

(Romans 14:17). Simply stated, it is the Lordship of Jesus Christ. God's Kingdom is a theocracy, not a democracy, and is ruled by God through His delegated representatives, not by the people. The term "Kingdom of Heaven" shows us where it is from, and the term "Kingdom of God" shows us Who runs it!" (*The Issues Of Life*, Kelley Varner)

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. It is God's declared purpose therefore that His *people*, His *holy nation*, His *peculiar treasure*, should be the domain over which He would rule as King, and ultimately all the earth and all things and every creature. The Lord's greatest dominion at this time is in the lives of His elect and chosen ones. Millions sanctimoniously and religiously pray, "Thy Kingdom come," thinking it is something outside of themselves, is some distant age, under other conditions — and have no intention whatever of abdicating the throne of their own inner wills and hearts to the King of Glory. 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!" (*To Be The Lord's Prayer*, J. Preston Eby)

As was just stated, the conflict is between our kingdom and His Kingdom. It is between our will and His will. So...Let us submit to the Kingdom and will of our Heavenly Father, for in doing so we become partakers of His divine nature. For so an entrance shall be ministered unto us abundantly into the EVERLASTING KINGDOM (THE KINGDOM OF THE AGES) of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

THY KINGDOM COME!



June 1

THE LORD'S PRAYER - PART 6
(Matthew 6:9-13)
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

According to J. Preston Eby: "What meaning do you attach to the word "daily"? For what is it that you ask, exactly, when you pray, "Give us this day our *daily bread*?" What is "daily bread"? Around the Greek word translated "daily" ("EPIOUSION") much controversy has circled. The word is a coined word. It is not found elsewhere in the New Testament. It is not found in the Greek

translation of the Old Testament. It is not found in Greek literature. The early Church Father, Origen, less than two hundred years after our Lord spoke, reported that he could not find the word either in the works of classical writers or in the common speech of the uneducated. It is not likely that in this prayer, intended by our Lord to be a model for His disciples, He would introduce an unknown word manufactured by Him for the occasion. Jesus never did that. It looks as though our Lord had indeed spoken in Aramaic, the common language of Galilee, and that when the apostles began to write their Gospels in Greek they coined this word to represent what Jesus said sort of a transliteration, and yet not that. The phrase “daily bread” comes to us from the Latin; it was adopted by Tyndale and Luther, and so passed into the King James Version. Scholars suggest various shades of meaning for the word, and each has his reasons. The four primary ones are: (1) daily bread (2) necessary bread (3) dependable bread (4) bread for the morrow.” (To Be The Lord’s Prayer, J. Preston Eby)

Whatever meaning is most correct, we can be sure that this bread comes from our Father, and it is essential that we have it on a daily basis to be spiritually nourished. What is this bread? Who is this bread? Let us first look to the Old Testament and then to the New Testament.

Exodus 16:15,21 states...And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna (a whatness, what is it?): for they did not know what it was. And Moses said unto them, This is the bread which the Lord has given you to eat...And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun became hot, it melted...John 6:31-35 states...Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is He Which comes down from heaven, and gives life unto the world. Then said they unto Him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said unto them, I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE: he that comes to Me shall never hunger; and he that believes on Me shall never thirst...

The daily bread that we seek IS A PERSON! It is He Which comes down from heaven. The daily bread that we seek is the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is our bread, our spiritual sustenance, our life, our everything, and our all in all. O Heavenly Father...Give us this day of Who YOU ARE. You are bread and water unto our souls. Give us this day...

OUR DAILY BREAD!



June 2

THE LORD’S PRAYER - PART 7
(Matthew 6:9-13)
FORGIVE US, AS WE FORGIVE

According to Dr. Stephen Jones: “The Jubilee is all about forgiveness. The law itself speaks of the cancellation and forgiveness of DEBTS on this day, but in the Bible, all sin is reckoned

as a debt. If a man stole a thousand dollars, the thief normally *owed* his victim two thousand dollars (Exodus 22:4). His sin was reckoned as a debt, according to Biblical justice. And so the New Testament writers speak of debts as the equivalent of sin. For example, in the Lord's Prayer, we read in Matthew 6:12, "*And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."* In Luke 11:4, it reads, "*And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us."* (The Laws Of The Second Coming, Dr. Stephen Jones)

As was just stated, the word "forgive" carries with it the idea of releasing someone from a debt that they are not able to pay. It means: to send forth, omit, send away, remit, dismiss, to liberate, and to release from a debt.

Every Christian must first understand that he (or she) has been forgiven by their Heavenly Father. He has released us from our sin debt by the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are then to show forth this same forgiveness to all others. Ephesians 4:32 states...And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you...1st Corinthians 6:20 states...For you are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's...Romans 5:10 states...For if, when we were enemies, WE WERE RECONCILED TO GOD BY THE DEATH OF HIS SON, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life...

Let us rejoice and embrace God's forgiveness. We have been forgiven, bought, and reconciled. THIS IS GOOD NEWS!!! Our sin debt has been paid in full. We have been forgiven by God for Christ's sake!

Now...It is our turn. Our turn for what? It is our turn to extend this same forgiveness that has been FREELY GIVEN to us! Many people have a hard time forgiving others. Why is this? When it comes right down to it, they do not understand the forgiveness that has been given to them. (Read Matthew 18:23-35.) Someone who will not forgive others is clueless as to the forgiveness that their Heavenly Father has given to them. Don't you want to be a forgiver, a lover, and a reconciler? You have been forgiven, loved, and reconciled. Let us be kind one to another, tenderhearted, FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER!

According to Dr. Stephen Jones: "The overcomers are people who have experienced the Jubilee. That is, they have learned to release men from bondage and the prison house of sin (debt). They have learned not to hold grudges against their persecutors, but to rejoice that God has found them worthy to undergo these trials of faith. These are overcomers." (The Laws Of The Second Coming, Dr. Stephen Jones)

FORGIVE!



June 3

THE LORD'S PRAYER - PART 8
(Matthew 6:9-13)
LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

Lead us not into temptation! What does this statement mean? This statement must be rightly divided and understood in the context and light of other scriptures concerning temptation. At first glance it appears to be difficult to understand this statement. This is due to the fact that there are many scriptures that declare that God does lead man into seasons of trial, testing, and temptation. Let us take a look at some of these scriptures, attempting to reconcile all the thoughts that pertain to temptation. This will cause us to properly understand God, man, and the purpose for our temptation.

Matthew 4:1 states...Then was Jesus LED UP OF THE SPIRIT into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil...1st Corinthians 10:13 states...There has no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: But God is faithful, Who will not allow you to be tempted above that you are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that you may be able to bear it...1st Peter 1:6 states...Wherein you greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, you are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perishes, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ...1st Peter 4:12 states...Beloved, think it not strange concerning your fiery trial which is to try (same Greek word that was translated tempt, or temptation in other areas) you, as though some strange thing happened unto you...2nd Peter 2:9 states...The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished...Revelation 3:10 states...Because you have kept the word of My patience, I also will keep you from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to TRY THEM that dwell upon the earth...James 1:12 states...Blessed is the man that endures temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to them that love Him...

According to J. Preston Eby: "The apostle James tells us that God does not tempt anyone, yet the scriptures speak more than once of men who were tempted of God. The apparent contradiction vanishes when we remember that the word is commonly used with two meanings and covers two distinct spheres of thought. When we speak of temptation we most often think of an enticement to commit sin. We are tempted when we are attracted to that which is wrong, or is beneath our privileges, contrary to God's will, or inconsistent with His character, and sometimes the scriptures use the term in that sense. This is precisely the case when James tells us that God does not tempt any man. "For God cannot be tempted **with evil**, neither tempts He any man: but every man is tempted (with evil) when he is drawn away of his *own lust*, and enticed" (James 1:13-14). The subject here is being tempted *with evil*, or seduced to commit evil, and GOD DOES NOT SO TEMPT ANY MAN. God does not solicit people to do wrong. But the underlying meaning of the word is more specific than that and the Greek word in the New Testament indicates the idea of **trial, testing, or proof** — that which tests or examines or proves the moral or spiritual quality, character, condition or standing of a person. In this sense it is perfectly true that OUR HEAVENLY FATHER DOES LEAD US INTO TEMPTATION! There are times when the ways of God refuse

to be confined within the bounds of man's logic. They make statements that appear to be mutually contradictory but are nonetheless true. The Lord says, "You need to be led into temptation," and He also says, "You need to pray, Lead us not into temptation." Both of these statements are true! "Lead us not into temptation" is not a cry to escape temptation and testing. It is the longing within every son to PASS THE TEST, to pass EVERY TEST, to pass the LAST GREAT TEST, to obtain the victory at last over every vestige of the world, the flesh and the Devil. We are walking out and fulfilling our period of trials and chastisement, and are being prepared by those trials. The hope and promise of full salvation is our goal, for Father has chosen us to receive that promise. This prayer articulates the desire in the breast of every son to come at last to the full stature of Jesus Christ, to be a full overcomer, to have completely and only the mind of Christ, to stand in the power of the resurrection as the image and likeness of God. It asks to be led BEYOND TEMPTATION. It anticipates the formation of the eternal, unchangeable, *unttemptable* nature of God as our very own reality. Almighty Father! Lead us not into temptation, lead us beyond the temptable realm, deliver us from all evil, let every lesson be fully learned, that we may stand on mount Zion with the Father's name written in our foreheads. This is the goal and the consummation of the life of sonship. This is the power and the glory of the Kingdom of God." (To Be The Lord's Prayer, J. Preston Eby)

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION!



