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Jesus, First of First Fruits, on: 2007/8/11 8:15

In replying to many posts I have noticed the inability of many to make good distinctions concerning the nature and mission of Christ with regards to the purposes of the Father that are summed up in the Man, Jesus. From His Divine conception to His Glorification, much happened inbetween for an example not much recognized as possible for the ordinary man who confesses Him as Savior. After all, it is declared, 'He was God and we can't be expected to follow suit'.

What are your thoughts on this? Is it true or not that we can't be what He prayed we might be, i.e, in union with Him and the Father? . If it is true that we can be, what provision, made by Him, is there for us that we might be?

Re: Jesus, First of First Fruits - posted by rowdy2 (), on: 2007/8/11 8:33

Reply to Ormly

The verse that speaks to me

John 14

23. Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

Eddie

Re: Jesus, First of First Fruits - posted by LoveHim, on: 2007/8/11 11:51

brother ormly, i think this is a very good idea for a thread. i know that there is some i know and much i don't. i believe that we can and should live as Jesus did (1 john 2:6). we are in Him and the Father by the provision of the Holy Spirit. that is what my unity is in...His Life in me because His Spirit is in me. he that has the Son has Life. i am interested to see where this discussion goes. thanks.

Re: Jesus, First of First Fruits - posted by sojourner7 (), on: 2007/8/11 11:57

Ormly, we are taught to abide in Him, to remain in His love so that we may bear much fruit. The Scriptures teaches us he who says he abides in Him must walk as Jesus walked. We must stay and be kept in His grace, and His Spirit works within us to make us one with the Father and the Son.
:-D

Re:, on: 2007/8/12 9:12

If all will take the time to read this it will bring fresh implication to our understanding of what is meant by Jesus being the "First of First Fruits".

What the Cross Realizes for God.

"IN THE FIRST eight chapters of Romans, two aspects of salvation are presented—justification by the Blood and deliverance through the Cross. This is a most important distinction. For, alas, many believers have wandered in defeat for many years, because they do not know or reckon on the union with Christ in His death on the Cross.

While we must be careful to recognize that Christ's finished work at Calvary is one complete work from God's standpoint, yet it is finished in the individual believer only as he reckons on its efficacy and allows the truth to become operative in his life. Let us see how this works.

IN ADAM OR IN CHRIST

God deals with the human race through two representative men—Adam and Christ. A simple illustration will demonstrate the principle involved. By planting one kernel of corn, harvesting every kernel, and replanting year after year without destroying or using any of the corn; it would be possible to produce so much corn within twenty years that there would be no room for human life on the earth. Every grain of corn would have its beginning in the first tiny kernel.

This is what Paul speaks of in Romans 5:12-21 when he explains that we all had our beginning in the first Adam. Through him sin and death have come upon the human race. But through Christ comes the new creation wherein is righteousness—His righteousness.

Another illustration of this truth is found in Hebrews where the writer shows how Levi was in Abraham's loins when he paid tithes to Melchizedek. As the father of a family, Abraham is seen to include his whole family within himself in making his offering; he included with himself all his seed.

So it is that God sees two family trees: Adam's family and Christ's family. If our source of life is to change, it becomes evident that above all, one thing must happen. We must change families. Since we are born into Adam's family, how can we get out? How can we become disentangled from the wretchedness of our inheritance through him? There is only one way to be freed. That is through death. By union with Christ—the last Adam—in His death, God sets us free from the tyrants who reign over Adam and his posterity.

God not only speaks of the first and last Adam, but also of the first and second man. The realization that there would never be another Adam brought to me a wonderful unveiling of truth. When the Lord Jesus was crucified on the Cross, He was nailed there and laid in the tomb as "the last Adam." All that was in the first Adam was gathered up and done away in Him. In God's reckoning, Adam was left in the grave. We were included there."

My thought: *Interesting here is that all of mankind went into the grave with Jesus. Who comes out are the ones who embrace His salvation. "Whosoever will..."*

By Jesus' death the old race was completely wiped out. Do you see it? There will never be another Adam. When Christ, as "the last Adam," had moved into death, He had carried a whole family into the grave, and over it God had pronounced: The End! But Christ, as "the second Man," brought forth a new race by His resurrection.

"The first man is of the earth earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.... And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly (1 Cor. 15:47-49). Now by one master stroke God has provided death to the old and the earthy. But He has provided life through the second Man, the Lord Jesus, who became the life-source of another new, heavenly creation. Through death, burial, and resurrection, we pass from the old family tree into a new family tree. We are no longer "in Adam", but are now "in Christ"

In this new position God considers us beyond the claims of old tyrants and brings us under His new government. What God counts as true of our position, we must appropriate as true in our life and walk. What a day it is when we recognize all that He designed to accomplish through the Cross. In it God has liberated Adam's race from four reigning tyrants—death, sin, the law, and the flesh. Paul gives us this bird's-eye view in the middle chapters of Romans:

- Chapter 5: Freedom from sin's penalty—death
- Chapter 6: Freedom from sin's tyranny—bondage
- Chapter 7: Freedom from sin's strength—the law
- Chapter 8: Freedom from sin's presence—the flesh

The redemption of the body, according to Roman 8, releases us finally from sin's presence, which takes place at the second coming of the Lord.

Nevertheless, Paul emphasizes that being moved positionally from Adam into Christ is more, "much more," than having a new family position. In Adam we had received all that was of Adam as the life-source. Now, in Christ, we are to receive everything that is of Christ—our new Life-source. God intends this new life to be more than a position or a crisis experience. It is to be a new way of living—a new purpose for existence. Thank God, the hour has come when He is making His manner and purpose of life effectual in more of His children than ever before. But just here men so often take a detour and miss the key which will surely open the way of life unto God."

THE IMPORTANT KEY

Many times in the past forty years of ministering in Bible conferences, folk have confessed to me, “We have tried to make the truth of identification with Christ in death and resurrection real in our lives. Yet in spite of all our knowing, reckoning and yielding, it hasn’t seemed to bring reality. It has not brought the victory and blessing which we sought.”

As I listen the problem becomes evident. Their very words reveal it. Without realizing the truth, these people are far more concerned for themselves than for Him. They are far more alive to what they want God to do for them, than what they might become unto Him, if they could, they would use God and the work of the Cross for their own ends. Here is the source of their trouble!

The Cross is not the threshold to selfish attainment, but a terminal to selfishness. Many would use it for themselves, but God has designed that it should bring men wholly unto Him.

Even among those who continually attend deeper life conferences and retreats, we find many who have fallen victim of this vicious snare. After years and years of reckoning on more knowledge and deeper teaching, they are still camping around their old self-center—getting all God has for me, possessing all my possessions appropriating all my inheritance in Christ.

Oh! May God strip the veneer and shatter every attempt at using the Cross, instead of dying on the Cross. Hidden behind most begging and pleading for God to give victory is the secret concern for ourselves—not Himself. God will not condone this self-centeredness. How many years I taught the truths of Romans six and counseled with those who were in defeat and bondage before I found this key—In His death I am to become “alive unto God!” As long as a believer’s primary concern is to get victory or deliverance for himself; subtly it means that he continues to live unto self. Four times in four verses in Romans six, God emphasizes that the key is living unto God:

“V. 10— “... liveth unto God”

“V. 11— “... alive unto God.”

“V. 13— “... yield yourselves unto God.”

“V. 13— ... as instruments unto God.

What does God intend this to mean in actual practice? Simply that the primary thing He will realize through the Cross is to change man’s old center and purpose of living and bring him unto Himself and His ultimate intention. Here is a Bible principle—when we seek Him first, then all these things will be added. The very moment one becomes alive unto God, the door has opened for Him to accomplish victory and full deliverance.

TWO FAMILIES AND TWO TREES

On the blackboard we have pictured the two families and the corresponding trees. One is the family “in Adam,” and the other is the family “in Christ.” All who have their source in the life of Adam have followed in his selfish way by living unto their own purpose and plans. Now through the Cross, God has laid the axe to the root of the old family tree, in order that He might move man into a new family, and live unto God. Such a life is from a new source.

One glance at our modern emphasis would teach us that Satan’s methods have not changed one whit since the Garden. He is still offering the same substitute for the tree of life. Today it is a modern cross in place of the old rugged Cross. In an earlier book (now out of print) we quoted A. W. Tozer:

“The new cross says “Come and get.” And a selfish human would be entirely contrary to his own nature if he refused. Of course, he will use the Cross for his own benefits. Whereas the old rugged Cross says, “Come and give,” and for the moment entirely ignores anything that the individual shall receive, save a baptism into death. And why does the old Cross demand so much? Simply because from the beginning God has only intended that this Christian life shall be based on this one principle: The new life is lived not unto self, but unto God (2 Cor. 5:14).

Whereas the old Cross was meant by God to be the symbol of death and detachment from the old Adam life, this new substitute cross does not intend to slay the sinner, but just redirect him. It gears him into a cleaner, jollier way of living and saves his self-center and ambition. To the self-assertive it says: “Come and assert yourself for Christ.” To the religious egotist it says: “Come and do your boasting in the Lord.” To the thrill seeker it says: “Come and enjoy the thrill of Christian fellowship.” The modern message is slanted in the direction of the current vogue, thereby catering to human taste and reasoning.

The old Cross would have no truck with the world. For Adam's proud flesh it meant the end of the journey. It carried into effect the sentence imposed by the law of Sinai. The new cross is not opposed to the human race; rather, it is a friendly pal, and if understood aright, it is the source of oceans of good clean fun and innocent enjoyment. It lets Adam live without interference. His life motivation is unchanged; he still lives for his own pleasure, only now he takes delight in singing choruses and watching religious movies instead of singing bawdy songs and drinking hard liquor. The accent is still on enjoyment, though the fun is now on a higher plane morally, if not intellectually."

If this was true forty years ago when it was first written, how much more it is true today. One need only watch the converts of this "new cross" to realize that they have never had a changed center through union with Jesus in death on the old rugged Cross. But what is more alarming is that even our deeper life conferences have become victims (unconsciously, I trust) of this new philosophy and technique. To be sure the "new cross" approach has become popular because it has slipped in all unannounced and undetected. On the surface it appears to use the vocabulary of the old rugged Cross. Yet the likenesses are superficial while the differences are fundamental. The "new cross" offers a living unto self. The old Cross points to the heavenly way of living unto God.

THE HOLY SPIRIT MUST REVEAL

I shall never forget one Sunday night several years ago when we were speaking about these two family trees. In using the blackboard, I had spoken from Romans 11 using God's description of how the Gentiles of the wild olive tree were grafted into the good olive tree so that they might become partakers of a new life from the good tree. Of course I showed how this portion of Scripture directly applied to God's cutting Israel off and grafting in the Gentiles; yet I showed how the principle applies to God's cutting us off from the old family of Adam and, through death, moving us into Christ. In Him we have a new root, and if the root is holy, so are the branches.

How often the Holy Spirit accomplishes more in one instant of revelation than in years of preaching or teaching. It was so that night. Suddenly the dear pastor's wife stood to her feet and walked to the front. Tears coursed down her cheeks as she told how God had been speaking to her for days about living from the old Adamic source and living under the bondage of the old Adamic life.

Then she explained, "God could never have spoken more directly to me about my wild-olive living." Turning to me she said, "Others knew, but you didn't. My first name is Olive. And these people know all too well how much of my life has been from the source of the old, wild Olive." During five weeks of ministry in that church the Holy Spirit graciously liberated many who had been living from the "old family tree." Now by a real union in death and resurrection, they move d into a "new family," living a purposeful life unto God.

In God's planning then, the Cross and the crucified One have become the gateway to life. Apart from this gateway, there can be no movement on the highway of realizing God's purpose. While we are neither unmindful of the pit from whence we have been digged nor the Rock to which we have come, we do not linger in preoccupation with these. We move ever forward to realize the purpose of sonship for which we have been called. We shall always sing about the precious blood, glory in the cross, and exult in His life, but what previously have been crises will now become a walk forward and upward in fulfilling His ultimate intention. This is truly life—a new kind of life in a wholly different sphere. Death has yielded its throne to the higher law of love; the flesh has yielded its throne to the Spirit. All this is what the Cross has realized for God."

*Excerpted from DeVern Fromke's book "The Ultimate Intention".

Re: Sacrifice of self - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/8/12 10:17

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Bless you Orm, pray this gets read widely. Better internalized profoundly.

The Tozer excerpts expounded further;

(https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?viewmodeflat&order0&topic_id2834&forum34&post_id&refreshGo) The Old Cross / The New Cross

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/8/13 3:35

For Christ to bear much fruit, what had to happen? Jhn 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

Unless we die we abide alone. Being crucified with Him we are dead to the old spirit of our old father, Satan, "You are of your father the devil", but alive unto God by Christ Jesus, which give us new birth in spirit. Dead to our old man and alive unto God through Christ Jesus.

