

God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself...be reconciled to God...In essence, God was responsible to reconcile the world unto Himself, and man is accountable to recognize that reconciliation, and to be reconciled to God. It is important that we do not think that just because God is responsible for everything, that man is not held accountable to God for his actions. The part that we play is one of submission to the sovereignty of God, for in doing this, we do show that we UNDERSTAND that...

GOD IS RESPONSIBLE...AND MAN IS ACCOUNTABLE!



April 1

AS THE WATERS COVER THE SEA

Habakkuk 2:14 states...For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea...WHAT AN AWESOME STATEMENT! The latter end of the statement explains the first part of the statement. The latter part explains how much of the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord. The question is, HOW MUCH OF THE SEA IS COVERED BY WATER? Well...You guessed it. ALL OF IT! This would then tell us that ALL OF THE EARTH shall be covered and filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord.

Hebrews 8:10,11 states...For this is the covenant THAT I WILL MAKE with the house of Israel after those days says the Lord; I WILL PUT My laws into their minds, and write them in their hearts: I WILL BE TO THEM a God, and they shall be to Me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, know the Lord: FOR ALL SHALL KNOW ME, from the least to the greatest...

WHAT A PROMISE!

These scriptures, which are to be seen as sovereign declarations and unconditional promises, testify that all nations and all people will come to know the Lord in the ages to come. They are promises from God with no exceptions and no conditions! CAN YOU BELIEVE THEM? DO YOU BELIEVE THEM? WILL YOU BELIEVE THEM?

We must begin to see how BIG of a God that we serve. His purpose for the entire creation is much bigger than we have ever imagined. It includes the whole earth, every man, and all things!

ALL SHALL KNOW HIM!



April 2

MATTHEW 25:46

According to Louis Abbott: “Matthew 25:31-46 concerns the judgment of NATIONS, not individuals. It is to be distinguished from other judgments mentioned in scripture, such as the judgment of the saints (2 Cor. 5:10-11); the second resurrection, and the great white throne judgment (Rev. 20:11-15). The judgment of the nations is based upon their treatment of the Lord’s brethren (verse 40). No resurrection of the dead is here, just nations living at the time. To apply verses 41 and 46 to mankind as a whole is an error. Perhaps it should be pointed out at this time that the Fundamentalist Evangelical community at large has made the error of gathering many scriptures which speak of various judgments which will occur in different ages and assigning them all to “Great White Throne” judgment. This is a serious mistake. Matthew 25:46 speaks nothing of “grace through faith.” We will leave it up to the reader to decide who the “Lord’s brethren” are, but final judgment based upon the receiving of the Life of Christ is not the subject matter of Matthew 25:46 and should not be interjected here. Even if it were, the penalty is “age-during correction” and not “everlasting punishment.” (An argument was introduced by Augustine, and since his day incessantly repeated, that if *aionios kolasis* does not mean “endless punishment,” then there is no security for the believer that *aionios zoe* means “endless life,” and that he will enjoy the promise of endless happiness. But Matt. 25:46 shows the “eonian chastisement” and “eonian life” are of the same duration-lasting during the eons, and when the eons end, as scripture states they will (1 Cor. 10:11; Heb. 9:26), the time called “eonian” is past and the life called “eonian” is finished, but life continues beyond the eons, as Paul teaches at 1 Cor. 15:26: “The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.” That is, the last, the final one in order. How will it be destroyed? First Corinthians 15:22 gives the answer: “For as IN ADAM ALL are dying, even so IN CHRIST ALL shall be made alive.” Death is destroyed when ALL have been vivified, or made alive, IN CHRIST. There will then be no more death. Just as life is destroyed by death, so death is destroyed by life. Our present bodies are mortal and corruptible (1 Cor. 15:44-55), but when mankind is made alive IN CHRIST they will be raised immortal and incorruptible.)” (An Analytical Study Of Words, Louis Abbott)

As we can see, what is presented in Matthew 25:46 is:

1. Aionios Zoe
2. Aionios Kolasis

These are :

1. The life of the ages
2. The correction of the ages

According to A. P. Adams: -“THE WORD “KOLASIS”, WHICH IS HERE RENDERED “PUNISHMENT”, SIGNIFIES A PUNISHMENT FOR THE CORRECTION AND BETTERING OF THE INDIVIDUAL, HENCE IT COULD NOT BE ENDLESS.” (Matthew 25:46, A. P. Adams)

WHAT A LOVING GOD! WHAT AN AWESOME FATHER! God is able and willing to save and CORRECT to the uttermost. HE DOES NOT NEED TO, NOR DOES HE WANT TO, NOR COULD IT EVER SERVE ANY PURPOSE TO TORTURE SOMEONE FOREVER!

GOD IS LOVE!



April 3

JOHN 3:16

The most quoted verse in all of the Bible is John 3:16, which states...For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life...The Young's Literal Translation reads as follows - For God did so love the world, that His Son - the only begotten - He gave, that every one who is believing in Him may not perish, but may have life age-during (the life of the ages)...The Concordant Literal New Testament reads as follows - For thus God loves the world, so that He gives His only begotten Son, that every one who is believing in Him should not be perishing, but may be having life eonian (the life of the ages)...

Notice how that the Young's Literal and the Concordant Literal use the words...IS BELIEVING and BE PERISHING. We must understand what it means to perish and to believe. We must see and understand that we are born in a perished condition. Perishing is not so much something that is going to happen to you if you do not believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, as much as it is something that has already happened, and IS HAPPENING TO YOU BECAUSE OF THE NATURE THAT YOU WERE BORN WITH, A NATURE THAT YOU INHERITED FROM ADAM!

So...God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2nd Peter 3:9). In other words, God is not willing that you BE PERISHING, or that you remain in your perished condition. Remember...TO BE CARNALLY MINDED IS DEATH! It is important for us to see that perishing and death are first and foremost SPIRITUAL CONDITIONS that men find themselves in at birth. This condition continues on UNTIL they believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Remember...Jesus said...LET THE DEAD BURY THEIR DEAD...He was referring to:

1. SPIRITUAL DEATH
2. PHYSICAL DEATH

He that IS BELIEVING has entered into the life of the ages. We have passed, and are passing from death to life. This refers to God's life inserted into the ages of time. We are being brought from the carnal mind (to perish, death) to the mind of Christ (to be spiritually minded, the life of the ages).

In conclusion, we see that Jesus came to save us out of, and through A DEATH (the carnal mind) IN WHICH WE WERE ALREADY INVOLVED! The scriptures tell us to believe on the

Lord Jesus Christ, and so we should, for in doing this we are BEING SAVED from sin (missing the mark of God's nature) and death (the carnal mind). WHAT A SAVIOR! Believe, and enter into...

THE LIFE OF THE AGES!



April 4

JOHN 3:17

As we discussed previously, John 3:16 is the most quoted verse in all of the Bible. Many do not understand what "to perish" or "to die" means, for they are spiritual concepts that refer to the carnal mind. Many as well, do not go on to the next verse and read it. It contains a beautiful truth that is waiting to be discovered. Let us venture on to verse 17 and be liberated from the traditions and doctrines of men.

John 3:17 states...For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved...So...DID HE DO IT? DO WHAT? Well...DID HE SAVE THE WORLD? The answer is...YES!!!

1ST John 4:14 states...And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son TO BE THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD...Well...Did Jesus succeed or fail? 1ST Timothy 2:4 states...God will have ALL MEN TO BE SAVED, and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, WHO GAVE HIMSELF A RANSOM FOR ALL, TO BE TESTIFIED IN DUE TIME...Romans 5:10 states...For if when we WERE enemies, WE WERE reconciled to God, by the death of His Son...

Let us summarize the matter:

1. God sent His Son NOT TO CONDEMN, but to SAVE THE WORLD...
2. The Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world...
3. God will have all men to be saved...
4. Jesus Christ is a ransom for all, which will be fully testified IN DUE TIME...
5. We WERE (past tense) reconciled to God when we WERE (past tense) enemies...

So...Is the world already reconciled to God? YES! They just don't know it yet! God is in the process of awakening ALL MEN TO WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN AND THROUGH THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST. As they are awakened, they will repent and exercise faith in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. This awakening process is to take place on the individual level, and is to take place in the entire human race as well. On the individual level, we are to experience the salvation of our spirit, soul, and body. This is referred to as justification, sanctification, and glorification, and is to be seen as a PROCESS, in which we are saved, we are being saved, and we shall be saved.

