

# GOD AND HIS CREATION

## INTRODUCTION

GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH. FROM THE VERY BEGINNING HIS GOAL AND PURPOSE WAS TO CREATE A PEOPLE WITH WHOM HE COULD HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH AS WELL AS HAVE COMPANSHIP WITH. SO WE SEE IN GENESIS CH 1: 26-27. THE FIRST OF THESE PEOPLE:

"GOD SAID, LET US [FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT] MAKE MANKIND IN OUR IMAGE, AFTER OUR LIKENESS. --

SO GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE AND LIKENESS -- THE VERY IMAGE OF GOD. MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM."

THE~~N~~ GOD CHALLENGED THEM TO BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY AND TO FILL THE EARTH, TO SUBDUK IT, AND HAVE DOMINION OVER IT.

THIS WAS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE LIVING WATERS (THE HOLY SPIRIT). -- THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST. REVELATION 22:1 -- AND HE SHOWED ME A RIVER OF WATER OF LIFE, BRIGHT AS CRYSTAL, PROCEEDING OUT OF THE THRONE OF GOD. AND THE LAMB. --

THIS BRINGS GOD'S PEOPLE INDIVIDUALLY AND CORPORATELY [THE CHURCH] TO BE CALLED -- HOLY BRETHREN. AND PARTAKERS OF A HEAVENLY

CALLING, HEBREWS 3:1 AND.

SO THEN, CONSECRATED, SET APART FOR GOD, WHO SHARE IN THE HEAVENLY CALLING ~. THEN WE SEE IN VS 14, "FOR WE HAVE BECOME.. FELLOWS.. WITH CHRIST, THE MESSIAH, AND SHARE ALL HE HAS FOR US!" THE R.S.V SAYS: WE HAVE BECOME.. PARTAKERS OF CHRIST.

THE WORD PARTAKERS OCCURS 5 TIMES IN HEBREWS ~ AND IN LUKE 5:7. THE GREEK WORD IS TRANSLATED ~ PARTNERS ~ FELLOWS = COMPANIONS. ~ WHICH IS THE PUREST MEANING.

THE IDEA OF "COMPANIONS" ~ COULD BE SAID TO BE THE ULTIMATE THOUGHT OF GOD AND MANKINDS RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

GOD SPEAKS ABOUT THE CHURCH ~ ALWAYS ~ WITH LOVE ~ "HE LOVED THE CHURCH AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR IT" (EPH 5:25). IN THIS THE DEEPEST RELATIONSHIP OF GOD'S LOVE, WE ARE COMPANIONS IN LIFE, IN WORK, IN SUFFERING ~ JESUS SAYS: YE ARE MY FRIENDS.. (JOHN 15:14).

THE PURPOSE OF THESE TEACHING IS TO BRING US MORE UNDERSTANDING OF GOD'S PURPOSE FOR MANKIND AND THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ~ THROUGHOUT THE SCRIPTURE ~ KNOWN AS LIVING WATER ~ WHO IS TO BRING US INTO GOD'S PLAN.

## THE BEGINNING

(GENESIS 2:7) "THEN THE LORD GOD FORMED MAN OF THE "DUST" OF THE GROUND, AND BREATHED INTO HIS NOSTRILS... THE BREATH OR SPIRIT OF LIFE... AND HE BECAME... "A LIVING SOUL".

WHATEVER MAYBE TRUE OF MAN'S BODILY FRAME, THERE WAS A DISTINCT POINT OF HIS DEPARTURE FROM MATERIAL (MATER) CREATION - (IN REGARD TO MAN'S "MORAL" BEING WHICH IS "CHARACTERIZED" IN THIS VERSE - AS A DIVINE ACT) "DIFFERENTIATING" MAN FROM NATURE, AS A LIVING SOUL.

MAN BECAME A "TRINITE" BEING HAVING A BODY, SOUL, AND SPIRIT. GOD FORMED THE BODY (US?) THEN BREATHED THE SPIRIT INTO HIM - THUS - HE BECAME A SENSUAL AND SPIRITUAL BEING. THE BODY AND THE SPIRIT CAME TOGETHER AND THE "SOUL" WAS FORMED.

THE ACTION OF THE SPIRIT... UPON THE BODY PRODUCED THE "SOUL". THE SOUL IS THE SEAT OF PERSONALITY.

THE PERSONALITY IS AN "ENTITY" - STANDING BETWEEN - THE SPIRIT, WITH ITS OPENNESS TO THE SPIRITUAL WORLD -

AND THE BODY... WHICH IS OPEN TO THE OUTER WORLD OF NATURE AND SENSES.

TWO THOUGHTS THAT MUST BE CONSIDERED....

WHAT IS THE SOUL ... AS DISTINCT FROM THE SPIRIT? THEN WHAT ARE THEIR DISTINCT FUNCTIONS?

THE SCRIPTURE IN AT LEAST TWO PASSAGES....

SEPARATE THE "SOUL" FROM THE "SPIRIT". THE FIRST IS IN 1 THESS 5:23; "AND THE GOD OF PEACE... "SANTIFY" YOU WHOLLY AND I PRAY YOUR WHOLE "SPIRIT", "SOUL" AND "BODY" BE PRESERVED "BLAMELESS" UNTO THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST." THE SECOND IS IN HEBREWS 4:12, THE WORD OF GOD IS QUICK "LIVING" AND "POWERFUL" AND "SHARPER" THAN AND TWO-EDGE SWORD... PIERCING EVEN TO THE DIVIDING ASUNDER OF... THE "SOUL" AND "SPIRIT"...

