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# God's Plan of Reconciliation

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*Mount of Olives*



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## INTRODUCTION

In November 1988, I received a request from a pastor in Africa for some of our cassette tapes. God directed me to send ten teaching tapes, and I did. We received an additional eight requests for tapes in November and December 1988, and then we received 6,000 requests in 1989.

Through June 1990, we have sent over 88,000 hours of teaching and worship tapes to 9,000 people in the United States of America and 18 foreign countries.

In August 1989, God directed me to make available on tape the teachings He has given me on "The Gospel and Its Benefits" and "The Blood of Jesus." Since August 1989, we have sent, free of charge upon request, one tape each month for 20 months, beginning with the first tape in the series-- "He Rose Again."

God has now directed me to put the teachings from "The Gospel and Its Benefits" and "The Blood of Jesus" in book form and to distribute these books--again, without charge upon request.

In I Corinthians 9:9-18, the apostle Paul says:

*For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care of oxen (v.9)?*

*Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope (v.10).*

*If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things (v.11)  
If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but*



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*suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ (v.12).*

*Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar (v.13)?*

*Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel (v.14).*

*But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void (v.15).*

*For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel (v.16)!*

*For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me (v.17).*

*What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel (v.18).*

That is what God has instructed me to do--make the gospel of Christ without charge.

God has revealed these teachings to me over the last 20 years. If you have ears to hear, lay aside your religious pride, your religious tradition, your tradition of man, your denominationalism, your theology, and your bible school teachings. I Corinthians 8: 1 tells us that knowledge puffeth up, but charity, or love, edifieth. II John 6 states: "*This is love, that we walk after his commandments.*" And John 14:23 states: "*If a man love me, he will keep my words.*"

If you love God, you will keep His words. If you keep His words, you will keep His commission, and if you keep His commission, you will preach the gospel. If you preach the gospel, God will send you, and if God sends you, it will be because you preach the gospel.

If you preach the gospel, it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth--to the Jew first and also to the Greek. As Romans 1: 17 says: *"For therein [the gospel] is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by [His] faith* (quoting Habakkuk 2:4).

CHAPTER 1

**MAKE A THOROUGH CHANGE**

I want to continue talking about the gospel of Christ--that is, the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. In this book, we are going to see that the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus was God's plan to reconcile man to Himself.

In Romans 5:10, the apostle Paul 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.*

The word "reconcile" means to make a thorough change. God planned from the foundation of the world to reconcile man to Him. God's plan of reconciliation was His plan to make a thorough change in man.

In God's plan, His intention was, and is, to change the spirit, body, and soul of man to reconcile man to Him. I am convinced that this plan included the fall of Adam. I believe that God intended from the foundation of the world for Adam to fall, and I think I can show you this as we read these scriptures.

**The Flesh Is the Problem**

I also believe that, ultimately, man's flesh has always been what separated him from God. Genesis 6:5-6 says:

*And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually (v. 5).*

*And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart (v. 6).*

So, the flesh seems to have been the problem with man from the beginning. Man is composed of spirit, body, and soul--the spirit and the soul make up the heart, and the soulish part of the heart is also part of the flesh.

I believe that you can accurately call the flesh of a man everything except his spirit. The flesh includes the soul, because it lusts against the spirit.

### **Be Led By the Spirit**

In Galatians 5:16-18, we find Paul writing to the church at Galatia, a church that had begun in the Spirit and had gone back under the law. Paul makes these statements:

*This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh (v. 16).*

*For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would (v. 17).*

*But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law (v. 18).*

Paul tells us that the only way to avoid being under the law, and the only way to avoid fulfilling the lusts, or desires, of the flesh, is to be led by the Holy Spirit. He tells us that the flesh of a human being is contrary to the Holy Spirit, and that you cannot do the things that you would in the flesh.

Galatians 5:19-21 tells us that the works of the flesh are adultery, fornication, uncleanness, and such like. In Matthew 15:19, Jesus said:

*For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:*

A part of the soul is in the heart, and the soulish part of the heart is part of the flesh. The flesh is everything except the spirit. It is impossible to walk with God except to be led by His Spirit.