Our minds are being renewed to the Mind of Christ. This gives our minds resurrection from the old dead man mind and give the Mind of Christ to be renewed unto life in Christ Jesus.

Praise God this body will die that it might die alone and be renewed unto God by Christ Jesus and our new bodies which will be like His we are no longer alone, and we are saved, being saved and will be saved. Saved producing fruit in spirit by His Spirit, not alone. Being saved in mind by renewing it by the Holy Spirit to the Mind of Christ, not alone, our soul alive unto God by the Mind of Christ and the filling of the Holy Spirit. Will be saved by death of the body and resurrected with Christ at His coming. Finally complete, never alone again. New life in Christ in all three areas of our life, Spirit, Soul and Body, producing fruit unto the Father.

In Christ: Phillip

Re: Jesus, First of First Fruits - posted by philologos (), on: 2007/8/14 1:25

Greg has some of GW North's sermons on sermon index but this thread reminded me of one of his shorter books. These books are now 'out of print' but you can download a copy of (http://mp3.biblebase.com/download_45.html) The Representative Man here.

The style is a little archaic, but it is well worth reading it slowly.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/8/14 3:19

Ron, I have not read all, but 4 pages are so full of truth as it has been revealed to me that the agreement of that revelation and what is written is so great and wonderful in the face of the revelation power of who this Christ is that has been born again from above in us, the agreement has made my heart soar as an eagle or a sleek smooth beautiful and soaring glider, I speak from experience, as I am a glider instructor.

Thanks for the beautiful knowing that there is more than one that hears this message, this wonderful mystery of "Christ in you the hope of Glory".

In Christ: Phillip

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2007/8/14 13:29

When you have finished that one there is a whole library of his writings available. You almost need to rewind to the rhythyms of 30 years ago to hear what he is saying but if you are prepared to take the time there is gold here.

I would particularly recommend, in this order,

The Generation of Jesus Christ
The Blood of God
Fruit unto God

You'll find them on (<http://ncw.biblebase.com/modules/mylinks/visit.php?cid3&lid11>) these pages.

Re:, on: 2007/8/15 12:20

If the Man Jesus was the "First of First Fruits"; the one who now rules and reigns in a Glorified Human body, where does that place one if they are instructed to follow in His Steps? What #fruit would we place ourselves and how is it that we are to be a fruit at all? God ordains it but how is it to be accomplished in/of us?

Re: - posted by freedbyjc (), on: 2007/8/21 10:00

We too will be the first of the first fruits...if we die...to self and allow HIM to live again ... IN us and through us. Here is an Awesome article posted here previously...

He Must Increase

by Chip Brogden <http://www.watchman.net/articles/increase.html>

"He must increase, but I must decrease (John 3:30)."

These seven words found in John 3:30 contain the entire mystery of God's dealings with man from ages past to eternity future. "He must increase." All of God's works are towards this end of increasing Christ. In other words, everything God has done, is doing, and will do is related towards revealing His Son and bringing us into the full-knowledge (epignosis) of Him. The goal is for Christ to have the preeminence in all things, beginning with us individually as disciples, then with the Church, and finally with all creation, "that He may be All in All."

He MUST increase. Isaiah tells us that there will be no end of the increase of His government and peace. In the beginning was the Word, and we can see how God has worked steadily from the beginning to increase Christ. From types and shadows in the Old Testament we see Christ coming into view. Then the Word is made flesh and dwells among us, and Christ is increased yet again. Next He comes to dwell within us, and this is a major increase. Finally, He begins to conform us to His own image through the indwelling Life. If we are growing up into Him then He is increasing daily. Eventually every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Beyond this, we are told that God will continue to reveal His Son in the ages to come, bringing us into depths and dimensions of Christ that we cannot fathom.

God is not moving backward, but in the Son and through the Son, He moves steadily forward. Christ MUST increase. This is the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus. Just as we cannot have gravity without having the law of gravity, so it is impossible to have the Life of the Lord but not have the Law of that Life. And the Law of Life is that Christ must increase.

"But I must decrease." Why doesn't God reveal His Son to us, in all His glory, all at once? What prevents Christ from filling all things and having the preeminence now? Why do we not yet see all things submitted to Him? Because we must be decreased. If He is to become greater then I must become lesser. When Paul says, "Not I, but Christ," he is saying "He must increase, but I must decrease."

Just as all things are working together towards God's purpose of increasing Christ, so all things are working together towards decreasing us. It does not matter if we understand it or comprehend it. It does not matter if you believe in it or agree with it. You are being decreased just the same, and Christ is being increased. It MUST be so, therefore it IS so. Scientists call this decreasing "entropy", and it means, "inevitable and steady deterioration". We can observe this in creation. The present things are groaning and travailling in pain, deteriorating in order to make way for a new heaven and a new earth. We begin to die as soon as we are born. We can look in our own bodies for evidence of "inevitable and steady deterioration".

rioration" as we move towards a redeemed body. But more importantly, WE, the "I", the "Self", is being decreased that Christ may fill us.

How are we decreased? Let us say right away that it is not your duty to decrease yourself, to become an ascetic, and crawl around in the dirt in abject poverty. It is not an outward decreasing, but an inward decreasing, a coming to the end of ourselves. The Kingdom of God belongs to the poor in spirit. Earlier, John said, "A man can have nothing except he receive it from heaven." Now we may have quite a bit, but if we obtained it from a source other than Christ, it amounts to nothing. Only those sufficiently decreased, the poor in spirit, can see this. This poverty cannot be achieved through self-effort. In fact, part of the decreasing process is the realization that I can do nothing of myself, including decreasing myself. Just as I cannot commit suicide by crucifixion, so I cannot crucify my flesh. The only way to learn this is to fail hundreds, even thousands of times. Then we will learn to say, "I have no confidence in the flesh."

In the world we will experience temptations, testings, and trials. We will experience persecution, tribulation, and afflictions of soul and body. We will experience mistreatment and misunderstanding. It is not a question of God allowing or not allowing things to happen. It is part of living. Some things we do to ourselves, other things we do to each other. Our Father knows about every bird which falls to the ground, but He does not always prevent it from falling.

What are we to learn from this? That our response to what happens is more important than what happens. Here is a mystery: one man's experience drives him to curse God, while another man's identical experience drives him to bless God. Your response to what happens is more important than what happens.

If we see that offenses are bound to come, that there is no way to live in the world apart from what happens, then we must see that the difference between overcoming and not overcoming lies in our response to what happens.

Paul did not pray to be weak so that he could be strong. Naturally speaking, we despise weakness. We prefer strength. But human strength is an illusion. It is not true strength. The Lord shows us His grace is made perfect (or, is matured) through our weakness. Now, Paul rejoices in his weakness, in his being decreased: for "when I am weak, then I am strong." To the degree that we accept the decrease of ourselves, to that degree will we experience the increasing of Christ.

We cannot walk the narrow path until we have entered the narrow gate. But we cannot assume that because we have entered the narrow gate we are now finished. Most people lay stress on the gate, and their goal is to get people just far enough through the gate that they can claim salvation. That is where most of the Church sits today, just inside the narrow gate, rejoicing in a future salvation, a future heaven, a future return of Christ, and a future reward. But the narrow gate is only the beginning. The narrow gate only opens the door to the narrow way. It is the narrow way which leads to Life, and few find it. Fewer still walk to the end of it.

Now what we are discussing is an event as well as a process. There is a once-and-for-all decision to follow Christ, but we have to keep on following. Entering the gate is a once-and-for-all event, but walking the path is a process. We gain everything when we enter the gate, but we must walk the path in order to now live out of what we have. We are new creations, but we are being changed daily into the image of Christ. We died with Christ once: yet we die daily. We were crucified with Him once: yet we take up the cross daily. We were raised with Him once: yet we experience His Life daily. We were ascended with Him and we were seated with Him in the heavenlies once: but we live out the heavenly position in our daily walk, daily ascending above the earth, above the natural, to sit with Him in His throne as overcomers.

God wills that "all men would be saved (narrow gate) and would come to the full-knowledge of Truth (narrow way)." Those who merely enter the narrow gate have yet to satisfy God's heart. There is rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents, but as Arthur Katz has said, "Many are saved, but few are converted." It is God's will, His desire, that we come to the end of ourselves so that Christ may have the preeminence in us. Jesus said, "If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father." Hebrews tells us that Christ is the brightness of God's glory, and the express image (or exact representation) of His person. Likewise, God's purpose for us as disciples (and by extension, the Church) is "if you have seen a disciple, you have seen Jesus." The Christian is to be the brightness of Christ's glory, and the exact representation of His person. I lack the vocabulary to express this adequately, but I trust the Lord will show us.

This is beyond "mere salvation", this is conversion, this is conformity to the very image of Christ. He most certainly does not have the preeminence in us now, thus, "He must increase, but I must decrease."

We have emphasized the Church for so long that we have lost sight of the individual disciples of which the Church consists. If one member lacks, the entire Body goes lacking. It is not so much a problem with the Church failing to apprehend

its fullness as it is the individual disciples of the Lord failing to count the cost, suffer all as loss, and progress down the narrow way towards Christ as All in All. As the disciples go, so goes the Church. If Christ does not have the preeminence in the Church, it is because He does not have the preeminence in us as disciples.

If we have truly entered the gate and are walking the path, if we have truly yielded our lives to Him and long to know Him, then everything we experience is working to increase Christ and decrease us. On the positive side, the Holy Spirit is working to bring us into a more perfect knowledge of Christ. The Spirit is increasing Him, leading us into "all Truth", towards epignosis. On the negative side, the principle of the Cross is working to decrease us, to bring us to the end of ourselves, to reduce us to nothing. Eastern mysticism has long been aware of this positive and negative at work, it has simply misunderstood what it means and misappropriated it towards an end other than Christ. They have observed a principle but lack the Truth to explain the principle.

We must see that for every decrease of Self, Christ is increased. Even in our discussions we groan inwardly about having to die daily, having to give up our way and our will. We ought instead to be excited about Christ being increased, and how much He stands to gain in us and through us. He MUST increase, but you MUST decrease. It is better to relinquish everything now, on a voluntary basis, and lose our lives in order to gain our real Life. It is more glorious to enter the Kingdom out of a desire to give Christ the preeminence than to enter kicking and screaming and crying because we love ourselves too much. Make no mistake, if it is the Kingdom you seek, the Kingdom you will find, but you must be changed in order to enter therein. If you seek power from God you will have to accept weakness in yourself. If you want to rule with Him you must suffer with Him. If you want His Life you must give up your life. You can have either one you want, but you cannot have both. There is no increase without decrease, and there is no decrease without increase.

May the Son be increased through these words. Amen.

Re:, on: 2007/8/21 12:02

And to add to the below, this from Chambers:

The ministry of the unnoticed

Blessed are the poor in spirit. Matthew 5:3.

The New Testament notices things which from our standards do not seem to count. "Blessed are the poor in spirit," literally—Blessed are the paupers—an exceedingly commonplace thing! The preaching of to-day is apt to emphasize strength of will, beauty of character—the things that are easily noticed. The phrase we hear so often, "Decide for Christ," is an emphasis on something Our Lord never trusted. He never asks us to decide for Him, but to yield to Him, a very different thing. At the basis of Jesus Christ's Kingdom is the unaffected loveliness of the commonplace. The thing I am blessed in is my poverty. If I know I have no strength of will, no nobility of disposition, then Jesus says—Blessed are you, because it is through this poverty that I enter His Kingdom. I cannot enter His Kingdom as a good man or woman, I can only enter it as a complete pauper.

The true character of the loveliness that tells for God is always unconscious. Conscious influence is priggish and un-Christian. If I say, "I wonder if I am of any use," I instantly lose the bloom of the touch of the Lord. "He that believeth in Me, out of him shall flow rivers of living water." If I examine the outflow, I lose the touch of the Lord.

Which are the people who have influenced us most? Not the ones who thought they did, but those who had not the remotest notion that they were influencing us. In the Christian life the implicit is never conscious; if it is conscious, it ceases to have this unaffected loveliness which is the characteristic of the touch of Jesus. We always know when Jesus is at work because He produces in the commonplace something that is inspiring.

Chambers, Oswald: My Utmost for His Highest : Selections for the Year. Grand Rapids, MI : Discovery House Publishers, 1993, c1935, S. August 21

Re: Jesus, first - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/8/22 23:41

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This is a true gem, could not help but draw out some of this here ...

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Slowly, a word in due season for many an item.

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G.W. North

*There never has been on earth a more totally dependent Man than Jesus Christ; He said He could not do anything except His Father showed Him. Have you ever thought about that? He said, 'I can of my own self do nothing.'*

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Joh 8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

Joh 9:33 If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.