On the corporate level (speaking of the entire human race), mankind is being brought to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ in...

THREE GREAT HARVESTS:

REMNANT (THIS PRESENT AGE)

NATIONS (THE AGE TO COME , THE MILLENNIUM)

WORLD, OR ALL THINGS (THE AGE OF THE AGES, THE DISPENSATION
OF THE FULLNESS OF TIMES)

Remember...These three great harvests are seen in type and shadow in Israel's...

THREE GREAT FEASTS:

1. PASSOVER (BARLEY HARVEST)
2. PENTECOST (WHEAT HARVEST)
3. TABERNACLES (GRAPE HARVEST)

As we have stated, Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles are to be experienced (spiritually speaking) by all men on the individual and corporate levels of humanity. It will result in the salvation of all men (spirit, soul, and body), and will also culminate with a universal and triumphant declaration, in which GOD SHALL BE ALL IN ALL (everything to everyone, 1st Corinthians 15:28), having brought the entire creation unto Himself, in the order of REMNANT, NATIONS, AND WORLD (ALL THINGS, Colossians 1:20)!!!

Jesus did not come to condemn, so why does the church continually preach condemnation? Many do not understand what Christ HAS ACCOMPLISHED. They think that THEY had something to do with their salvation. Remember...For by GRACE are you saved through faith; and that NOT OF YOURSELVES: IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD: NOT OF WORKS, LEST ANY MAN SHOULD BOAST (Ephesians 2:8,9)...

YES...You must have faith! But faith is not what saves you. THE GRACE OF GOD HAS ALREADY SAVED YOU! The faith that we exhibit in the Lord Jesus Christ is nothing more than proof that God has awakened us, the fruit of that awakening, and that which GIVES US ACCESS to what CHRIST HAS ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED!!!! In essence, the very faith that we have to believe in God is also a GIFT FROM HIM, for God has dealt to every man the measure of faith.

AMEN!



April 5

FORGIVENESS

Luke 23:34 states...Then said Jesus, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do."...

WOW!!!

THERE IS NO OTHER STATEMENT IN THE BIBLE MORE POWERFUL THAN THIS STATEMENT! The only other statements in the Bible that could even be considered in the same class are...GOD IS LOVE...and...LOVE YOUR ENEMIES!

FATHER FORGIVE THEM FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO!

WHAT A STATEMENT!

As Jesus was being crucified to take away the sin of the world, HE MANIFESTED THE LOVE OF GOD as He saved us from sin and death, by saying...FATHER FORGIVE THEM FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO...Not only did Jesus forgive those who were actually crucifying Him, but He also forgave the whole world (all who have ever lived, or will live).

WHAT A SAVIOR!

By forgiving us, Jesus paved the way and left us THE EXAMPLE of what the Father is like. Matthew 6:12 states...And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors...We must have a revelation of God's forgiveness, and then extend that same forgiveness to all men (even our enemies)! Remember what Stephen did in the book of Acts? As they stoned Stephen to death, he said..."Lord, LAY NOT THIS SIN TO THEIR CHARGE."...

WOW!

Stephen had a revelation of the forgiveness and love of God. May we press in to know the true God of the Bible, WHO IS LOVE, AND HAS FORGIVEN TO THE UTTERMOST! We must see that Jesus is our Jubilee. He has released the entire creation from its sin debt, EVERY MAN IN HIS OWN ORDER!

According to Dr. Stephen Jones: "Even as Jesus Christ is the central Person of all history, the law of Jubilee is the most fundamental law of all creation. The law of Jubilee is the basis of FORGIVENESS and grace. It is the purpose and goal of the law itself. It compels a climax of earth history and a full end of the dominion of darkness and sin. The basic law of Jubilee is recorded in Leviticus 25:8-13." (The Law Of Jubilee, Dr. Stephen Jones)

PRAISE GOD! WE ARE FORGIVEN! NOW...LET US FORGIVE ALL!



April 6

AWAKE

1ST Corinthians 15:34 states...Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame...What an interesting choice of words. This is what must take place in your heart and life. It needs to continually take place. As we can clearly see, **MAN MUST BE AWAKENED!** Awakened to what?

God awakens us to:

1. WHO HE IS
2. WHAT HE HAS ACCOMPLISHED

The word “awake” in this passage means: to return to sobriety of mind. Notice that this passage does not say, be righteous, but rather, **AWAKE** to righteousness. Whose righteousness? **GOD’S RIGHTEOUSNESS!**

2ND Corinthians 5:18-21 states...All things are of God, Who has (past tense) reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and has (past tense) given to us the ministry of reconciliation; to wit, that God was (past tense) in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them, and has (past tense) committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are (already to be taking place) ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, be reconciled to God. For He has (past tense) made Him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him...

So...Who is God? **THE SAVIOR!** What has He accomplished? **HE HAS RECONCILED US!** Now...Let us awaken to His salvation, for we have already been reconciled, and we are now called to be reconcilers. We have been justified by faith, and are now to enter into His sanctification **PROCESS**, which is: **THAT WE MIGHT BE MADE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM.**

We have been justified (declared righteous) by faith, and we are now being sanctified (made righteous) by faith. We have been, and are being, **AWAKENED** to God’s righteousness by the **SOVEREIGN DRAWING (DRAGGING)** of the Spirit of the living God.

AWAKEN US, O MIGHTY GOD!



April 7

RECONCILIATION IN THE HEAVENS

Read Colossians 1:16-20. This is one of the most powerful passages of scripture in the Bible.

It states that:

1. ALL THINGS WERE CREATED BY JESUS CHRIST...
2. ALL THINGS WILL BE RECONCILED UNTO JESUS CHRIST...

The word “reconciliation” means: to bring back together again, to make friendly. Think of what is being said. God created ALL things by Jesus Christ, and God will reconcile ALL things unto Himself by and through the blood of His cross, whether in EARTH, or in the HEAVENS. Is there anything left out? Is there anything or anyone that will not be reconciled unto God? HE WILL RECONCILE ALL THINGS UNTO HIMSELF! WHAT A POWERFUL GOD! WHAT A LOVING FATHER! WHAT A POWERFUL AND ALL-INCLUSIVE CROSS!

According to J. Preston Eby: “Oh, what a vast and all-inclusive statement that is (Colossians 1:20)! All the principalities and powers in heaven and earth are included in the reconciliation effected by the blood of His cross. Oh, what a mighty redemption! Oh, what a universal reconciliation!” (Reconciliation In The Heavens, J. Preston Eby)

We must understand that Jesus will not only reconcile all people unto Himself, but also ALL THINGS! Redemption is not for humanity alone, BUT FOR THE WHOLE CREATION! The question of questions is this: What about principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, spiritual wickedness in high places, demons, wicked and foul spirits, and even the satanic spirit that now works in the children of disobedience (the prince of the power of the air)??? Will these things be reconciled to God?

YES!

Don't be offended. Remember that Jesus said...And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in Me (Matthew 11:6)...If God chooses to create **all things**, including evil, and then to reconcile **the same all things**, including evil, unto Himself, why should we be offended by that? Evil is simply a tool in God's hands to teach the creation, and to bring the human race to a place where its latter end is GREATER (MORE BLESSED) than its beginning. This can be seen from a careful study of the book of Job. Job 42:11 tells us that all of Job's friends bemoaned him, and comforted him OVER ALL THE EVIL THAT THE LORD HAD BROUGHT UPON HIM...The Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. In essence, Job was better off for having been exposed to the powers of darkness. He had heard of God, but now he UNDERSTOOD God, and was brought to a place of humility and repentance. And so shall it be with the entire human race, for the story of Job does represent God's dealings with all of mankind.

Revelation 4:11 states...You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: FOR YOU HAVE CREATED ALL THINGS, AND FOR YOUR PLEASURE THEY ARE AND WERE CREATED...

It is not about us. IT IS ABOUT HIM! His purpose of the ages is to reconcile all things unto Himself. Philippians 3:21 states...HE IS ABLE EVEN TO SUBDUE ALL THINGS UNTO HIMSELF...

ALL THINGS!



April 8

SEARED WITH A HOT IRON

1ST Timothy 4:1 states...Now the Spirit speaks expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of demons; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron...Here is this same verse as it reads from Today's English Version...The Spirit says clearly that some people will abandon the faith in latter times; they will obey lying spirits and follow the teachings of demons. Such teachings are spread by deceitful liars, whose consciences are dead, as if burnt with a hot iron...