SOUL = LIFE AND IMMORTALITY... "SPIRIT" IS IMMORTAL... WHAT ARE THEIR FUNCTIONS?

THROUGH-OUT HISTORY... WRITERS HAVE RESPONDED TO THIS THOUGHT. "TERTULLIAN" (160-220 AD) WRITES "THE BODY OF FLESH... AS IS MENTIONED IN COLOSSIANS 1:22 OF CHRIST... BEING A PHYSICIAL BODY... FLESH... THE BODY OF THE SOUL... AND... THE "SOUL", THE VESSEL OF THE SPIRIT... THIS CONCLUDES "THE SOUL" STANDS BETWEEN "THE SPIRIT" AND "THE BODY".

THE CONCLUSION... IS... DIRECT COMMUNICATION  
 BETWEEN THE FLESH AND SPIRIT... IS NOT POSSIBLE.  
 THE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THEM... MUST BE...  
 THROUGH A "MEDIUM". G.H. PEMBER... A POPULAR  
 WRITER IN THE 1800'S... STATES... THE "SOUL" IS THAT  
 MEDIUM.

THUS CONCLUDING THAT THE "SOUL" IS THE MEETING  
 PLACE... THE POINT OF UNION... BETWEEN THE BODY  
 AND SPIRIT.

ANDREW MURRAY IN HIS WRITINGS... (THE SPIRIT  
 OF CHRIST) SAYS; THROUGH THE BODY... MAN... (THE  
 LIVING SOUL, GEN 2:7) STOOD RELATED TO THE  
 EXTERNAL WORLD OF SENSE... AND THROUGH THE SPIRIT  
 - HE STOOD RELATED TO THE... SPIRITUAL WORLD.

BOTH PEMBER AND MURRAY SAY THAT THE...  
 FUNCTION OF THE SOUL... DEAL WITH "SELF"...  
 CONSCIOUSNESS... AS A LIVING SOUL

#### CONCLUSION

THE SPIRIT IS THE SEAT OF... "GOD" CONSCIOUSNESS...  
 - THUS IN THE SPIRIT... "GOD" DWELLS. [ROM 8:16]

THE PHYSICAL BODY OUR... "WORLD" CONSCIOUSNESS...  
 WITH OUR SENSES...

THE SOUL IS OUR... SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS...  
 THUS THE SOUL IS OUR... EMOTIONS, REASONING, WILL,  
 CHOICE, PSYCHIC MENTALITY... IE OUR MIND AND WILL -  
 "THE CREATION OF THE SOUL"

[GENESIS 2:7]

AND GOD FORMED MAN OF THE DUST OF THE  
 GROUND, AND BREATHED INTO HIS NOSTRILS --  
 -- THE BREATH OF LIFE; AND HE BECAME --  
 -- "A LIVING SOUL"

GOD DESIGNATED MAN AS A "LIVING SOUL" --  
 FOR IT WAS THERE THAT THE SPIRIT AND BODY --  
 MET. THROUGH THIS MERGING OF MAN'S SPIRIT  
 AND BODY HE BECAME AND "INDIVIDUALITY"

WHATEVER MAYBE OF MAN'S BODILY EARTHLY  
 FRAME... THERE WAS A POINT OF "HIS DEPARTURE"  
 FROM SIMPLY A MATERIAL CREATION... [REGARDING HIS  
 MORAL BEING] THAT IS CHARACTERIZED BY -- OR AS  
 BEING... A DIVINE ACT OF GOD... DIFFERENTIATING  
 HIM FROM NATURE. AS A MATTER OF FACT... MANKIND  
 WAS ORDERED TO RULE THE NATURAL. BY GOD.

ALSO, THE MAN... A LIVING SOUL... BOTH MALE AND  
 FEMALE... NOW HAD THE POWER OF CHOICE OR TO  
 CHOSE... AS INDIVIDUALS. THEY COULD CHOSE WHAT WORLD  
 WOULD NOW... DOMINATE THEM. THE PHYSICAL OR  
 THE SPIRITUAL... AS BOTH WERE OPINIONS.

## THE FALL

THE FALL APPARENTLY BEGAN IN THE INTELLECTUAL DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUL, WHY, FOR IT IS SAID THAT-- EVE SAW-- THAT THE TREE WAS "DESIRED" TO MAKE ONE WISE GEN 3:6. THE APPEAL OF THE "SERPENT"-- "SATAN"-- WAS NOT MADE TO THE VESSEL OF CLAY-- THE PHYSICAL BODY-- FOR THE "BODY OF FLESH" WAS AT THAT TIME-- DOMINATED BY THE SPIRIT-- THUS THE APPEAL WAS DIRECTED-- TO THE INTELLECT-- UNDERSTANDING-- OF EVE-- I.E. MANKIND. IT WAS BASED ON A LAWFUL DESIRE-- TO ADVANCE IN KNOWLEDGE AND POWER-- IN THE UNSEEN REALM OF ANOTHER WORLD. -- NOTE: "YE SHALL BE AS GODS" GENESIS 3:5.

THE TEMPTATION WAS KNOWLEDGE-- THE VERY KNOWLEDGE-- HOW TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL-- BLESSING AND CALAMITY. GOD SAID GENESIS 3:22-- AS WE ARE. [TRINE GODHEAD]

I BELIEVE-- IN DUE TIME-- GOD MEANT TO GIVE THEM THIS KNOWLEDGE-- BUT BEFORE THAT TIME-- AND-- OUT OF GOD'S WILL-- THEY DISOBEYED-- WHICH BROUGHT DEATH TO THEM AND TO ALL MANKIND.

