**” The people rejected knowledge, that’s why they were being destroyed for a lack of knowledge.

Many Christians today have knowledge in certain areas of the Word of God, yet they reject knowledge in other areas. Therefore, they are still being destroyed for a lack of knowledge in certain areas.

How is it that Christians can have such great knowledge in one area and be destroyed in another area of their lives? It is because of the teachings of men, that do not agree with the Word of God. Men teach what they have heard other men teach without searching the Scriptures for the truth. Many teach that which sounds good to their ears and looks good to their sight, but does not agree with the Word of God. Years ago a word came from the LORD, saying, “*Those who have taught what they heard other men teach and have not received it from My Spirit, it they will repent, My grace will cover them!*”

Many have followed the teachings of others, yet there are a few Christians who are searching for the Truth from the Word of God. If they will search with all their heart they will find the Truth; and the Truth of the Word of God will set them free of all teachings that are not from the LORD. If you desire the Truth, search the Scriptures for it, and you will find it.

THE BLOOD

What is the significance of the blood? When man was created, Genesis 2:7 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.**" Notice that the physical body of man came from the dust of the ground. Every part of our physical body, including the blood came from the earth. Therefore, 1 Corinthians 15:45-48 tells us,

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

Howbeit 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.

Now this already eliminates a lot of man's teachings that say "man is a spirit" or "man is spiritual." The Bible tells us man is a living soul. And man is earthly, whereas the LORD is heavenly (a life-giving Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45)). Therefore man, being earthly, belonged to this earth. He was formed of the dust (elements) of the earth. Man belonged to the earth and the earth belonged to man, they were of the same substance (the elements of the earth). Man also belonged to the LORD, for he was a living soul, and received his soul and spirit by the breath of the LORD. Man was created by the LORD, and that alone tells us man belonged to the LORD, for we are His creation. Colossians 1:16 says, "**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.**" This tells us that the LORD created all things, including man. We were created by Him and for Him. That means we were not our own, we belonged to the LORD, for He created us for Himself. The created is not greater than the Creator. We are His creation, created for His glory; to do His will.

Yet, man was earthly, of this earth. Man belonged to the earth by the nature of his physical body, which was earthly, of this earth. Every element of man's body came from the earth. The flesh was formed of the dust of the earth. The blood that flowed through man's veins came from the earth. Leviticus 17:11 says, "**For the life of the flesh is in the blood...**" The life of the flesh that was in the blood came from the LORD.

There was only one body formed of the dust of the earth. All other bodies came from that one body. Even Eve was formed of that same body. Eve came from the body of Adam (Gen. 2:21-23). Eve's flesh and blood came from the body of Adam. Acts 17:26 tells us, "**And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth...**" The blood of every person that ever lived on this earth, came from the blood of Adam.

The "life" that was "in Jesus' blood" came from the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35). Jesus' body of flesh and bones came from Mary, His earthly mother. If you study medical science, you will find "the life of flesh" which is in the blood comes from the male. Medical science can identify the father of a child by blood-type. The blood-type identifies who the life of the flesh came from. The flesh comes from the female. When a woman becomes pregnant, the element that is necessary to produce "the

life of the flesh” in the blood of the child comes from the male. All of the other elements of the child's body are formed by the female in her womb. Therefore, the flesh is formed by the woman, whereas “the life of the flesh” which is in the blood came from the man.

Our bodies and our blood are made up of the elements of the earth. The blood carries all the necessary elements throughout the body to replenish the body daily: to supply all that the body needs to sustain it and keep it in health. Every part of our body is dependent upon the blood. Without the blood, man cannot continue to live “in the flesh,” for “the life of the flesh” is in the blood.

The very principle of creation is seen in the body of mankind as well. The body is dependent upon the blood, and the blood is dependent upon the body. Many parts of the body are used to reproduce the blood, and the heart is used to pump the blood throughout the body. Every part of the body of flesh is dependent upon the flow of blood to restore and supply it's needs. Without the blood the flesh cannot live.

Man is a living soul (Gen. 2:7, 1 Cor. 15:45), yet he is a three part being. Man has a body, a soul, and a spirit (1 Thes. 5:23). The part of man that allows him to live on this earth is his physical body, it is of the earth, earthly. Man's body is his connection to this earth. Man belongs to the earth, being his body is from the earth. Man also belongs to God, because of his living soul; which came by the breath of the LORD.

The soul of man can live without the body, but the body cannot live without the soul. The soul of man is “the created part of man.” The soul is the man himself; whereas man has a body of flesh and a spirit from God. Yet, the natural body of flesh was formed of the dust of the ground (earth).

When the blood stops flowing throughout the body, the body dies; for the “life of the flesh” is in the blood. When the body dies, the soul and spirit of man leave the body. Without a physical body, man has no right or claim to this earth. He is no longer earthly, of this earth. Yet, he still lives, because man is “a living soul.”

What happens when man dies? Ecclesiastes 12:7 says, **“Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.”** This tells us what happens to the physical body, it returns to dust. This tells us what happens to the spirit of man, it returns to God who gave it to us. Yet, the man is still alive, without a natural body and without the spirit that was given to him by God.

What about the living soul? If man is not born again of the Spirit and the Word of God (John 3:5-7; 1Peter 1:23), he (the living soul), will go down into hell. Only those who are born again of the Spirit and the Word of God will go to heaven. Yet, man, a living soul, will go one place or the other, heaven or hell.

Why is the blood so important? Because it contains “the life of the flesh” that allows man to live on this earth. As long as man has a body of flesh, he belongs to this earth and has a right to be here on earth. It is “the life of the flesh” that is in the blood, that keeps the flesh alive. Once the blood stops flowing the flesh dies, and the living soul leaves the body. All rights to this earth are lost, and man must go somewhere else for all eternity.

The most valuable thing natural man has on earth is his physical life in a body of flesh and blood. There is nothing of more value on this earth to “the natural man” than man's physical life.

Adam, was not spiritual when he was created. Therefore, he did not have the ability to go to heaven. Man is earthly, of this earth (1 Cor. 15:47,48), and has dominion upon this earth (Gen. 1:28).