2ND Peter 2:1 says it this way...False prophets appeared in the past among the people, and in the same way false teachers will appear among you. They will bring in destructive UNTRUE DOCTRINES, and will deny the Master Who redeemed them, and so they will bring upon themselves sudden destruction...(Today's English Version)

It is interesting to take note of 1ST John 2:18, which states...Little children, IT IS THE LAST TIME...In essence, John was saying that the latter times had already begun, even in his day. This would then tell us, that those who are spoken of in 1ST Timothy 4:1 have already surfaced, and have already caused MANY to depart from "THE FAITH", giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of demons; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron...It is sad to say that the church is always waiting for something to happen THAT HAS ALREADY HAPPENED. They are so very careful to watch for deception, and a great falling away, but it has already taken place about 1,700 years ago with the entrance of a man by the name of Constantine.

Prior to Augustine in the 5TH Century, the vast majority of Christians, including the leadership, believed in the salvation of all mankind through Jesus Christ. They understood that punishment in the ages to come was for the purpose of purification and correction. Of the six theological schools known to the early church, four taught the salvation of all, one taught annihilation, and only one taught eternal torment.

So...What are seducing spirits, doctrines of demons, and speaking lies in hypocrisy? They are thoughts of STRONG DELUSION sent by God into the minds of men who received not the love of the truth. These thoughts brought in UNTRUE DOCTRINES, OR DAMNABLE HERESIES, WHICH RESULTED IN THE TEACHING OF "ETERNAL TORTURE", and many other things that are nothing more than the traditions of men. This untrue doctrine (eternal torture) has made the Word of God of none effect in the lives of MANY people.

The downward spiral which led up to this false doctrine began with Constantine (313 A.D.) and the legalization of Christianity, and culminated with Augustine, WHOSE CONSCIENCE WAS SEARED WITH A HOT IRON. He was instrumental in arguing (400-430 A.D.) that the Greek word “aionios” signified endless and eternal torment, which in fact IT DOES NOT, but does only refer to punishment within the ages of time. Augustine’s conscience was dead (burnt, seared) to the love of God. He, along with many others after him, believed that God would be glorified in tormenting people forever. NOW THAT IS A CONSCIENCE SEARED WITH A HOT IRON!!! Slowly the corruption spread, and little by little the pagan dogma gained upon the Christian doctrine, till the primitive teaching on this point was condemned in a church council held A.D. 553; and the doctrine of endless punishment sanctified as a fundamental article of Christian faith.

According to Dr. Harold Lovelace: “The Dark Ages, as they are known, came upon the world for about 1,000 years, AND THIS GREAT TRUTH WAS HIDDEN.” ([Read And Search God’s Plan](#), Dr. Harold Lovelace)

What do you think made the Dark Ages so dark? Well...How about the DAMNABLE HERESY (UNTRUE DOCTRINE) of the teaching of eternal torture? WHAT A DARK PICTURE OF GOD! Let us come out of darkness into His marvelous light. God is able to take a conscience that has been seared with a hot iron, and to turn it into the mind of Christ!

THANK GOD!



April 9

O LOVE OF GOD

The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled,
And pardoned from his sin.

Refrain

O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure
The saints’ and angels’ song.

When years of time shall pass away,
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men, who here refuse to pray,
On rocks and hills and mountains call,
God's love so sure, shall still endure,
All measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race—
The saints' and angels' song.

Refrain

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above,
Would drain the ocean dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.

*Words: Frederick M. Lehman: he wrote this song in 1917 in Pasadena, California, and it was published in *Songs That Are Different*, Volume 2, 1919. The lyrics are based on the Jewish poem Haddamut, written in Aramaic in 1050 by Meir Ben Isaac Nehorai, a cantor in Worms, Germany; they have been translated into at least 18 languages.*

One day, during short intervals of inattention to our work, we picked up a scrap of paper and, seated upon an empty lemon box pushed against the wall, with a stub pencil, added the (first) two stanzas and chorus of the song...Since the lines (3rd stanza from the Jewish poem) had been found penciled on the wall of a patient's room in an insane asylum after he had been carried to his grave, the general opinion was that this inmate had written the epic in moments of sanity. Frederick M. Lehman, "History of the Song, *The Love of God*," 1948

The Lord Jesus Christ has written these words on the walls of our hearts. They are there to be discovered, and to be awakened to, FOR GOD IS LOVE! He has indeed extended redeeming grace to Adam's race, and His love does indeed reach to THE LOWEST HELL!

WHO SHALL SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF CHRIST?



April 10

MAN'S "FREE WILL?" VS. GOD'S SOVEREIGN LOVE

According to John Gavazzoni: "Everything that occurs, occurs within the sovereign will of God. Nothing is accidental. All has been foreseen by Him because **all things come to pass by His decision**, so that everything has occurred by Him, **either doing something to make it come to pass, or by deliberately refusing to act so as, by that absence of His action, to trigger certain consequential results.** The truth is that the only One in the universe who has true free will is God Himself. As is true of every good thing, free will is something found in God's very nature and we can only experience freedom of will by God causing us to participate in His freedom by causing us to become "*partakers of the divine nature*" (II Pet. 1:4); and that is His choice not ours." (Free Will, John Gavazzoni)

So...Is man able to make choices? OF COURSE HE IS! But that does not mean that they are totally free choices. To say that we have a totally free will means that we are always able to make UNCAUSED CHOICES, and that is just not the case!

Take for example:

1. Jonah: Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. THEN JONAH PRAYED...(Jonah 1:17-2:1)
2. Paul: But the Lord said unto him (Ananias), Go your way: for he (Paul) is a CHOSEN VESSEL unto Me, to bear My name...(Acts 9:15)
3. Pharaoh: Even for this same purpose have I (GOD) RAISED THEE UP (Pharaoh), that I (God) might show My power in you (Pharaoh)...and whom He (God) will HE (GOD) HARDENS...(Romans 9:17,18)
4. Esau: Jacob have I (God) loved, but Esau have I hated...THE CHILDREN BEING NOT BORN YET...ACCORDING TO THE ELECTION...(Romans 9:11,13)
5. Israel: GOD HAS GIVEN THEM THE SPIRIT OF SLUMBER, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear...(Romans 11:8)
6. The Twelve Apostles: (Jesus speaking) You have not chosen Me, BUT I HAVE CHOSE YOU... (John 15:16)
7. The Gentiles: But Isaiah is very bold, and says, I was found of them THAT SOUGHT ME NOT (speaking of the Gentiles); I was made manifest unto them THAT ASKED NOT AFTER ME...(Romans 10:20)
8. All Men: (Jesus speaking) And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, WILL DRAW (DRAG) ALL MEN UNTO ME...(John 12:32)



Well...That about covers it! SO MUCH FOR FREE WILL! Yes...We are able to make choices, but we must understand that our choices in some way or another are INFLUENCED BY GOD! They are choices WITHIN THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD!

So...Is man a robot? NO!

According to John Gavazzoni: “Now some, completely indoctrinated by the dumbed-down notion of free will, upon being confronted with what I’ve just shared, without any depth of thought at all, would accuse me of making man out to be a mere robot. But, I ask, if God has a free will, and brings man into participation with that will, how can freedom be defined as robotic? Freedom by definition, involves not being controlled by another. The relationship of God’s will to us, is not one of making us do something against our will, but by bringing our will into union with His. This is not coercion, this is causation, and it is causation by the force of love which ultimately worked by God leaving us to ourselves to do what we would do left to ourselves; which was to crucify His Son, and then to love such enemies back to Himself by the power of forgiving love.” (Free Will, John Gavazzoni)

WHAT A SOVEREIGN AND LOVING FATHER!



April 11

THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Let us take a fresh look at the Garden of Eden and its spiritual implications for us today. The Garden of Eden is much more than a literal garden in which two literal people existed. It has a deep and spiritual meaning that unlocks the purpose and plan of God in our lives.

Genesis 2:7 states...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...Let us consider the physical Garden of Eden, what was in it, and what those things do represent spiritually.

The Garden of Eden contained:

1. MAN (ADAM)
2. THE TREE OF LIFE
3. THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL
4. A RIVER (SPLIT INTO FOUR HEADS)
5. EVE (A HELPMATE, WOMAN)
6. THE SERPENT (DECEPTION)
7. GOD

Now let us consider the deeper and spiritual meaning of this Garden of Eden. 1st Corinthians 15:45-47 states...And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam

was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven...Can you see that there are ONLY TWO MEN?...