Joh 15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

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*One of the greatest tragedies of our day is that many want to become men before they are youths (or, for that matter, even before they are born), and are wishing to run before they can walk. The Holy Spirit comes, doing a marvelous work in them, but then inadvisably the axiom 'Saved to Serve' is forced on them. Something so true in principle is thus propounded to them to their hurt. Consequently, poor babes in their 'napkins' are pushed out prematurely to do some 'service' or 'work' when they are hardly able to walk, leave alone to serve as they should or would. But when Jesus was born He was not directly pushed out, while still a babe, to serve men. Father knew that was not right, so He did not expect it of His Son; neither does He expect it from His lesser sons. Time for growth into a strong, healthy, wise and gracious spirit would have prevented many, many people from becoming spiritual and psychological wreckage. Many men and women lie out on the scrap heap today, broken; smashed; because these things we see so plainly written of our Lord and Saviour have been ignored. Hot-headed men with ill-conceived advice have led many to an untimely end in this way. 'Not a novice,' says Paul, 'not a novice'.*

*Oh, if only we had properly understood the sanity of the whole principle of growth and development and maturity underlying such instruction, we would not have acted so hastily or pressed so hard upon babes to serve. Before we talk about 'power for service,' let us **dwell and insist** upon the true work of the Spirit in the life of a man. Let us be more keen to see a man filled with wisdom and have the grace of God upon him, than to see him serving on the dizzy peaks of 'power'. We had better be 'strong' than 'powerful'. Only the strong can bear power. Only the wise know how to use it. Only the gracious can be trusted with it. To be filled with the wisdom of the Spirit is better than to be filled with the power. The order of scripture and in the person of Jesus is the true one. For Him the power ministry was deferred in favour of His growth. Development into all the proper God/man's indispensable spiritual qualities by far precedes in importance any works of power. Grace is to bring us up into manhood. Its presence and work must mark our developing years, as well as originally bring us to truth. Grace is shown to us in order that it might be revealed to men, having already worked, and still working in*

us.

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Gal 3:3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

Rom 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

(The scriptures interspersed were those that immediately came to mind)

Re:, on: 2007/8/23 6:42

Great piece, crssck. A hardy "Amen" to what the man said.....And your 'interspersed' scripture.

Think for a moment that Adam was NOT divine and was to be groomed for it by moral choices given him until God could say to him, "Well done, Be transfigured into what I have purposed for you from the beginning".

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Re: Representative Man - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/8/23 10:01

Hi Orm,

It is most impressive the manner that he takes you through this.

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And those 30 'extra' years of obscurity before the cross itself. That, even though it has struck me countless times before, still brings things to a humbling standstill. How fast are they turned out now? Have Ravenhill's illustration of a car wash coming to mind here.

There are some tremendous lines in this ...

It is the Holy Spirit that counts. You realise, don't you, beloved, that everything vital about you is in and of the Spirit? It is there in the end, where you will have to take your stand; there, first and last, is where you must be strong. In the course of life, when the tides are running against you and the devil is fighting hard and all sorts of unaccountable things are happening, it is in the Spirit where you will have to make your stand, and standing, be strong, and wise, and gracious to all.

Re: Representative Man - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/8/24 16:01

More from this treasury by G.W. North ...

Many people today are seeking guidance. Among the most popular books upon Christian bookstalls are those about guidance. Jesus did not need guidance; when He was filled with the Spirit, He was led of the Spirit. From that moment His path was assured. He was to be the Way. Born; filled; anointed; led. That is the order of truth....

The Holy Ghost comes to be leader.

There is some very seemingly simple, fundamental truths in this small essay saints ...

"Led"

Re:, on: 2007/8/25 9:15

That message of the "Way of the Cross" IS the gospel. For the New Born in Him, God will continually bring into circumstances to make us prove whether we will work out with determined concentration what He has worked in. This approach to Himself was designed by God from His beginning with Lucifer. Lucifer failed.

Adam was to enter into it as the means, by a series of moral choices, to become a divine-son, one formed out of the red clay. He failed. There was no divine life in either of the two lives at the outset of their existence.

After Adam's failure, mankind had to wait 4g yrs for another man to come on the scene who wouldn't. Jesus revealed what the "Way of the cross" was meant to accomplish in us, i.e., the means to accomplish a Transfiguration IN/UPON man for the Father, purposed in Himself.

One thing that needs be remembered is before sin entered, the "Way of the Cross" was accessible. It can only be participated in by *sinless beings. After sin came the "Way" it was closed off making the **"Work of the Cross"** necessary for restoring man's privilege of "son-ship, heir-ship and throne-ship". When man views it as such he will see it as the "Pearl of Great Price", the "Treasure in the field". This revelation is given upon the new birth experience which does not necessarily happen at a confession of Christ. We may accept Christ, though that is never taught in the Bible as a means of securing the revelation of Him. With this understanding can be seen "Election" as in, He selects, He chooses, those to whom He will reveal Himself. Sanctification means a radical and absolute identification with Jesus until the springs of His life are the springs of my/your life. This is the process of one who enters when entering the "Way of the Cross".

That the verse can make sense if seen in the light of the "Way of the Cross". Jesus wants us to face the life of our time in the power of the Holy Ghost. *Sinless participation can only be along that line, His.

"Whoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." 1 John 3:9 (KJV)

Are we going to do it or are we going to keep preaching nothing but redemption to the same people every Sunday? --- and on this forum?

Paul is always tremendously practical, he comes right down to where we live, he says we must work out the salvation God has worked in. "All power is given unto Me", said Jesus, and by the Holy Spirit's presence we can do those things which please God—are we doing them? Are we being conformed to His Image? By the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit we can bring every thought and imagination into captivity to the obedience of Christ and can keep this body the chaste temple of the Holy Ghost—are we doing it? By the power of the Holy Spirit we can keep our communications with other people the exact expression of what God is working in us—are we doing it? The proof that we have a healthy vigorous faith is that we are expressing it in our lives, and bearing testimony with our lips as to how it came about.

"The life of Jesus from Bethlehem onwards is a picture of the sanctified life, and anything that would make our souls stagnate produces a distortion."

Enter the pseudo center of the gospel, "Redemption". It has accomplished much in the Satanic purpose of getting man to fail in his calling; in causing man to embrace the minor instead of the Major in the message of Jesus Christ. Let me be clear: Redemption is the "work of the Cross" only Jesus could perform. Without it, the "way of the Cross" would remain inaccessible. However, He never meant for us to set up roadside stands and have "pep rallies", stopping everyone to tell them of how wonderful this Great man was who showed us the way back to God and all that He was going to do FOR US if we can just "hang in there". That was NOT the intent of Christ coming in Bodily form!

This from Chambers that says much:

"Jesus Christ is the Captain of our faith; He has gained the victory, consequently for us Satan is a conquered foe. When we are sanctified and have become His brethren we are put, not in the place of the first Adam, but in the place of the last Adam, where we live by the power and might of the ***faith of the Son of God**. We have to get rid of the idea that because Jesus was God He could not be tempted. Almighty God cannot be tempted, but in Jesus Christ we deal with God as man, a unique Being—God-Man. It was as Son of Man that "He fought the battle, and proved the possibility of victory." After His Baptism, Satan, by the direct permission of the Holy Ghost, tested the faith of Jesus: "And straightway the Spirit driveth Him forth into the wilderness" (Mark 1:12). Satan broke what Adam held straight off; but he could not break

what Jesus held in His person though he tested Him in every conceivable way; therefore having Himself suffered being emptied, He is able to succour them that are tempted."

*** Why I prefer the KJV.**

And this that confirms what I have stated above:

"When we are born again we get our first introduction into what God calls temptation. When we are sanctified we are not delivered from temptation, we are loosened into it; we are not free enough before either morally or spiritually to be tempted. Immediately we become His "brethren" we are free, and all these subtleties are at work. God does not shield any man or woman from any requirements of a full-grown man or woman. Luke 22:28 ("But ye are they which have continued with Me in My temptations") presents Our Lord's view of His life as Man, viz., as one of temptations, not triumphs. When we are born again the Son of God is submitted to temptations in our individual lives, are we remaining loyal to Him in His temptations in us? When temptation comes, stand absolutely true to God no matter what it costs you, and you will find the onslaught leaves you with affinities higher and purer than ever before. Temptation overcome is the transfiguration of the natural into the spiritual and the establishment of conscious affinity with the purest and best."

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Re: Faith of ... - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/8/25 9:31

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Great reminders ...

Re:, on: 2007/8/25 9:54

A question for you that I have greatly pondered:

Given there was no way for man to rectify the wrong Adam did which prevented man from participating in the "Way of the Cross", What do you believe was the "stop gap" measure God used to keep man until the "Fullness of Time" when Jesus would fulfill all for man's restoration/reconciliation?

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You see the Church is called out to be HIGHER than the Angels...read Hebrews 1 & 2. Angels are higher than man. But in Christ His Church -Now co- heirs, and joint heirs and adopted Children are HIGHER than the angels, or we are predestined to be, at the redemption of our bodies, that will be Glorified together with Christ,...another thing Adam and Eve never were and never would have been even if they never sinned.....they would never be glorified together with Christ.

The Church, is the Mystery that was kept Secret, now revealed to us who are members of His body.

During the 1000 year reign, even those entering in will not be as the CHURCH, *bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh*. No one who is flesh and blood entering into the 1000 year Kingdom Reign will be able to say, "I am crucified with Christ, no longer I but Christ in me". They will certainly SEE the Glory of the Lord, but WE ARE Glorified with the Lord and He is Glorified in His Saints.

Love in Christ
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You will just have to study it out as I have presented it from my findings. If you can agree, that would be nice but not necessary. I will stand by them until I see something that makes more sense; that more readily connects the dots as to the "why" of it all.

You might want re-read all that I offered up before telling me I'm wrong..

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Love in Christ
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You stick to your version of the gospel and I will stick to mine, ok? ... ner the twain shall meet.

Re:, on: 2007/8/25 17:19

Ormlly said:

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So again I ask you, are you saying, if Adam and Eve had never sinned, and taken the way of the Cross (that never even existed or was revealed at that time) and eaten of the tree of life, they would be just like Jesus was in the Flesh?fully God/fully man? In otherwords, they would be Gods.

But let me ask you this,

When Jesus, fully God and fully man was on earth, there was a reason He humbled himself and left, Glory to do so. According to John 17, Jesus prayed to the Father, Glorify me the way I was before the foundation of the world. So Jesus is now in all His Glory, sits at the Right hand of God the Father.

Jesus did not come to establish another race of fully God fully human beings. Nor was that his intention to begin with.

Jesus Christ IS our very life, and without His death and resurrection we would have no life...eternal life. Jesus said I AM the resurrection.

You comment earlier on another post said, when Christ went to the grave all humanity went with him.

In Adam ALL died, so no need to have Jesus bring all of humanity in the grave with him, and what, die again? How dead can dead be. In Adam all died period. Jesus Came to bring life to the already dead humanity through Adam's sin.

Jesus took upon him our sin at the Cross. The wages of sin IS death.

When we trust in Christ we at that time identify with Him in death and resurrection life. Paul said, BEING MADE conformable to his death that I may attain to the resurrection. To be made conformable to His death(Or as Philipians 2 says, ("keeping this mind in you that was also in Christ Jesus, who made himself of no reputation, and became obedient unto death") Now that would not be necessary if all were taken into the grave with Him to begin with, and now we, according to you, are trying to suffer our way out into some kind of resurrection of perfection. This is a total flip flop from the Gospel Paul preached.

We are justified by His Blood and SAVED by His life, His risen Life...walla, just like that, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. We are Born Again the moment we place our trust in Christ, and are NOW raised up with Him a New Creation In Christ. We are saved by GRACE through Faith, it is a gift, not of works, lest any man should boast.

Ormlly, we are as far as the east is from the west, and Never will this twain meet In Christ when He calls His Saints Home.

I know you will still be working on your suffering salvation, that may place you somewhere in Narnia in the imagination of your mind, and I am oh so sad that you are soooooo unwilling to listen to God's word and apply it appropriately.

You know, those who worship the beast have no rest day or night, but those In Christ have entered into HIS REST. Your sounds oh so unrestful, oh so, not even sure you are going to be ready or make it kind of gospel. What if you died today, have you arrived at your suffering status quo?

When will you know you have become fully God/Fully man...like Jesus was when He came to earth? You know there was only ONE SEED, and that SEED is Jesus Christ. Mary was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit, making Jesus Fully God /Fully Man. But what you seem to be saying is we are as Mary was, overshadowed by the Holy Spirit, and instead of gi

ving birth to God...Jesus Christ...we become God in the Flesh? How does this happen? If we are to be as Jesus was in the Flesh, we would have to be conceived the way Jesus was in the Flesh. But there was only ONE SEED (Galatians) to begin with (and not many seeds, but that SEED is Christ) ...so where did all these other seeds you are talking about in forming a race of fully Gods /fully mans come from?

I'll tell you where it came from...The Mormon Teaching, as they believe much as you do.