If Adam had not sinned, he could possibly still be living on this earth today. Although, there is an appointed time for man to die and leave this earth (Acts 17:26; Heb. 9:27). Death came by sin. Romans 5:12 tells us, **“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.”**

How did this happen that, **“by one man sin and death passed upon all men (mankind)?”** If we look at Romans 6:16 it tells us; **“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?”** In plain English, Paul said, *“Don't you know that if you yield yourself to serve someone, you become his servant, and he becomes your master?”* In 1 John 3:8 it says, **“He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning..”** When a person sins, he becomes a servant of the devil, for the devil sinned from the beginning. When Adam sinned, death entered his flesh and his soul. Death came because of sin.

Satan has the power of death. Death is an enemy, and it is not from God, it is from the devil. In 1 Corinthians 15:26, it says, **“The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.”** Hebrews 2:14 says, **“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he (Jesus) also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.”** Death came by sin, when Adam became a servant to the devil (by eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil).

When Adam sinned of his own free will, he became a servant of the devil. The devil has the power of death in his control. Therefore, death came upon Adam and passed upon all mankind through the bloodline of man. All mankind was of one blood (Acts 17:26). Therefore, all mankind had sin and death resident in them when they were born of the flesh. Jesus tells us, **“That which is born of the flesh is flesh..”** (John 3:6). What Adam had, we had when we came into this world. Therefore, WE MUST BE BORN AGAIN!

What Adam did is similar to what happens in slavery. There are many people who have submitted themselves to become slaves to others, that they may have a place to live, food to eat, clothes to wear, etc. Many did this of their own free will, knowing that they would receive of their master all that they needed to live. When they became slaves by their own free will, many times they took the name of their master as their last name. That is why many black people have the names of Englishmen, Frenchmen, Germans, Italians, etc. When these slaves had children, their children belonged to their master. Even if a slave died, or left their master for some reason or other, their children still belonged to their master.

That is what happened with Adam and Eve. Eve also sinned, although she was deceived, whereas Adam was not deceived (1 Tim. 2:14). This sin and death passed through the bloodline from Adam unto everyone born of the flesh into this world. Even after Adam died at 930 years, all his descendants were still servants of the devil, by the sin which was passed unto them from Adam. When we were born into this world, we were born of the bloodline of Adam, and we were servants of the devil (whether we know it or not).

Ephesians 2:1-3 tells 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.

NOTE: The words "*hath he quickened*" were not in the original text of the Bible, man added these words during translation. Everyone born into this world of the flesh were born dead in trespasses and sins. We were servants of the devil, controlled by the prince of the power of the air (the devil himself). Our lifestyle was patterned after the worlds system, not God's system. Ephesians 2:12, tells us, **“That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world.”** We were without Christ, without any covenant with God, without hope, and without God. We were servants of the devil and did not know it. This was the result of Adam's sin (eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil).

Therefore, Romans 5:12 tells us, **“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.”** To help those who have been deceived by the teaching called, “the age of accountability;” every child born of the flesh into this world has sin and death residing in them. THEY MUST BE BORN AGAIN in order to go to heaven when they die on this earth.

When we were born of the flesh, we had no means by which we could go to heaven, for we were without Christ, and without God in this world. We were destined to spend eternity in hell, for we could not go to heaven without Christ or God. We were servants to the devil without knowledge, without understanding of the life God had planned for us.

Why is the blood so important? It contains “the life of the flesh.” As long as we have life in our flesh, we have an opportunity to come to the LORD and become born again of the Spirit. Adam had that opportunity, and everyone else born of the flesh also has that opportunity. Acts 17:27, tells us the purpose for creating man in the beginning. It says, **“That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us.”** The LORD is not far from anyone at anytime. They can find Him, if they seek Him from their heart.

Only those who are “born again of the Spirit” can go to heaven when they leave this life of the flesh. When their body dies, and their soul leaves their body, they can go to heaven in their “new Spirit” which they receive from God... Jesus said in John 3:5-7,

...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.

In Ezekiel 36:26 it says, **“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you...”** In a new spirit, that is given to us when we are born again, we can go to heaven when our bodies die on this earth. When the blood stops flowing in our bodies, we leave the body, and in our “new spirit” we go to heaven. Only those who are born again can do this. All others will spend eternity in hell.

Our new spirit is like the ark Noah built. As long as Noah and those who were with him were in the ark they were safe. They lived because they were in the ark. But those who were not in the ark perished, because they were not in the ark when the waters came and covered the earth. Only those in the ark were saved. Only those who are born again of the Spirit (have a new spirit within them),

will be saved when their soul leaves their body, because of the death of the body.

Yet, we must understand, if we leave the LORD, and go back and serve the devil again, we could become lost again and not be saved.

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall 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. 6:4-6).

In 2 Peter 2:20 it says, **“For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.”**

What does our blood have to do with the new birth? Our blood is of no value. It is the blood of Jesus that is important, for by it we have redemption and forgiveness of sins (Col. 1:14).

THE CAUSE OF SIN AND DEATH

In 1 John 3:8 it tells us, **“He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning...”** Anytime the Bible tells us something important, there must be at least two or three references to establish it as truth (John 8:17, Deu. 17:6, 2 Cor. 13:1, Gal. 1:9, 1 Tim. 5:19). Where else does the Bible tell us that the devil sinned from the beginning?

In Ezekiel 28:11-19 it tells about the devil when he was still in the third heavens before the throne of God. This whole section of Ezekiel is prophecy. Prophecy is the revealing of the mind of God, or knowledge of God, inspired by the Spirit of God, from man's spirit. Job 32:8 says, **“But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.”** God uses man's spirit to communicate with man.