1. THE FIRST MAN...ADAM
2. THE SECOND MAN...CHRIST

We are either in Adam or in Christ! So...Let us get spiritual for a minute.

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING, YOU MUST SEE YOURSELF AS THE GARDEN OF EDEN! IN ESSENCE, YOU ARE THE GARDEN OF EDEN!

This would then mean that all men have within themselves:

ADAM = DEATH, EARTHY, EARTHBOUND, THE EARTHLY REALM

THE TREE OF LIFE = CHRIST IN YOU THE HOPE OF GLORY, THE HEAVENLY REALM

THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL = SELF, APPROACHING GOD THROUGH THE FLESH

A RIVER = RIVERS OF LIVING WATER, THE SPIRIT OF GOD THAT IS MANIFESTED IN FOUR WAYS (KING, SERVANT, MAN, GOD...HENCE: MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE, JOHN)

EVE = OUR TENDENCY TO BE LED AWAY AND DECEIVED, THE SOUL OF MAN (AS WELL...ADAM REPRESENTS THE SPIRIT OF MAN, FOR OUR SPIRIT IS TO BE SEEN AS MASCULINE, AND OUR SOUL IS TO BE SEEN AS FEMININE)

THE SERPENT = THE BEAST NATURE, THE MARK OF THE BEAST, THE CARNAL MIND

GOD = THE POTENTIAL FOR GODLINESS IN MAN, FOR WE ARE THE OFFSPRING OF GOD, WE HAVE BEEN MADE PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE

As stated earlier, Adam and Eve do also represent our spirit and soul, for our spirit is masculine, and our soul is feminine. As we learn to partake of the Tree of Life (Christ), we shall experience His life. If we continue to partake of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil (the carnal mind, that which is antichrist), we shall continue to experience death. Please meditate on this garden, FOR IT IS YOU! The "Garden of Eden" means to be hedged about or protected in pleasure and delight. This is, of course, only an introduction to understanding the spirituality of the Garden of Eden. May we see the importance of this garden within, for God is bringing us from death to...

DELIGHT!



April 12

BECOMING A CREDITOR

Do we really want to become like our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? Then we must learn THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS! It has been said, "To err is human, but to forgive is Divine." (Alexander Pope)

To live your life on this earth, and not learn the Divine Principle of FORGIVENESS, is to miss everything that Jesus Christ taught and performed. To read the Bible, and not grasp the ultimate theme of God's love and forgiveness, is to miss the very meaning of the Book. OUR READING IS IN VAIN if we do not come away from the Bible with the very nature of God, WHICH IS LOVE AND FORGIVENESS! So...let us plunge into the depths of God's love and forgiveness!

According to Dr. Stephen Jones: "All victims of injustice are creditors and have certain rights before the law of God. Most men become angry and often quite bitter over these injustices. Those who know the heart of God have learned to forgive those who wrong them and to rejoice when men persecute them. The overcomers are men and women that God intends to put into positions of rulership in His Kingdom. The overcomers have a heart to declare the Jubilee in the earth, which will set the nations free in the coming Age of Tabernacles. As creditors, they and they alone retain the lawful right to forgive the debt owed to them--and actually have the heart to do so. These are overcomers. The primary qualification of an overcomer--one who aspires to attain to the Feast of Tabernacles--is to be a forgiver. WE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS AND LOVE TRANSCENDS THE POWER OF THE GRUDGE AND THE POWER OF SIN!" (The Laws Of The Second Coming, Dr. Stephen Jones)

Where do we get this power to forgive and to love? Well...From God, of course! 1st John 4:19 states...WE LOVE HIM (AND OTHERS), BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US...As well, we forgive others, because God through Christ forgave us.

Let us begin to enter into the Feast of Tabernacles (spiritually speaking) as we demonstrate THE DIVINE NATURE OF OUR FATHER, BY LOVING AND FORGIVING THE WHOLE WORLD (for they know not what they do), which makes us a creditor, and qualifies us for the coming Age of Tabernacles!

FORGIVE!



April 13

ENTER IN AT THE STRAIT GATE

Matthew 7:13,14 states...Enter in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and

narrow is the way, which leads unto life, and few there be that find it...We have just quoted one of the most popular verses in the Bible. Now...Let us talk about what it means. Let us rightly divide this all-important passage of scripture.

This passage of scripture refers to the REMNANT (the overcomers, the firstfruits company, the body of Christ, the barley company).

It would do us well to remember, and to take note of, that there are scriptures that refer to:

1. THE REMNANT
2. THE NATIONS
3. THE ENTIRE CREATION

This happens to be a passage that talks about the remnant (the few there be that find life in this present age). The subject matter of this passage is not, “flying off to heaven, or busting hell wide open after you die”. As a matter of fact, Jesus spent very little time talking about what happens to man after physical death. His subject matter was always pertaining to THE KINGDOM OF GOD, WHICH HE DID SPEAK OF AS A PRESENT DAY REALITY, WAITING TO BE EXPERIENCED BY THOSE WHO WERE HUNGRY FOR GOD. Remember...

The Kingdom of God is not a physical location that we are going to fly away to in the sweet by-and-by, but is defined as:

1. RIGHTEOUSNESS
2. PEACE
3. JOY...IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

This means that there are few who understand the Kingdom of God in this present age. There are few who SEE (PERCEIVE) the Kingdom of God. There are few who enter into this narrow way of the life of Christ, WHICH ENTAILS HAVING YOUR FLESH (YOUR CORRUPT NATURE, CARNAL MIND, WOOD, HAY, AND STUBBLE) DEALT WITH BY THE CONSUMING FIRE OF GOD! YES...IT IS A NARROW WAY, AND FEW THERE BE THAT FIND IT!

There is only a remnant of people being dealt with in this present age, but the GOOD NEWS is, that there are at least two more ages to come, which will include the gathering in of ALL NATIONS, AND ALL THINGS! (Read Ephesians 2:7.) Those who do not enter into this narrow way now are headed for destruction. The question is then, WHAT IS IT THAT IS GOING TO BE DESTROYED?

The Bible speaks of the destruction of the flesh (the carnal mind, or nature of man that is contrary to the Spirit of God), that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord (1st Corinthians 5:5). This speaks of the destruction of the carnal (corrupt) mind (nature) of man. Those who are in the narrow way now have already entered the PROCESS of the destruction of the flesh. In essence, the destruction of the flesh is a good thing. With that being said though, IT IS BETTER to enter into the narrow way NOW, than having to suffer loss, being saved; yet so as by fire (1st Corinthians 3:15). As well, the unbeliever must go through the purifying fire of God, for our Father will leave nothing undone. For those who have the ears to hear, the Spirit calls for you to come into the

narrow way of the Lord Jesus Christ NOW! But let us rest assured that ALL WILL EVENTUALLY COME TO THE FATHER, FOR JESUS ASSURED US THAT HE WOULD DRAW (DRAG) ALL MEN UNTO HIMSELF!

PRAISE GOD FOR THE NARROW WAY!



April 14

EYE HAS NOT SEEN

1ST Corinthians 2:9 states...But as it is written, Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love Him. But God has revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God...As well, Ephesians 2:6,7 states...God has raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: THAT IN THE AGES TO COME HE MIGHT SHOW THE EXCEEDING RICHES OF HIS GRACE IN HIS KINDNESS TOWARD US THROUGH CHRIST JESUS...1ST Corinthians 6:2,3 states...Do you not know that the saints SHALL JUDGE THE WORLD?...Know you not that we shall judge angels?...Obadiah 1:21 states...and SAVIORS (Deliverers) shall come up on mount Zion TO JUDGE the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the Lord's...Isaiah 2:3,4 states...for out of Zion (the overcomers) shall go forth the law, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: NATION SHALL NOT LIFT UP SWORD AGAINST NATION, NEITHER SHALL THEY LEARN WAR ANY MORE...Romans 8:19,21 states...For the earnest expectation of the creature (creation) waits for the manifestation of the sons of God...Because the creature (creation) itself shall also be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God...

Are you beginning to see a picture of the ages to come yet? CAN YOU SEE? CAN YOU HEAR? IS IT ENTERING INTO YOUR HEART? God is revealing it unto us by His Spirit! ARE THE EYES OF YOUR UNDERSTANDING BEING ENLIGHTENED? DO YOU KNOW WHAT IS THE HOPE OF YOUR CALLING?