Ormy, I know many Southern Baptist Churches are affiliated with the Mormons. Some even taught or still teach at Baylor. Someone has totally pointed you in a wrong direction and co-mingled the Gospel with some ungodly doctrine coming from various sorts. Please oh please confront those demons of lies, and stop passing these lies off on to others.

I *Now* live on the resurrection side of the Cross, and so glad I do. Thank you Lord Jesus I am strengthened, established and settled on that matter.

Love in Christ
Katy-did

Re:, on: 2007/8/25 17:39

This is one of the most Vitally important chapters in Scripture, Notice in verses 19-22 is our standing In Christ, we enter a New and Living way, through the veil, that is to say His flesh. We are crucified with Christ, raised up with Him...the New and Living Way, and Stand IN CHRIST as we come Boldly to the Throne to the Father Himself.

Hebrews 10

1For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

2For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.

3But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.

4For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

5Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:

6In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.

7Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

8Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law;

9Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

10By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

11And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:

12But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

13From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

14For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

15Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,

16This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

17And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

18Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

19Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

20By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

21And having an high priest over the house of God;

22Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

23Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

24And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

25Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

26For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

27But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

28He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

29Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

30For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.

31It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

32But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions;

33Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used.

34For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.

35Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.

36For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

37For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

38Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

39But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

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Love in Christ
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In Christ: Phillip

If you say it never existed means you have never understood it as the principle; the means by which God would bring many sons into Glory.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/8/26 0:42

Orn,

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Re:, on: 2007/8/26 5:16

1 Corinthians 15:

42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

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

46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

47 The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven.

48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52 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.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54 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.

55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

57But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Re:, on: 2007/8/26 5:23

Quote:

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Phillip would you clarify this for Ormly,

Are you saying there is more than one "Only Begotten Son" Since you didn't capitalize *ONLY* in "Only Begotten Son" it could be read two different ways.

Or are you saying God has more "only Begotten Son's?"

AND Since you keep saying you are *Birth by God*, You have been *birth by God*, I was just wondering now, are you in agreement with Ormly?

You are not Birthed by God the way Jesus Christ was Birth by God. You mother was not a virgin, and was not overshadowed by the Holy Spirit to birth you. And you are not fully God/fully man Now or ever... or else you too could die on a cross and shed your blood for the forgiveness of sin for others as well. Jesus came into the world TO SAVE SINNERS. He shed His Blood, and NOW in Heaven, Glorified, I don't believe he has any blood...He poured it out for our sin.

SINNERS now saved through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who have put their faith and trust In Him and HIS finished work of redemption at Calvary are:

QUICKENED together With Christ, the Risen Christ. This is where *our birthing* comes in.

Added for content:

Many fail to see that Adam and Eve were not seated with Christ in *Heavenly Places*, or even promised to be seated In Heavenly places, or realize sin entered the universe long before Adam & Eve were formed of the dust of the earth...earthly creatures. THAT the Blood of Jesus Christ was too carried to Heaven and purged the Heavens as well (Hebrews) Eating the fruit of the tree of life would not give them Glorification, but they would have lived forever in the status they were created...out of the dust of the earth...earthly. Because they sinned, they were cast out of the Garden of Eden, for fear AFTER they sinned, they would live an eternal existence with a sin nature. AND that they were given only a small piece of real-estate called the Garden of Eden. NOT dominion of the whole earth. The actual dimensions are listed in Genesis.

Thanks,

Katy-did
1 Peter 1:3

Just to clarify our Begottenness comes ONLY through the RESURRECTION of Jesus Christ. CHRIST IN YOU, the Hope of GLORY. There is only ONE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, and through THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, we are saved THROUGH HIM ALONE.

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

John 1:14

And the ****Word was made flesh****, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

1 Peter 1:23

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, ****by the word of God****, which liveth and abideth forever.

Jesus said My WORDS are Spirit and they are LIFE.

1 John 4:9

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

Re:, on: 2007/8/26 7:24

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Though you are son, you are one by nature and not yet by character.

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I can see that as being true because you/we were begotten in the Father **before time began**. I.e., in His Heart and Mind. 1Pet.1.3 says this which infers the correctness of it: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy **hath begotten us again** unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" 1 Peter 1:3 (KJV)

That is part of what the "work" of the Cross accomplished.

Quote:

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Yes. That will be the finality of it all.

What a privilege we have if we can just see it.

Re:, on: 2007/8/26 8:02

Ormly said:

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AGAIN Ormly, My question to you was based solely on your comment here. Please don't change the subject or try to avoid the direct question.

Where does scripture say Adam and Eve were promised a finalization of their transfiguration, to be as God is in Human flesh? There is only ONE who became God in Human Flesh...Jesus Christ.

Did you read 1st Corinthians 15? Do you still not get it? Do you actually think Adam and Eve thwarted God's plan from the beginning of time because they sinned. Don't you suppose God already knew that would happen? What you think was supposed to have happened was never in the plan to begin with. Or else you are saying MAN has control over the universe, threw Heaven and earth out of control, and God was in Heaven scratching his head saying Oh No! now what do we do? Why are we more blessed in the end than in the Beginning? As I said, man is lower than Angels, We In Christ are raised up NOW above the Angels. Was that our reward for sin to begin with? Something better? This is the MYSTERY that was kept secret from **before** the foundation of the world., which would mean, God wasn't scratching His head saying OH No! Now what do we do.

Again, all you say is based on nothing you can back up with Scripture. If you use the words Begotten AGAIN, then there would have to be a FIRST. Adam and Eve were NOT BEGOTTEN, but formed of the dust of the earth. God breathed into Adam's nostrils and he became a living soul.

1 Corinthians says the first(Adam) was not spiritual but earthly. Our Glorification / Transfiguration if that's what you say, is IN CHRIST, not in and of itself, and not in an apple or peach.

Was the whole universe Heaven and Earth also going to be transformed with a deceiving serpent on the loose still, if they never sinned and ate the apple or peach? WOW, that must have been some kinda Tree of Life that could do all that through two human beings. I had no idea God placed the whole of the universe in their hands, including Heaven.. Amazing....just amazing.

Katy-did

Added/ Edited
Hebrews 9:22-24

22And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

23It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

24For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

Was the Tree of Life that Adam and Eve didn't eat going to purify the heavens too?

Re:, on: 2007/8/26 8:48

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Thank you Lord Jesus that your promise in Genesis 3:15 gave us that promise of mercy through your shed blood. We now have hope AGAIN where we were without hope.

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Is there another part that has not been accomplished? Does not scripture say in Colossians, WE ARE COMPLETE IN HIM.

Now what exactly was this cross Adam and Eve were to enter before they sinned? The only Cross I know of Paul also refers to as "The Blood of the Cross". SOOOOOO how were they to enter into a BLOODLESS Cross relationship? Well, I guess the same way the Hindu do. SELF EFFORT and SELF Sanctification, not to mention the rest of a dying world that rejects the BLOOD OF THE CROSS, which is apostasy and anti-christ.

Yep Ormly, we are as far as the east is from the west. I don't worship a bloodless cross, and Adam and Eve were never asked to enter into a bloodless cross relationship. That Blood washed away our SIN when they Fell, not a bloodless cross you want to believe is your transfiguration journey to wherever that is???!!!

Good Luck!!

Re: - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/8/26 8:50

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Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/8/26 8:57

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2 Co 4:11

This is the only process of becoming a son and heir and finally throne-ship.

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Adam was to do that.

I did my best to keep this condensed. I hope I haven't made it over so.

Re: First fruits - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/8/26 12:13

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You know, you might have something there in the running dispute over all that was meant by that and the latter tarrying until the Holy Spirit was poured out ... a very interesting correlation.

Think I am begging to see some of where you are going with this. It takes some concentration and even more musing and could easily be derailed by being too didactic. In it is the whole of the matter of the 'will' and the freedom of decision making at the outset ...

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Of course to really magnify all of this to even higher reaches is;

1Pe 1:20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

before the foundation of the world; for all God's decrees and appointments, relating either to Christ, or his people, are eternal; no new thoughts, counsels, and resolutions, are taken up by him in time. The affair of redemption by Christ is no new thing; the scheme of it was drawn in eternity; the persons to be redeemed were fixed on; the Redeemer was appointed in the council and covenant of peace; and even the very Gospel which proclaims it was ordained before the world, for our glory. A Saviour was provided before sin was committed, and the method of man's recovery was settled before his ruin took place; and which was done without any regard to the works and merits of men, but is wholly owing to the free and sovereign grace of God, and to his everlasting love, both to the Redeemer and the redeemed. The Jews (h) reckon the name of the Messiah among the seven things that were created before the world was; in proof of which they mention, Psa_72:17 but was manifest in these last times for you; he was before, he existed from everlasting; he lay in the bosom of his Father from all eternity: and was veiled and hid under the shadows of the ceremonial law, during the legal dispensation; but in the fulness of time was manifest in the flesh, and more clearly revealed in the Gospel, and to the souls of men; his manifestation in human nature is principally intended, and which was in the last times of the legal dispensation, at the end of the Jewish world or state, when a new world, or the world to come, took place. It is a rule with the Jews (i), that whenever the last days or times are mentioned, the times of the Messiah are designed: and this manifestation of Christ was for the sake of some particular persons, even for all God's elect, whether among Jews or Gentiles, and who are described in the following verse. The Alexandrian copy reads, "for us"; and the Ethiopic version, "for him",

(h) T. Bab. Pesachim, fol. 59. 1. & Nedarim, fol. 89. 2. (i) Kimchi in Isa. ii. 2.

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Joh 8:58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

I may well be just extrapolating off from your line of thought

Re:, on: 2007/8/26 12:52

Quote:  
-----Yes, to me, there is an awe of mystery and of love given by God by the very testing ... was it reciprocal? Proven by obedience less required in the right understanding than that of ... willingness.  
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How could it not be reciprocal, if I read you correctly?

"And Samuel said, ..... Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." 1 Samuel 15:22 (KJV)

Unless by coercion, willingness to obey must be viewed as non-sacrificial since there must be a motivation to wit willingness must be from the freewill of man. Is this not what God is looking for. Jesus had such motivation that, when IN Him, is in us.

Re:, on: 2007/8/26 13:36

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That was my ONLY question to Ormly, and I wanted him to clarify what he was saying and exactly where that teaching leads to.

Isn't this what the Blogs are for, explaining yourself, or is it just putting anything down without scripture to back it up, saying take it or leave it, it's true because I said so....

Now being accused of hi-jacking this blog with the TRUTH, the Moderator here is not seeing the error or Ormly's message.

If Adam & Eve Never Sinned, had taken up A CROSS( WHAT CROSS??) to enter some sort of Transfiguration, and have that dominion over the whole world or the Garden of Eden, would mankind STILL be running naked through the Garden? For all eternity?

It's called Dominion Theology that has really hi-jacked the blog here and a failure to see the dangers of adding to scripture what is not there and will never be there.

God saw from before the foundation of the world those "IN CHRIST", seated with Him in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus, not eternal humans running naked through the Garden of Eden for all eternity.

Christ means Messiah...Savior...Redeemer...the Anointed ONE. Obviously we must have needed a Redeemer, Savior, Christ, Messiah to be REDEEMED from a sin status to begin with.

But My apologies for interrupting and rebuking false doctrine.

Carry on!

Katy-did

Re:, on: 2007/8/26 15:40

I will say one last thing here and I do hope you pray you will read this and meditate upon it.

Who is Christ, and who is Adam?

Christ Is Far Greater Than Adam

The main point here is that what Christ has done for all who are in him is far greater than what Adam did for all who were in him.

The obedience of Christ is parallel, but vastly superior, to the disobedience of Adam.

The righteousness imputed to those who are in Christ is parallel, but vastly superior, to the sin imputed to those who are in Adam because of his disobedience.

The life that comes to us who are in Christ through that imputed righteousness is parallel, but vastly superior, to the death that comes to those who are in Adam through that imputed sin.

The point is the obedience of Christ, and through HIS obedience ALONE, HE has Preeminence of ALL creation,

Colossians 1:17-19

17And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

\*\*\*\*\*18And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

19For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

Majorly Important verses here.

How was this to come to pass?

Adam is a \*Type\*

Romans 5

Please be sure to see for yourselves that Paul does indeed intend to draw out a parallel here between Adam and Christ. Look at verse 14. I just want to get one crucial preliminary point from verse 14:

"Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, WHO IS A \*TYPE\* OF HIM WHO WAS TO COME." Now that last phrase is what I want you all to see. That is the hinge on which the whole paragraph swings. Adam is a "type" of him who is to come. Adam is a type of Christ. Adam was never going to be anything like Christ and was never promised to be anything like Christ. \*And all the Fulness was never promised to dwell with Adam and Eve even if they never sinned.

What does "type" mean? It means PATTERN, just as it says in Hebrews "pattern." Adam was a pattern of Christ who was to come. He was an example, or a foreshadowing, or a prefiguring of Christ. Just as the Tabernacle in the OT was to be built after the PATTERN of Heaven and built EXACTLY as God had said.