(Caution: Satan uses man's mind/which is a part of man's soul to communicate with man). Therefore, we have those who serve the devil from their mind, and those who serve God from their spirit. Those who go to the extremes of serving the devil with their minds are sometimes called “witches--which are females, or warlocks--which are males.” These are the extremes of Satan's use of people, and their actions include communicating with familiar spirits (demonic spirits that know the past and present circumstances of other people). They can reveal a persons name, date of birth, place of birth, parents, doctors, brothers and sisters, etc., everything that has happened in the past of any individual. These familiar spirits know the complete past of every individual they came in contact with throughout the ages. The information is revealed to those who seek it by the use of their mind. They contact the familiar spirits with their mind (sometimes by listening intentionally for voices from the spirit realm). These are sometimes called psychic “operating in the spirit realm by soul power; power of the mind.”

God does not operate from man's mind, He operates from man's spirit--sometimes, relating the information to the mind (such as a word of knowledge, word of wisdom, or discerning of spirits (1 Cor. 12:7-11)). Yet, the source of information comes from man's spirit, not his mind; if it is from God.

Prophecy, which comes “directly” from man's spirit, not from his mind, is a revelation of the knowledge of God, or the mind of God. Prophecy can be past-tense, present-tense, or future-tense; for it is only a revelation of what God knows, and knew from the foundation of the world. Therefore, Ezekiel 28:12-19 is prophecy, revealing the past of Satan, the devil, who, before Adam was created was “Lucifer--the anointed cherub.” A cherub is a winged angel.

In Ezekiel 28:12, Satan, the devil, is called “the king of Tyrus,” not a king on earth in an earthly body. Tyrus did not have a king at that time; for it was a sea-port city on the Mediterranean Sea, and it had a prince ruling over it (Ezekiel 28:1-10). The prince of Tyrus is like a mayor of a large city today. Whereas the king of Tyrus at that time was a spirit-being operating from the spiritual realm.

In Ezekiel 28:13, prophecy reveals that Satan was in the garden of Eden, which was the garden that the LORD first planted eastward in Eden, then the LORD placed Adam in the garden to dress and keep it (Gen. 2:8-15). By verse 13, we know Satan was in the garden of Eden when Adam and Eve sinned.

Verse 14, reveals that Satan was very beautiful, and had great talent in music. Verse 14 also

reveals that Satan was “the anointed cherub” in the third heavens before the throne of God, called “the holy mountain of God;” where praise and worship go forth unto God the Father.

Verse 15 tells us that Satan was perfect in the day that he was created as “the anointed cherub,” until he rebelled against God. Rebellion is iniquity; “an unholy attitude toward God.” The LORD found an unholy attitude in Satan's heart.

Verse 16 exposes the iniquity of Satan, and predicts a future casting out of the third heavens “if he did not repent.” Verse 17, again reveals the iniquity and its source, and again predicts a future casting out of heaven unto the ground (earth).

Verses 17,18,19 reveal the future of Satan, if he did not repent, where kings of this earth will behold him. Because of his iniquity, he would spend eternity “in the midst of fire;” “if he did not repent,” before he was cast out of the third heaven (yet he did not repent). Verse 19 reveals that he will no longer be “the anointed cherub” any more.

Satan did not repent, and Jesus said to His disciples in Luke 10:18, “**...I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.**” Where else does it tell about Satan cast out of the third heavens? In Isaiah 14:12-20, it speaks prophetically of Satan. Verse 12, says, “**How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground (earth), which didst weaken the nations!**” First Satan was cast down to the earth, then, on earth he did weaken the nations.

Verse 13 and 14 speaks of his accusations (without repentance) and his intentions (which he is still carrying out today (2 Thes. 2:3,4)). It says in Isaiah 14:13,14,

For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Satan is deceived by his own heart, thinking that he can be like the most High God, Creator of heaven and earth. The created is not greater than the Creator and never can be. Satan is only a created being, and is always subject to the Creator of heaven and earth. This also applies to those who follow him within the body of Christ, who think they can be like the most High God, sitting in places of worship as though they were God (2 Thes. 2:3-4). They also may spend eternity in hell, for 2 Thessalonians 2:11,12 says,

And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Isaiah 14:15 prophecies of Satan's end, saying, “**Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.**” This is also spoken of in Revelation 20:10,11.

Isaiah 14:16-19 speaks of Satan's time on earth, the evil works of his doing. Verse 20 declares, “**Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial (those who have died and gone to be with the LORD), because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.**” The word renowned means “someone famous, highly favored, or honored.”

By these, and many other Scripture verses we know the beginning and the end of Satan, who was created “the anointed cherub” but, rebelled against God and was cast down to this earth.

The Bible tells us that hell is in the center of this earth, and this earth will someday be

destroyed with fire. In 2 Peter 3:7,10,12,13, says,

But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men...

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the 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 therein shall be burned up...

Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Joel 2:30,31, says,

And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

This was repeated by Peter in Acts 2:19,20.

Satan is the cause of sin and death (1 John 3:8). And all who submit themselves unto him will be partakers of his eternal lake of fire. Our only hope is “redemption by the blood of Jesus.” **“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”** (Romans 3:23). Anyone who does not receive Jesus Christ as LORD, will not benefit from the blood Jesus shed for them on Calvary. Even though, the price is paid in full for the sins of the whole world (2 John 2:2). Unless they receive the free gift of salvation through the blood of Jesus, they will burn in hell forever and ever. Not because they sinned, but because they did not receive Jesus as their LORD and Savior.

THE BLOOD OF JESUS OUR REDEMPTION

The blood of Jesus was not the same as the blood of those who are born of the flesh. Adam's blood came from the elements of the earth when Adam was formed of the dust of the ground. Everyone born of the flesh (John 3:6), was born of the bloodline of Adam. Acts 17:26 says, **“And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth...”** Thereby, everyone, including Eve were of the bloodline of Adam (except Jesus).

The “life of the flesh,” which is in the blood of every individual comes from the male. The flesh of every individual comes from the female.

When Jesus came into this world, born of a woman; He did not come of the bloodline of the male. His “life of the flesh,” which was in the blood came by the power of the Holy Spirit. Mary's pregnancy was not by man, but by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35).