We are called out of darkness into His marvelous light to SHOW FORTH the praises of God NOW AND IN THE AGES TO COME! God is qualifying you to be a:

1. DEMONSTRATION OF HIS GRACE
2. SAVIOR (DELIVERER)
3. PEACEMAKER (BRINGING WAR TO AN END)
4. MANIFESTATION OF THE SON OF GOD
5. JUDGE

HALLELUJAH!

April 15

WHY?

Why? Why what? Why is it so hard for people to believe the simple declarations of scripture that declare that Jesus Christ is the SAVIOR OF THE WORLD? The Bible very clearly speaks of the salvation of ALL MEN! So...Why?

Let us consider these things:

People are vengeful.

Many Bibles have been tainted with the PAGAN DOCTRINE of the Dark Ages (eternal torture).

Mankind has a natural tendency to stay with what we are most familiar with, EVEN IF IT IS UNTRUE...Remember...The traditions and doctrines of men make the Word of God of none effect.

Political, religious, and economic powers have found “fear of hell” to be an extremely effective power to keep the masses in subjection.

We do not understand God’s sovereignty, foreknowledge, power, omniscience, purpose of creation, and His unconditional love.

We fail to believe DIRECT STATEMENTS OF SCRIPTURE declaring the ultimate salvation of all through the saving work of Jesus Christ (the atonement).

We fail to understand the purpose of God’s: judgment, punishment, wrath, vengeance, and fire, for they are all for the purpose of correction and purification.

We can either humble ourselves and fall on the rock (Christ), receiving this beautiful revelation now, or we can have the rock fall on us in correction in the ages to come. But make no mistake about it, ALL WILL EVENTUALLY COME TO THE SAVING KNOWLEDGE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST!

1ST Timothy 2:3-6 states...For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, Who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time...

So...Why not? Why not believe the truth of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ? All we have to lose is our ignorance, pride, and self-righteousness. How could we not believe that a God Who is all-powerful and all-loving will save all men from sin and death?

(This theme and quotes taken from: What Pleases Our Father, Gary Amirault)

WHY NOT BELIEVE IN HIS UNLIMITED POWER AND LOVE?

April 16

THE GREATEST LIE EVER TOLD

According to Ken Eckerty: “You have all heard preachers and evangelists speak of the “Greatest Story Ever Told.” It is a story of love, of sacrifice, and of “everlasting mercy.” It is a story that has been told for over two thousand years with great passion and tears, and one that has changed the lives of countless millions all over the world. This story, of course, is none other than the story of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. On this website (www.savior-of-all.com), you will hear of that story, but you are also going to hear (maybe for the first time) another story. This story, like the other, is told with equal passion—perhaps even more. This story, unlike the other, is a lie. It is the “Greatest Lie Ever Told” to man, and you might be very surprised to find out where this lie comes from. It does not come from those we would consider heathen; nor does it come from atheists, or even those who are violently opposed to God and religion. No, this lie does not come from those we would expect. The greatest lie the world has ever heard comes straight from the very people who love and follow Jesus Christ. It comes from our pulpits, it is taught in our Sunday school classes, it is broadcast all over the world through our television ministries, and it is preached by the missionaries who are in the remotest places of the world.

Have I gotten your attention yet? OK, so what is this lie? It is the lie that says that God will eternally torment most of His creatures; it is the lie that says that Jesus Christ cannot save most men; it is the lie that says that death will continue to exist forever, and it is the lie that says there will come a time when God will never be able to show mercy and love to the majority of those He created. Yes, this is the lie of religion and it is one that has all but consumed Evangelical Christianity, so much so that the Church’s message has become one of fear rather than one of love and victory. It has taken the beautiful judgments of God and turned them into a sadistic torture chamber, and worse than this, it has made a miserable failure of the work of Jesus Christ in that only a small minority of the billions of people who have ever lived will ever see heaven. This website’s purpose (www.savior-of-all.com) is two fold: 1) to proclaim the victory and power of the cross of our Lord Jesus, and 2) to expose the false doctrine of “eternal” punishment (as it is taught by orthodox Christianity).

Why is it important that we study the issue of the final destiny of man? Some people have told me that this issue is not really pertinent to them because it focuses on future things and our concern should be with the “here-and-now.” I absolutely agree that our focus should be on the “here-and-now”, which is why we need to seek out the heart of God on this matter. However, I disagree that our conclusion on this matter in no way affects the way we live. Understanding this issue is extremely important because it will significantly affect how we respond to those around us (both toward Christians and non-Christians alike), and how we deal with adversity in our lives. Also, in order to be able to effectively minister to the world with the gospel, we must know both the beginning and the end of God’s plan for man.” (Exposing The Greatest Lie Ever Told, Ken Eckerty)

Remember...In Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order...If all die in Adam, but all will not be made alive in Christ, THEN THE CROSS OF CHRIST HAS FAILED, AND ADAM WAS MORE POWERFUL THAN JESUS CHRIST! When

we preach the message of eternal torture, that is what we are saying. THINK ABOUT IT! That, my friend, is the...

GREATEST LIE EVER TOLD!



April 17

A FORM OF GODLINESS

The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christianity. Most Christians acknowledge Jesus with their lips, and then walk out the door and deny Him with their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable.

We must realize that the world can see right through all of our religious games. They know that the message of fear, hate, and confusion (which Evangelical Christianity preaches) is nothing more than SOUNDING BRASS AND A TINKLING CYMBAL! In simple terms, the church is making a lot of noise, and is a FORM OF GODLINESS WHICH DENIES THE POWER OF GOD!

This means that most of Christianity is an external form of the Christian life with NO INNER POWER! Let us turn away from this external facade of self-righteousness that STINKS to the high heavens!

Our problem is not the:

MUSLIMS

MASONS

HOMOSEXUALS

CATHOLICS (or any other religion, cult, or denomination)

GOVERNMENT (who is in office)

MIDDLE EAST

TEN COMMANDMENTS (whether or not they are hanging on the walls in public places)

RIGHT TO PRAY IN SCHOOLS OR PUBLIC PLACES

Our problem is THAT WE (the church) ARE A FORM (mere appearance) OF GODLINESS WITH NO POWER! So...What is the answer?

2nd Timothy 1:7 states...For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of POWER, AND OF LOVE, AND OF A SOUND MIND...We have forsaken the power of God for the spirit of fear. We must STOP preaching a “gospel of fear”, and start preaching the GOOD NEWS! What good news? The good news that GOD WAS IN CHRIST RECONCILING THE WORLD UNTO HIMSELF!

As we line up with God’s truth, we will once again be a church of power, love, and of a sound mind. Then, and only then, will the world be interested in this God that we are interested in. Instead of being just a form...

LET US BE TRANSFORMED!

April 18

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF RULING AND REIGNING?

1ST Corinthians 15:25-27,28 states...For He must reign UNTIL He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For He has put all things under His feet...AND WHEN ALL THINGS SHALL BE SUBDUED UNTO HIM, then shall the Son also Himself be subject unto Him That put ALL THINGS UNDER HIM, THAT GOD MAY BE ALL IN ALL...

So...How long will Jesus reign? UNTIL He has put all enemies under His feet, destroyed death (including the second death), and until He has subdued all things unto the Father. This will cause God to be ALL IN ALL (EVERYTHING TO EVERYONE)! The question is though, what is the purpose of ruling and reigning?

Ruling and reigning is for the purpose of:

1. DEALING WITH AND CORRECTING REBELLION
2. CAUSING THE ENEMIES OF GOD TO SUBMIT TO HIM
3. DESTROYING DEATH (its physical and spiritual aspects)
4. PUTTING ALL THINGS UNDER GOD'S FEET
5. THAT GOD MAY BE ALL IN ALL

How is it that God will accomplish this task? He is going to bring this about through THE OVERCOMERS! Revelation 2:26,27 states...And he that OVERCOMES, and keeps my works unto the end, TO HIM WILL I GIVE POWER OVER THE NATIONS: AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father...Psalm 66:3,4 states...Through the greatness of Your power shall Your enemies SUBMIT THEMSELVES UNTO YOU. ALL THE EARTH shall worship You, and shall sing unto You...

CAN YOU SEE? The whole idea of ruling and reigning is for the purpose of SUBDUING ALL THINGS UNTO THE FATHER! When all things are subdued unto the Father, Jesus Christ will no longer need to rule and reign, for it will not be necessary. GOD WILL THEN BE EVERYTHING TO EVERYONE!

In the meantime, let us seek first the Kingdom of God that we might be a part of Revelation 2:26 (the overcomers that will set the creation free). For He must reign...