June 4

THE LORD'S PRAYER - PART 9
(Matthew 6:9-13)
DELIVER US FROM EVIL

According to J. Preston Eby: "As Jesus was in the world, so are we in the world, and it is an evil world facing us on every side. Therefore we need a power beyond our natural selves to help us through the temptation that it may not overpower us. DELIVER US FROM EVIL! We know what was in the mind of the Son of God. To Him evil meant one thing. Not the evil of sorrows, calamities, sickness, accidents, crime, drugs, hatred, persecution, war and tragic events which the world calls evil. The problem is not Russia, Fidel Castro, Saddam Hussein, the humanists, gangs, abortionists and politicians. **The evil which we are to fear is the corruption of our own hearts.**" (To Be The Lord's Prayer, J. Preston Eby)

Jeremiah 17:9 states...The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?...Matthew 15:19,20 states...For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witnesses, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man...

Well...There you have it! Evil is in the heart of man. We must be awakened to this sobering fact. People are always looking outside of themselves, pointing the finger at certain groups of

people such as: homosexuals, certain religions and denominations, certain political groups, the masons, terrorists, atheists, scientists, and even those who strive to advance technology. When will we WAKE UP and realize that none of these people, groups, or things are the evil that we are longing to be delivered from? These things are but symptoms of the root of our problem! The evil that we are to be delivered from is the nature that is within us. Ephesians 2:2,3 states...Wherein in time past you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience: Among whom we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; AND WERE BY NATURE the children of wrath, even as others...

The reason that we see evil in this world is because it is in the heart of man. Once we are delivered from the evil that is within, we will cease to see it without. The apostle Paul came to this grand revelation when he said...For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwells no good thing...O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? (Romans 7:18,24)...

We must also realize that we have within us the spirit of antichrist, which is the man of sin who sits in the temple of God, whose temple WE ARE. This must be revealed to you! (2nd Thessalonians 2:3,4)

According to J. Preston Eby: "The devil will never come as a hideous spirit creature in a funny red suit to seduce or rape your wife, but *the devil in some man* may surely attempt it. I must tell you frankly that I have not had any problem with that devil out there someplace, but I have had a great deal of difficulty with that devil whose countenance I behold when I look in the mirror!" (To Be The Lord's Prayer, J. Preston Eby)

Evil, and deliverance from evil, both take place in the heart of man. For we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, ARE CHANGED into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord (2nd Corinthians 3:18)...

THAT IS DELIVERANCE! God has promised to change us into His image from glory to glory! As well, He has promised to give us all things that pertain to life and godliness...that by these things we might be partakers of His divine nature (2nd Peter 1:3,4)...Not only will He give us deliverance, but it shall be DIVINE DELIVERANCE. OUR DELIVERANCE IS THE VERY DIVINE NATURE OF GOD HIMSELF!!! O Father...

DELIVER US FROM EVIL!



June 5

THE LORD'S PRAYER - PART 10

(Matthew 6:9-13)

YOURS IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY

This doxology is rooted in David's doxology in 1st Chronicles chapter 29. 1st Chronicles 29:11,12 states...Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted above all. Both riches and honor come of You, and You reign over all; and in Your hand is power and might; and in Your hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all...Daniel 4:34,35 states...The Most High lives for ever, Whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom is from generation to generation. All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: AND HE DOES ACCORDING TO HIS WILL in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and no one can stay His hand, or say unto Him, What do You do?...

According to J. Preston Eby: "God is saying to us that HE IS SOVEREIGN. Another way to express that truth is: God owns the earth and everything in it — He does what He wants to do and nobody can stop Him from doing it. In particular He is sovereign with what He does with the earth. God does not have to ask anybody's permission to do anything He wants with any part of the earth — and none can hinder or resist Him!" (To Be The Lord's Prayer, J. Preston Eby)

This shows and tells us of the AWESOME, ALMIGHTY, AND INDISPUTABLE POWER OF GOD! He owns and controls everything! The Kingdom is His! The glory is His! The power is His! EVERYTHING IS HIS!!! This is good news! If everything is God's, then we know that everything is in good hands. We know that everything will eventually be subdued unto Him. The final outcome is not left up to man, but to our GREAT GOD! Aren't you glad that the Kingdom, power, and glory are His?

The words "for ever" at the end of this prayer come from the Greek word "aion", which means an age. In this case it should read...to the ages...We can now see that the Kingdom, power, and glory belong to God for all the ages of time, and that this is to take place until God shall be ALL IN ALL! To this our response should be a resounding AMEN! The word "amen" means: it is so!...so let it be!

LET IT BE THAT THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY BELONG UNTO OUR FATHER THROUGHOUT ALL AGES OF TIME, UNTO THE AGE, EVEN UNTO THE AGE OF THE AGES!

AMEN!



June 6

READ ROMANS CHAPTER 5...I DARE YOU!

The beautiful words of Romans chapter 5 attest to the truth of Adam and Christ. They teach us of the fall and redemption of man. This chapter portrays the offence and the free gift, judgment and grace, death and life, and disobedience and obedience. Romans chapter 5 speaks of only two men.

These two men are:

1. THE FIRST ADAM
2. THE LAST ADAM

There are only two men as far as God is concerned. The key to understanding this chapter (and the entire Bible for that matter) is to see all of the human race as having been placed in each of these two men. You must see yourself as having been placed in Adam. You must also see yourself as having been placed in Christ. This means that the fall of Adam (the human race) was: universal, total, complete, and corporate. This also means that the redemption of man was: universal, total, complete, and corporate.

Many people will scream from the hilltops that this is not so. They will chime in immediately when they are told that the fall of man was universal, but will bitterly deny that the redemption of man was just as universal. If the fall of man in Adam included all men, which it did, but the redemption of man in Christ did not include all men, then what would that tell us?

This would mean that the fall of man was more powerful than the cross and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. This would also mean that Satan (the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience), the most subtle beast of the field which the Lord God had made, would have to be declared as more powerful than the God that created him. IT WOULD MEAN THAT GOD LOST, AND THAT SATAN WOULD HAVE TO BE DECLARED AS HAVING BROUGHT DOWN MORE SOULS THAN JESUS CHRIST COULD SAVE!!!

Thank God that this is not the case! It does not matter what the Babylonian church system says. THIS IS NOT THE CASE! **THE TEACHING OF ETERNAL TORTURE IS NOT TRUE!!!** There will not be more people lost than there will be saved. The same amount of people that were lost in Adam shall be saved in Christ! Romans chapter 5 states that judgment and condemnation came to all, but it also states that THE FREE GIFT AND JUSTIFICATION came to all!

1st Corinthians 15:22 states...For as in Adam ALL DIE, even so IN CHRIST SHALL ALL BE MADE ALIVE. **BUT EVERY MAN IN HIS OWN ORDER**...Take some time today to meditate on these things. Read Romans chapter 5.

I DARE YOU!



June 7

**PHILIPPIANS CHAPTER 3
(The Process Of Salvation)**

What a wonderful journey that Philippians chapter 3 takes us on. It is the journey of salvation. It is the journey of our full salvation! Full salvation?...Yes! FULL SALVATION!

In Philippians chapter 3:1-6 the apostle Paul gives us a list of credentials that he had accumulated in his years previous to his encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ. He then goes on to say that these things were but dung compared to the EXCELLENCY of the knowledge of Christ Jesus. He further states, that we are to have NO CONFIDENCE in the flesh, but we are to worship God in the Spirit, and to rejoice in Christ Jesus. Paul then begins to speak of a process in which he finds himself in. This process which he speaks of is the process of his salvation.