It is important to understand the blood of people, born of the flesh, and the blood of Jesus. When Adam was created, he was perfect in the way he was created, in the day he was created. It tells us, **“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). Every physical part of Adam was of the dust of the ground. His complete body, including the blood was of the dust of the ground. His living soul and his spirit came from the LORD. Leviticus 17:11 tells us, **“For the life of the flesh is in the blood...”** When man was formed of the dust of the ground, and his living soul came by the breath of the LORD. “The life of the flesh,” which is in the blood, came from the LORD. Always remember, it is not just the blood, but “the life of the flesh” which is “in the blood.”

When Jesus came into this world as the Son of Man, “the life of His flesh” was in His blood, which came from God. His blood was physical, but “the life of the flesh,” which came from God, was in His blood. Therefore, there was no sin in Jesus.

Jesus was **“the Word of God”** in the beginning (John 1:1). **“The Word of God is incorruptible, it lives and abides forever”** (1 Peter 1:23). There was no death (nekros) in Jesus flesh. There was no corruption in Jesus. Satan had no power over Jesus. Jesus was without sin, and remained without sin all the days of His life on earth. When He died on the Cross, Satan still had nothing on Him (John 14:30, 2 Cor. 5:21).

Why was Jesus' blood used for our redemption? Jesus' blood was without sin. Satan had nothing on Him. Satan violated God's law of righteousness and justice by taking the life of a man who had no sin.

When we receive redemption, Colossians 1:13,14 says,

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

In whom (in Jesus) we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.

Not only is the price of our redemption paid, but we also enter “into Him,” in Jesus Christ. We are no longer “in the flesh,” but “in the Spirit” (Rom. 8:9).

Before we are “born again” we are in the flesh. The Apostle Paul said in Romans 7:5, **“For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our**

members to bring forth fruit unto death.” Then in Romans 8:9, speaking to those who are in Christ, Paul said, **“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.”** We are bone of His bones, and flesh of His flesh (Eph. 5:30). We are One Spirit with the LORD (1 Cor. 6:17). Even God the Father is “in us” (Eph. 4:6). In Him (in Jesus), we have redemption...and the forgiveness of sins. Those who are not in Christ, do not have redemption or forgiveness of sins. They could have, but they must “receive Jesus as LORD” to benefit from the redemption that is for the whole world.

When Satan was cast out of the third heaven (according to Ezek. 28:12-20, Isa. 14:12-20, Luke 10:18), he was cast down to this earth. The earth, and hell “which is in the center of this earth” became Satan's dwelling place. He still operates from the second heavens, and will continue to, until Michael and his angels cast him out of the heavens above the earth, unto the earth itself (Rev. 12:7-9). His angels (messengers) will be cast out of the heavens with him.

Satan is still a rebellious created spirit, that is doing everything he can to keep the descendants of Adam from coming into relationship with God, through Jesus Christ. Satan knows that if a living soul does not become a child of God through the new birth, it is still a servant of his. Those who are not born again are slaves to the devil and he is their master (Rom. 6:16).

Satan knows that, if he can kill the body of those who are not in Christ, they will never leave this earth. “He has them under his control for eternity.” Satan will do all he can to keep them under his control for all eternity.

Satan also knows that, if he can get those who are born again to serve him, by disobedience to the LORD, he will benefit from their works. If Satan can get children of God to add to the Word of God, or take away from the Word of God, and teach others “that which is not true” according to the Scriptures, he has them working for him, to deceive others. In Deuteronomy 12:32 The LORD said, **“What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.”** In Revelation 22:19, it says, **“And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”**

If Satan can get children of God to prophecy falsely, he has them working for him, to deceive others. Jesus, in speaking of the days we are living in said in Matthew 24:11, **“And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.”** Then in Matthew 24:24, Jesus said, **“For there shall arise false Christs (Anointings), and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.”**

If Satan can get children of God to love the world, more than the Father, he has them working for him and can get them to follow him. Jesus said in Matthew 6:24, **“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.”** The Apostle John wrote in 1 John 2:15,16,

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.

Satan wants to keep those who are not in Christ from being redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. Satan wants to use those who have been redeemed to deceive others, that they cannot do the

will of God, according to that which was spoken by the LORD.

Satan knows his time is short (Rev. 12:12). Satan is still in rebellion against God. He is doing all he can to get as many souls as he can into hell with him for all eternity.

Satan claims he has rights. Satan claims he has power over kingdoms (Luke 4:5,6). Satan claims this power was delivered unto him (Luke 4:6). SATAN IS A LIAR, THERE IS NO TRUTH IN HIM (John 8:44). Jesus knew Satan was a liar, and the father of lies. Yet, Satan has convinced many in the ministry that he was telling the truth. The Scriptures reveal over and over that Satan lied to Jesus. (See, 2 Chron. 20:6, 2 Kings 19:15, Job. 36:7, Psalm 103:19, Dan, 2:37,38, 4:17,25, Rom. 13:1.) Now, Satan has many in the ministry, saying Satan received Adam's dominion. THAT IS TOTALLY FALSE.

Satan causes many in the ministry to teach false doctrines, misquote Scriptures, and prophecy falsely. Everything Satan can use to destroy mankind he will use.

Yet, the blood of Jesus will set us free if we will believe on the name of Jesus, and receive Him as LORD of our life. When we believe the Word of God, and speak the Word of God over every circumstance, Satan has no power over us. The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin, as we walk in the light as He is in the light (1 John 1:7).

Jesus is a living Spirit, and He gives to those who believe on Him a new spirit. This was prophesied by the LORD Himself, in Ezekiel. **"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh"** (Ezek. 36:26). Notice, "...a new spirit within you..." That means you are not the spirit, but the spirit is in you. Those who teach you are a spirit, are teaching man's theories, not truth from the Scriptures. You are still a living soul, and you have a spirit (a new spirit after you are born again of the Spirit). You are then "in the new spirit." The new spirit is a part of your total being, but you are not the spirit. You are still a living soul! Jesus is the one who gives you this new spirit. In 1 Corinthians 15:45-47 it says,

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening (life giving) spirit.

Howbeit 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.

Adam was earthly, and Jesus was heavenly. Adam was formed of this earth. Jesus came down from heaven, and was born in the flesh, not of the flesh. Being in the flesh, Jesus became a Man. Jesus said in John 3:13, "**And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven...**" Jesus had already said in John 3:6,7,

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 (born from above).