### **The Plan of Reconciliation**

God's plan from the foundation of the world was to send Jesus to the earth to die for you and me, so that He could reconcile us to Him. God had this plan before the foundation of the world, and the plan is clearly in the Bible.

In studying God's plan of reconciliation, the Holy Spirit has shown me six distinct acts that God accomplished through the gospel to reconcile man to Him. There may be more, but these are the ones I have revelation of.

If you will study these six actions, the Holy Spirit will give you understanding of them. As you study, you will quickly realize that one or more of these actions is not complete in your life and that you are not totally reconciled to God.

The first thing God had to do to reconcile us to Him was forgive us of our sins and redeem us, or loose us away. To accomplish that, a penalty had to be paid for sin. The penalty for sin is death. Someone had to die as a penalty for sin--and that Someone was Jesus. He bore our sins in His body, and He paid the penalty for sin.

The second thing God had to do was abolish the law. He had to make the law thoroughly inactive. He had to do away with the law and take all of the activity of the law out of our lives. Otherwise, we would continue to sin.

The third thing God did was slay the enmity, or enemy. He had to crucify the old man. The old man is that body that you and I live in. Our body is a body of sin, and the only way we can deal

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with it is by faith--by being baptized through water into the death of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The fourth thing God did was do away with Jew and Gentile and make one body--the body of Christ. There are no races of people. There never were with God--only Jews and Gentiles. There is no black race, no white race, and no yellow race, and there is no longer Jew or Gentile. There is one body, and that is Christ.

The fifth thing Jesus did was preach peace to us. He brought peace to the human race, and we are able to be reconciled to God.

The sixth thing God did was put His plan into effect in our lives. Because Jesus accomplished these steps, we can be reconciled to God. We can walk in the power of Jesus' resurrection, and we can walk even more perfectly than Adam walked before the fall.

CHAPTER 2

**THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD**

Turn with me now to Genesis 1:1-2. I am going to show you some things in scripture that God, by His Spirit, has revealed to me to share openly. I have recognized these things for years in scripture, but I have never been directed to speak them out until now.

Genesis 1:1 begins:

*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (v. 1).*

*And the earth was without form, and void (v.2);...*

I used to wonder, why would God create the heaven and the earth, and the earth was without form, and void? It made no sense. It seemed like the beginning of the Bible was contradictory. That was because I did not have understanding.

*...and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters (v. 2).*

*And God said, Let there be light: and there was light (v.3).*

God looked at the earth, and it was without form and void. Darkness was on it, and there was not any light.

**Destruction Upon Destruction Is Cried**

Now, turn to the book of Jeremiah, and we will see what the prophet Jeremiah speaks by the Holy Spirit in chapter 4. Beginning

with verse 19, Jeremiah records the same situation that is described in Genesis 1:2.

Jeremiah states:

*My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war (v. 19).*

There was nothing but a sound of war in the land.

*Destruction upon destruction is cried (v. 20);...*

Fear was every place.

*...for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are my tents spoiled, and my curtains in a moment (v. 20).*

*How long shall I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet (v. 21)?*

*For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge (v. 22).*

Now, look at verse 23:

*I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light (v. 23).*

This was the condition described in Genesis 1:2. The earth was without form, and void, and there was no light.



**There Was No Man**

Look carefully at these next verses:

*I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly (v. 24).*

*I beheld, and, lo, there was no man (v. 25),...*

"*There was no man...*" There had been men--before the earth became without form and void and the heavens had no light. We saw in verse 22 that these men were "*all wise to do evil*" and that "*to do good they have no knowledge.*" Now, however, there was no man.