Paul characterizes his salvation as being found in Him (Christ), not having his own righteousness, but having the righteousness which is through the faith of Christ. He goes on to state his earnest desire to know Him in the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings. Paul acknowledges that he has not fully attained his goal, nor is he perfect yet, but rather he determines to forget the things that are behind him, pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Paul makes it clear to us that he has not yet attained his final blessed state in Christ, neither is he already perfect. SURELY WE CAN SEE THAT HE CONSIDERS HIMSELF TO BE IN THE PROCESS OF GOD'S SALVATION! It is a process that brings us from recognizing our flesh, having no confidence in the flesh, and to worshipping God in the Spirit. Can we be honest with ourselves in admitting that we have not fully attained to this, nor have we fully apprehended the One Who has apprehended us? We are not fully saved yet! WE ARE BEING SAVED!!!

The key to growing in the Lord is in realizing that you have much growing in the Lord to do. If Paul had already arrived at the fullness of his salvation, then what was he pressing toward? Why was he saying that he counted himself as not having apprehended the fullness of his salvation yet? Paul understood and taught that man was made up of spirit, soul, and body. He knew that his spirit was saved, his soul was being saved, and that his body was yet to be saved. These three aspects of salvation are referred to as justification, sanctification, and glorification. No wonder that Paul said that he counted himself not to have apprehended. He knew that his salvation process would continue until the Lord Jesus Christ did change his vile body, that it would be fashioned like unto His glorious body (Philippians 3:21).

Let us rejoice in our salvation. We have been saved, we are being saved, and we shall be saved.

WHAT A HOPE!

WHAT A SALVATION!



June 8

**ALL IN ALL POEM
(By Derek Calder)**

All in All

Every nation, every tongue,
Every person, old and young.
All the dead, and all the living,
Astonished at the Father's giving.
Hearts laid bare before the Throne,
Cleansed and salted to the bone.
Raised to life and clothed with white,
Gaze at Jesus with delight.
Every pain and every tear,
All the worries and every fear,
Melt beneath unending Love,
Banished by the heaven'ly Dove.
Every family born to sin,
Crowned by liberty within.
God now All in All Creation,
Joyful Reconciliation!

Derek Calder

God was, is, and always will be ALL. But He did not stop there. He created another all. He created all things (Colossians 1:16). His end goal is to be ALL IN ALL. He will be ALL (everything) in the ALL (everything) that He created!

READ 1ST CORINTHIANS 15:22-28!

GOD SHALL BE ALL IN ALL!



June 9

PURE RELIGION

James 1:26,27 states...If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridles not his tongue, but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted

from the world...Religion is not bad, but impure religion is. We can seem to be religious, but it can all be in vain. Let us attempt to look at what characterizes impure and pure religion.

The word “religion” means: a careful follower of the observances connected with one’s belief. This tells us that pure religion is more than just mere words. It is a way of life. It is a lifestyle. This lifestyle should match up with the words that a person speaks about his or her religion. Pure religion is a demonstration and a manifestation of the words and faith that we speak of. We can see this in the writings of James, for he went on to say that faith without works is dead. In essence, faith that is properly placed in the person and work of Jesus Christ will produce true works. Pure religion is characterized as: quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger, righteous action, rejecting vile and evil influences, a humble spirit in accepting God’s message, obedient, looking into the perfect law, a hearer who remembers, an obedient doer, blessed, one who curbs his tongue, something that gives a person revelation truth, and of great worth.

On the other hand, impure religion is to be seen as the exact opposite of the list mentioned above. The world has seen enough impure religion. May our Father remove the *scars* that it has left on us and the world! Let us strive to be a part of the religious service that is pure and stainless in the sight of our God, which is to: visit the fatherless and widows in their time of trouble, and to keep one’s own self unspotted from the world. In short, it is a DEMONSTRATION OF THE LOVE OF GOD that reaches out to those in need. Pure religion is the love of God in action.

THIS IS PURE RELIGION!



June 10

DAMN “?”

According to Gary Amirault: “The words “damn” and “hell” are among favorite words spoken by theologians of the “hell-fire” type, that is, as long as they are used in church. These same words used in the local bar or on the athletic field would constitute “cussing” which would not be considered proper. If you are a little uncomfortable even reading about the word “damn” just remember the “Authorized” King James Bible uses it quite frequently. Let us look into the etymology of this word “damn.” We may find some interesting surprises.

The Dictionary of Word Origins written by John Ayto and published in 1990 states the following about the word “damn”:

Damn: “Damn” comes via Old French “damner” from Latin “damnare,” a derivative of the noun “damnum.” This originally meant ‘loss, harm’ (it is the source of the English ‘damage’), but the verb damnare soon spread its application to ‘pronounce judgment upon,’ in both the legal and the theological sense. These meanings (reflected also in the

derived 'condemn') followed the verb through Old French into English, which dropped the strict legal sense around the 16th century but has persisted with the theological one and its more profane offshoots. Condemn, damage, indemnity." (Etymology Of The Word "Damn", Gary Amirault)

According to Gary Amirault: "The words "damn" and its derivative do not once occur in the Old Testament. In the New Testament they are the exceptional and arbitrary translation of two Greek verbs or their derivatives; which occur 308 times. These words are "apollumi" and "krino." "Apolleia" (destruction or waste) is once rendered "damnation" and once "damnable." (2 Peter 2:3, and 2 Peter 2:1); "krino," (judge) occurs 114 times, and is only once rendered "damned." (1 Thess. 2:12) "Krima, (judgment or sentence) occurs 24 times, and is 7 times rendered "damnation." "KataKrino," (I condemn) occurs 24 times, and is twice only rendered "be damned." (Etymology Of The Word "Damn", Gary Amirault)

The word "damn" does not mean what it has come to mean today in the realm of Christianity. It means: loss, harm, or judgment, but is definitely does not mean eternal torture in a literal hell (torture pit) away from the presence of God. THAT IS ABSURD, AND THAT IS WHAT RELIGION DOES! Man has a religious agenda, and it is this: to make the Bible conform to his ideas about God, rather than forming his ideas about God based on what the Bible actually teaches.

According to Gary Amirault: "As we can see, originally the word was neither a "cuss" word nor did it have theological significance. It was a perfectly good word with which to translate the Biblical Greek words "apollumi," "krino," and "apolleia." But when theologians twisted this word out of its original meaning, it became a word which would smear the character of our Father. The world followed the church and used it as a "cuss" word, but it should be noted, that it was the church that turned it into its present meaning, not unbelievers...In conclusion, it is time for many preachers to stop blaspheming our Father. When they say that hordes of humanity are "damned to hell," they themselves are actually guilty of misrepresenting the Creator's role as Judge. The scriptures declare that the earth will learn righteousness when His judgments are in the earth. It is we, who call ourselves Christians, who need to clean up our mouths and hearts far more than the unbeliever drowning his miseries at the local bar." (Etymology Of The Word "Damn", Gary Amirault)

WE MUST STOP DAMNING PEOPLE, AND START LOVING PEOPLE!



June 11

UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE

2ND Timothy 3:15-17 states...And that you from a child have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for

instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works...

THANK GOD FOR THE HOLY SCRIPTURES! Without the Holy Scriptures we would be totally in the dark concerning the things of God. We should read the scriptures daily, pouring over them in an attempt to know the true heart of our Heavenly Father. The question is though, if so many people claim to read and study the scriptures, then why are there so many different denominations and such confusion over the scriptures? It must be due to the fact that there is a lack of understanding in those who are reading the scriptures. Most people know the scriptures (as the Pharisees did). They are able to recite many passages from memory, but they are lacking one very important thing. **THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE SCRIPTURES!** Why is this?

According to Miles Coverdale: "It shall greatly help you to understand scripture if you mark, not only what is spoken and written, but of whom, and to whom, with what words, at what time, where, to what intent, with what circumstances, considering what goes before and what follows." (Miles Coverdale in his introduction to his Bible translation)

It would do us well to meditate on the words of Miles Coverdale, for they do explain to us the reason why so few people truly understand the Bible. We are so accustomed to reading our Bibles with our denominational minds already made up. We have put God in our nice, pretty, and religious box with a beautiful pharisaical bow on top. When we read the Bible we learn very little of its true meaning, for in our minds we already have God all figured out. **WE MUST STOP DOING THIS! WE MUST STOP PULLING SCRIPTURES OUT OF CONTEXT TO SUIT OUR DENOMINATIONAL AGENDAS! DO WHAT THE MAN SAID!** Take the advice of Miles Coverdale.

Matthew 13:23 states...But he that received seed into the good ground is he that hears the word, **AND UNDERSTANDS IT;** which also bears fruit, and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty...We must seek to understand the scriptures that we might bear the fruit of the Spirit.

According to Millar Burrows: "What we really need, after all, is not to defend the Bible but to understand it." (Millar Burrows)

SEEK TO UNDERSTAND THE SCRIPTURES!