Adam did not come down from heaven, therefore as a living soul he could not go up to heaven. He first had to be born again of the Spirit and the Word of God, before he could go up to heaven. A new spirit would have to be put in Adam, before he could go up to heaven. For, Adam was not heavenly, he was earthly, of this earth (1 Cor. 15:47).

But what about sin? Didn't Adam sin in the garden of Eden? Yes, He did sin in the garden of Eden. Because Adam was the one man by which all human beings receive "the life of the flesh," which is in their blood, sin and death passed upon all mankind (through the bloodline from Adam

on). Romans 5:12 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.”**

Adam did not die the day he ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (as some teach without knowledge). The Bible makes that very clear, from Genesis through Revelation. Sin and death passed upon Adam, and upon everyone born of the bloodline of Adam. Man's physical body became “mortal” meaning, “having death resident in it, in the process of dying, and will eventually die (if God does not intervene).” Not only did Adam's body become mortal, but his living soul became corruptible. Corruption entered the human race through Adam's sin, and passed upon everyone who was born of the bloodline of Adam. This is why 1 Corinthians 15:53 tells us, **“For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.”**

There are two major types of death mentioned in the Bible. There is physical death of the natural physical body of man, and eternal death of the living soul in the lake of fire. This can easily be seen in Genesis 2:17, where it says, **“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.”** The word surely and the word die both mean death. But they are not the same exact word. One word pertains to physical death of the flesh and the other one pertains to the second death, eternal death (in the lake of fire). This is much easier to see in the New Testament where the Greek is used. Physical death in the Greek pertains to the “literal” use of the Greek word “nekros,” meaning “a corpse, dead.” Whereas, the Greek word “thanatos” pertains to the second death, eternal death **“in the lake of fire”** (Rev. 20:14,15).

Because of sin, both of these deaths came upon and entered the human race through Adam. Yet, man is a three-part being; spirit, soul, and body. The Bible says, **“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ”** (1 Thes. 5:23).

How can our whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless, seeing we have all sinned, and had sin and death residing within us? **BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS....** There was no sin in the blood of Jesus, His blood was pure; He had no sin (John 14:30, 2 Cor. 5:21). His blood was shed for the sins of the whole world (1 John 2:2). Yet, only those who receive Jesus Christ as LORD will benefit from His blood. The second death, eternal death, can only be overcome by the new birth and the blood of Jesus together.

Every individual person must personally receive Jesus Christ as LORD to benefit from the Blood of Jesus and have eternal life. If you haven't made a personal commitment to receive Jesus Christ as LORD, do so now, before it is too late.

Say a prayer to Jesus like this:

Jesus, I know You are the Son of God. I know You died on the cross for me, to take away all my sins. I know God raised You from the dead, for me, that I could have eternal life.

Jesus, forgive me of my sins, and receive me now into Your kingdom. Thank You, Jesus, for receiving me. I will now live for You the rest of my life. Thank You, Jesus, for I am now born again into Your kingdom, and will be with You forever and ever! Amen.

Those who do not personally receive Jesus Christ and make Him LORD of their life will die in their sins, and spend eternity in hell. Infant baptism does not make a person “born again” of the Spirit, neither does it make a person a child of God. Within the kingdom of God there are no

godmothers or godfathers. These are teachings of men. It must be a personal decision of each individual.

How did the blood of Jesus cleanse us from sin and destroy death in our lives? Jesus paid the price for us, with His blood and His life (psuche--living soul) on the cross of Calvary. Just as there are two major deaths mentioned in the Bible there are also two lives. In the Greek, the word “zoe” pertains to “the life of God” that was in Jesus, when He came into this world. In the Greek the word “psuche” pertains to “the life of the living soul” that man came into this world with. Jesus also had a living soul “psuche.” Jesus explained this in John 10:10,11. He said,

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life (zoe), and that they might have it more abundantly.

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life (psuche) for the sheep.

When we become “born again” of the Spirit (John 3:6,7) we receive from Jesus “zoe,” the very life of God that Jesus came to give us. This life comes along with a new spirit (Ezek. 36:26), when we are born again from above. At that time in our lives, we are translated from the flesh to the new spirit within us. Romans 8:9 tells us, **“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.”** Therefore, 2 Corinthians 5:17 tells us, **“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”** At the time of our new birth, **“we are born again of incorruptible seed, which is the Word of God”** (1 Peter 1:23). A new birth and a new life begins within us; yet we still have the same body and the same soul we had before. There is still sin in our flesh (Rom. 7:23, 1 John 1:8,10). There is still death (nekros--mortality) in us. If Jesus doesn't come before our time is up, we will die the first death (nekros) and leave this earth. Our bodies will be put in the grave.

That is what the Blood of Jesus was shed for. That we could put on immortality, and incorruption and forever be with the LORD (1 Cor. 15:51-57, 1 Thes. 4:13-18). **“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive”** (1 Cor. 15:22).

When a person receives Jesus Christ as LORD (John 1:11-12), they become “born again (born from above)” of the Spirit (John 1:13, 3:6,7). At that time, they receive eternal life (zoe). Eternal death (thanatos) which is the second death (Rev. 20:14), is overcome by eternal life. **“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever”** (1 Peter 1:23). Jesus said, **“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death (thanatos) unto life (zoe)”** (John 5:24). We pass from eternal death unto eternal life.

What about the other death (nekros) and the other life (psuche)? *“On the last trump of the trumpet we shall all be changed...”* (1 Cor. 15:51-58, 1 Thes 4:13-18). Until then, we still have them residing within us. Therefore, we must do two things mentioned in Romans 12:1,2,

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.

Presenting our bodies a living sacrifice unto God is our reasonable service. Renewing our mind on the Word of God is our responsibility.

The blood of Jesus has already paid the price. We belong to Him. Jesus purchased our redemption with His life and His blood, therefore we are not our own. Yet, we know there are some who will still “trample the blood of Jesus under their feet and put Him to an open shame” (Heb. 6:4-8, 2 Peter 2:15-27). We must not be among them, we must continue on in the faith, living our lives for Jesus (serving Him), Who purchased us with His own BLOOD! We must not go back to sin, serving the devil; but continue to serve the LORD in truth and holiness.