EVE is a TYPE of Church, taken from Adam's side, bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh. Just as WE are joined together with Christ in this mystical union as One with Him, and raised a New Creation in HIM ALONE.

Thank You for listening,

My last comment here the LORD placed on my heart to post.

Love in Christ  
Katy-did

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Re:, on: 2007/8/26 22:21

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Here again is what I objected to with Ormly's comment, completely different then what he is proposing now, trying to laugh it off by saying:

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Let me post here again Ormly's words:

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THIS was and IS my final answer to this comment NOT in scripture, and why it completely OPPOSES anything scripture teaches:

I believe some here may have forgotten this, and have been carried away with \*another\* gospel.

It's the Spirit of Life in Christ that has set us free from the law of sin and death. That Spirit of Life IN CHRIST is ETERNAL Life, never to be lost again. Those who have it will not be beguiled by the serpent and find death again. Christ has won that victory for us over Satan. He who is IN YOU is stronger than he who is in the world....and satan(the serpent) was in the world before the fall, and after the fall, and will not be completely dealt with until the very end. We may be tempted by satan now, but we don't LOSE our salvation. If that were so, then ALL Christ accomplished would be one big joke.

That is the reason why those who have been saved by the Lord Jesus Christ are in a far more blessed condition than was Adam before he fell. Adam before he fell was righteous in the sight of God, but he was still under the possibility of becoming unrighteous. Those who have been saved by the Lord Jesus Christ not only are righteous in the sight of God but they are beyond the possibility of becoming unrighteous. In their case, the probation is over. It is not over because they have stood it successfully. It is not over because they have themselves earned the reward of assured blessedness which God promised on condition of perfect obedience. But it is over because Christ has stood it for them; it is over because Christ has merited for them the reward by His perfect obedience to God's law.

But again there is so much more to the Obedience of Christ.

Again let me point out:

The point is the obedience of Christ, and through HIS obedience ALONE, HE has Preeminence of ALL creation, King of King and Lord of Lords.

Colossians 1:17-19

17And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

\*\*\*\*\*18And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

19For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell;

"Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, WHO IS A \*TYPE/figure\* OF HIM WHO WAS TO COME." Now that last phrase is what I want you all to see. That is the hinge on which the whole paragraph swings. Adam is a "type" of him who is to come. Adam is a type of Christ. Adam was never going to be anything like Christ and was never promised to be anything like Christ. \*And all the Fullness/ or preeminence was never promised to dwell with Adam and Eve even if they never sinned.

Nile, I've posted many articles on the Fellowship of His sufferings. I believe MOST of what I have posted on SI is on that very subject, and how we are conformed to the Image of Jesus Christ through that fellowship.

I won't hijack the blog here to re-post those.

Love in Christ Jesus  
Katy-did

**Re: Missing - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/8/27 9:01**

Katy-did,

Just a couple of notes. This is not a 'blog' but a forum for discussion and fellowship, maybe there is little difference in your mind and that is not to be overtly didactic, but there is a difference.

It still seems you are pouring more into all this than what was intended, but beyond that your spirit is not right with these accusations and denouncements.

My earlier quote;

Quote:  
-----Yes, to me, there is an awe of mystery and of love given by God by the very testing ... was it reciprocal? Proven by obedience less required in the right understanding than that of ... willingness.  
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Quote:

-----How could it not be reciprocal, if I read you correctly?

"And Samuel said, ..... Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." 1 Samuel 15:22 (KJV)

Unless by coercion, willingness to obey must be viewed as non-sacrificial since there must be a motivation to wit willingness must be from the freewill of man. Is this not what God is looking for. Jesus had such motivation that, when IN Him, is in us.

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Meant from Adam's standpoint. Indeed it is what God would be looking for.

A few pages back ... from Christinyou

Quote:

-----Ron, I have not read all, but 4 pages are so full of truth as it has been revealed to me that the agreement of that revelation and what is written is so great and wonderful in the face of the revelation power of who this Christ is that has been born again from above in us, the agreement has made my heart soar as an eagle or a sleek smooth beautiful and soaring glider, I speak from experience, as I am a glider instructor.

In Christ: Phillip

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Brother, I don't know how I missed this earlier but ... Amen!

One last mention of this highly recommended piece; ([http://mp3.biblebase.com/download\\_45.html](http://mp3.biblebase.com/download_45.html)) The Representative Man

**Re:, on: 2007/8/27 9:26**

Crsschk,

The letter of James provides an important clue for the shape of the church's witness in the world: "God brought us forth by his word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits (aparchen tina) of his creation" (1.18). The word aparche, which in the New Testament is used for Christ and the Spirit, is here applied to the church.

Quote:

-----It still seems you are pouring more into all this than what was intended, but beyond that your spirit is not right with these accusations and denunciations

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I thought the subject matter on this blog was First fruits?

Yes, the Lord has stirred and troubled my heart and always has when I hear false doctrine. Maybe because I have the Gift of Discernment as well, and out of obedience to the Lord I do what HE asks and places on my heart.

With that, MY heart and conscience do not condemn me in what I see and am saying.

I do hope and pray the Lord will open your eyes and watch closely extra biblical babble subtly mixed in with the Word of God.

That troubles me tremendously that that is not addressed, but you want to address me because I have eyes to see something that is very dangerous.

When God breathed into Adam's nostrils the breath of Life, he did NOT breathe in the Spirit of Life in Christ that set him free

ree from the law of sin and death. The original Law of Sin and death was given to Adam & Eve, not Moses. They sinned, we died. The Law of God.

And Crsschk, you said yourself on this blog there are things you never thought of etc,. So you are still in a learning mode yourself, obviously. It wasn't Ormly who even brought up the issue of God breathing into Adam or posted 1 Corinthians 15, but I did, and you replied back to Ormly as though he said it, saying good thought.

Now I read GW North and it was excellent, but GW North himself NEVER made any such statements as Ormly has. This is very confusing to me.

Again the subject here is about firstfruits correct? Adam and Eve were never firstfruits. \*\*\*\*Christ the Firstfruit, 1 Corinthians 15.

So who had hi-jacked the blog here and changed the subject to obedience? Not I. My thoughts have ALWAYS been on target with the Blog question. I Never Hi Jacked or changed the Subject.

But concerning Obedience, I did Post that It is Christ's Obedience and our faith in that Obedience. We live by the Faith of Christ, so our obedience is strictly "IN HIM", and Him alone,

\*no longer I but Christ IN Me\*.  
Galatians 2:20&21.

You either Have Christ In You or you Don't. Those who do KNOW it's HIS Power working in and through us, and by faith we are partakers of HIS Divine Nature. 2 Peter 1.

Anyway, don't condemn what you haven't yet come to understand.

With Love In Christ Jesus  
Katy-did

**Re:, on: 2007/8/27 9:39**

Interesting the depths of presumptuous deception one can sink into and ignoring the iniquity, call it discernment.. We cannot form the mind of Christ if we don't have His Spirit, nor can we interpret/discern His teaching apart from His Spirit.

The principle of the cross was always in the Father's Mind as the way for man to enter His Presence. Both the work of the cross and the way of the cross were from the beginning in the Mind of God. Adam was His first experiment in this.

Jesus was no exception. He possessed the Nature of God from His birth because of His conception however, it was given Him of the Father that He should protect His Heritage by His willingness to abandon Himself to His Father's will, that all things might be perfected in Him..... and for Him....The "way of the Cross" was manifested in Him before the "work of the Cross" was finalized by Him that we might now partake of the same privilege...

Re:, on: 2007/8/27 13:04

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Adam was in the presence of God from the Beginning. They seemed to walk and talk together. So I'm not sure what additional presence you are referring to here.

Ormy, the first order of business with Obedience is that we bring \*every thought\* under the Obedience of Christ. Our own thoughts on a subject are simply that, our own, and if not brought under the obedience of Christ we get off course.

We through our surrendered life are being transformed by the renewing of our mind...strictly and by none other than the WORD of God.

Extra biblical babble is not His word, and must obediently be put away from us. Not to do so would be disobedience.

I have said NOTHING here that would bring in presumptuous DECEPTION.

We must make sure that the Spirit you are referring to is the Spirit of Christ...The Word of God, as that Spirit cannot, and will not introduce extra biblical babel not in His word, nor will he have any part of it.

When we die to self we are dying to our old Adam nature. What nature exactly was Adam to die to to begin with? Adam KNEW exactly what he was doing with eyes wide open. It was Eve who was deceived, taking a bite of a lie presented to her? She took the bite and it cost dearly. Now we are presented today with Satan whispering in our ear lies and deception and says to us, here, bite. But we know Have a renewed mind (those who do, and have stayed in His Word) and we say no thank you, I eat only the Word of God. Satan is most clever, even using God's word, as he did in the desert during Jesus 40 day trial. It was God's Word that rebuked Satan. Because Jesus knew other scripture that rebuked those Satan was taking out of context. Great lesson here to be learned.

Adam, a shadow or figure of Him who was to come can also be seen as one who laid down His life for His Bride...with eyes wide open.

Only the Holy Spirit can reveal many deep wonderful truths in these types and shadows, so also clearly stated in Romans 5:14.....

The principle of the Cross HAS always been in the back of God's mind for US, TODAY, His Church, His NEW Creation. That is EXACTLY what I am trying to say myself. That NEW creation includes a New Heaven as well, corrupted by the fall of Satan long before man was formed. Satan didn't fall because of Eve's sin. Satan was a liar from the beginning who rebelled against God. In the New Creation there will be NO SATAN. If Adam and Eve never sinned, there would have always been a Satan on the loose, until when?

The whole plan of God from before the foundation of the world INCLUDED the FINAL overthrow of Satan once and for all and for all eternity.

Since Jesus who is the Word of God and was with God from the Beginning, and IS God, was certainly part of the planning of all. The Lord our God is ONE.

Love in Christ Jesus  
Katy-did

Love in Christ Jesus

**Re:, on: 2007/8/27 13:09**

The beginning was not creation of man. It was the beginning of God... whenever that was.

**Re:, on: 2007/8/27 14:07**

Ormlly,

My understanding is we are discussing Firstfruits. So please if you would stay on the subject at hand introduced on hhis blog. We are the First Fruits of God's NEW Creation In Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:23

And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

Romans 16:5

Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Salute my well-beloved Epaphroditus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:20

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

1 Corinthians 15:23

But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

1 Corinthians 16:15

I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)

James 1:18

Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Revelation 14:4

These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

God's Plan from the Beginning:

23And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

24And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

25And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

26And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

\*\*\*\*\*27And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Totally unlike the first, no satan there to make a lie or deceive.

Praise God!

Love In Christ  
Katy-did

**Re:, on: 2007/8/27 14:25**

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I started this thread with that theme in mind. You derailed it as you usually do, taking it in some strange undefinable direction.

**Re:, on: 2007/8/27 16:30**

Quote:

-----I started this thread with that theme in mind. You derailed it as you usually do, taking it in some strange undefinable direction.

Ormly, I have read this whole thread, with wonderful wonderful comments. I copied several of the answers given you about who we are in Christ.

Phillip - ChristInYou gave a perfect and beautiful answer.

Your Quote Ormly:

Quote:

-----This is what Adam was to have accomplished in him had he entered into the "way of the Cross", after which he would have had the inclination to eat of the "Tree of Life"; to finalize his Transfiguration; to become, to participate as God is, in Human Flesh

But you yourself derailed the conversation with the above quote, that has nothing whatsoever to do with \*\*\*\*\*Who we are in Christ\*\*\*\*\*. Even when Phillip was telling you along with others telling you...we abide IN CHRIST..the Risen Christ, the Firstfruit of the NEW Creation, not the old.

The first fruits are those alive from the dead Ormly, and according to Romans 7 only those alive from the dead can bring forth fruit to begin with. You know you have passed from death to life when you LOVE the brethren. That's the beginning of our fruit. We also speak the Truth In LOVE. again Fruit.

That fruit is produced via the fellowship of His sufferings, always carrying about in our body the dying of Jesus Christ that the Life of Jesus Christ is manifest in us.

One must be IN Christ for this to happen. God works in as we work out. We are HIS workmanship, and we yield and obey to that workmanship as we abide in Him.

James 1 is another clue how we become perfect and entire lacking nothing. Our Faith is tested. Just like Jesus in the will



derness. God allows Satan to throw up all sorts of false doctrine etc, and He test us. Are we going to believe God, or believe man? Are we going to run and hide, or are we going to put on the WHOLE armour of God and squelch those fiery darts, fiery insults, from Satan.

As we believe God we are being Perfected here meaning MATURE, not perfect as that we become sinless.

Mature Christians have developed the Mind of Christ and through that development we have been exercised to discern both good and evil. Hebrews.

Love is patient, kind, longsuffering, thinks NO EVIL, etc. Love keeps our brothers and sisters on track and in truth. Sometimes Love is tough love. Proverbs says, the wounds of a brother will result in Love returned, but a scoffer will hate you. Sort of a good sign who has and hasn't yet passed from death to life. When we LOVE the Brethren no matter what, whether we like them or not, that Love will manifest.