June 12

WHAT GOD HATES

Proverbs 6:16-19 states...These six things does the Lord hate: seven are an abomination unto Him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked imaginations, feet that are swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaks lies, and he that sows discord among the brethren...Yes...There are things that God does hate, and these are among the top of the list. Let us draw our attention to one in particular...**A PROUD LOOK.**

Psalms 18:27 states...For you will save the afflicted people; but will bring down high looks...
Psalms 101:5 states...Whoever slanders his neighbor, him will I cut off: he that has a high look and a proud heart will I not allow...

A proud look obviously speaks of PRIDE in one's heart and life. Is that what God hates? YES! Among the things that God hates, PRIDE TOPS THE LIST! You would think that there are many other things that would top the list other than pride, but that is not the case. Remember...Jesus had no harsh things to say to notorious sinners, harlots, thieves, murderers, and such like. His harsh words were to the RELIGIOUS LEADERS of the day. The religious leaders (the Pharisees, Sadducees, and scribes) were those whose hearts were full of pride and self-righteousness. The word "proud" in Proverbs 6:17 means: to rise, rise up, be high, lofty, exalted, and to be lifted up. This is what God hates. HE HATES PRIDE! Pride screams of...ME, MYSELF, I, GIVE TO ME, AREN'T I SOMETHING, ME, ME, ME! Are you sick yet? GOD IS! Read Luke 18:9-14 to see what Jesus had to say about a proud look. In verse 14 it states...for everyone that exalts himself shall be abased; and he that humbles himself shall be exalted...

Let us strive for the opposite of a proud look. Our trust in self-righteousness (self) is what STINKS to the world and God.

According to George MacDonald: "I am so tired about the things said about God. I understand God's patience with the wicked, but I do wonder how He can be so patient with the pious." (George MacDonald)

HUMBLE YOURSELF!



June 13

EATING WITH SINNERS

Do you hang around sinners? Do you hang around notorious sinners? I SURE HOPE SO! Matthew 9: 10-13 states...And while He was reclining at table, a large number of tax-gatherers and notorious sinners were of the party with Jesus and His disciples. The Pharisees noticed this, and they inquired of His disciples, Why does your teacher eat with the tax-gatherers and notorious sinners? He heard the question and replied, It is not men in good health who require a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means, it is mercy that I desire, not sacrifice; for I did not come to appeal to the righteous, but to sinners (The New Testament In Modern Speech)...

Why did Jesus eat with sinners? Why did He not come to appeal to the righteous? WHO ELSE COULD HE POSSIBLY EAT WITH? WHO ELSE COULD HE SPEND HIS TIME WITH? **WE ARE ALL SINNERS! THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NO, NOT ONE!!!** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; (Romans 3:23)...

We are all sinners and unrighteous before our Father. There is not one person (other than the man Christ Jesus) who can say that they are holy and righteous in and of themselves. Many think

that after they become a Christian that they are righteous in and of themselves, but this is still not the case. It is the LORD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS that has been imputed to us based upon faith in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

With this in mind, we can now understand why that Jesus ate with notorious sinners, and why He did not come to call the righteous, but sinners unto repentance. HE HAD NO ONE ELSE TO EAT WITH OR SPEND HIS TIME WITH, FOR WE ARE ALL SINNERS AND UNRIGHTEOUS OUTSIDE OF GOD! If Jesus did not fellowship with sinners there would have been no one for Him to fellowship with.

Now you know it is alright to hang out with sinners. This is who Jesus came for. He came for us all. The Pharisees were *so blind* that they could not fathom that they too were sinners. Let us strive to be like our Savior in spending time with notorious sinners. We have nothing to be ashamed of in doing this. The purpose for this type of fellowship is to demonstrate the love of God to the very people that He came to save. Jesus did not come to call the righteous...

BUT SINNERS (ALL PEOPLE) TO REPENTANCE!



June 14

UNBELIEF

Matthew 13:57,58 states...And they were offended in Him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country (His native country: i.e. Galilee), and in his own house. And He did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief...Mark 6:5,6 states...And He could do there no mighty work, except that He laid His hands upon a few sick people, and healed them. And He marveled because of their unbelief...Mark 16:14 states, Afterward He appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen Him after He was risen...Romans 11:20 states...Well; because of unbelief they (Israel) were broken off...Hebrews 4:3,6 states...For we which have believed do enter into rest...seeing therefore it remains that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief...

As you can see, unbelief is not real high on God's list. As a matter of fact, it is not on His list of likes at all. Remember...Without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6)...As was stated earlier, Jesus did not perform many mighty works in His own country. This would tell us that unbelief hinders, blocks, and stops the power of God from coming forth in our midst. It does not hinder God, as much as it hinders us from experiencing God in our own personal lives. We must understand that unbelief is a very serious matter to our Father. It puts us in a position of not being able to enter into God's rest. As well, it causes us not to apprehend that which is ours (our inheritance) in Christ.

God does not deal with man on the basis of intellect, but rather gives each man a measure of faith to approach Him. This faith is what unlocks the door to justification, sanctification, and

glorification. Remember...It is by grace THROUGH FAITH that we are to experience the life of our Heavenly Father. FAITH is the key that unlocks the door of grace, whereby, giving us access to heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Unbelief quenches the flow of God's Spirit and keeps us in bondage to the hell of the carnal mind. In simple terms...UNBELIEF DISPLEASES GOD, AND FAITH (BELIEVING) PLEASES GOD!

Let us be honest in admitting that we all struggle with unbelief at times. Thankfully, our loving Father is patient, forgiving, and ever ready to...

HELP OUR UNBELIEF!



June 15

PECULIAR PEOPLE

1ST Peter 2:9 states...But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of Him Who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light...1ST Peter 2:9 (Amplified Bible) states...But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, (God's) own purchased, special people, that you may set forth the wonderful deeds and display the virtues and perfections of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light...

Well...There you have it. YOU ARE NOT NORMAL! YOU ARE PECULIAR AND SPECIAL TO GOD! You are called out of darkness into His marvelous light to *show forth* His praises. You are: a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a peculiar people. The word "peculiar" means: acquisition, purchased, a possession.

We must see ourselves as a peculiar people of God for a treasure. He has purchased us and we are His possession. We are not our own, but we have been bought with a price. We are therefore to glorify God in our bodies and in our spirits, which belong to God (1ST Corinthians 6:20)...This means that not only are we peculiar, but we have a peculiar purpose. That purpose, as we have already stated, is to SHOW FORTH HIS PRAISES IN THE EARTH! In essence, we are being brought from a revelation of Jesus Christ to a manifestation of Jesus Christ. This is the very reason why we have been purchased by God. It is to distribute the very DIVINE NATURE of God for all to see. We are peculiar for a purpose, and that purpose is to be a partaker, sharer, and operator in the very nature of God. You are not called to be natural or normal, but supernatural and abnormal, bringing the world what it so desperately needs. It is this peculiar aspect of God's people that draws others out of darkness, bringing them into His marvelous light.

So...Settle it in your spirit. You are called to be a distributor of God's nature. This is not a normal calling.

IT IS PECULIAR!

June 16

ARE YOU PREJUDICED?

According to Charles Pridgeon: “The spirit of prejudice stands in the way of all new views of truth. “Prejudice” has been defined as “a judgment or opinion formed without due examination of the facts or reasons that are essential to a just and impartial determination.”...There are those who will not accept any truth unless it is ministered in a certain conventional manner or supported by certain great names...One of the words that Prejudice uses is, “That is unorthodox.” “Orthodoxy” means “right thinking;” to nearly every one it has come to mean “to think as I do.”...Unless there are deepenings and enlargement, vital and new openings of truth, orthodoxy becomes dead... Prejudice stands in the way of even a conservative and constructive advance. May God’s Holy Spirit alone be our Teacher.” (Is Hell Eternal, Or Will God’s Plan Fail?, Charles Pridgeon)

If there was one word to characterize modern day Christianity as a whole, it is this: PREJUDICE! Most Christians base their beliefs on what others say. They care more about what their pastor, family, and friends say than what the Bible says. They do not want to go through the process of checking into facts and reasons that are essential to a just and impartial determination.

It is not enough to just believe something. WE MUST KNOW WHY WE BELIEVE WHAT WE BELIEVE! When people are presented with something they have never heard they immediately discard it as false. If it is something they do not understand they are sure to label it as deception. All of this is done WITHOUT DUE EXAMINATION AND PRAYER. **THIS IS PREJUDICE!** WE DESPERATELY NEED TO STOP DOING THIS! Most people do not read, meditate on, or study the Bible, but they are quick to assure you that they have God all figured out. Why is this? They are held captive by the spirit of prejudice! This is what Jesus referred to when He said...the traditions and doctrines of men make the Word of God of none effect (Mark 7:13)...