THE APOSTLE PAUL-- IN HIS LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS-- 1 COR 1:19-- SEEMS TO HAVE

A VERY SIGNIFICANT CONNECTION TO THE FALL,  
PAUL SAYS "THE WORD OF THE CROSS" IS THE  
"POWER OF GOD" [TO DO WHAT] DESTROY THE  
WISDOM OF THE WISE,

THIS SEEMS TO INDICATE SINCE SIN ENTERED  
THROUGH THE AVENUE OF INTELLECT AND SALVATION  
COMES BY A CROSS WHICH PAUL STATES CAN  
DESTROY THIS WISDOM "THIS FALLEN WISDOM" BY  
FAITH ACCEPTING THE MESSAGE "WORD" OF THE  
CROSS WE NOW FOLLOW THE WISDOM OF CHRIST  
"THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST" WHICH WAS ALWAYS GOD'S  
DESIRE "THE TREE OF LIFE"

PAUL SAYS IF ANY MAN THINKS THAT HE IS WISE  
AMONG YOU LET HIM BECOME A FOOL THAT HE  
MAY BECOME WISE GOD'S INTENTION ALL ALONG

1 COR 3:19 THE WISDOM OF THIS WORLD IS  
FOOLISHNESS WITH GOD SO WE CAN CONCLUDE  
THAT MAN IS INCOMPLETE WITHOUT GOD. IN  
ADAM MAN SEEKING WISDOM ON HIS OWN --  
HE FAILED AND DID NOT FULFILL GOD'S PURPOSE.

SO, GOD HAVING A FURTHER PURPOSE FOR  
MANKIND ADAM AND EVE THEY WERE IN THE  
BEGINNING BOTH PERFECT IN CREATION BUT  
INCOMPLETE IN THEIR PURPOSE.

THIS DELAYED THE WORK OF MANKIND, GOD'S CREATION, FROM THEIR "COMPLETION". THEY DID NOT ATTAIN TO THE "HIGHEST LEVEL" OF THEIR PURPOSE WITH GOD.

"LET US MAKE MAN IN OUR IMAGE, AFTER OUR LIKENESS" (GENESIS 1:26). MAN WAS CREATED IN "GOD'S IMAGE" ACCORDING TO HIS LIKENESS.

LIKENESS, REFERS TO FORM, EXTERNAL, NOT INTERNAL QUALITY. ADAM BEING CREATED "A LIVING SOUL" (GENESIS 2:7) ESTABLISHED HIM, BOTH MALE AND FEMALE, AS ETERNAL BEINGS. THUS, THEY WERE ETERNAL BEINGS BUT WERE NOT A FINISHED WORK. THEY DID NOT HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN THEM, REPRESENTED BY THE "TREE OF LIFE". ADAM WAS LIKE GOD IN FORM BUT NOT LIKE GOD IN CHARACTER.

THE EFFECT OF ADAM'S FALL, FAILURE WAS TO LOSE HIS OPPORTUNITY TO FULLFILL GOD'S PURPOSE. HE ~~FELL~~ FELL AND SO DID ALL OF HIS OFFSPRING. (ROMANS 3:23) ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALL SHORT OF THE "GLORY" OF GOD.

WE CAN SEE THIS BY GOD PLACING HIM <sup>WITH</sup> THE TREE OF LIFE "WHICH REPRESENTED GOD'S LIFE" WHICH IS ETERNAL. ALSO GOD PLACED THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE - OF "GOOD AND EVIL" - OF SIN AND SELF-CENTERED, AS SATAN.

GOD ALLOWED HIS CREATED MAN AND WOMAN TO CHOSE BETWEEN THEM. THIS ESTABLISHES THE CONCLUSION THAT ADAM AND ~~AND~~ EVE WERE NOT COMPLETE IN GOD'S EYES.

NOTICE

① THEY, AS YET, COULD NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL - WRONG AND RIGHT.

② THEY STILL NEEDED "GOD'S LIFE" AS REPRESENTED BY THE "TREE OF LIFE"

THE FINAL STEP WAS FOR MAN TO TAKE FOR HIMSELF. IF HE CHOSE THE LIFE OF GOD, AS IS REPRESENTED AS "THE TREE OF LIFE", HE WOULD BE COMPLETE AS GOD DESIRED.

HOWEVER MAN, MALE AND FEMALE, MADE THE WRONG CHOICE. HE CHOSE KNOWLEDGE, THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE, AS THE SPIRIT OF SATAN PRESENTED TO EVE OF WHICH BOTH ADAM AND EVE ATE.

ADAM FORFEITED GOD'S IMAGE AND SO IT IS WITH ALL THE DECENDENTS OF ADAM. IT HAS BEEN SO ALL THROUGH THE AGES..... MANKIND -- HAS DISCIPLINED AND IMPROVING THEMSELVES STILL FAILED TO ATTAIN THIS GOAL.

THE REALITY IS ONLY GOD CAN BRING MANKIND TO REACH THIS GOAL. THE GOAL OF BEING WHAT GOD DESIRED OF ADAM AND EVE, AND ALL MANKIND. THAT IS TO BE, A COMPLETE MAN, GOD'S DESIRE.