Well, Ormly, I must go now.

With Love in Christ Jesus  
Katy-Did

**Re:, on: 2007/8/27 17:08**

What can I say Katy except you just don't understand why Christ came to Earth. You don't understand His message and what was the Fathers ultimate intention for mankind. That's too bad.

You must believe God created Adam to fail.

**Re:, on: 2007/8/28 8:11**

Ormly, maybe this will help:

Romans 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

\*\*\*\*\*20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; \*\*\*\*\*

In hope of What? The NEW Creation!

21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. ( The NEW Creation).

30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Love in Christ  
Katy-did

PS added Edited for content  
Hebrews 2:

4God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

5For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection THE WORLD TO COME, whereof we speak.

6But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man that thou visitest him?

**Re:, on: 2007/8/28 12:09**

It doesn't ... sorry

**Re:, on: 2007/8/28 13:46**

1 Corinthians 2:7

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

**Re:, on: 2007/8/28 14:17**

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Katy-did wrote:

1 Corinthians 2:7

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

Who is "we"?

**Re:, on: 2007/8/28 18:01**

Ormy, would you explain to me, how, if Adam had accomplished his purpose in taking up his cross and through that we would be like Jesus was in the flesh? Doesn't the cross mean death? Even to US woh believe, doesn't our cross or identification with Christ mean death? Our identification with Jesus Christ in death and resurrection life was once for all. Our history in our old adam ended once and for all. What history would have ended for Adam?

This Joy that was set before Jesus Christ, are you saying the same Joy was set before Adam? So in essence you are saying Adam 1 failed, and Adam 2 didn't, both having the same mission, same purpose and same end result?

Concerning Jesus enduring the Cross, the Scriptures say:

2Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 5:

8Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

9And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

So Adam 1 was suppose to be the author of eternal salvation?

Concerning your question "WE", I presume was Paul and the Apostles, but mostly Paul who was entrusted with the Gospel according to the MYSTERY, Romans 16:25-27, that he more fully developed through out all his epistles. He says those who become of Full Age (or maturity in Christ understand this Mystery.) We, at least I know in Colosians 1 the Mystery is Christ In You, the hope of GLORY.

Even if Adam had never sinned, and taken whatever way of the Cross of denying self, would God have highly exalted him, and given him a name above every name, crowned him with Glory, that all after Adam would now bow to Adam in his obedience unto death of a cross and call him King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

But you seem to be suggesting this was to happen by way of Adam entering his transfiguration or glorification.

Anyway Ormly, I'm really tired of this discussion. I've tried every way I know to play out the detail of your interpretation in my mind, and all scripture tells me is, in the end we would be worshipping Adam 1 who would be the author and finisher of our eternal salvation, and then we could instead say: To Adam 1 be the Glory. Someone the Father, Son and Holy Spirit created out of the dust of the earth????? Is that how it was MEANT to be?

Well, guess what, NOW we're sinners, and NOW we can worship GOD, the second person in the Trinity who got the job done right.

Gotta Go Ormly,  
Love In Christ  
Katy-did

PS: Ormly, Just another question? Was it also in God's original plan that Adam & Eve after their transfiguration ...that is if all was to go as planned, were they to have offspring and would their offspring also be transfigured or glorified beings on the earth? Are we, once glorified going to have offspring? If so, why? If not Why? Wasn't that in God's original plan anyway? If it was His first plan as you say, why not in this one as well?

**Re:, on: 2007/8/28 18:48**

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That was the intent.

And by pro-creation Father would have had His vast family of sons. Because Adam failed, redemption of the family became necessary. Enter the man, Jesus.

Re:, on: 2007/8/28 19:21

The word "transfigured" is a very interesting word. The Greek word is "metamorpho" and it means to transform, literally or figuratively to metamorphose, or to change. The word is a verb that means to change into another form. It also means to change the outside to match the inside. The prefix "meta" means to change and the "morphe" means form. In the case of the transfiguration of Jesus Christ it means to match the outside with the reality of the inside. To change the outward so that it matches the inward reality. Jesus' divine nature was "veiled" (Hebrews 10:20) in human form and the transfiguration was a glimpse of that glory. Therefore, the transfiguration of Jesus Christ displayed the Shekinah glory of God incarnate in the Son. The voice of God attesting to the truth of Jesus' Sonship was the second time God's voice was heard. The first time was at Jesus' baptism into His public ministry by John the Baptist (Matthew 3:7; Mark 1:11; Luke 3:22).

Therefore, the transfiguration of Jesus Christ was a unique display of His divine character and a glimpse of the glory, which Jesus had before He came to earth in human form. This truth is emphasized for us in a passage in the Apostle Paul's letter to Philippi. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form (morphe) of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form (morphe) of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:5-11).

The Son of God came to earth in the form of a man to be the true servant of God and to gift mankind with the greatest gift ever given, eternal life. The transfiguration of Jesus Christ was a visible sign in the presence of reliable witnesses of the reality of the power of God and the glory, which is Christ Jesus.

Re:, on: 2007/8/28 19:46

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soooooo what you are saying then is in God's original plan (gone sour), All would then be saying

"That at the name of Adam I every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Adam I is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" ?????

I had no Idea! Thanks for the info.

Is this also the views and opinion of SI?

Colossians 1:15-17

15Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

16For 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:

17And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

In Christ

Katy-did

**Re:, on: 2007/8/28 20:10**

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Thats right.

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Your welcome

**Re:, on: 2007/8/28 20:20**

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My Bible says  
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17And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

This could NEVER HAVE BEEN Adam I's destiny, never in anyone's wildest imagination.

Your are saying,

Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End First and Last was an after thought? Jesus the same yesterday, today and tomorrow was an after thought?

Ormlly, is this in the "Book of Adam" or something. Can you tell me where you have gotten this information and facts. I need scripture.

Katy-did

**Re:, on: 2007/8/28 20:47**

I asked you awhile back if you thought God created Adam to fail. You never answered my question.

**Re:, on: 2007/8/28 21:05**

Quote:

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If you understand the scriptures you will understand what Adam was purposed to accomplish, unless you believe God created him to fail. It's not rocket science.

Quote:

-----15Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:  
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That was Adam.

Quote:

-----16For 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:  
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Yep, that speaks of Christ alright. But Christ wasn't a Son. He was the Word, the very expression of the Father. Jesus was the Son. Adam was a son, too.

Quote:

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Yep. That is still speaking of Christ, the Word.

Quote:

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It was always Adam's destiny. If you can believe the Christ of Glory came to Earth to inhabit a human body why can't you believe it could have been Adam's if Adam had remained faithful. He inhabited Jesus' because Adam failed.

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That is speaking of Christ, regardless of whether or not He ever came to Earth to redeem man and restore him to the "way of the Cross" to son-ship.

Quote:

-----Jesus the same yesterday, today and tomorrow was an after thought?  
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That is now a fact. The Christ of Glory now permanently inhabits the body of Jesus because Jesus overcame in His Human life. However, it was intended to be Adam that that was to be accomplished.

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No, You just need to understand the scripture you paste up for me to understand.

**Re:, on: 2007/8/28 21:20**

Ornly, I believe God cannot lie, so If Jesus Christ was the creator of ALL things as (I posted previously), by Him and for Him, and if He wanted to create someone not to fail, He would have done just that.

He created a man, just that, a human being with a will to choose. If we know God KNOWS the beginning from the end...then He KNEW Adam would fail.

Just as I believe in whosoever will may come. I don't believe that man does not have free choice even today. Which would be along the same lines, right. But God KNOWS who will and who won't choose Him.

The thought that Adam was created to fail, is along the same line of those who believe those God doesn't want were created to fail also. I don't believe this at all.

There are still mysteries we are not privy to, and may take all of eternity for us to grow into that understanding.

All I do know is, God cannot lie, and what was foreordained \*before the foundation of the world\* was His Church taken from among sinners.

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No where in Scripture does it even imply Jesus Christ was an after thought.

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That's the best answer I can give you.

Love in Christ  
Katy-did

**Re:, on: 2007/8/28 21:54**

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Katy-did wrote:  
Ormlly, I believe God cannot lie, so If Jesus Christ was the creator of ALL things as (I posted previously), by Him and for Him, and if He wanted to create someone not to fail, He would have done just that.

He created a man, just that, a human being with a will to choose. If we know God KNOWS the beginning from the end...then He KNEW Adam would fail.

Just as I believe in whosoever will may come. I don't believe that man does not have free choice even today. Which would be along the same lines, right. But God KNOWS who will and who won't choose Him.

The thought that Adam was created to fail, is along the same line of those who believe those God doesn't want were created to fail also. I don't believe this at all.

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Love in Christ  
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Well that certainly is your opinion you are free to express. I don't agree with it based on my understanding of the scriptures which I know I do not violate anyone's sensibilities. If it does yours then consider yourself the exception and you will have to forgive me.

We will have to leave it at that.

**Re:, on: 2007/8/28 23:21**

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Katy

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Katy  
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Thank you for your kind words, Katy.

I can assume from them there will be no more accusations from you that I am teaching a different gospel or that I am a Mormon or Hindu or whatever, ok? I am not doing such a thing. I do believe there is more to the gospel than the redemption story of rather redemption is only part of it. Also, this thinking is not to be applied to the church except as an outcome of the 'Way of the Cross' in a corporate setting. Perhaps it can be said that "rectified", "self-renounced" folk, make up the true Church. Think on that and then ask the question, "Have I been I rectified"? Am I "self-renounced"? Am I in the process of either?

**Re:, on: 2007/8/29 7:25**

Hi Ormlly, Seems like we are both early birds!

Ormlly , You said:

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I guess that was the confusion here all along, with the forum named Jesus Firstfruits. And with Scripture teaching we are His fruit, (if a seed falls to the ground it abides alone, but if it die, it brings forth fruit) was referring to Jesus death and resurrection and we are that fruit He brought forth. The Bible teaches we have been purchased with the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. Now our fruit unto God is the very working out of God's working in the very Life of Christ, "no longer I but Christ in me"...and the Fruit of the Spirit is the Very essence of Christ In Me.

Since the spirit of the Life of Christ that set him free from the law of sin and death was never breathed into Adam's nostrils to begin with, but only that breath that brought forth a living soul, and no scripture saying that his obedience alone would have turned Adam into anything more than an eternal soul, or that there would be a transfiguration unvail his flesh to reveal within Adam, God himself, also implying God could create another God equal to Himself purely based on obedience.

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You do believe there is more to the Gospel, and you have formed your thoughts on what you believe that \*MORE\* is.

I thank you for giving what that \*MORE\* is, and I also said we can agree to disagree.

I do know one thing Ormly, all those other Cults, regardless of what they believe do have one thing in common...they have added \*MORE\* then the Original inspired Word of God teaches.

Think on that!

In Christ  
Katy-Did

Re:, on: 2007/8/29 8:21

Good morning, Katy. Yes, I am up usually, quite early. It's my best time of day.

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Then ask yourself these questions: What would have happened if Adam would eaten of the Tree of Life? Why, after he trangressed, was he expelled from the garden? What would have been the consequences of the trangress ion had he eaten of it? Think it through, Katy.

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To the contrary. It is you who has not taken in the "rest of the story" of the gospel. You are hung up on some particular theme that is "dead-end" thinking. No doubt truth, however, it won't see you home.

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I am not interested in the other cults or you comparing me to them. I KNOW the message of the Bible, Katy. More than you are giving me credit for. Now if you are sincere as you say you are, please study out my questions above and see where they lead you in discovering the "MORE" of the gospel..

Re:, on: 2007/8/29 9:01

Ormlly said, referring to my statement:

Quote:

-----Then ask yourself these questions: What would have happened if Adam would eaten of the Tree of Life?  
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Seeing you didn't disagree with what seems to be your version of a perfect outcome, you are also saying if I'm not mistaken:

If Adam and Eve would have eaten from the Tree of Life, after their obedience, producing the outcome of their transfiguration (as you say) to become a clone of God himself, first being clothed in flesh, would no longer be flesh but transfigured???, with reproductive organs to produce MORE Gods and more gods and more gods and more gods, and that this was His original plan to have children??!!??

Then the only reason He originally created man was for those reproductive organs to have these little gods, or children... fully god children?

Now I do know that in Job, angels were also referred to as sons of God...but not in the same sense as would be the offspring of transfigured Adam and Eve. But they were too created by God, with a free will it would seem, and rebelled wanting to be like God, or exalt himself above God, or at least this is what we are told Lucifer wanted.

So now we have in your perfect world a dysfunctional family, with God's offspring through Adam & Eve Transfigured, and the rebellious angels constantly quarreling, not to mention possible sibling rivalry.

I would think God would have wanted to deal with the issues at hand first before bringing sons into Glory.