Leviticus 17:11 tells us, **“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.”** Jesus gave His life (psuche) for us. He gave His “life of the flesh,” which was in His blood, to make payment for the sins of our souls. We are “a living soul,” and by Jesus paying the price of our redemption for us, “with His own BLOOD,” we are free of Satan's power over us. Let us stay free, by forever serving our LORD JESUS CHRIST, in body, soul, and spirit.

What is redemption? Redeem means “to buy back.” Redemption is the redeeming of something that at one time belonged to us, but has by some means become the property of someone else. The price for redeeming something is usually worth more than the original price.

Satan always wanted to exalt himself above that of God. If Satan could get the Son of God to submit to him, he would gain a higher position in the heavens than the Son of God; thereby exalting his throne above that of Jesus. This was his intention already spoken of in Isaiah 14:12-14. The life of Jesus was of more value to Satan than the lives of those born in the flesh of the bloodline of Adam.

Satan has a lot of knowledge of the Word of God. He can quote it word for word any time he wishes. But knowledge without wisdom is of no value. True wisdom only comes from God. James 1:5 says, **“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.”** Chapter eight of Proverbs calls the LORD “Wisdom.” There are certain things that Satan does not have; such as “Love (Agape) Wisdom, the fruit of the Spirit, etc.” these can only come from God. All the knowledge Satan has “without wisdom,” will only destroy him in the end. (This also applies to people who try to be someone great with their great knowledge, and no wisdom. Many men have risen up in this world with a lot of knowledge, but because they lacked wisdom from God they too will spend eternity with the devil in hell).

Satan, having knowledge of the Word of God concerning; *“to whom someone submits themselves, they become his servant,”* (Rom. 6:16), when he could not get the LORD to bow down and worship him, he crucified the LORD. But Satan did not have wisdom, **“Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory”** (1 Cor. 2:8).

Satan, seeing the Son of God in the flesh of man, tried everything he could to get Jesus under his control. Three times he tempted Jesus in the wilderness, trying to get Him to submit to him. When that did not work, Satan set out to kill Jesus.

Jesus, while in the flesh of man, went about destroying the works of the devil. Jesus healed the sick, cast out demons, raised the dead, etc. Because Jesus went about destroying the works of the devil, Satan came against Jesus to try to take His life (life of the flesh). Satan is still killing Christians who do the works that Jesus did. There are many martyrs today, because they were doing the works that Jesus sent them to do.

Satan has the power of death in his control. Therefore, he used many people to take Jesus' "life of the flesh." He used Judas Iscariot to betray Jesus to the Jewish leaders. He used the High Priest to condemn Jesus. He used Pontius Pilate to issue the order to crucify Jesus. Thereby, Jesus gave His life of the flesh "willfully!" Hebrews 12:2 tells us, it was a joy for Jesus to endure the cross for us. Wisdom from God knows that "the life of God (eternal life)" has power over death.

The power of death that Satan has was overpowered by the (zoe) life of God in Jesus. The life of God has power over the death of the devil. Through death (nekros), Jesus defeated the devil, and destroyed death (Heb. 2:14). By the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus was raised (brought back) again from death (nekros) "in the flesh." Jesus still has a body of flesh and bones, and has a right to walk on this earth anytime He wishes to. He will return "soon" to rule for 1000 years, with many of His saints with Him (Jude 1:14, Rev. 20:4-6). Many martyrs will return and reign with Jesus for 1000 years and the second death (thanatos), will have no power over them. Revelation 20:4 says, **"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment 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 which had not worshipped 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."** When they return in a physical body of flesh and bones, they will have the right to be on earth and Satan will have no power over them.

When man was created, he belonged to the LORD. Man's living soul came from the LORD. The LORD breathed into the nostrils of man, and he became a living soul. Therefore, we belonged to the LORD. He gave us our life. Yet, when Adam sinned (of his own free will submitted himself to serve the devil); man no longer was free; he became a servant of the devil. As a servant of the devil, sin and death entered into mankind.

God cannot have fellowship with sin. God has no death in Him. Sin and death are not from God, but from the devil. Yet, God is LOVE (1 John 4:8), and He loves man who was created in His Own likeness and image. **"For God so loved the world (people), that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life"** (John 3:16).

There was a price to pay, to buy back man from serving the devil. The price was "the life of the flesh" of Jesus, the Son of God, the Son of Man. Jesus was a man, born in the flesh. Jesus' blood contained "the life of the flesh," and was given as payment for the redemption of mankind. God bought back (redeemed) from the devil, our living soul; using the blood of Jesus to pay the price. Once Christians understand, it was "the life of the flesh" that was in the blood of Jesus that was given on the Cross for our redemption; then, they will not believe the false teaching that Jesus died spiritually. Jesus gave His human life and blood for the redemption of mankind. His Spirit remained alive.

Why the blood? Because the only thing that gives man a right to live on this earth is his flesh and blood, which came from the earth. By flesh and blood, man has a right to live on this earth. Man, without a body of flesh has no rights to this earth.

Satan has no other place where he can go. Earth is his final place of abode, and the center of the earth, where hell is, is his final eternity, in a lake of fire.

When the life of the flesh is shed, the flesh dies; they no longer belong to the earth and the earth no longer belongs to them. Yet, as long as man has a body of flesh and blood (of the elements of the earth), he has more right to this earth than the devil has. For the devil is not of this earth, he

is only here for a time, while the earth is still in it's present condition. The devil does not have a body of flesh and blood of this earth.

That is partly why demons desire to inhabit physical bodies, that they may have rights to this earth. In a body of flesh and bones they claim rights to control the earth, and the elements of the earth. Without a body of flesh and blood, they cannot claim rights (even though their claim is not valid, for the bodies they use are not theirs by creation). They use the bodies of human beings, created by the LORD. They are trespassing upon property owned by man. They come to steal, kill, and destroy. They have no legal right to the bodies of human beings. Yet, if human beings give a place for them, they claim rights by what is given to them.