**The Whole Land Shall Be Desolate**

Not only was there no man, but God also destroyed the earth. Verse 25 begins:

*...and all the birds of the heavens were fled (v. 25).*

*I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the Lord, and by his fierce anger (v. 26).*

*For thus hath the Lord said, the whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end (v. 27).*

*For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black: because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it (v. 28).*

From these passages of scripture, it is clear to me that there was an earth and a heaven prior to the ones that we have now. God

in His anger destroyed the earth, but He did not make a full end to it.

In verse 27, Jeremiah reports that the Lord said, "*The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end.*" This is the state of the earth as recorded in Genesis 1:2 and Jeremiah 4:23.

It is clear to me that men existed prior to Adam. It is clear to me that God's wrath was poured out on the heaven and the earth--there was "*destruction upon destruction,*" and "*the whole land is spoiled.*"

### **They Are Wise To Do Evil**

Look at Jeremiah 4:20 again:

*Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled:...*

And in verse 22:

*For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.*

The church of Jesus Christ today--the so-called church, that is--is "*wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.*" If you can accept that, then you can accept Jeremiah's report of what God did before He created Adam--He destroyed man.

Now, look at verse 25:

*I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled.*

God poured out His anger on heaven and on earth, and He poured it out on man.

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I am convinced that God had a plan of reconciliation from the foundation of the world. His plan was that Adam should fall. The reason for that, as I understand scripture, was to allow God to deal with the flesh of man, including his soul.

I believe that absolutely. In addition, God put a new Spirit and a new soul in man, and He has made available the life of the Lord Jesus Christ, to be manifested in our flesh. This was His plan from the foundation of the world.

### **Chosen Before the Foundation of the World**

Look at what the apostle Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus in Ephesians 1:3-4:

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ (v. 3):*

*According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world (v. 4),...*

God has chosen us in Christ before the foundation of the world. Why?

*...that we should be holy and without blame before him in love (v. 4):*

Isn't that incredible? *"That we should be holy and without blame before him in love." "Holy and without blame..."--in other words, perfect--exactly like Jesus. Jesus said in John 14:23: "If a man love me, he will keep my words." If you love Jesus, you will do the will of the Father.*

God has chosen us in Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him. Before Him, not before man. Before God in love.

Ephesians 1:5-6 continues:

*Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will (v. 5),*

*To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved (v. 6).*

God predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will. Can you see that? You and I do not have anything to do with this. We simply accept what God has chosen to do with us through the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Slain From the Foundation of the World**

In Revelation 13:8, Jesus is described as:

*...the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*

God's intention and purpose has always been that Jesus should be slain from the foundation of the world.

Look at I Peter 1:19-20. We are told in verse 18 that we have not been redeemed with corruptible things, such as silver and gold, from our vain conversation, or behavior,

*But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot (v. 19):*

*Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you (v. 20).*

It was foreordained before the foundation of the world that Jesus should come to the earth, die, be buried, descend into hell, and be raised again from the dead for you and me, so that He could redeem us from our vain conversation, or empty behavior, through His precious blood

**The Holy Spirit Will Convince You**

These are all basic Bible truths available to anyone who will dare to believe them. I am not telling you they are easy to believe; I am telling you only God can convince you of them.

Jesus said in John 16:8-11 that the Holy Spirit comes to convince you and me of sin, righteousness, and judgment. That is His ministry. The Holy Spirit has convinced me of the things I am teaching you now.

My mind did not comprehend these scriptures. In fact, I Corinthians 2:14 tells me that the things I am teaching here are foolishness to my mind. Believe me, they were.

As I began seeing these scriptures, I thought, "This is incredible. This cannot be." They were foolishness. I Corinthians 2:14 says that the natural man cannot receive the things of the Spirit of God. They have to be revealed to your spirit by the Holy Spirit.

If you will believe these things, however, and let God reveal them to you by the Spirit, you can have revelation of them, and they will be life to you and health to your flesh.

## CHAPTER 3

### EVOLUTION AND SCIENCE

Understanding Jeremiah chapter 4 and Genesis chapter 1 actually helps me to understand prehistoric man and all the remains of ancient animal life that have been discovered.