GOD HAS DONE IT. ALL IS NOT LOST. THE MAN GOD HAS LONGED FOR HAS COME. THE MAN, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. THE ONE WHOM GOD SOUGHT, SINCE THE CREATION OF MAN. THE TRULY TYPICAL "NORMAL MAN" WHAT GOD SOUGHT IN ADAM, IS NOW "COMPLETE" IN HIS HUMAN FLESH SON. THE WORD BE CAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US, AND WE ARE COMPLETE IN HIM - BY FAITH. "COLOSSIANS" 2:10 "...WE ARE COMPLETE IN HIM, WHICH IS THE HEAD OF ALL PRINCIPALITY AND POWER".

JESUS WAS NOT A DECENDANT OF ADAM, AS ALL OTHER HUMAN BEINGS ARE, OR HE WOULD BE INCOMPLETE ALSO. JESUS IS A HUMAN BY BEING CONCEIVED OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. BEING FATHERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, JESUS IS -

A REPRESENTATIVE MAN... THE MAN OF GOD'S DESIRE. GOD SENT HIS SON IN FLESH TO REPRESENT MANKIND. HE CAME TO BE THE SACRIFICE NEEDED TO GIVE MANKIND ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO BE COMPLETE. JESUS, THE REPRESENTATIVE MAN.

JESUS WAS BORN INTO THE WORLD AS THE SON OF GOD. (HEBREWS 1:5) "THOU ART MY SON, THIS DAY HAVE I BEGOTTEN THEE."

IN (MATTHEW 1:20-21) SPEAKING TO JOSEPH, "DO NOT BE AFRAID TO TAKE MARY AS YOUR WIFE FOR THE CHILD CONCEIVED IN HER, WHICH SHE IS CARRYING, IS FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT. YOU WILL NAME HIM JESUS, FOR HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS!"

(ROMANS 5:12) "SIN CAME INTO THE WORLD BY ONE MAN" AND "DEATH" IS THE RESULT OF SIN SO DEATH SPREAD TO ALL MEN... NO ONE IS ABLE TO STOP IT... OR... ESCAPE ITS POWER"

SIN CAME THROUGH ADAM... HIS DISOBEDIENCE. THIS BROUGHT... THE SIN FACTOR... TO ALL THE DECENDANTS OF ADAM. ALL ARE BORN UNDER THE CURSE OF SIN... DISOBEDIENCE... BROKEN FELLOWSHIP... NO RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD...

JESUS WAS NOT A DECENDANT OF ADAM AS ALL OTHER HUMAN BEINGS ARE - OR HE WOULD BE INCOMPLETE. JESUS WAS FATHERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. THIS QUALIFIED HIM TO MET THE CONDITIONS REQUIRED BY LAW FOR A SACRIFICE FOR ALL THE SINS OF ALL THE DECENDANTS OF ADAM.

IN (CORINTHIANS 15:3-4) FOR I DELIVERED UNTO YOU FIRST OF ALL THAT WHICH I ALSO RECEIVED - HOW THAT CHRIST, (GOD'S SON BY THE HOLY SPIRIT), DIED FOR OUR SINS - ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURE AND HE WAS BURIED, AND THAT HE ROSE AGAIN THE THIRD DAY - - .

THEN IN VS 21, "FOR ~~AS~~ SINCE BY MAN CAME DEATH BY MAN CAME ALSO THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD." (VS 22) "FOR AS IN ADAM ALL DIE, EVEN SO IN CHRIST SHALL ALL BE MADE ALIVE."

THUS, GOD'S SON, JESUS BRINGS MANKIND ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO BE COMPLETE. TO HAVE HIS SINS FORGIVEN - PAID FOR.

THIS ALL CAME ABOUT BY GOD'S GRACE. THE UNMERITED FAVOR. TO REVERSE THE DESTRUCTION OF DEATH - FROM ADAM. JESUS CHRIST BROUGHT FROM GOD, THE FATHER AND OVERFLOWING, ABOUNDING, AND DEATH DESTROYING GRACE TO ALL BY FAITH, TO ALL WHO BELIEVE IN HIM. (ACTS 16:31)

GOD IS A GOD OF GRACE... THAT IS... GRACE FULL  
... OUT OF PROPORTION... COMPLETE: FAR AND ABOVE,  
THE FALL OF MAN, ADAM'S FAILURE,

HIS FALLING AWAY BROUGHT DEATH INTO THE  
WORLD OF MANKIND. THE UNMERTED GRACE  
CLEARLY SHOWS GOD'S LOVE TO BE TO MANKIND  
TO BE A FACT. ALSO, THE LOVE OF GOD IS POURED  
INTO OUR HEARTS BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

THIS IS THE RESULT - "JUSTIFICATION" - JUST IF  
I, WE HAD NOT SINNED, ACQUITTED, MADE ~~RIGHTS~~  
COMPLETE, MADE RIGHTEOUS, AND BROUGHT  
INTO... A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP... WITH GOD. ALL  
THIS ACCOMPLISHED BY CHRIST'S SACRIFICE.  
CHRIST'S BLOOD SACRIFICE... PAID THE PRICE...  
FOR ALL BY FAITH (ROM 10: 9-10, 13).

## RIGHTEDUSNESS MUST REIGN

THE PROOF CHRIST DEFEATED DEATH. THE PROOF WE HAVE LIFE IN CHRIST. THE PROOF THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US - IS WE NOW GIVE OURSELVES TO CHRIST. WE TAKE OURSELVES OUT OF OUR OWN KEEPING - AND NOW, TRUST IN CHRIST ALONE.