There was a price to pay, to buy back mankind from the claims of the devil, which he claims rights to because of the willful act of Adam. Adam, of his own free will, submitted mankind to serve the devil. Jesus, being a man, “in the flesh, with blood and bones,” was without sin. When Satan took Jesus' “life of the flesh” (not His Spiritual life, as some teach falsely), God declared it as full payment for the lives of all mankind. The blood was the price of redemption for the sins of the whole world.

Satan received the redemption price when he crucified the LORD. He has now been paid the price of redemption for all mankind. He has nothing else coming, and those who are “born again” are free of the works of the devil: Because of “the life of the flesh” which was in the blood of Jesus, which He gave “freely,” to redeem mankind back to God.

Once Jesus' “life of the flesh” was given, He died (nekros), and His body was placed in the grave. Satan thought he had Jesus, just like he thought he had many before Him. But, praise be to God, the grave could not hold Him. He arose again on the third day “WITH A BODY OF FLESH AND BONES” and still has the right to be on this earth. Death had no power over Jesus. And death has no power over those who are in Christ “if they believe!” It is faith in God, and believing in His Word that gives us the power to defeat Satan in every area of our lives.

Christians, doing the works that Jesus called them to do should have no fear of the death of the body. If they are martyred for doing the work of the ministry, there is a good chance that they will return to finish the job, reigning with Christ for a thousand years (Rev. 20:4). Satan's power over death of the body is broken by the power of the Word of God. The Word of God lives and reigns forever (1 Peter 1:23). If you are born again of the Spirit and the Word, you have power over death. Satan's power over you is broken. The grave lost it's power, it cannot hold you (1 Cor. 15:55-57). Rejoice in the LORD always, for He is our victory over sin and death.

The price is paid. We are redeemed, by the blood of the everlasting covenant. Hebrews 13:20,21 says,

**Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead (nekros) 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 wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Have you been born again? Have you been redeemed by the blood? Do you believe the Word of God? If so, do not give any place for the devil. If you have sinned in the past, *go sin no more! Repent, confess yours sins, and God will forgive your sins and cleanse you from all unrighteousness* (1 John 1:9). Walk in the newness of life, which you have received of Jesus Christ,

and live for Him forever and ever. He is our LORD, and He is our Savior. He paid the price with His own precious (sinless), blood... **“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed”** (John 8:36).

GO SIN NO MORE

Sin is of the devil(1 John 3:8). *He that lives righteous is righteous* (1 John 3:7). Anyone who lives in sin is serving the devil. Christians should have more sense than to serve the devil. We have all sinned at one time (Rom. 3:23). He that serves the devil cannot serve God at the same time (Matt. 6:24). God cannot have fellowship with sin (1 John 1:5).

Jesus said, “...**Go sin no more...!**” In Revelation 13:8 it tells us “***the Lamb was slain from the foundation of the world.***” Therefore, even before Jesus went to the cross, the sins of many were forgiven. Way back in Isaiah 43:25,26, the LORD said,

I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.

Again in Isaiah 44:22 the LORD said, “**I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.**”

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman to Jesus in John, chapter eight, who was taken in the act of adultery. Adultery is sin, and this woman was taken in the act of adultery (sin). After Jesus said to those who brought her, “...**He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her**” (John 8:7); those accusers left. Jesus then said to the woman, “...**Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more**” (John 8:11).

In John 1:17 it tells us, “**For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.**” Grace does not give us the right to sin. For sin is serving the devil. Grace came by Jesus Christ, that we may receive forgiveness of sins and return to serve the LORD. Without grace, we could not return to the LORD. But with grace, and the shedding of Jesus' blood, we can receive forgiveness of sins and return to the LORD.

Christians should never get the idea that they can continue to live in sin and go to be with the LORD in the end. Revelation 21:7,8, says,

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Grace will help us to overcome, but we must do our part to overcome; for “**the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.**”

Jesus is not judging anyone at this time. Grace is here, NOW, to help us repent, and overcome. Jesus said in John 12:47-48,

And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

There is a day coming when all will stand before the LORD and be judged according to our

works (Rev. 20:13). But those who “before that day,” repent and confess their sins will be forgiven. It is very important that Christians study and know the truth revealed in the epistle of 1 John (all five Chapters). Christians cannot continue to live in sin and expect the LORD to say to them on that last day “*well done thou faithful servant, enter into heaven for all eternity!*” It tells us in Galatians 6:7,8,

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Sin is of the devil. They that live in sin are serving the devil, not the LORD. Sin can be overcome, by the blood of the Lamb, and the help of the Holy Spirit. The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 8:13, “**For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.**” Jesus said in John 14:15,16,

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.

Christians need to keep Jesus' commandments; and Christians need the Holy Spirit to help them overcome sin in their lives. The Holy Spirit is our Leader, Helper, Guide, Teacher, and Comforter. We receive the Holy Spirit in His fulness when we are baptized in the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4,5,8, 2:4).

Maintain your fellowship with the Father and the Son by walking in the Light of God's Word. In 1 John 1:6,7, it tells us;

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.

Continue to walk in the Light of the Word of God, that you may always be cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ; your sins washed away by the blood. If you sin, 1 John 1:9 tells us, “**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**” Yet, do not forget 1 John 2:1, which tells us, “**My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.**”

THE BLOOD AND THE WORD

How does the LORD speak to His people? Many have said, "God told me..." Did they truly hear from God, or where did they get their information from?

There are many ways the LORD reveals Truth to His people. Each way must be compared to the written Word of God. Without the written Word it could be presumption or even another spirit. If it is of the LORD it will always agree with the written Word.

One day, as I was quietly laying in bed, these words came to me, "*the life of the flesh is in the blood, the life of the spirit is in the Word.*" Was that the LORD speaking to me? Check it out with the written Word of God and see for yourself, if it came from God?