I always thought it was narrow-minded to think that man and heaven and earth had only existed for 5000 or so years. I could never understand that. I thought, if God was from the beginning--if He is the beginning and the end, why did nothing happen until 5000 years ago?

If you study scripture with a sincere heart and a desire to understand and know God, He will reveal to you the truths about Himself--the mysteries of the kingdom of God. He will even reveal the mysteries of God from the past.

#### The Origin of Man

Without exception, the scientific community has ignored the Bible as the Word of God. In addition, the scientific community has ignored what is recorded in the Bible concerning the origin and functions of animal life, including man.

Turn to Genesis 2:7:

*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.*

Here is the origin of man. God "*formed man of the dust of the ground.*" The scientific community has ignored this statement.

Jeremiah 1:5 says:

*Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee;...*

For your information, formation does not begin at the twelfth or fourteenth or sixteenth week. Formation begins at conception.

### **The Functions of Animals**

I am not going to enter the debate that goes on in the Christian community over evolution and creation, because nobody wins, everybody loses, and nobody knows what they are talking about, anyhow. All I am going to do is show you some verses about the functions of animals.

First, look at Psalm 29:9:

*The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to calve,...*

When is an animal going to give birth? When the Lord speaks.

Now, turn to Psalm 104:21 with me:

*The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.*

Have you ever considered that a wild lion seeks food from God? Eating is an animal function.

How do men function? Acts 17:27-28 says:

*That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us (v. 27):*

*For in him we live, and move, and have our being (v. 28);...*

*"In him we live, and move, and have our being."* Right there is a short course in physiology.

*...as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring (v. 28).*

The origin of man is that we are offspring of God.

Acts 17:29 continues:

*Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.*

The Bible contains every answer I ever wanted. The answer to every one of my questions is written on the pages of the Bible. The problem I had was believing that the Bible is true.

### **Every Creature After His Kind**

In Genesis 1:24, following the fifth day:

*And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.*

"It was so," and it remains so today. Scientists have been trying to cross-breed species of animals for centuries, and they cannot. You can put different species in the same paddock, and they will not reproduce.

The only animals of different species that can reproduce are a horse and an ass, and their offspring, the mule, is sterile, and scientists have never recorded that mules have reproduced.

The Bible is absolutely accurate, and it has been so since Adam, which was some 5000 years ago.

Genesis 1:25 continues:



*And God made the beast of the earth after his kind,  
and cattle after their kind, and every thing that  
creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God  
saw that it was good.*

God saw that it was so--that animals reproduce only after their own kind, and He saw that the animals that He made were good. He did not make some that He liked more than others--He called them all good.

### **Skeletons of Little Horses**

I grew up in a family that I have been told includes four generations of horsemen, counting myself. So, I was not unfamiliar with horses when I entered the University of Missouri School of Veterinary Medicine in 1958.

While I was at school, I observed and handled small skeletal remains of what were supposed to be prehistoric horses. These so-called horses had four clawlike projections, like toes, on their front legs. Scientists thought that the skeletons were several thousand years old, perhaps as many as 50,000 years old.

The professors at school told me that these four "toes" had evolved--that two of the "toes" had dropped off and disappeared altogether, that another "toe" had moved to the back of the ankle and became a rudimentary, knoblike projection, and that the middle "toe" had become the weight-bearing digit--the hoof, varying from two to twelve inches in diameter, depending on the size of the horse.

I looked at those skeletons, and I said to myself, "The horses I know today couldn't have looked like this dog." The claws on those skeletons looked like a dog's claw. According to the professors, however, the middle "toe" grew over the years--I suppose they thought it was from years of running on rocks or other hard surfaces, two "toes" fell off, and the fourth "toe" moved and shrank to a small knob.

I was amazed that educated men could believe that. Being a fourth generation horseman, I could not accept what they said, and I thought that they had not influenced me. I walked past those little skeletons for four years at school, however, and every day the devil would tell me, "Look at them."