May our Heavenly Father deliver us from prejudice, for the body of Christ is drowning in a sea of religious confusion, refusing to properly examine the facts or reasons that are essential to a just and impartial determination. It is time to examine whether or not we are in “the faith” (2nd Corinthians 13:5). It is time to prove all things (1st Thessalonians 5:21). It is time to be a “**BEREAN**”, being more noble than others, in that we receive the Word with all readiness of mind, searching the scriptures daily, looking to see whether the things we hear are correct or not (Acts 17:11)...

According to Charles Pridgeon: “It ought not to be counted strange that new discoveries might be found in God’s Word and that modification of some things which we regarded as truth had to be made. In this way alone will truth remain living and have power.” (Is Hell Eternal, Or Will God’s Plan Fail?, Charles Pridgeon)

Let us lay down our prejudice and worship God...

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH!



June 17

DUNG

Have you ever wondered about Ezekiel chapter four? The Lord asks Ezekiel to do several things, one of which was very strange. The Lord tells Ezekiel in verse nine to take wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet, and fitches, and put them in one vessel, and make bread. The Lord then tells Ezekiel to eat it as barley cakes, and to bake it with DUNG that comes out of man (verse twelve). The Lord further clarifies Himself in verse fifteen by saying...I have given you cow's dung for man's dung, and you shall prepare your bread with it. This is a very strange request, don't you think? What could be the purpose for this request? Did it symbolize something concerning the spiritual state of Israel? What did it represent or speak of?

According to Dr. Stephen Jones: "In the fourth chapter of Ezekiel, at the beginning of his ministry, the prophet is told to eat food cooked with dung. The word "dung" is from the Hebrew word "*gelel*" (#1561 in Strong's Conc.). It is a variation of the basic root word "*galal*", which also means "dung."

This Bible passage teaches us the contrast between good food and dung. God's Word is the good food; man's traditions, that which proceeds from his rebellious heart, are only dung. Those who eat food cooked with dung are those who believe in God, who do eat God's Word, but they mix it with the dung of men's traditions, men's understanding of God and His Word. This is one of the most basic moral problems of all time. The Hebrew word for "idols" is "*gillul*", which is just a slight variation of "*galal*" ("dung"). Ezekiel is really telling us that **idols are dung**. "Dung" was the popular euphemism for idols. This dung was only a physical manifestation of that which he and the entire nation had already eaten spiritually." ([Heart Idolatry And Dung](#), Dr. Stephen Jones)

Ezekiel chapter fourteen addresses the problem of idolatry that had plagued the nation of Israel. The Lord tells Ezekiel that the people have set up *idols in their heart*, and that He will answer them according to the multitude of their idols. Idolatry was something that was primarily seen outwardly during Old Testament times. Man would try to liken the Godhead unto physical things such as gold, silver, or stone graven by art and man's device. The idolatry of this day and age happens to be more subtle, but in both cases it is a condition of the heart. In simple terms, "idolatry" is to be seen as a preconceived idea or assumption about God that is not true. It keeps a person estranged from knowing the TRUE GOD, His true nature, and His true character.

The true nature and character of God is LOVE! Anything that replaces this idea of God is idolatry. We must understand that God does not want to destroy us, but rather He wants to destroy the idols that are in our heart. Like the prophet Ezekiel, we have all eaten the dung of man's traditions. For those of you that are reading this, you are no doubt being shown revelation truth from the Father. It is the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him that destroys the idolatry in our lives. We must have compassion toward those who are still saturated in idolatry, praying for their deliverance. Are you ready for the good food? It is...

GOD'S WORD!



June 18

MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE, AND JOHN

Have you ever considered why there are four accounts of the life of Jesus? These four gospel accounts are referred to as Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. But why four? Why not one, three, five, six, or seven? What is the significance of having four gospel accounts? Does it represent something? Is it a fulfillment of prophecy? What does it symbolize?

According to Robert Beecham: “The book of the prophet Ezekiel begins with a dramatic vision. He saw the heavens opened and in the middle of dazzling brightness he saw four living beings. He describes them as follows: ‘Their faces looked like this: Each of the four had the face of a man, and on the right side each had the face of a lion, and on the left the face of an ox; each also had the face of an eagle’ (1: 10). John had a similar vision, recorded in Revelation 4: 6, 7: “In the centre, around the throne, were four living beings, and they were covered with eyes, in front and behind. The first living being was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle.” (The Four Living Beings, Robert Beecham)

The occupations of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John were:

1. MATTHEW...A TAX COLLECTOR
2. MARK...UNKNOWN OCCUPATION
3. LUKE...A DOCTOR
4. JOHN...A FISHERMAN

These four gospels correspond to the four living beings! Matthew's gospel speaks of Jesus as a lion. This represents Jesus as a KING. Mark's gospel speaks of Jesus as an ox. This represents Jesus as a SERVANT. Luke's gospel speaks of Jesus as a man. This represents Jesus as a MAN (the humanity of Jesus). John's gospel speaks of Jesus as an eagle. This represents Jesus as GOD (the deity of Jesus).

As you can see, the purpose of the four gospels is to portray Jesus in His fullness. He is to be seen as a: KING, SERVANT, MAN, AND GOD! With this in mind, the gospel accounts will mean much more to you from here on out. Pay close attention to how each gospel portrays Jesus in its own unique way.

According to Robert Beecham: “Only Matthew records the visit of the wise men, and their words: ‘where is the One Who has been born king of the Jews? Mark's gospel is all about action. Jesus is serving His Father. Appropriately, for a servant, Mark's gospel is the shortest. Only Luke gives us all the human details of Jesus' birth. He tells the story of Gabriel's visit to Mary and her conception. Only Luke mentions the inn at Bethlehem and the manger where Jesus first slept. Only Luke recounts how Jesus sweated drops of blood in Gethsemane. John is the gospel of ‘I am’. Only John records the great claims of Jesus. ‘I am the bread of life.’ ‘I am the light of the world.’ ‘I am the door.’ ‘I am the good shepherd.’ ‘I am the resurrection and the life.’ ‘I am the way, the truth and the life.’ ‘I am the true vine.’ ‘Before Abraham was, I am.’ Who but God can say such things? No other teacher or religious leader before or since has ever spoken words like these.” (The Four Living Beings, Robert Beecham) WHAT AN AWESOME JESUS!

June 19

WE THE FOLLOWING...PROCLAIM

We the following, stand before the peoples of the earth to bear witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ, and proclaim:

1. That God the Creator loves and cares for each individual with a Parent's love.
2. In the spiritual authority and leadership of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
3. In the trustworthiness of the Bible as containing a revelation from God.
4. In the certainty of just retribution for sin.
5. In the final harmony of all souls with God.

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Those who have dedicated their lives to an intense study of the Bible are sure to come to an understanding of the statements mentioned above. These five statements do summarize and characterize all that the Bible stands for and teaches. They represent the very heart of our Heavenly Father! As well, these statements spell out our Father's *purpose of the ages*, showing Him to be the Creator and Reconciler of ALL THINGS. Take some time today to meditate on, study, and pray about these declarations. They point to the absolute and complete victory of the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ, signifying Who He is, and what He has accomplished. We will humbly attempt over the next five days to give an explanation of each statement.

O FATHER...OPEN THE EYES OF OUR HEART!



June 20

#1 - GOD THE CREATOR LOVES

That God the Creator loves and cares for each individual with a Parent's love.

This statement is the theme of the entire Bible. There are many that read the Bible and do not understand that God the Creator loves and cares for each individual with a Parent's love. This is sad and also ironic. It is equivalent to looking into the sky on a cloudless day and saying that you are not able to see the sun. The book of Genesis is a book of beginnings. Genesis 1:1 states...In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth...This assures us that God is the Creator! As well, we are able to see that God the Creator loved and cared for the human race. Not only did God create Adam, but He gave him everything that he needed, including the promise to redeem the human race from their fallen state. This (fallen state) was due to the disobedient act and transgression of

Adam. When mankind was at it lowest point, GOD WAS AT HIS BEST, promising to bruise the head of the serpent, thereby delivering humanity from its bondage.

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.

(The Love Of God, Frederick M. Lehman)

Colossians 1:16 plainly tells us that God created “*all things*” by Jesus Christ. Colossians 1:20 tells us that God will reconcile the same “*all things*” to Himself through the cross of Jesus Christ. This passage of scripture (Colossians 1:16-20) portrays God as the Creator and Reconciler of all things. WHAT A LOVING CREATOR!