UNTIL HE HAS PUT ALL ENEMIES UNDER HIS FEET!



April 19

THE MINISTER OF GOD

Mark 10:43-45 states...whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many...

The word “minister” means: A SERVANT, TO SERVE. We have developed a modern day idea of a minister that goes something like this...We must find the smartest person we can find, vote that person into position, pay that person a big salary, and believe and hang on every word that he says. This person must also wear the finest clothes, drive the finest car, live in the finest home, and be in luxury every moment of every day. This person must be the only one to teach and preach, while all others must keep their mouths shut and listen. HAVE WE MISSED IT, OR WHAT? Remember...The word “minister” means to BE A SERVANT.

In essence, Jesus was telling us that the definition of greatness is SERVANTHOOD (to serve others with a servant heart and attitude). According to Jesus, those who are servants are GREATEST in the Kingdom of God. Do you want to be great in the Kingdom of God? BE A SERVANT! HAVE A SERVANT HEART! SEEK NOT TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE! For even the Son of man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many. This is what it means to be a true...

MINISTER (SERVANT) OF GOD!



April 20

IT IS TIME TO SOAR

(Taken from the song: Eagle Saints Begin To Fly, Judy Vanderburg)

Naked I stood a fallen man, through no fault of my own
My inheritance...forgotten
No memory of who I was born to be, but still I knew deep inside of me
I had a higher purpose, there was a greater plan

I was born to live in Your presence, I was meant to soar in the heavens
No longer marred by the mark of man, no longer clothed in the rags of sin

In Your righteousness I now stand, a new creation
A brand new man...accepted
With eyes wide open, I now see, Your Kingdom Lord, for You live in me
No longer rejected, I'm Your beloved son

Eagle saints begin to fly...Eagle saints begin to fly
Eagle saints begin to fly...Eagle saints begin to fly

Do you hear the call? Do you have ears to hear? IT IS TIME TO ARISE IN CHRIST AND SOAR IN THE HEAVENS! Isaiah 40:31 states...But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; THEY SHALL MOUNT UP WITH WINGS AS EAGLES; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint...

What comes to mind when you think of an eagle soaring? HOW ABOUT FREEDOM! An eagle flies high above a storm in the heavens. It is totally free from the damaging effects of the storm. John 8:32 states...And you shall know the truth, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE...

Let us consider that:

1. If we are not soaring in the heavens (seated in heavenly places in Christ), then we are not free.
2. If we are not free (free from bondage, sin, and self), then we do not have the truth.
3. If we do not have the truth, then we are embracing a lie (deception).
4. If we are embracing a lie, then we are a form of godliness, denying the power of God.

As we come to the knowledge of the truth concerning our TRUE IDENTITY IN CHRIST, we are then able to shed our Adamic Nature. As we do this, we begin to soar in the heavens (spiritually speaking), and we find ourselves flying high above the storms of life. Let us mount up with WINGS AS EAGLES! DO YOU HEAR THE CALL?

EAGLE SAINTS BEGIN TO FLY!



April 21

FLESH AND BLOOD

1ST Corinthians 15:50 states...Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither does corruption inherit incorruption...

Here is the same verse as it reads from the New Testament In Modern Speech...But this I tell you, brethren: our mortal bodies cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor will what is perishable inherit what is imperishable...

Let us now attempt to discuss the nuts and bolts of this scripture verse. We will focus our attention on:

1. FLESH AND BLOOD
2. THE KINGDOM OF GOD
3. INHERITING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

To put this scripture into its proper context we must first see what the apostle Paul is talking about in this chapter (1st Corinthians chapter 15). The theme of this chapter is the resurrection of the dead. The resurrection that Paul is speaking of is not a spiritual resurrection, but rather a bodily resurrection. The chapter starts out with Paul speaking of the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that He was seen by Peter, and then by the twelve. It goes on to say that afterwards He was seen by more than five hundred brethren at once. As well, He was seen by James, and then by all the apostles. Paul then states that Jesus appeared unto him. After establishing the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, Paul then deals with those who deny the possibility of the bodily resurrection of the rest of the dead. He further states, that if there is no such thing as a resurrection of the dead, THEN CHRIST HIMSELF HAS NOT RISEN FROM THE DEAD! Please keep in mind that Paul is not referring to a spiritual resurrection, but rather to the actual bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, which is then to become the PATTERN for our own resurrection as well. The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ then becomes the pattern and guarantee for the resurrection of the entire creation. The key to understanding this is to be found in the statement...But this will happen to each man in the right order (1st Corinthians 15:23)...

The order is simply this:

1. CHRIST
2. CHRIST'S PEOPLE (THE REMNANT, OR FIRSTFRUITS OF CHRIST)
3. THE REST OF THE DEAD

To understand what the resurrection will be like, read the rest of the chapter. As well, take into consideration the verses that speak of Jesus after His bodily resurrection. Remember...JESUS IS THE PATTERN!

The words "flesh and blood" do speak of the corrupt nature of man. As well, they speak of our corrupt (mortal) body. Both our corrupt nature and body are subject to sin and death (whether spiritual or physical death). This is saying that our corrupt nature and mortal body cannot inherit the Kingdom of God, whether now or in the ages to come. This means that we need a NEW NATURE AND A NEW BODY. Jesus demonstrated this by His resurrection, for He had all power in HEAVEN AND IN EARTH. He was unlimited in the spirit realm, AND He was unlimited in the physical realm due to His glorified body. When Jesus appeared to His disciples after His resurrection, He assured them that He was not a spirit. He said...BEHOLD MY HANDS AND MY FEET, THAT IT IS I MYSELF: HANDLE ME, AND SEE; FOR A SPIRIT HAS NOT FLESH AND BONES, AS YOU SEE ME HAVE...This is the pattern for our resurrection! Notice that Jesus said that He had flesh and bone, but mentions nothing about blood. Please keep in mind that this flesh and bone body that Jesus spoke of was not the same type of body that went into the tomb. IT WAS A GLORIFIED (SPIRITUAL) BODY (1st Corinthians 15:42-49)!

According to Dr. Stephen Jones: "Men have long speculated on the ages to come. What will happen, when, and in what order? What will the condition of men be when they are raised (1 Cor. 15:35)? What is the purpose of the reign of Christ in the age to come, known to the Hebrews and early Christians as the Kingdom Age, or the Messianic Age? How does it differ from the age that follows it, described as "the new heaven and the new earth" having a "new Jerusalem"? The key to understanding the Kingdom of God is to view it in its three stages of development, rather than

pitting one view against another. Some say the Kingdom is NOW, and they are certainly correct. Others say the Kingdom is FUTURE, and they are correct as well. A few even say that the Kingdom of God began with Moses, and they too are correct. The Kingdom of God did indeed begin in the time of Moses when God first organized Israel into a Kingdom at Horeb. But the Kingdom of God was manifested in a greater manner under a Pentecostal anointing in the second chapter of Acts. But the Kingdom of God is also yet future as of this writing. We await the outpouring of the Spirit under the Feast of Tabernacles, which will manifest the Kingdom of God in its highest form on the earth. Only this view is large enough to encompass both those who believe the “Kingdom Now” idea, as well as the “Future Kingdom” viewpoint. We believe that the term “resurrection” is never used in the Bible for anything but a physical raising from the dead. We certainly understand that the believer is given life at his justification, but this does not negate the need for resurrection. Paul made it plain in 1 Corinthians 15 that the resurrection of Jesus Christ was the pattern and basis of our own resurrection. Jesus took time to carefully explain to His disciples that He had been raised in a physical body, though He was certainly not subject to the limitations of our present flesh. (See Luke 24:36-43.) In other words, when a man is justified by faith in the blood of the Lamb, he receives a Passover anointing from God, but this does not bring him personally into the fullness of the Spirit. When a man receives the Spirit of God through the anointing of Pentecost, he receives a fresh anointing, but it is only an earnest, and he is still left with imperfections by which he falls short of the glory of God. Only when God pours out His Spirit upon us in the fulfillment of Tabernacles will we find the perfection and immortality we seek.” (The Millennium Question, Dr. Stephen Jones)

O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING? O GRAVE, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY?