(ROMANS 6:4-8) "FOR WE HAVE BECOME ONE WITH HIM - IN HIS DEATH, IN HIS BURIAL AND IN HIS RESURRECTION."

WE SHARE ALL THREE WITH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. "IF WE HAVE BECOME ONE WITH HIM BY SHARING - "A DEATH WITH HIM" (GAL 2:20), AND WE KNOW THAT OUR OLD, UNRENEWED SELF, WAS NAILED TO THE CROSS WITH HIM. (V6) ACTIVATING A LIFE, LIVED, LIVING BEFORE GOD, THEN WE, BY FAITH, SHALL LIVE WITH HIM. (V8) -

TO LIVE WITH HIM IS TO CONFORM TO THE DIVINE WILL OF GOD IN THOUGHT, PURPOSE AND ACTION. THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED BY WALKING AND LIVING HABITUALLY IN THE HOLY SPIRIT. THIS IS BEING GUIDED BY HIM, BEING FILLED AND YIELDING CONTROL TO HIM. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS IN US BY THE RESURRECTION AND ON US TO WALK IN A NEW LIFE STYLE.

WE HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT COMES WITH OUR SALVATION. LOOK AT, (ROMANS 8:9). "ANYONE WHO DOES NOT HAVE THE "SPIRIT OF CHRIST" DOES NOT BELONG TO CHRIST." [IS NOT TRULY A CHILD OF GOD].

(ROMANS 8:10). "BUT, IF CHRIST LIVES IN YOU, THEN ALTHOUGH YOUR NATURAL BODY IS DEAD BY REASON OF SIN AND GUILT, THE SPIRIT IS ALIVE (IN US) BECAUSE OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS [HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS] THAT HE IMPUTS IN YOU (US).

"THE NATURAL BODY IS DEAD" - THIS MEANS THAT IS ALL THE NATURAL BODY CAN PRODUCE... THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT TO KNOW, FOR THE WORK OF GOD TO BE DONE - WILL OF GOD TO BE DONE - THE BODY MUST, PURPOSELY BE PLACED INTO THE CONTROL "TOGETHER" WITH OUR SPIRIT TO DO GOD'S WORK. THE HUMAN BODY CANNOT DO THE WORK OF GOD - AND MUST BE CONSIDERED DEAD, (ROMANS 6:11).

"THE SPIRIT IS ALIVE" - (IN US) BECAUSE OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS, "GOD'S REQUIRED ~~RIGHT~~ RIGHTEOUSNESS", HAS BEEN PLACE IN US - BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, "WE MUST SURRENDER OUR WILL TO HIM." THOSE WHO ARE IN THE FLESH - CANNOT PLEASE GOD - (ROMANS 8:8), ONCE AGAIN, THE HUMAN BODY CANNOT DO THE WORK OF GOD!! SO, THE HOLY SPIRIT LEAD CHRISTIAN - IS NOT IN THE FLESH BUT IN THE SPIRIT.

ROMANS 8:9... EXPLAINS THIS CLEARLY... "IF CHRIST IS IN YOU, YOUR BODY IS DEAD BECAUSE OF SIN... BUT... THE HOLY SPIRIT IS LIFE BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS". "THE BODY IS ALIVE BUT IS NOW RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST."  
 (VS 11) "IF" THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS IN YOU HE WILL "GIVE LIFE" TO YOUR - MORTAL - BODIES."

NOW, THE WORK THAT I DO ARE IN COOPERATION WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, THIS IS BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BEING CRUCIFIED IN CHRIST. BEING A SPIRIT LEAD PERSON. THIS IS:

"RESURRECTION POWER"

PHILIPPIANS 3:10... "THAT I MIGHT KNOW HIM AND THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION"... THEN IN (VS 12) THAT I MAY "LAY HOLD OF THAT" FOR WHICH CHRIST DIED... "LARD HOLD OF ME"... PAUL IS SAYING I WANT GOD'S WILL, PURPOSE, PROFORMED - IN ME. THIS IS "THE PURPOSE" OF RESURRECTION POWER. PAUL STATES THIS FACT TO THE GALATIANS: (4:3) HAVING BEGUN IN THE SPIRIT, -- ARE YOU NOW BEING MADE PERFECT... "BY THE FLESH"

→ PAUL EXPLAINS THIS TO THE CORINTHIANS - "NOW ONE KNOWS THE THINGS OF GOD EXCEPT THE SPIRIT OF GOD" (2:11) THIS IS A MOMENT BY MOMENT LEADERSHIP - PAUL IS SAYING. THESE THINGS WE ALSO SPEAK... ARE NOT THE WORDS OF MAN'S

WISDOM... WHAT MAN THINKS. THE NATURAL MAN  
 MAN DOES NOT RECEIVE THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT  
 OF GOD... HE THINKS THEY ARE FOOLISHNESS (VS 14).

TO THE CHRISTIAN... THE NATURAL... IS NOW THE  
 BODY OF FLESH WHICH WARS AGAINST THE SPIRIT.  
 THE BODY WANTS HIS WAY FOR HE IS CARNAL. THE  
 WORKS OF THE CARNAL CHRISTIAN ARE STATED  
 IN SCRIPTURE OVER AND OVER AGAIN. THEY ARE  
 ENVY AND JEALOUSY, DIVISIONS... 1 COR 3. THEY  
 ARE LISTED IN GALATIANS 5:19.