As was stated earlier, God’s love is that of a Parent’s love. A Parent’s love is to be characterized as: a love that births, nurtures, develops, teaches, corrects, and causes one to fully mature. In addition to all of this, **GOD’S LOVE NEVER FAILS!!!**

Is this how you see God? Unfortunately, many people do not. Many people see God as an angry monster Who is eager to torture the majority of His created beings forever. This is due to the incorrect teaching of eternal torture that has all but permeated Evangelical Christianity. Does this teaching (eternal torture) glorify God??? **SURELY IT DOES NOT!!!**

Let us focus our attention back on the love of a Parent. Does a Parent punish his child? YES! Why does he punish his child? He punishes his child TO CORRECT HIM! THAT IS A PARENT’S LOVE! THAT IS THE LOVE OF GOD THE CREATOR! Will there be punishment in the ages to come? YES! With that being said though, we must understand that this punishment is a means to an end. IT IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CORRECTION AND FOR THE BETTERING OF THE OFFENDER!

There are those who would ask the question...How do you know that there is a Creator? The answer is simple. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE CREATION WITHOUT A CREATOR! As well, there are those that would ask the question...How do you know that God loves you? The answer is simple. God DEMONSTRATED His love toward us in coming to this earth, being manifested in the flesh to take away the sin of the world.

GOD THE CREATOR LOVES!



June 21

#2 - JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD

In the spiritual authority and leadership of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

The Bible clearly teaches the spiritual authority and leadership of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. This truth is to be seen from Genesis through Revelation. Hebrews 10:7 tells us that Jesus came (in the volume of the book it was written of Him,) to do the will of His Father...

John 1:1 states...In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...John 1:14 states...And the Word was made flesh, and dwelled among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth...1st Timothy 3:16 states...And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory...1st John 1:1-3 states...That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that you also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ...

It is now clear to see that Jesus Christ was none other than GOD MANIFESTED IN THE FLESH. He is the Yahweh of the Old Testament that came to this earth, taking on human form. Remember...“Jesus” means: Yahweh saves, or Yahweh is salvation! HOW PLAIN CAN IT BE? As we delve into the writings of the apostle John it becomes even more plain.

According to Robert Beecham:

“As we stated in an earlier teaching (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), John is the gospel of ‘I am’. Only John records the great claims of Jesus. ‘I am the bread of life.’ ‘I am the light of the world.’ ‘I am the door.’ ‘I am the good shepherd.’ ‘I am the resurrection and the life.’ ‘I am the way, the truth and the life.’ ‘I am the true vine.’ ‘Before Abraham was, I am.’ Who but God can say such things? No other teacher or religious leader before or since has ever spoken words like these.” (The Four Living Beings, Robert Beecham) As well, Thomas referred to Jesus as his Lord and his God in John 20:28. Jesus accepted these words without protesting.

The Bible obviously testifies to the Deity of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is imperative that we understand the spiritual authority of Jesus Christ, recognizing Who He is and what He has accomplished. ALL POWER (AUTHORITY) IS GIVEN UNTO HIM IN HEAVEN AND EARTH (Matthew 28:18)...

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF THE NAME OF JESUS!



June 22

#3 - THE TRUSTWORTHINESS OF THE BIBLE

In the trustworthiness of the Bible as containing a revelation from God.

According to Keith Newman: “The authenticity of the Holy Bible has been attacked at regular intervals by atheists and theologians alike but none have explained away the mathematical seal beneath its surface. It would seem the Divine Hand has moved to prevent counterfeiting in the pages of the Bible in a similar manner to the line that runs through paper money. Bible numerics appears to be God’s watermark of authenticity.” (*Is God A Mathematician?*, Keith Newman)

According to Ray Knight: “Dr. E.W.Bullinger was a direct descendant of the Bullinger of the Swiss Reformation. He lived from 1837 - 1913 and was a mighty spiritual man as well deep into the Word of God. He discovered numerical patterns in scripture and creation which led him to believe that His God had purposely placed it there for a reason. His insight to creation and the numerical patterns in God’s Word are especially precious. Dr. Ivan Panin, a converted Russian Nihilist, later a Harvard scholar, professor and mathematician . . . he once tutored Albert Einstein . . . learned Greek and Hebrew in four years. He then added Aramaic to his skills. He, quite separately from Bullinger, discovered the mathematical construction of scripture as seen in the two languages used . . . Hebrew and Greek. These two men of God spent many years recording their works and we have access to their findings today and are sincerely blessed by the insight that they have shown us. The ‘seal of sevens’ on all scripture of our Bible was mind-boggling . . . Panin and his assistant were converted through their discovery. Panin died in 1942 after spending the remainder of his life in the Word unveiling its mighty treasures.” (*Bible Numbers Are Mighty*, Ray Knight)

According to Keith Newman: “Let’s take the number seven as an illustration of the way the patterns work. Seven is the most prolific of the mathematical series which binds scripture together. The very first verse of the Bible “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” (Gen 1:1), contains over 30 different combinations of seven. This verse has seven Hebrew words having a total of 28 letters 4×7 . The numeric value of the three nouns “God”, “heaven” and “earth” totals 777. Any number in triplicate expresses complete, ultimate or total meaning. Also tightly sealed up with sevens are the genealogy of Jesus, the account of the virgin birth and the resurrection. Seven occurs as a number 187 times in the Bible (41×7), the phrase “seven-fold” occurs seven times and “seventy” occurs 56 times (7×8). In the Book of Revelation seven positively shines out: there are seven golden candlesticks, seven letters to seven churches, a book sealed with seven seals, seven angels standing before the Lord with seven trumpets, seven thunders and seven last plagues. In fact there are over 50 occurrences of the number seven in Revelation alone.” (*Is God A Mathematician?*, Keith Newman)

According to Ray Knight: “The ‘Wonderful Numberer’ showed forth His great care by making the total for **every** paragraph in the Bible have its total value that was **exactly divisible by 7**. A true ‘seal’ on His word. A modern computer was used to try and copy God’s supernatural pattern in just writing a single paragraph: it failed miserably! It was estimated that the chance of succeeding was one in many billions!” (*Bible Numbers Are Mighty*, Ray Knight)

If all this undeniable information was not enough, the Bible itself clearly states that it is the literal “God-breathed” living Word of the Creator. (Read 2nd Timothy 3:16 and 2nd Peter 1:20,21.)

The Holy Scriptures are a miracle of God. They are trustworthy, inspired, and contain a revelation from God to man. They are to be read, studied, and cherished above all other writings on planet earth. The Bible is a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path (Psalm 119:105).

THANK GOD FOR THE BIBLE!



June 23

#4 - CERTAIN, JUST RETRIBUTION

In the certainty of just retribution for sin.

The Bible clearly teaches us of the certainty of just retribution for sin. The word “retribution” speaks of the distribution of rewards and punishments that are to be administered by our Lord. In this case we are of course referring to the punishment aspect of retribution that is to be distributed accordingly in the ages to come.

A careful study of Luke 12:42-48 will shed much light on this topic. This passage of scripture is very enlightening and informative, giving us an understanding of just retribution.

It tells us of three classes of people:

1. OVERCOMERS (A FAITHFUL AND WISE STEWARD OR SERVANT)
2. NON-OVERCOMERS (AN UNFAITHFUL SERVANT)
3. UNBELIEVERS (ONE WHO DOES NOT KNOW THE LORD)

Luke 12:47,48 states...And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more...The faithful and wise steward is destined to rule and reign with Jesus Christ in the ages to come, having power over the nations. He shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as Jesus received of His Father (Revelation 2:26,27)...The non-overcomer and unbeliever are destined for certain, just retribution for sin. This is referred to as the resurrection of judgment or second resurrection. It is a resurrection that includes fiery judgment for the purpose of correction and restoration. It is the Lake of Fire! This is not a literal fire, but a cleansing, purifying, and spiritual fire that will consume their wood, hay, and stubble (the carnal mind). Remember...**GOD IS A CONSUMING FIRE!!!** His very presence is a LAKE OF FIRE to the non-overcomer and the unbeliever.

This is to be seen as God's passionate, corrective LOVE! The certainty of just retribution for sin is for THE PURPOSE OF CORRECTION, not to eternally torture someone. The teaching of eternal torture (as we know it today) is rooted in Greek Mythology, Bible mistranslations, a literal

interpretation of some of the metaphors of scripture, the complete neglect of a proper study of the scriptures, and is fueled by the carnal mind.

We must see that there is going to be retribution for sin, but we must also see that it is going to be JUST! In other words, THE PUNISHMENT MUST FIT THE CRIME! Those who know to do the will of the Father and do not do it will be corrected *more severely*! Those who go against the will of the Father in ignorance will be corrected, but with less severity! The levels of correction are to vary due to the amount of light that a person was given concerning the things of the Lord. But rest assured, there is going to be retribution for sin! GOD WILL NOT BE MOCKED (Galatians 6:7,8)!

That which is at stake is the opportunity for a better resurrection (Hebrews 11:35)! In essence, those who voluntarily serve the Lord now are already experiencing His consuming Lake of Fire. They are being brought through the process of purification and correction that they might be profitable for the Master's use. It is called sanctification!