This is why I believe, as I showed in Revelation, God's plan, that before all were brought into Glory, Satan and the fallen angels would have been dealt with, seeing in the NEW Heaven and New Earth, nothing evil, nothing that could make a lie, (as the serpent was a liar from the beginning) could enter in.

This is my final answer Ormlly. Nothing can change my mind on the matter.

In Christ  
Katy-did

Re:, on: 2007/8/29 9:35

Quote:

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Katy-did wrote:

Ormlly said, referring to my statement:

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I asked a simple question. Can you not give a simple answer? Can you be that obstinate?

NOTE: Transfiguration is the necessary result of obeying God.

**Fruits - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/8/29 9:48**

Psa 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Hang on to that folks, it was only a few replies back

**Re: Fruits, on: 2007/8/29 10:22**

In searching this out I came across this by Chambers:

Analogy of the First Adam and Last Adam (&#65279;Romans 5:12, 19&#65279;)

There are only two Men in the Bible: Adam and Jesus Christ, Â“&#65279;with all humanity hanging at their girdles.&#65279;Â”

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. (&#65279;Genesis 2:7&#65279;)

The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. (&#65279;Luke 1:35&#65279;)

"The New Testament reveals that the birth of Jesus was an advent, not a beginningÂ—an advent that put Him on the plane, humanly speaking, that Adam was on. The first Adam and the last Adam came direct from the hand of God.

God did not create Adam holy, He created him innocent, without self-consciousness (as we understand the word) before God; the one thing Adam was conscious of was God and only of himself in relation to the Being Whose commands he was to fulfil; the main trend of his spirit was towards God. **Adam was intended by God to take part in his own development by a series of moral choices whereby he would transform innocence into holiness. Adam failed to do this, Jesus Christ came on the same platform as Adam and did not fail. Supposing Adam had transformed the natural life into the spiritual by obedience, what would have happened? Transfiguration; he would have Â“&#65279; spiritualised&#65279;Â” the natural life and made it all that God wanted it to be.** The natural life is neither good nor bad, moral nor immoral; it is the principle within that makes it good or bad, moral or immoral".

This was a confirming word to me.

**Re:, on: 2007/8/29 10:58**

Quote:

-----Psa 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!  
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I do understand this, and I understand unity is that we are of one mind and one accord.

This I believe is the Unity we are NOW called to:  
Colossians 2:

4And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.

5For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ.

6As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

7Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

8Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

9For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

10And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

Who we are and what we are is NOW IN CHRIST Alone. What was to have been??? is not, and what is to be is NOW.

Is this Chambers or Ormly?

Quote:  
-----Supposing Adam had transformed the natural life into the spiritual by obedience, what would have happened? Transfiguration; he would have "spiritualised" the natural life and made it all that God wanted it to be.  
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It's the What God wanted it to be that we are not of the same accord.

If as you say Ormly, that you said every knee would have bowed and confessed Adam 1 to be Lord to the Glory of the Father, this is where I must in obedience to the scriptures just posted, depart from this conversation. For me and my conscience NOW IN CHRIST, I am to love the LORD MY GOD, with all my Heart Mind Soul and Spirit.

Quote:  
-----The natural life is neither good nor bad, moral nor immoral; it is the principle within that makes it good or bad, moral or immoral".  
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The natural NOW is fallen and sin. There is not a \*principle\* within me that makes me anything,

It is CHRIST IN ME ONLY that has put to death the moral AND immoral, and made me a NEW Creation In Christ Jesus.

Jesus DID NOT come on the \*same\* platform as Adam I, as Jesus, God incarnate, born of a virgin, took upon Him sin, SHED HIS BLOOD, for the forgiveness of sin, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father.... a place NEVER reserved for Adam 1.

Gotta Go!

Katy-did

Added. Edited

We are saved by ONE principle ALONE, and that is FAITH in Jesus Christ, for what HE and HE alone did at Calvary. To God be the Glory for all the things \*HE\* HAS DONE...MY LORD and My God...from eternity past to eternity future! Who was and is and always will be...the Great I AM.

Re:, on: 2007/8/29 11:16

End this Katy. I'm done.

Sorry.

I offer this for everyone's consideration:

The "work of Cross" is for the creation of saints. The "way of the Cross" is for their perfection.

Before Adam's Transgression, the "work of the Cross" was not necessary. Seeing that the "way of the Cross" can only be between sinless beings, i.e., sinless man with God responding to his willingness to renounce himself, his will, Adam could have freely participated, that is until he transgressed. He disqualified himself from the privilege of becoming all what the Father intended for him, i.e., son-ship, heir-ship and ultimately throne-ship. There could be no more "making of saints" since the "work of the Cross" was now needed for that purpose. 4G yrs. man waited for the advocate Adam never had.

Enter Jesus, the last Adam and by His Obedience-Allegiance, reconciled the world to the Father. This was the WORK that restores man to the condition Adam, by his transgression, interrupted. We can now become what was intended for Adam because of the Blood of the Lamb shed for us.

That is the gospel of Jesus Christ. Not all, but the main part.

This is what Paul understood when he said this:

"with Christ I have been crucified, and live no more do I, and Christ doth live in me; and that which I now live in the flesh--in the faith I live **of the Son of God**, who did love me and did give himself for me" Galatians 2:20 (YLT)

This is the "sinlessness" in which he functioned throughout his missionary life. This is also why John could say that one, in this Spiritual condition; this intimate relationship, could not sin.

Re:, on: 2007/8/29 11:19

Ormlly, I have no more inquiries.

Katy-did

Re:, on: 2007/8/29 12:20

Quote:

-----The "work of Cross" is for the creation of saints. The "way of the Cross" is for their perfection.

Ormlly, the Work of the Cross comes after the Way of the Cross.

Are you saying Jesus lived by faith of the Son of God? so, Galatians is about Jesus living by the way of a cross that His sinlessness functioned to begin with? Then why the virgin birth? So you are saying Jesus was not God? Or didn't become God until AFTER He rose from the dead? Jesus Fully God, Fully Man showed up before the Cross, transfigured on the mount of Transfiguration BEFORE going to the Cross, God Revealing HE WAS the very Glory and essence of God, even calling Him SON before that at his baptism with John the Baptist.

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-----This was the WORK that restores man to the condition Adam, by his transgression, interrupted. We can now become what was intended for Adam because of the Blood of the Lamb shed for us.

AND this is incorrect...we are not \*restored\* back to what Adam was to be before the fall...AKA Restoration Theology.

WE are a NEW Creation In Christ Jesus. Adam before the FALL was NOT a New Creation in Christ Jesus.

**Re:, on: 2007/8/29 13:25**

Anyone else, please.

**Re:, on: 2007/8/29 13:35**

Ormlly, regardless of the work of the Cross or the way of the cross, the Bible says this

For the preaching of the cross is to them that parish foolishness, but to us who ARE saved, IT IS THE POWER OF GOD .

So regardless of Adam I taking or not taking up his cross, the power of God was not in it, because there was no WORK of the cross that preceeded a way you seem to think he was to follow.

The Cross, what you call a \*principle\* of life can not save /sanctify/ or transfigure anyone.

Jesus said, Behold, I call all things NEW.

Only His New Creation in the New Creation washed in the Blood of the Lamb, who are sanctified through that blood, will be forever with the Lord in the NEW Heaven and Earth.

We look forward and up, not back to Eden and down to earth.

I'm done!

**Re:, on: 2007/8/29 14:55**

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Paul NEVER claimed to be sinless, because Paul knew they were of one mind and one accord in the unity of the faith Jo  
hn also saying:

John 1:7-9

7But 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 S  
on cleanseth us from all sin.

8If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Paul full of Truth, never preached sinless perfection in our now lifetime. Only Glorified at the redemption of our bodies, w  
ill that sinless life exist when Jesus comes to take His Saints to our NEW Home, where mansions are NOW being built f  
or us.

Isn't this what Oneness Pentecostal, Restoration Theology teaches? Some here may want to read the warnings on that  
label.



Love in Christ  
Katy-did

Added/ Edited for content and TRUTH:

The Greek word "teleios" (tel'-i-os) is used throughout the New Testament. It is often translated as "perfect" but can also mean "complete," "full-grown," and even "mature." The confusion comes in when various translations use the word "perfect" instead of one of the other meanings. As an example, in James 1:4 it says that we will be "perfect and complete." But a further reading of the book shows that a better translation would be "mature," because in James 3:2 it says that we all stumble. Obviously we cannot be perfect and stumble. However, the concept of maturity is compatible with imperfection.

1 Corinthians 13:10; Ephesians 4:13; and Colossians 1:28, 4:12 all should be translated as "mature" or "full-grown" both of which fit in well in each verse's context. As human beings we are still bound under the curse of Adam. No matter how hard we try not to, we will still sin against God. The Apostle Paul scolded Peter (Galatians 2:11-13) for favoritism. Late in his ministry Paul calls himself the chief of sinners (1 Timothy 1:15). Peter, James, John, and Paul all admitted that they were not perfect. How could you or I claim anything different?

True perfection will not come until the "Rapture" when we rise to meet Jesus in the air (1 Thessalonians 4:17). At this time we will receive a new body (Philippians 3:20,21; 1 Corinthians 15:54). We will attend the Judgment Seat of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:10) where our works will be judged and any rewards given (1 Corinthians 3:9-15). We will then live forever and reign with Christ, in sinless perfection

**Re: - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/8/29 15:00**

Quote:  
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Ormy wrote:  
Anyone else, please.  
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Well I'm a little confused, so I'll ask a question.

If Adam hadn't fallen...after Adam was transfigured, are you saying He would have become Christ? Or something?

What would be the distinctions between Adam and Christ?

Nile

**Re:, on: 2007/8/29 15:40**

Hi Nile!

Keep in mind Christ was NOT the son of God. Jesus was, as well as being son of man. In reality and actuality the two became one at His birth; Christ being one with flesh and Jesus protecting that relationship in His humanity. Jesus was completely "self-renounced" doing only what the Father revealed for him to do. By this He proved Himself as a human worthy to be for all eternity the embodiment of Christ who was the Word; very expression of the Father. In Glory we will see the nail prints that will testify to this being so.

By a series of moral choices Adam, not unlike what Jesus was presented, was originally intended by God to be what Jesus became, i.e., Christ in flesh and bone. No more Pre-incarnate Christ, ever.

Keep in mind here that in reality Jesus always was what He became in actuality but it all had to be worked out through the finger tips of flesh and on the Mount that day He was transfigured. That was His graduation day.

This from above is now given to us to perform upon our new birth until that day we have our graduation:

"In reality the two became one at His birth; Christ being one with flesh and Jesus protecting that relationship in His humanity"

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/8/29 16:26**

1Cr 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam a quickening spirit.

Adam was created a living soul, with no spirit of God or spirit of Satan. Adam chose his spirit nature when he believed the lie of Satan.

"You are of your father the devil." God putting the two trees in the garden new Adam had a choice. Giving him only one command and allowing Adam to choose his and our nature, the nature of mankind which is the nature of Satan, his choice to believe.

Now we can change that by the same platform. To be born again. The same way as Adam chose to believe Satan, we can now choose to believe God who puts the faith of Christ in us to now believe God and become born again son's of the Father God by the Word and Jesus Christ's Seed put in us. The Sperma of God, giving birth to a new creature, a son of God, the ultimate act of Love. Placing Sperma in the ones He has chosen to bring forth, His own natured sons. The son's of God who even angels want look into and waiting for the manifestation of these son's of the living God by The Sperma of God in an act of love the Incorruptable Seed of Christ in you the hope of Glory.

Adam blew it and God all along knowing he would but already choosing a way to overcome Adam's choice unto death and sin. Ephesians 1:3-14 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

In Christ by the Father's choice and His calling and predestination and redemption unto the praise of His glory. Sealed by the Holy Spirit kept by Christ in us and delivered by the Father.

There is a strange part of God that brings forth life out of death. So Adam, either way He chose God has already planned to work out our salvation in Christ. Even Life out of death.

Galatians 2:16-20 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid. For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

In Christ: Phillip

Re: - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/8/29 16:32

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Alright, I'm getting a better view of what you're saying.

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Who was He then, before the world began? I think the way your using the word "Christ" is confusing me. I am accustomed to using "Christ" and "Jesus" interchangeably. Because of course, they are. If Adam had fulfilled his purpose, would "Christ" and "Adam" be interchangeable?

Re:, on: 2007/8/29 16:55

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Where do you come with this notion of "spirit nature"? I don't see that concept in the scriptures.

Re:, on: 2007/8/29 17:04

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Nile wrote:

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The "Word"; Logos, the very expression of the Father who spoke the worlds into existence. He was not Jesus at this point in time.

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Thats fine, but understand that is only fact now because of Calvary. Proof lies in the resurrection. All the Angels were on tip toe to witness the man Jesus coming out of that grave to be the Christ in a Glorified Human Body.

Quote:  
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Yes. And there would have been no need for a Calvary in the process.