PETER SAYS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN HIS DIVINE  
 POWER ALL THOSE THINGS PERTAINING TO LIFE AND  
 GODLINESS... THROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF HIM (CHRIST).  
 HE GOES ON TO SAY, WE HAVE ESCAPED... CORRUPTION  
~~OF~~ "OF LUST". LUST IS CARNAL FLESH...  
 THE NATURAL. PETER GOES ON TO SAY, IN 2 PETER 1,  
 THIS IS THE REASON WE NEED TO STRIVE TO ~~ADD~~  
 ADD VIRTUE TO OUR FAITH... WITH KNOWLEDGE OF  
 GOD... "SELF-CONTROL" (DENYING SELF), PERSEVERANCE,  
 GODLINESS, BROTHER KINDNESS, AND "LOVE".

IN CONCLUSION, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO  
 KNOW AND UNDERSTAND - OUR COMFORTER -  
 OUR COUNSELOR. THE SPIRIT OF CHARITY -  
 - THE HOLY SPIRIT -

## THE NEED TO TARRY

(LUKE 24:49) "TARRY" -- "UNTIL YOU ARE ENDUED WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH."

(JOHN 14:16 - AMP) "I WILL ASK THE FATHER, AND HE WILL GIVE ANOTHER COMFORTER - [COUNSELOR, HELPER, INTERCESSOR, ADVOCATE, STRENGTHENER AND STANDBY, THAT HE MAY BE WITH YOU, FOREVER"

THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION... IS NOT FOR JUST A FEW OF GOD'S CHILDREN BUT FOR ALL... WHO BELIEVE.

MANY SAY THE RECORD IN ACTS IS THE STANDARD FOR RECEIVING THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND LITERALLY MUST BE DUPLICATED.

WE NEED TO LISTEN TO SCRIPTURE. ACT 2:16, PETER SAYS: "THIS IS THAT" "NOT" "THIS FULFILLS THAT!" THESE TWO STATEMENTS, FOR THE MOST PART, --- INDICATE DIFFERENT PRINCIPLES, HOWEVER, THEY ARE SIMILAR, THAT IS, HAVING QUALITIES IN COMMON.

IN ACTS 2:1-3, WHAT WAS MANIFESTED IN AND ON THE DISCIPLES, WHO WERE GATHERED AT PENTECOST, WAS THAT THEY ALL TOGETHER... EXPERIENCE FROM HEAVEN... "A SOUND" LIKE THE RUSH OF A "VIOLENT WIND" WHICH FILLED

THE ENTIRE ROOM, WE SEE "DIFFERENT TONGUES" AS OF FIRE, APPEARED AMONG THEM. A TONGUE RESTED ON EACH OF THEM. "ALL" OF THEM WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND SPoke IN OTHER LANGUAGES "AS" THE HOLY SPIRIT GAVE THEM "THE ABILITY"

THIS IS THE SAME SPIRIT SPOKEN OF BY JOEL CHAPTER 2, VS 28; SIMILAR TO PENTECOST. HOWEVER, THE EVENTS JOEL, WHICH CONTAINS, ~~THE~~ PROPHECY, ~~THE~~ DREAM AND ~~THE~~ VISION WERE NOT MANIFESTED. WHAT WAS MANIFESTED ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST WAS THE DISCIPLES BEGAN TO SPEAK IN OTHER TONGUES WHICH ARE NOT MENTIONED BY JOEL. JOEL DOES NOT MENTION THE RUSHING WIND EITHER. HOWEVER, THIS IS THE SAME HOLY SPIRIT FROM HEAVEN IN BOTH CASES.

BY EVIDENCE OF COMPARISON, WHAT HAPPEN AT PENTECOST WAS NOT A LITERAL FULFILLMENT OF JOEL'S WORDS BUT TO BE AGREED UPON, SPEAKING IN TONGUES IS A LEGITIMATE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

WHY EVEN COMPARE THESE ACCOUNTS? BECAUSE SO MANY TEACHING, INCORRECTLY, SET SPEAKING IN TONGUES AS A STANDARD FOR BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. WE SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO "IMITATE" THE MANIFESTATION OF THE OUTPOURING OF THE... HOLY SPIRIT, THAT OCCURRED ON THE

DAY OF PENTECOST, NEVERTHELESS, WE MUST SEEK TO BE FILLED WITH THE SAME HOLY SPIRIT, THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST,

THROUGH-OUT THE CHURCH AGE THE MANIFESTATIONS OF THE "OUT POURING" HAS VARIED FOR EACH PERSON, SOME HAVE SENSED POWER, OTHERS LAUGH, SOME CRY AND MANY FEEL SOMETHING UPON THEM. SOME SAY THEY SENSE BEING ELECTRIFIED. THE TRUTH IS EACH HAVE THEIR OWN EXPERIENCE. THE TEST IS ALL MUST BE ABLE TO DECLARE "JESUS IS LORD" [1 COR 12:3].

THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKS WITH THE BELIEVER COOPERATELY AND ACTIVELY. THE EVIL SPIRIT WANTS THE BELIEVER TO BE PASSIVE IN HIS MIND SO HE CAN MANIPULATE HIM, CONTROL HIM. NEVER ALLOW YOUR MIND TO BE PASSIVE, (BLANK) NOR YOUR WILL TO BE CONTROLLED.

THE HOLY SPIRIT WANTS THE BELIEVER TO BE ACTIVELY WORKING TOGETHER WITH HIM. WE NEVER LOOSE CONTROL REATHER, WE COOPERATE.