As we understand the blood of Jesus, that the life of the flesh was in the blood, it would be well for us to understand the spirit of man, and Word of God also. In Matthew 4:4, Jesus said to the devil, "**It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**"

What Jesus said in Matthew 4:4 is very important to us today. The "bread alone" that Jesus was speaking of pertains to food for our physical bodies. We need our physical bodies on this earth. We also need to keep ourselves healthy and maintain our physical life here on earth. But, more important is our living soul, that lives forever.

The Bible tells us in 1 Corinthians 15:44, "**There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.**" Therefore we have two bodies, one is "celestial (spiritual)," the other one is "terrestrial (earthly)" (1 Cor. 15:40).

When we were "born again," we were born "of the Spirit." John 3:6 says, "**That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**" Therefore, when we were born again, we received a new spirit. At the same time, when we were born again, we were born of the Word of God. 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.**"

Romans 8:9 tells us, "**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.**" At the time of our new birth, we were translated from the flesh to the Spirit. From the power of Satan into the kingdom of God's Son (Col. 1:13). In 1 Corinthians 15:22, it says, "**For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**" When we were in Adam, we were in the flesh, but now, through the new birth we are no longer in Adam. We have been translated into the Spirit of Christ. In Him we shall all be made alive. We are in Him and He is in us. Colossians 3:3 tells us, "**our life is hid with Christ in God.**" Acts 17:28 says, "**For in him we live, and move, and have our being...**"

Being that we are no longer in the flesh, but in the Spirit, our life in the spirit should be more important than our life in the flesh. In this new life that we have in Christ we need to learn how to live the way God lives. We are God's children, therefore we must learn how to live like God lives.

First, what is it that keeps our life in the Spirit alive? It is "the Word of God..." John 1:1 tells us, "**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**" We know that is talking about Jesus, for He is the Word of God that manifested in the flesh (John 1:14). Jesus is also the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6). Jesus said in John 6:63, "**It is the**

spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”

Jesus' Words are spirit, and they are life. We must become like Jesus, speaking words of spirit and life. We began our new life in Christ by the Word of God; therefore, we must continue to live by the Word of God. Our spirit lives by the Word of God.

“The life of the flesh is in the blood, the life of the spirit in is the Word of God.” As we speak the Word of God, words of life and spirit go out of our mouth. We speak those things that be not as though they were (Rom. 4:17). As we speak the Word of God, our faith is built up by hearing and hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17). As we hear the Word of God coming out of our mouth, those words, which are spirit, produce life (John 6:63).

The Word of God is our life in the spirit, we live, **“not by bread alone, but by every Word that prodeeds out of the mouth of God”** (Matt. 4:4). Our way of life should be like that of Jesus. Keep the Word of God going into our heart by hearing and reading it daily. Then we speak the Word of God over every circumstance that comes into our life. The Word of God will not return to us void (Isa. 55:11).

God uses our mouth to speak His Word. As we are obedient to speak the Word of God it will supply life to our soul, which is in the “new spirit” whereby we live.

The better we understand that “the words we speak control the circumstances around us,” we can control our eternal life by the words we speak. Therefore, when we speak, speak not the words of this world, nor the words that destroy lives; but speak “words of spirit and of life” and live forever with the LORD.

Our life could be dependent upon the words we speak. Are they words of spirit and of life? Or, are they words of death? Which will we speak? In Numbers 14:28, the LORD said to Moses, **“Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you.”** What we speak could come to pass, whether it be for us or against us.

Hebrews 11:3 says, **“Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.”** The word “worlds” in the Greek is “aion,” meaning “a period of time, or ages.” Every age or dispensation of time from the beginning of eternity was framed (put in order) by the Word of God. The Word of God sets the course, or pattern of things to come. Our world, the one we live in is framed by the Word of God. We frame our own world by the Word of God that we speak out of our mouth. That is the way God does it, and that is the way we are told to do it also.

In Proverbs 4:20-23 it says,

My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

The Word of God that we get into our heart will become the element that controls all the issues of our life.

If we understand the way the blood supplies life to our flesh: that is, it carries all the elements necessary to every part of our human body, then we can much easier understand the power of the Word of God in our lives. Just as the blood must keep moving throughout the blood stream of the human body to keep it alive, the Word of God should be moving in and out of our heart, to control

all the issues in our lives.

The LORD said to Joshua, **“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.”** It worked for Joshua, he had good success. Yet, Joshua was speaking the book of the Law day and night and it gave him his good success. What Joshua did with the Law, the Word of God should do better for us; being we have even a better covenant made upon better promises (Heb: 8:6).

Our covenant is based upon the blood of Jesus, not the law or the blood of goats and calves. We have Jesus, the LORD and Creator of all things as our High Priest. His blood is for an everlasting covenant, even in the worlds to come. Look what it says in Hebrews 13:20,21,

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead (nekros) 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 wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Therefore, keep the Word of God going into your heart by reading and hearing the Word of God daily. Then, keep the Word of God going out of your mouth, just as the blood flows from your heart to other areas of your body the Word of God will keep you alive.

We are born again of the Spirit and the Word, they are our life. *“the life of the flesh is in the blood, the life of the spirit is in the Word.”* Let us see it from this point of view. Jesus is the Word of God (John 1:1). Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6). In Him we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:28). He is the source of all things, all things were created by Him and for Him (Col. 1:16). He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending (Rev. 1:8). Our life in the Spirit came from Him and is dependent upon us continuing in Him (John 8:31,32, 15:5,7).

We are in this world, but we are not of this world (John 17:16). In this world, we have many weapons of warfare to battle the devil and his demons with. We have the Word of God, the blood of Jesus, and the Name of Jesus, just to mention a few. We should never be defeated in our lives on earth. The LORD has given us everything we need to overcome the devil and live forever with Him.

The Word of God is our most important weapon against the devil. It is called “the sword of the Spirit” in Ephesians 6:17. Along with prayer, the sword of the Spirit, **“which is the Word of God”** will defeat Satan every time.

Redemption is complete, the price is paid in full. If you are in Christ, you have been redeemed by the Blood of Jesus Christ. You are free, and have power over all the works of the devil. Jesus said in Luke 10:19, **“Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”** Believe the Word of the LORD, and take the weapons we have and use them to the glory of God and our LORD Jesus Christ.