April 22

WHAT IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

According to J. Preston Eby: “The dictionary defines “kingdom” as “a government or country headed by a king or queen; a monarchical state; a realm or domain.” The word “kingdom” is made up of the noun “king”, and the suffix “dom”. “Dom” is a noun-forming suffix to express rank, position, or domain. For example, a “dukedom” is the domain over which a duke has authority or exercises rule, and in the abstract the rank of a duke. In like manner a “kingdom” is the domain and the people within that domain over which a king exercises authority and rule. It is the “king’s domain”. “Kingdom” is thus a contraction of “king’s domain”. The term, “Kingdom of God”, can mean no other than the domain over which God exercises rule as King. As well, the word “kingdom” is from the Greek word “BASILEIA” meaning “rule” or “reign”” (To Be The Lord’s Prayer, J. Preston Eby)

Can you see it yet? The Kingdom of God is the domain over which, and in which God rules and reigns in SUPREME POWER AND AUTHORITY (SOVEREIGNTY)! The Kingdom of God is the sovereign rule of God within the hearts and lives of His people.

The Kingdom of God is NOT “in the sweet by-and-by”! It is not a place you go to after you die! IT IS IN THE HERE-AND-NOW! IT IS CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY!

It is the inward working of the Spirit of God to bring you to the place where you will begin to say:

1. THY KINGDOM COME!
2. THY WILL BE DONE!

The Kingdom of God is WITHIN YOU (INSIDE OF YOU, Luke 17:21)! It is the Spirit of God performing MAJOR SURGERY on your soul, which is your:

1. MIND
2. WILL
3. EMOTIONS

We must let go of our kingdom, and our will, which is the throne of our inner will and heart.

According to J. Preston Eby: “So, if I sincerely, earnestly, and genuinely beseech the Spirit of God to rule in my life and experience, there to establish His Kingdom, I can only expect that there will be a most tremendous confrontation. It is a foregone conclusion that there will follow a formidable conflict between His divine sovereignty and my self-willed ego. And this, precious friend of mine, is the true BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON!” (What is the Kingdom of God, J. Preston Eby)

In conclusion, we can see that the Kingdom of God is:

1. THE DOMAIN (RULE) OF GOD
 2. THE PEOPLE OF GOD
 3. THAT IN WHICH GOD EXERCISES SOVEREIGN RULE
 4. IN THE HERE-AND-NOW
 5. WITHIN (INSIDE OF) YOU
 6. AN INWARD WORKING OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD WITHIN HIS PEOPLE
 7. THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON WITHIN THE HEART AND LIFE OF MAN
- (This battle takes place between our kingdom and will, and the Kingdom and will of God).

What is the final result of the working of the Kingdom of God in our lives? Romans 14:17 states...For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink (anything external): but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit...

THAT IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD!



April 23

SALVATION IS OF THE LORD

Jonah 2:9 states...But I will sacrifice unto You with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord...Psalm 3:8 states...Salvation belongs unto the Lord: Your blessing is upon Your people...

What a blessed day it is when we come to the understanding that SALVATION IS OF THE LORD! We must understand that salvation is authored and finished by God. In no way can man take any credit for his salvation, for it is by the grace of God. Remember...He (Jesus) is the AUTHOR and FINISHER of our faith! Salvation is authored and finished by God alone, not us, and not even our faith. Our faith is also a gift from God. Remember...HE IS THE AUTHOR OF OUR FAITH!!! God is the One Who is responsible to begin in us a good work, and to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. SALVATION DEPENDS FOR ITS COMPLETION ON GOD, AND NOT ON MAN.

Man is only able to bring forth death (carnality). IN CHRIST ALONE IS LIFE AND SALVATION. Salvation was completed in the mind of God before the foundation of the world, and was manifested through Jesus Christ and His cross. We are now being awakened (spirit, soul, and body) to the salvation of our loving Father!

CAN WE BE HONEST IN ADMITTING THAT WE CAN NOT SAVE OURSELVES? Thank God for HIS salvation! What a Savior He is!

SALVATION IS OF THE LORD!



April 24

THE HIGH CALLING

Philippians 3:10-21 speaks of the high calling of God. What is the apostle Paul talking about? What is the high calling? What is he pressing toward? What is he wanting to apprehend? What is it he wants to attain? Is he talking about heaven and hell? NO!

Philippians 3:11 states...If by any means I might attain unto the RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD...This could also be classified as:

1. A BETTER RESURRECTION (Hebrews 11:35)
2. THE FIRST RESURRECTION (Revelation 20:4-6)

This is the high calling! Those with the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him (God) have had the eyes of their understanding enlightened. These same people KNOW THE

HOPE OF THEIR CALLING. It is a call out of darkness into His marvelous light to be made into the image of the Son of God. This corporate remnant will be raised up in the first resurrection to rule and reign with Christ on the earth. The purpose of this is to set THE ENTIRE CREATION FREE (Romans 8:18-23)!

Let us forget those things which are behind, and reach forth unto those things which are before. We have been called to PRESS toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:13,14). What a hope!

WHAT A CALLING!



April 25

SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Matthew 6:31 states...take no thought for the things you have need of...Matthew 6:33 states...But seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you...

WHAT A PROMISE!

We have here before us a command and a promise. We are told to SEEK FIRST the Kingdom of God, and then we are given the promise from God that He will supply all of our needs.

Our Heavenly Father is giving us the key to a successful and overcoming life. We must seek first the invisible realm, and then we shall have all the things that we need in the visible realm. This thought (way of life) does not make sense to our carnal mind, for we are always seeking first: food, drink, clothing, employment, and shelter. O Heavenly Father, SET US FREE from all anxiety, fear, and worry, for after all these things do the Gentiles (Nations) seek.

Don't you want to be a believer? Ask God to make you a believer today! Ask Him to increase your faith, and to help your unbelief concerning the things of this life. He actually wants you to not even think about: food, drink, clothing, and shelter. TAKE NO THOUGHT FOR YOUR LIFE! BUT SEEK FIRST THE LIFE OF CHRIST, FOR IN DOING THIS YOU SHALL ENTER IN TO GOD'S ABUNDANT LIFE! THIS WILL SET YOU FREE FROM WORRYING ABOUT YOUR LIFE, FOR YOU ARE DEAD, AND YOUR LIFE IS HID WITH GOD IN CHRIST!

Start believing God today! Seek first His glorious Kingdom, which is: righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Our Heavenly Father knows what we have need of before we can even ask. He is not going to provide everything you need, but rather, HE HAS ALREADY PROVIDED EVERYTHING YOU NEED! We must learn to step forth in faith into the invisible realm of God. The material things of this life will be there when we need them.

HAVE FAITH IN GOD!

April 26

THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMES THE WORLD

1ST John 5:4,5 states...For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcomes the world, but he that believes that Jesus is the Son of God?...

The journey of the overcomer is one of believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. In turn, we are born of the Spirit (spiritually awakened) to see (perceive) the Kingdom of God. This results in an overcoming lifestyle that is fueled by BEING a believer. Our faith is to be continually placed in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is IMPERATIVE that we see this as a PROCESS! We are overcomers in Christ, but we are also **becoming** overcomers in Christ. We have been justified, and we are now being sanctified. We have been declared an overcomer in Christ, and now we are becoming what we have been declared to be (an overcomer). As we stated earlier, this is all made possible by our faith in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Remember...Without faith it is impossible to please God: for he that comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6)...It would do you well to read all of Hebrews chapter 11.

An overcomer is one who diligently and continually puts his or her faith in Jesus Christ. As well, an overcomer is one who HAS believed in Jesus Christ, IS believing, and SHALL continue to believe. THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMES THE WORLD! WE ARE LEARNING TO BE BELIEVERS! WE ARE HAVING FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD! The lifestyle of an overcomer is also to be seen and explained from Galatians 2:20, which states...I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives 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...May we understand and grasp what it is to...

LIVE BY THE FAITH OF THE SON OF GOD!



April 27

CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD

Acts 2:21 states...And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved...What a wonderful day it is when a person calls on the name of the Lord! From that moment on their life will never be the same. After calling on the name of the Lord you are introduced to a way of life that you have not previously known. You are awakened out of death and introduced to the way, the truth, and the life. We are of course speaking of a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ! O HAPPY DAY...WHEN JESUS WASHED ALL MY SINS AWAY!

After initially calling on the name of the Lord you are then introduced to justification. This is to be seen as a PASSOVER experience in God with PENTECOST and TABERNACLES to follow. Remember...These three feasts that took place in the Old Testament represent our full salvation process (spirit, soul, and body).