WE ARE CAUGHT UP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND AGREE TO WORK WITH HIM AS HE LEADS.

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DONE IN A THREEFOLD WAY WITH THE BELIEVER,

FIRST, HE GIVES THE BELIEVER "LIFE ETERNAL"  
BY SEALING THEM, THEIR SALVATION - [EPH 1:13]

NEXT, THE HOLY SPIRIT DWELLS IN THE CHRISTIAN  
AS THE - LIFE OF CHRIST, CHRIST IN US. [GAL 2:20]

THIRD, HE FALLS UPON THE BELIEVER AS POWER  
FOR THE WORK OF GOD - [ACTS 1:8] THIS IS CALLED  
RESURRECTION POWER.

[LUKE 24:49] JESUS PROMISED POWER FROM  
ON HIGH - TO FALL UPON THEM. THIS IS EXTERNAL.  
THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKING ON THE OUTSIDE OF  
THEM.

- THUS WE HAVE INDWELLING AND OUTPOURING -

THE HOLY SPIRIT INDWELLING MANKIND WHO BY  
FAITH RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIDUR. THIS  
IS ESSENTIAL FOR ROMAN 8:9 STATES, "IF YOU DO  
NOT HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT - YOU DO NOT HAVE CHRIST."  
- BUT YOU ARE NOT IN THE FLESH BUT IN THE SPIRIT  
IF SO BE THAT THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST DWELL IN YOU.

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN US IS FOR  
THE CHRISTIAN LIFE - FOR HIS DAILY LIVING.  
THE ABILITY TO BEAR THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.  
[GALATIANS 5:22-23]

THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHICH WAS PROPHESED BY THE FATHER IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, IS REFERED TO BY CHRIST - THE LORD - WHEN HE DECLARES: YE SHALL RECEIVE POWER AFTER THE HOLY GHOST IS COME UPON YOU - [ACT 1:8].

THUS THE HOLY SPIRIT FALLS UPON BELIEVERS - TO CLOTH THEM WITH THE LORD'S POWER. THEY WILL BE WITNESSES OF HIM AND MANIFEST THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT.

THIS IS RESURRECTION POWER - POWER TO WORK, ~~FOR GOD~~ "FOR GOD" - POWER TO ACCOMPLISH HIS WILL. POWER ON HIS PEOPLE - HIS CHURCH.

- TARRY - WAIT - ASK FOR THIS POWER -

## THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE LORD JESUS ASCENDING AND THE HOLY SPIRIT...DESCENDING UPON THE DISCIPLES, THE CHURCH, IS THE PROMISE OF CHRIST...FULFILLED. [JOHN 14:12]...HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME, THE WORKS THAT I DO HE WILL DO ALSO; AND GREATER THAN THESE HE WILL DO, BECAUSE I GO TO MY FATHER,

THUS, THE EARLY CHURCH CONTINUED THE WORK OF CHRIST. THEY PROCEEDED IN THE FULLNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO WORK OUT THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST ON A...LARGER SCALE THAN IN THE DAYS EARTH MINISTRY HAD BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH. AFTER HIS DEATH ON THE CROSS SETTING THE CRIMINALS OF SIN FREE, HIS RESURRECTION EMANCIPATED THE DISCIPLES...THE CHURCH...ALL WHO BELIEVE. HE WAS TRANSLATED TO GLORY, THE HOLY SPIRIT FELL, HIS DESIRE WAS FULFILLED THROUGH THE CHURCH...HIS CHURCH...AND ALL LIMITATION WERE REMOVED.

THE FULLNESS OF THE LORD'S PRESENCE IN US...THE EXPRESSION OF THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION IN OUR VERY INNER BEING, MAKES US REALIZE THAT OUR STRENGTH IS NOT IN OURSELVES.

"IT" MUST BE TOTALLY REALIZED THAT SPIRITUAL LIFE HAS ITS VERY BEGINNING IN THE DEATH

AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST EXPERIENCED THROUGH SPIRITUAL BIRTH; INTO THIS LIFE OF THE BELIEVER IN CHRIST THERE HAS TO COME AN EXPERIENCE THAT DECLARES THAT THIS LIFE, IN ITS GOOD AND BAD, IN ALL ITS ENERGIES... EVEN FOR THE WORKS OF GOD; THIS NATURAL LIFE HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO AN END, SO FAR AS THE CHILD OF GOD IS CONCERNED.

EVEN IN CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES, AND RELIGIOUS INTERESTS - PASSIONS FOR SERVICE - THE NATURAL LIFE HAS TO BE BROUGHT TO AN END. NOTHING IS POSSIBLE, IN LIFE AND MINISTRY, FOR THE KINGDOM EXCEPT - IN THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION !!

"THIS IS AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK," NO "PHYSICAL LIFE...  
"PERSON" CAN ACCOMPLISH THIS AS HE WALKS AND SERVES THE LORD, NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY, HE, TRY. SO WHY REQUIRE IT. I LOVE THE LORD AND LIVE EACH DAY FOR HIM AS MUCH AS I CAN.