According to Dr. Harold Lovelace: "Since God has revealed His plan and purpose, we should ask, "How do we live now and what do we do with this knowledge? Are we more responsible now to do something with this knowledge? Do we listen to the carnal mind and think that since God is going to restore all we might as well live like we want to live?" The answer is "NO!" His correction is severe. The carnal views are against the character, qualities, and nature of God. The knowledge of His plan is given to those who will be trusted to take it to others. It is His knowledge and glory that is to cover the earth." (Read And Search God's Plan, Dr. Harold Lovelace)

Remember...To whom much is given...

MUCH IS REQUIRED!



June 24

#5 - THE FINAL HARMONY OF ALL SOULS WITH GOD

In the final harmony of all souls with God.

The majority of those in Evangelical Christianity teach that God is going to eternally torture most of the human race. According to their teaching, not only is God going to torture over 95% of all the people who have ever been born, but He is going to separate, punish, and torture them FOREVER! They claim that God is going to burn them (unbelievers) in a literal fire causing them to SCREAM OUT IN AGONY FOREVER AND EVER. These torturous flames are said to fall on all who do not believe in the Son of God.

Why is it that God's people can not see that He is victorious? Why do so few people believe in the salvation of all men? Why is it that Christians can not see that Jesus Christ is the SAVIOR OF THE WORLD?

According to George Hawtin: "The inability of God's people to understand and accept the restitution of all things, which was spoken of by all the prophets since the world began, may be

traced to three great faults in our traditional teaching. Firstly, very, very few people are familiar with the truth that there is a coming age which the Bible names the dispensation of the fullness of times (Eph. 1: 10), and that that age above all others has been specially set aside for the work of reconciling all things in heaven and in earth and bringing all things into Christ. The age, as I will point out presently, is the Age of the Ages. It is the greatest age of all ages and is the time in which the Almighty God brings to completion the unfailing Word spoken before time began, "Let Us make man in Our image and after Our likeness." Secondly, God's people fail to see the final restitution of all things because they also fail to see the greatness of the work of Christ and the all-inclusive faith which God the Father has in that marvelous work of redemption. Thirdly, and perhaps most important of all, is the failure of God's people to see that all things are of God, that He is working all things according to the Counsel of His own will. Nothing has ever gone wrong with the merciful purpose of God. Once these three truths become clear to the spiritual mind of a devout child of God, then the mysteries of the ages disperse like mists before the rising sun and all the parts of the puzzle begin to fall into their appointed place to form a perfect blueprint of the progression of God's purpose through the ages. It is also important for us to understand the difference between time and eternity. Time is not eternity. There are many times and many dispensations, but there is only one eternity. Eternity does not begin; neither does it end, but times, dispensations, and ages all have beginnings and all have ends. It is wrong to assert that, when time ends, eternity will begin, because eternity has no beginning. Neither did it end when time began, as so many charts indicate. Ages have their place in eternity in the same way that minutes have their place in years, except that years end and eternity does not. Therefore it is very important that we make a clear distinction between ages, which belong to time, and eternity, which is timeless. It is more important still that we, in our study of the Bible, search out diligently those passages which refer to time and those which refer to eternity. In making this search, I strongly recommend that wherever possible the searcher avail himself of a good, exhaustive concordance such as Young's Analytical or Strong's, available at almost any good book store. Both of these give the correct meaning of every Greek and Hebrew word in the Bible." (The Restitution Of All Things, George Hawtin)

In addition to all of this, one must do a proper, unbiased study of the origin of the English word "hell", following up with an in-depth study of the words "Sheol" (Hebrew), "Hades", "Gehenna", and "Tartaroo" (Greek). You will be pleasantly surprised to find out that the true meanings of these words in no way denote a place of eternal torture! Finally, the words "olam" (Hebrew), "aion", and "aionios" (Greek) must be studied in order to uncover God's purpose of the ages.

You have been challenged with the thought that there will be a final harmony of all souls with God! Do you believe it? Do you care enough to study the things that have been presented to you to see whether or not they are so? What would glorify God the most? Some souls, many souls, or...

ALL SOULS?



June 25

THE MYSTERIES OF GOD

1ST Corinthians 4:1,2 states...Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful...

According to Ray Prinzing: "The word "mystery" also bears examination, for it comes from the Greek word "musterion", meaning: what is known only to the initiated, from a derivative of "muo," to shut the mouth. Through the idea of silence imposed by initiation, it comes to refer to a secret, or mystery. From the noun "mystery" comes the adjective "mystic" in reference to one who has been initiated into those secrets. We also have the adjective "mystical" as in reference to the **MYSTICAL BODY OF CHRIST**. This is defined as: Having a spiritual meaning, reality, neither apparent to the senses nor obvious to the intelligence (of the carnal mind). But it refers to an individual's direct communion with God through contemplation, vision, an inner light, giving spiritual insight." (Whispers Of The Mysteries, Ray Prinzing)

We are to see ourselves as stewards of the mysteries of God. The word "steward" means: a person who manages the domestic affairs of a family. We must first come to the understanding that God is a mystery to the carnal mind. The word "mystery" is also referred to as a "sacred secret". Wow! How awesome is that! God is a sacred secret, not known, understood, or perceived by human intellect. The mysteries of God must be "REVEALED" to a person by the Spirit of God. The revelation of the Spirit then enables us to become a steward (manager) of His mysteries, raising us up to be a faithful manager of these mysteries. WHAT A CALLING! WHAT AN AWESOME RESPONSIBILITY! WHAT AN EXCITING JOURNEY!

God's mysteries remain LOCKED to the spirit of pride, carnality, and human intellect. We must humble ourselves, asking the Father to reveal His mysteries to us. The goal is to avoid a lifetime of ever learning and never coming to the knowledge of the truth. We have not because we ask not. SO ASK, SEEK, AND KNOCK! It is our Father's good pleasure to give us of the mysteries of His Kingdom.

Over the next several days we will take a look into some of the wonderful mysteries of our Father's Kingdom. We should be filled with awe that God would entrust HIS MAGNIFICENT MYSTERIES to us, asking us to be faithful stewards over them!

SHOW US YOUR MYSTERIES O GOD!



June 26

THE MYSTERY OF BABYLON

Revelation 17:5,6 states...And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration...

According to Ray Prinzing: "It takes the illumination of the Holy Spirit, imparting divine revelation, to discern between the true and the false. So **CONFUSED** has it all become, so interwoven is truth with error, that the nominal church-goer is not even aware of how much of his religion is actually anti-christ, against the truth. Only those who are "initiated" into God's Kingdom will be able to see clearly how vast Nimrod's kingdom has become. Furthermore, today Babylon is a union of religious, political, and economical mire-- expressed through three different avenues, yet all under the same Anti-Christ spirit. Catholicism, with all of her Protestant daughters, bespeak of the religious part of Babylon. Socialism, expressed through its various forms, has gripped all governments. While Zionism has certainly grabbed hold of the economical realm. All three are very intertwined: money, politics, religion all go hand in hand. This is evident in the little community church at the crossroads, to the vast denominations of our times. One man enterprises, to the vast dictatorial regimes. **BABYLON!**" (Whispers Of The Mysteries, Ray Prinzing)

The spirit of antichrist (Babylon) has infiltrated all areas of our society. It is present in our religion, economics, and politics. It is a spirit that says...I WANT TO MAKE A NAME FOR MYSELF, MY DENOMINATION, MY FORTUNE, AND MY POLITICAL AGENDA. This spirit can be traced all the way back to the book of Genesis. Genesis 11:4-9 tells us of the story of Nimrod, *his kingdom*, and of the Tower of Babel. The word "Babel" that is used in this passage of scripture means: confusion (by mixing). The word "Babylon" comes from the word "Babel" and means the same thing. The people spoken of in Genesis 11:4-9 wanted to build a city and a tower, whose top would reach unto heaven. They did all this that they might **MAKE A NAME FOR THEMSELVES**. The Lord stopped their plans of building a physical tower, but mankind has continued to go forward with the spirit of Babylon in his heart.

The city of Babylon was once a literal city. It is now a spiritual city that is made up of one man. That man is **ADAM**. "Babylon" represents the flesh, the efforts and thoughts of human intellect, and the carnal mind. It speaks of the spirit of antichrist that now operates in the children of disobedience (Ephesians 2:1,2). We must stop looking to the Middle East for a literal city called Babylon. As well, we must stop looking for the rise of one literal man who is supposed to be "The Antichrist". **LOOK TO YOURSELVES** (2nd John 1:8)!!!

It is time for the body of Christ to awaken to a proper understanding of Babylon (confusion) and the spirit of antichrist. It is time to hear the Father's call...**COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE** (Revelation 18:4)!!! Let us come out of the confusion of the Babylonian church system and into the revelation truth of our Heavenly Father!