The key to this verse is in understanding that our salvation is a process. DO NOT LIMIT CALLING ON THE NAME OF THE LORD TO A ONE TIME EXPERIENCE THAT TOOK PLACE AT SOME POINT IN THE PAST! That type of thinking leads to a form of godliness and to spiritual death. CALL ON HIM NOW! CALL ON HIM TODAY! He is your Savior today, not just a Savior that did something for you at some point in your past. The Lord Jesus Christ will save you out of every temptation, and deliver you from all evil. He is your daily bread. TODAY IS THE DAY OF SALVATION!

You must recognize that you are still in the process of BEING SAVED. This is called sanctification. Call on the name of the Lord and you shall be saved. He is not just the Savior of your spirit, but also your soul and your body. We must STOP limiting God to the past and the future. Calling on the name of the Lord is a NOW THING!

CALL ON HIS NAME TODAY!



April 28

GOD'S SACRED SECRET!

Ephesians 1:9,10 states...Having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He has purposed in Himself; that in the dispensation of the fullness 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...

Ephesians 1:9,10 (Rotherham's Emphasized Bible) states...making known to us THE SACRED SECRET OF HIS WILL, According to His good pleasure which He purposed in Him, - For an administration of the fullness of the seasons to reunite for Himself (under one head) the all things in the Christ, The things upon the heavens, And the things upon the earth, In Him...

Did you know that God has a SACRED SECRET? You just read about it! It is the mystery (sacred secret) of His will. So...What is this sacred secret?

According to Joseph Rotherham: "The "sacred secret" of this dispensation has been divulged (Ephesians 3:3-9) and should be blazed abroad (Romans 16:25,26; Ephesians 6:19); but yet is of a nature unlikely to interest any who are careless of God's dispensational ways..." (Joseph Rotherham)

The sacred secret speaks of the dispensation of the fullness of times. This is also referred to (in the original Greek) as the Age of the Ages! It is the gathering together in one of ALL THINGS IN CHRIST! It is the promise that even beyond the Kingdom Age (The Millennium), there is an

Age of the Ages. This is the Age (The Age of the Ages) in which EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW, AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD, TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER! This final age (the dispensation of the fullness of times) will prove to be the GOOD PLEASURE of our Father, in which HIS MAGNIFICENT PURPOSE OF THE AGES WILL COME TO AN END, GUARANTEEING THE SALVATION OF ALL MEN!

This must come to you through DIVINE REVELATION! Many do not understand that God's judgments and man's torment (period of severe trial and testing) are age-lasting (of the ages / "aionios"), and that they are for the purpose of correction. This can be easily discovered as one embarks on a journey to study the purpose of the ages. The key words that will UNLOCK the mystery of God's Sacred Secret are: the Hebrew word "olam", and the Greek words "aion", and "aionios". A careful and unbiased study of these words will prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that Jesus Christ is indeed THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD, AND THAT HIS SALVATION INCLUDES ALL MEN, AND THAT IT IS UNIVERSAL IN ITS SCOPE!!!

Ask the Father to reveal this GREAT TRUTH to you! Ask Him for the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him (Ephesians 1:17-23). Your Heavenly Father will gladly reveal HIS SACRED SECRET TO YOU as you humble yourself in studying to show yourself approved. O THANK YOU FATHER FOR THE DISPENSATION OF THE FULLNESS OF TIMES (THE AGE OF THE AGES), FOR YOU SHALL GATHER TOGETHER IN ONE...

ALL THINGS IN CHRIST!



April 29

LOGOS AND RHEMA

According to Ray Knight: "These two Greek words ("Logos" and "Rhema") are both translated "word" in English, but they have a different meaning which is important to recognize for this is a foundation for growth, wisdom, and understanding. "LOGOS" = The "word" which contains the full intent of the speaker. "RHEMA" = The "word" from the Logos that is presently being spoken to the hearer." (Literal Word Or Spiritual, Ray Knight)

There is a difference between a Logos and Rhema word from the Lord. The Logos is the written or spoken Word of God, which is personified in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. A Rhema word from God is the revealed (unveiled) Word of God to the heart and life of a person. In essence, a Rhema word from God is the unveiling of the Logos. It is the Logos being uncovered, manifested, quickened (made alive), and revealed to the heart and life of man.

How many times have you read a passage of scripture from the Bible and it has meant absolutely nothing to you? Then, ALL OF A SUDDEN, it jumps off the page and tackles you. It becomes so plain to you what is being said. It becomes a revelation to you. This is to be seen as more than intellect at work. THIS IS A RHEMA EXPERIENCE IN GOD!

We must learn to pray for, seek for, and cherish our Rhema experiences with the Father. Many people do not believe there is any such thing as God revealing to us what His Word (Logos) means. Sadly to say, for them THERE IS NO SUCH THING! They remain in intellect, theology,

the carnal mind (death), man's traditions, Bible colleges, and never see the true meaning of the scriptures. THEY ARE EVER LEARNING, BUT NEVER COMING TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH!

May the Father deliver us from our futile, fleshly, and failing attempts to approach Him in raw intellect. It is absolutely necessary for us to have Rhema experiences in God!

O FATHER, RAIN ON US WITH RHEMA FROM ON HIGH!



April 30

**THE AFFLICTIONS OF THE RIGHTEOUS
(PSALM 34)**

Psalm 34:19 states...Many are the afflictions of the righteous: But the Lord delivers him out of them all...Not only do the righteous have afflictions, but they are many. The English word “afflictions” comes from the Hebrew word “Ra”, which means: misfortune, adversity, calamity, and sadness. Why afflictions? Why many? Why the righteous? The key is to be found in Psalm 119:71, which states...It is good for me that I have been AFFLICTED; that I might LEARN YOUR STATUTES...

We can now see that we are going through afflictions, fiery trials, tribulations, judgments, and chastisements, that we might LEARN the ways of our Father! How else could we learn to:

BLESS THE LORD AT ALL TIMES...
MAKE OUR BOAST IN THE LORD...
EXALT HIS NAME...
SEEK THE LORD...
CRY UNTO THE LORD...
SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD...
FEAR (REVERENCE) THE LORD...
HAVE NO WANT OF ANY GOOD THING...
KEEP OUR TONGUE FROM EVIL...
DEPART FROM EVIL, DO GOOD, AND SEEK PEACE...

Our Father is bringing us through many afflictions to break us of our ways (self and sin), and to crush the spirit of antichrist that is within us. Remember...The Lord is near to them that are of a broken heart, and saves such as be of a contrite spirit (the crushed in spirit)...God is crushing the carnality in us through many afflictions. This is all done for our benefit, and that we might LEARN!

Remember...The apostle Paul told us to glory in our tribulations...As well, the apostle Peter told us to THINK IT NOT STRANGE CONCERNING OUR FIERY TRIALS...We must grow in maturity to be able to recognize the PROCESS OF GOD'S DEALINGS with us and within us. He is bringing us through HIS CONSUMING FIRE! This is the very reason that...Many are the afflictions of the righteous...

THAT WE MIGHT LEARN!



May 1

I AND MY FATHER ARE ONE

John 10:31,32 states...I (Jesus is speaking) and My Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him...Let us remember that the scriptures refer to Jesus as the:

1. SON OF GOD
2. SON OF MAN

In essence, Jesus was the perfect revelation of God and man. He was God manifested in the flesh. Jesus, the Son of God, showed man what God was really like. Jesus, the Son of man, showed man the perfect relationship with the Father. Hence, Jesus would say...I AND MY FATHER ARE ONE...

Jesus laid down the pattern for all who would follow in His footsteps. Whether we understand it or not, we are being drawn into a love relationship with our Heavenly Father. We are being brought to the place where we can say...I AND MY FATHER ARE ONE!

Do you remember what Psalm 82:6 says about man? It states...I HAVE SAID, YOU ARE GODS; ALL OF YOU ARE CHILDREN OF THE MOST HIGH...

WOW!

(LET THAT SINK IN FOR A MINUTE!)

Jesus quoted this same verse in John 10:34,35 (As well, read John 10:30-36). We are to see ourselves as IN CHRIST, for **IN HIM** we are part of the very Son of God. We are His body (the body of Christ). WE ARE GODS! THIS IS OUR TRUE IDENTITY!

You are a spirit, you have a soul, and you live in a body. With this being said though, your true essence is spirit. This leads us to the understanding that God is our Father, FOR GOD IS A SPIRIT. HE IS THE FATHER OF SPIRITS! ACCEPT IT! BELIEVE IT! RECEIVE IT! WALK IN IT! IT IS YOUR TRUE IDENTITY! YOU ARE GODS! YOU AND THE FATHER ARE BECOMING ONE! THIS IS YOUR DESTINY!