"YES," THIS IS ALL YOU CAN DO ON YOUR OWN, AND WHEN WE REALIZE THIS WE ARE THEN READY TO TRUST GOD TO ACCOMPLISH HIS WORK, THROUGH US. LORD AS I GO TODAY - ANNOINT ME - FOR THE SERVICE YOU HAVE FOR ME TO DO. FOR WITHOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT, I CAN DO NOTHING,

YOU DRAW ALL FROM HIM - THE RESURRECTION POWER. THERE IS NOTHING ELSE,

CALVARY 'CLOSES' THE DOOR ON MAN BY NATURE, BUT CALVARY 'OPENS' THE DOOR TO MAN WHO <sup>WHICH</sup> MEANS THAT ALL HIS LIFE IS NOW FROM GOD AND NOT FROM HIMSELF.

IF ALL WHO HAD GONE OUT IN THE LORD'S SERVICE HAD GONE ON THIS BASIS, A VERY DIFFERENT STORY WOULD HAVE BEEN TOLD. WE CANNOT LOOK AT OTHERS -- BUT WE CAN RECOGNIZE THIS TRUTH -- SO FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED -- LET US ASK THE LORD TO MAKE IT TRUE IN OUR SERVICE,

THIS IS A CONFLICT, A SPIRITUAL BATTLE. IN STUDYING THE APOSTLE PAUL WE SEE WE ONLY COME INTO OUR HEAVENLY POSITION THROUGH CONFLICT. PAUL SAYS WE ARE IN THE HEAVENLIES -- AS WE BATTLE THE PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS, AND WORLD RULERS OF THIS DARKNESS, AND SPIRITUAL HOSTS OF WICKNESS AND THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST IS ONLY REACHED AND MAINTAINED BY WARFARE AGAINST EVIL FORCES. WE VERY WELL KNOW THAT THE FORCES OF EVIL OPERATE THROUGH THE FLESH WHICH IS BEING EMPOWERED BY THEM. WE KNOW VICTORY OVER THEM BEING ARMED WITH THE WEAPONS OF THE SPIRIT, WHICH WINS THE BATTLE AGAINST THE ENEMY. (EPH 6).

THE VICTORY WAS, (IS) WON BY PUTTING AWAY THE BODY OF FLESH WHICH REMOVES SATAN'S GROUND OF ADVANTAGE.

IF THIS HAD ONLY BEEN A SPIRITUAL CONFLICT  
IT WOULD HAVE PLACE <sup>TAKEN</sup> OUTSIDE THE FLESHLY  
BODY.

WE SEE THE FACT THAT GOD WAS MANIFESTED  
IN THE FLESH TO DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL.  
THIS SHOWS THAT THE ENEMY HAS HIS POWER, GETS HIS  
ADVANTAGE THROUGH THE FLESH. CHRIST JESUS TOOK  
ON FLESH IN ORDER TO DESTROY SATAN'S WORKING  
THROUGH THE FLESH.

IT IS NOT FLESH THAT IS WORKING AUTOMATICALLY  
BUT FLESH BEING ENERGIZED BY AN INTELLIGENCE.  
THE BATTLE IS WON BY CALVARY'S ALL-INCLUSIVE  
VICTORY OVER THE POWER OF SATAN OPERATING  
THROUGH THE FLESH. MAN IS NOT CAPABLE OF  
DEALING WITH SATAN ON HIS OWN. THUS, YOU  
HAVE THE FLESH BEING ENERGIZED BY SATAN  
AND CALVARY'S ALL-INCLUSIVE VICTORY OVER  
THE WHOLE WARFARE. IT IS ALL THE WORK  
- OF FAITH, FAITH IS CALLED UPON TO "SHOUT"  
THE VICTORY. FAITH IN THE INFINITE VALUE OF  
THE WORK OF THE CROSS OVER THE POWER OF  
THE ENEMY. THE POWER OF FAITH IN THE POWER  
OF THE CROSS. THE RESURRECTION POWER.

THE VERY FOUNDATION OF SPIRIT FILLED LIFE  
IS THE POWER OF THE CROSS, PAUL IS THE  
NEW TESTAMENT EXAMPLE OF THE LIFE

FILLED AND LEAD BY RESURRECTION POWER OF THE CROSS.

WE HAVE TO LEARN HOW TO LIVE BY THE POWER OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION, SO THAT THE DEATH AROUND US IS NOT ABLE TO BRING US INTO ITS GRIP. RESURRECTION UNION WITH THE LORD JESUS MEANS THAT WE ARE NOT INVOLVED IN THE DEATH THAT IS ALL AROUND US. WE CAN MOVE <sup>IN</sup> PRESENCE OF DEATH AND NOT BE TOUCHED BY DEATH. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT FACT TO LEARN HOW TO BE IN ETERNAL LIFE - WHILE BEING IN THE MIDST OF DEATH.

WE ACCOMPLISH THIS IN CHRIST'S RESURRECTION -- CHRIST RAISED FROM THE DEAD. [COR 15: 20]  
 "BUT NOW CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD - AND HAS BECOME THE FIRST FRUITS OF THOSE WHO ARE FALLEN ASLEEP - IN DEATH." THERE IS OUR HOPE.  
 THE POWER OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION - LIFE TRIUMPHANT OVER DEATH. IN LIFE AND DEATH OF THE FLESH CHRIST IS OUR VICTORY, OUR POWER FOR LIVING - NEVER TO DIE. - WHAT A VICTORY,

EACH AND EVERY - REGENERATED PERSON, MUST HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT - INDEWELLING THEM. [LUKE 11: 13] SAYS - "ASK FOR IT." THE HOLY SPIRIT IS FOR "LIFE" AND "LIVING" "ENABLING"  
 THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT. [GALATIANS 5: 22]