**Re: - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/8/29 17:10**

Hmmm, ok, I need to ponder these things and read the scripture. Thanks for the clarifications =)

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/8/29 23:07**

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There has always been from before the foundation of the world, for a Calvary.

Ephesians 1:3-14 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Then, why did man have to be rebirthed if Adam could have been Christ. There is only One that has the direct Incorruptable Seed, Sperma of God that brings forth a begotten Son, the First fruits. Then we are born again of the Same Seed. Adam did not have the Seed of God, he was only created, a living soul, not a living Spirit.

The first fruits Jesus Christ was birthed, Adam was only created. If Adam would have chosen the Tree of Life instead of the knowledge of good and evil, he would have lived forever on this earth. That is what will happen to Israel, all their promises are on this earth. They will be as Adam could have been but not birthed and rebirthed son's of God. The only begotten and the born again. God will then rule by Christ the King, as He would have if Adam had of chosen the tree of Life. They are different from the birthed and rebirthed son's who will be heavenly creatures and not earthly creatures.

There is a big difference in the first Adam and the Second Adam. Adam chose his own nature, his father Satan. The Second Adam was already full God and fully man with His birthed nature, that is the Nature and very expression of the Father.

Adam created could never have been Jesus Christ The Only Begotten Son of God by first fruit.

Jhn 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Jhn 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

1Jo 4:9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him

Adam, only a son of man by creation, not born again yet. Not a son of God yet.

Jhn 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Jhn 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

1Pe 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Now son's of God.

Jhn 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, to them that believe on his name:

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Rom 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

Phl 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

1Jo 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: there fore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

1Jo 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

In Christ a created fallen being, recreated a new Creature in Christ Jesus, born again and now a full natured son of God. The Spirit of Christ, full nature of Christ, The Soul, The pure and Logos of God by the Holy Spirit, The Body, fully quickened to contain both and waiting for resurrected heavenly bodies like His.

Phillip

Re:, on: 2007/8/30 7:02

Quote:

-----Â"There has always been from before the foundation of the world, for a Calvary.Â"

True, but only in the foreknowledge of God was it so and only in the foreknowledge of God is that intended to be understood when read in the Bible.

You must keep in mind that the reason for Jesus, the second Adam, is because Adam 1, failed.

Now ask the logical question: What would have been the outcome had Adam succeeded?

The problem with most all Christians today is they are hung on the redemption story from a man centered perspective; not one they even desire to understand from God's perspective. One that speaks only of receiving God's blessings: "Save me", "heal me", "fix me", "teach me", "bless me", etc, etc. These folk are selfish and refuse to embrace the way of the Cross for their lives, seeking always to GET something from God rather than being interested in becoming what He purposed for them. To me, being born again means that one has this interest. Ergo, we have all these man-centered "Christian" religious factions in "how to" clubs called "church"... They have never taken the time, nor have any inclination, to understand what Father had in mind for His creation; why He created man at all, except to go to heaven if he gets saved .... and hangs on.

God wants a vast family of Son's who will be just like Him but of flesh and bone and the program of producing them can only be by pro-creation. That is the only way they can be brought into existence. Because Adam failed they all now have to be created again. That is called the second birth; "Born Again", a "New creation in Christ".

Can at least that much be understood? I believe this is the proper starting point for anyone's understanding.

Try this understanding out for awhile and see if it isn't the truth of it.

Re:, on: 2007/8/30 7:44

Quote:

-----Keep in mind here that in reality Jesus always was what He became in actuality but it all had to work out through the finger tips of flesh and on the Mount that day He was transfigured. That was His graduation day.

Ormly, exactly what did Jesus do to have graduated seeing He had not even gone to the Cross yet in these verses?

GOD was revealing UNLIKE YOUR VERSION: Quote

Ormly said,

**Keep in mind Christ was NOT the son of God**

But what is John's warning:

1 John 4:2

Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

1 John 4:3

And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

2 John 1:7

For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

But in fact Christ is God who became flesh for US.

So to prove this Peter and a few were allowed to see the following event **BEFORE Calvary**:

Matthew 17:2

And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

Mark 9:2

And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them.

All false doctrines can be revealed by holding up the book of Hebrews.

David too said:

Psalm 110:1

The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Thine enemies also include the fallen angels including Satan, before God even formed man of the dust of the earth.

\*\*\*\*\*1st Corinthians 15\*\*\*\* when CHRIST Puts all things under His feet.

To say that Adam 1, a formed being, was to be given this honor not only is not in scripture, but to say that he was, is to say God dethroned Himself or was about to, through Adam 1, and we all should have, if Ormly's philosophical interjection came to pass, we would have a NEW God all confessing Adam 1 as Lord of Lords and King Of King, (in Heaven) ???? and Earth and things under the earth etc, etc,

Ormly, please tell us where you are getting this. Are you reading everything ever written, Mormon, JW, all religions and comingling, not able to discern truth from lie?

In Christ

Katy-did

**Re:, on: 2007/8/30 9:11**

55Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.

56Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.

57Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?

58Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you,

**Before Abraham was, I AM**

And what did God say to Moses when Moses asked before going back to Egypt, who sahl I say sent me, and God said:

Tell them **I AM** has sent you. I AM THAT I AM.

**Exodus 3:14** And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

Jesus, BEFORE going to the Cross also declared

**I AM** the resurrection.

Rather a bold statement on all parts here if he hadn't yet graduated.

Yet, it seems that these BOLD statements Jesus was making of Himself ....(before he graduated??), brought the wrath of the Jews in rejecting the Anointed one. \*\*Psalms 2:7

Love in Christ  
Katy-did

Added/Edited for content and TRUTH

Ormlly, do you know what "I AM" means?

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/8/30 17:18**

Quote:

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Adam must die in the ground to produce fruit.

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Jesus must die to produce fruit or He stands alone. We must be the same.

In Christ, dying in body, fully alive in Spirit and becoming fully alive in soul, by the renewing of our minds. Then complete in Christ:

Phillip

**Re:, on: 2007/8/31 9:51**

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This was a reply I gave to another writer who was beginning to see what the issues were. Perhaps it might help us here:

Quote:

-----Jesus needed to be sanctified because the flesh has to submit to the father.  
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I may have worded it somewhat differently, however, you are on to understanding what the issue was that Jesus demonstrated to us that we, by the virtue of new birth, are commanded to demonstrate in our flesh .... as He performed in His. I.e., "Thou shalt love the Lord God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength".

It can be no other way that we strive that our love and allegiance to the Father be made perfect as Jesus' was. This is "striving" for the Kingdom and "the violent, by the new birth and revelation, take it by force".. "Let this Mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus". That Mind was the very Mind of the Christ from Glory, equal to the Father yet submissive to Him in all. His dictates to Jesus, son of man, who obeyed from His flesh because He loved the Father. Christ never said to God "I object and wish to do something different with Jesus". Can the lips say to the heart, I object? NEVER! The magnificent thing here is that by virtue of His union with the Father in his flesh, Jesus, son of man-Son of God, understood it all and completely obeyed. As a result, He was full of Grace and Truth. God gave him, in "full measure", all of Himself that human flesh could contain without being "Transfigured".....And it happened! He was!!

In His 3 yrs of Earthly life, Jesus was sustained because of the Heavenly Vision that was given Him as a direct result of His obedience, full of Joy and overflowing with Grace. Read John 14 in this light. Separate out the difference between Jesus speaking from His human side and the Christ of God of Jesus perfectly joined to Him as He becomes to us, when we are begotten again. What a privilege we have that is obscured by an overemphasizing of His death, the "work of the Cross"; the redemption story. It is His Life that redemption can now make available to us, for our becoming as He is by, the "way of the Cross;"..... the process by which we are, "conformed to His likeness."

Quote:

Like Adam when he was perfect, even though he was perfect before eating the fruit, if he refrained from the fruit he would have stayed sanctified, which is a form of being more sanctified because the flesh is in submission to the father. That makes sense?

Here we must see that Adam was not perfect. He was only 'perfectly' innocent. Only God is perfect and Adam was to make perfect; be made Holy by a series of moral choices given him. He flunked the first series.... and there was no redeemer as yet to be the advocate for him to the Father who could/would plead his case. That would have to wait for 4G yrs. In the meantime the making of sons for the Father, by procreation, would continue only now they would all have to be redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb. We can read the history of those 4G yrs and view the struggle between God, who was determined, and ignorant man lacking in not only in his understanding but also a divine connection that would have procured a sustaining love to the Father, in his flesh. Everything was now from Law and sacrifices. The "way of becoming" was cut off from man. His very best in righteousness could never secure for him a place in the eternal presence of God.

Enter, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Jesus was God's full representation of normal man, man as God designed and intended him to be. By identifying with Him in His death, we declare our commitment to become as His Life demonstrated. This places fresh impetus to the significance of damnation in this passage: "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 1 Corinthians 11:28-29 (KJV)

The interesting thing here is and I like the way Chambers views it; "Submission can only be between equals". However, we know that Jesus was obedient; He, because of His flesh, could only be so. Obedience is not submission but rather the recognizing of a higher authority over you and the fear of the consequences if disobedient. This is human flesh here

hat I speak of being perfected by the Christ of Glory; the Christ now of His earthly life; Character of the Father.

Submission, on the other hand, could only be of the Christ of His earthly life who was equal to the Father; who could be the only one to say, as we read Jesus saying: "I came to do whatsoever the Father wills." The Christ of Jesus submitted to the Father's will. Jesus, son of man, not yet divine human flesh, obeyed the life that was of Him. They were inseparably one in disposition.

The Father's will was accomplished. "It is Finished". Jesus Christ, the new Divine Human, is now the God of Eternity; Divine Humanity now equal with the Father, waiting for the Father to make His enemies His "footstool". Jesus Christ, Son of God rightly called is now in actuality, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords....with nail print prints in His Hands to prove it.

The Man Jesus, the "First of First Fruits". Will we allow ourselves to become like Him, .... as He was in His earthly flesh? That is what is before us isn't it, ..... if we say we born again of His Spirit?

**Re:, on: 2007/9/1 12:35**

Quote:

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Ormy, our flesh IS NOT being perfected. Our FLESH is crucified with Christ. Our FLESH was put to death.

Do you believe Romans 6-8?

Or that Galatians say the flesh war against the spirit and the spirit against the flesh.

Our flesh is and will always be the enemy of God and at enmity with God. God is NOT making us over to be what Adam 1 was to be...we are a NEW CREATION IN CHRIST. Old things pass away, behold I make all things NEW. Flesh and blood CANNOT enter the Kingdom of God.

Flesh and blood will enter the 1000 year reign, put under the ruling of an Iron Fist, called to pluck out an eye or cut off a hand if it offends. That's how HARD it is going to be under the 1000 Year Kingdom Reign.

But Jesus said "My Kingdom is not of this world".

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/9/3 1:30**

This flesh has been quickened by the Spirit that is in us by our birthing of God. This flesh now contains the life of Christ. This flesh will be planted into the ground and it will bring forth fruit. Just like Jesus, Jhn 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. We have been made that corn of wheat with the capacity to bring forth what the Father intended from before creation. That is Christ in you the Hope of Glory. Ephesians 1:10-11 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

1Pe 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

Our old spirit is now the Spirit of Christ.

Rom 8:9 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.

1Pe 1:11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

We no longer have the spirit of our old father satan. But by the Christ in us we now have the Spirit of the Father in us by the Son, just like Mary who gave birth to Jesus the Christ.

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Luke 1:38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

And us also being born again by the same Seed.

1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Who is the Word of God? John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Adam was only the beginning of this perfect plan and we are the plan personified in Christ.

Colossians 1:26-28 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

The Mystery is the Plan and it is now revealed to those in Christ and the perfection of the mystery which is, "Christ in you the Hope of Glory."

The last Adam, all that is necessary for the plan of God to make every man in Christ perfect in all wisdom and understanding of the Christ that is in us. This Person is our eternal Life the Father intended from before the foundation of the World and crucified from the beginning of the world.

Jhn 17:24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

1Pe 1:20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

"Before"

"From"

Hbr 4:3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

Rev 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Rev 17:8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

Adam was created for this purpose that God by the first Adam might give birth, not give creation, but birth to His own son's by Jesus Christ the only Begotten Son the First Fruit of all those that would be born again and become son's of God.

Gal 4:7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Adam could not do it and none since except Jesus Christ the Last Adam. God dealt with only two men in His plan. Adam the created and Jesus Christ the birthed. One of earth the other of Heaven. Where we are not seated with Him.

Eph 1:3 Blessed the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

Eph 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

Eph 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

This was God's plan before the foundation of the world, it is God's plan now and it will be His plan to the end.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re:, on: 2007/9/3 6:34**

Totally irrelevant as to what the "fruit" is intended "to be".

**Re:, on: 2007/9/3 22:05**

Galatians 5:

19Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

**22But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.**

**24And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.**

25If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.