COME OUT OF HER!

June 27

THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY

According to Ray Prinzing: “For the mystery of iniquity does already work, only there is one who restrains now, until he may become from the midst. And then shall be revealed the lawless one, whom the Lord Jesus shall slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to nought by the manifestation of His presence.” [2 Thessalonians 2:7-8, Clementson]. The King James Version gives “until he be **TAKEN OUT** of the way.” But the Greek word here is “**BECOME**”. There is that which is **BECOMING FROM THE MIDST**, it is now in the process of being formed and brought to maturity, and until it has fully **BECOME**, all else is in restraint. **Creation is waiting-- for what?** The unveiling of the man of lawlessness? No ! Such does have an appointed time, but he cannot be revealed until those who are the “**WITHHOLDING**” force have first **BECOME**. **Creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God.** (Whispers Of The Mysteries, Ray Prinzing)

So...What is this mystery of iniquity? What is iniquity? The word “iniquity” means **LAWLESSNESS**. This speaks of the condition that exists in the hearts of carnal men and women. As well, it speaks of the spirit of antichrist that now works in the children of disobedience. This is referred to as the prince of the power of the air. It is the fallen nature in man that opposes and exalts itself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sits in the *temple* of God, showing himself that he is God (2nd Thessalonians 2:4)...Remember...**WE ARE THE TEMPLE OF GOD!**

This mystery of lawlessness remains a mystery to most people because they continue to look outside of themselves for this mysterious man of sin. They are waiting for him (the man of sin) to pop up in the Middle East at any moment, not realizing that this man of sin is **WITHIN THEM!!!** It is the sin in our members that remains in rebellion to the law of God. **THIS IS INIQUITY! THIS IS LAWLESSNESS! THIS IS THE KEY THAT UNLOCKS THE MYSTERY! THE MAN OF SIN IS NOW BEING REVEALED TO YOU! LOOK IN THE MIRROR! IT IS YOU! IT IS YOUR CARNAL MIND!**

REJOICE! The Lord is at work within you, destroying the carnality in you by the manifestation of His presence. He is filling “**THE TEMPLE**” with His glory!

According to Ray Prinzing:

“For after all is said and done,
The mystery fulfilled,
The universe shall know the depth
Of handiwork so skilled.
Iniquity shall have an end,
The Word on this is pure,
Its work complete, God shall be praised,
His grace shall e'er endure.”
(Whispers Of The Mysteries, Ray Prinzing)

MAY GOD BE PRAISED!

June 28

THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS

1ST Timothy 3:16 states...And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory...

According to Ray Prinzing: "The first key in understanding this mystery, as it relates to us, is in the fact that the word translated as "God" in the King James version, is not "THEOS" in the Greek text, but it is "hos" which means "who, or which," even as Wuest translates it, "WHO was made visible in the sphere of flesh." For while it gives the process as wrought out in our Lord Jesus Christ, it is also to be shared by those who are apprehended to become **ONE IN HIM**. Yes, "in all things He shall have preeminence." [Colossians 1:18]. Yet He is "the firstborn among many brethren," [Romans 8:29], for He is "bringing many sons unto glory." [Hebrews 2:10]. (Whispers Of The Mysteries, Ray Prinzing)

This transformation that takes us from sinfulness to godliness is definitely a mystery. IT IS A GLORIOUS MYSTERY! It is a mystery that is hidden from the natural man and from the natural mind. Remember...The natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned (1st Corinthians 2:14)...

John 1:1 states...In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...John 1:14 states...And the Word was made flesh, and dwelled among us...As you can see, the Word (God) was manifested in the flesh. God was personified in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This was the beginning of the mystery of God being manifested unto the world. It was necessary for God to be manifested in the flesh for His mystery to come to the light. Jesus, as the "PATTERN SON OF GOD", has paved the way for the sons of God. We must follow in His footsteps. GOD MUST BE MANIFESTED IN OUR FLESH AS WELL!

Colossians 1:26 states...Even the mystery which has been hid from ages and from generations, BUT NOW IS MADE MANIFEST TO HIS SAINTS...the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, WHICH IS CHRIST IN YOU, the hope of glory...This mystery of godliness is the process in which our Heavenly Father is to be manifested in and through His people. This results in a people who display the very nature of God, being justified in the Spirit, seen of angels (messengers), preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, and received up into glory.

GREAT IS THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS!



June 29

THE MYSTERY OF OUR CHANGE

1ST Corinthians 15:51-53 states...Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality...

According to Ray Prinzing: “Now, Paul spoke of our change also as threefold, “**in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, IN (Greek is in not at) the last trump.**” In a moment has dealt with substance, our being changed in the atoms to be of His own substance. Next we find that “in the twinkling of an eye” is concerned with condition, while “in the last trump” refers to time. Reading this verse superficially, we might be inclined to believe that the bodily change of God’s people will take place in a split second, or in the time it takes to wink the eye. This may have its application, too, but as we have already stated, there is a being changed by degrees, from glory to glory, so that being changed is not just some drastic one-moment event, it is a process with a climax, the speed of the climax still to be revealed with the happening.” (*Whispers Of The Mysteries*, Ray Prinzing)

This is the mystery of our change. IT IS A PROCESS WITH A CLIMAX! It is a total and complete change that involves our spirit, soul, and body. It is FULL AND COMPLETE REDEMPTION! It is a gradual change from glory to glory that will have a sudden and climactic conclusion. This process takes place in three stages. They are: justification, sanctification, and glorification. Our spirit is reborn as a result of believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, our soul is being transformed, and our bodies shall be changed.

This process remains a mystery to many due to the fact that they do not understand that salvation is a *process*! Most Christians have been taught that they are completely saved the moment that they walk an aisle to ask Jesus to forgive them. They are then taught to “hang on” and wait for a rapture that will cause them to go sailing through the clouds into eternal bliss while God pounds the earth with His wrath. This is very carnal teaching and causes many to remain as spiritual infants in Christ.

Ask the Father to reveal to you the mystery of your change. 2nd Corinthians 3:18 states...But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, ARE CHANGED into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord...WHAT A CHANGE! WHAT A PROCESS! WHAT A CLIMAX! We are being brought through God’s three great love feasts.

They are:

1. PASSOVER...THE SALVATION OF OUR SPIRIT
2. PENTECOST...THE SALVATION OF OUR SOUL
3. TABERNACLES...THE SALVATION OF OUR BODY

THANK GOD FOR OUR CHANGE!



June 30

THE MYSTERY OF HIS WILL

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 (The New Testament In Modern Speech) states...He made known to us the secret of His will. And this is in harmony with God's merciful purpose for the government of the world when the times are ripe for it - the purpose which He has cherished in His own mind of restoring the whole creation to find its one Head in Christ; yes, the things in Heaven and things on earth, to find their one Head in Him...

This is one of the most powerful scriptures in the Bible. It gives us insight into THE MYSTERY OF GOD'S WILL. So...What is this mystery (sacred secret) of God's will? It is this: In the dispensation of the fullness of times God will gather together in one ALL THINGS IN CHRIST! YES...YOU HEARD IT RIGHT! ALL THINGS IN CHRIST!

This remains a mystery to many due to the power of the traditions and doctrines of men. Christianity continues to conveniently find ways to *explain away* simple declarations in scripture that boldly proclaim the salvation of the entire human race in the ages to come. This is a result of the falling away that started with Constantine about 1,700 years ago. Constantine was instrumental in the legalization of Christianity. Christianity became a matter of fashion. The number of hypocrites and formal professors rapidly increased; strict discipline, zeal, self sacrifice, and brotherly love proportionally ebbed away; and many heathen customs and usages, under altered names, crept into the worship of God and the life of the Christian people. (The Story Of Church History, Community Bible Chapel)...This downward spiral of heathen and pagan influence in the church continued on into the Dark Ages. During this time the teaching of eternal torture became the primary message of the Catholic Church. This same message (eternal torture) was later adopted by the Protestant Church. It is ironic that this took place, for the Protestant Church prides itself in the fact that it broke away from the Catholic Church, not realizing that the very message of eternal torture that it preaches has its roots in the Catholic Church.

According to George Hawtin: "The dispensation of the fullness of times is the eighth dispensation. The dispensations of Innocence, Conscience, Human Government, Promise, Law, Grace and the Kingdom - these seven will have run their course and all will end in judgment, but the dispensation of the fullness of times is the eighth dispensation, and it will conclude all former things. It will end death, judgment, pain and tears, and its final act will be the delivering up of a perfect Kingdom to the Father of all. Then time will have reached its fullness and will be no more. The number eight in scripture is the number of new beginnings." (The Restitution Of All Things, George Hawtin)

GOD WILL MAKE ALL THINGS NEW!