Those spirits were ministered to me, and they were so strong and subtle that I did not even realize what was happening. I have finally started being delivered from them, however.

I saw those skeletons myself. They were believed to be much older than 5000 years. I knew from the Bible that the earth was about 5000 years old. So I had to make a decision.

### **Consider the Bible**

When I began to serve Jesus, I had to block out everything that I had ever been taught, and say, "Jesus, I don't understand any of this. You are going to have to give me understanding."

I could not deny that I had seen those skeletons. I knew they were animals. I simply did not believe they were horses like the ones I knew.

If the scientific community had considered the Bible, scientists would have known what Genesis 1:1 and 1:2 say and what Jeremiah chapter 4 says, and they would not have tried to say that the present day horse evolved from animals with skeletons like those. They would have said, "God made that little horse, and God destroyed that horse, and in Genesis chapter 1, God made a new horse, 5000 years ago."

Horses did not evolve the way scientists think they did. Scientists ignored the Bible totally, however, and they still do today. And many Spirit-filled scientists ignore the Bible exactly as non-Spirit-filled scientists do.

**Rule in the Midst of Thine Enemies**

Anyway, as I was praying, I asked, "Jesus, what am I supposed to do? Don't just leave me wondering." After all, in John 15:19, Jesus said that we are in the world, but we are not of it.

The religious community simply tries to escape from the world. If they do not like the public schools, they build a religious school, and they make you a religious fanatic and put you in bondage, and, as Jesus said in Matthew 23:15, they make you twice the child of hell they themselves are.

The Spirit of God answered me, from Psalm 110:1-2:

*The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool (v. 1).*

*The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies (v. 2).*

"Rule thou in the midst of thine enemies." "Rule thou in the midst of..." evolutionists. "Rule thou in the midst of..." public schools.

Until the gospel of Jesus Christ has been accepted, we are going to have to keep growing spiritually. The day is going to come, however, when seven year old children are going to say to their science teacher, "Jesus died, He was buried, and He rose again for you," by the Holy Spirit, and that teacher will be speechless. That, my friend, is ruling in the midst of your enemies.

Religious parents are afraid to send their children to public school because they are afraid of "humanism." So they send their children to a religious school where religious teachers teach the Bible by the letter and not by the Holy Spirit. All they do is produce spiritual death. As Paul said in II Corinthians 3:6, "*for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.*"

**Jesus Is a Priest Forever**

Psalm 110 continues:

*Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power,  
in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the  
morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth (v. 3).*

*The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou  
are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek  
(v. 4).*

Do you know what Jesus is going to do? He is going to rule forever, in the midst of His enemies. And do you know what He is going to do with you and me? He is going to rule through us. We will rule in any school or any city He wants us to.

It is no accident that God chose to establish Water of Life Ministries in Plano, Texas. Plano considers itself one of the intellectual cities of Texas. It is going to be fun to watch the gospel rule in the midst of the Plano schools.

I have never been led to talk with the Plano school district about the teaching of evolution. I know evolution is not true. Jesus knows it, I know it, and you ought to. It does not make sense to think that you developed from a monkey.

Monkeys would be insulted to be told that. They know their heritage, and they know yours. Only demons could ever perpetrate such a lie and cause us to believe it.

**Lay Aside Those Lies**

I think that there is more documentation on the so-called evolution of a horse than any other animal. Let me tell you, however, horses did not evolve. Scientists say horses appeared, then disappeared, then reappeared, but they do not know why they disappeared or why they reappeared later.

Scientists do not know anything. They think that the shape of horses' teeth changed during 50,000 years--from sharp, incisor-like tearing teeth to flat, grinding surfaces.

That is as far as I am going. I guess God is getting ready to set me free from more of those lies. If any lies are in me, I want them out, because I am going to find out what God will do with a human being who will lay aside all those lies.

If we have to depend on lies to keep us going, we are going to be in trouble somewhere down the road. If God cannot prevail over lies, how is He ever going to take us to heaven?

Evolution is a lie. People who teach evolution teach lies, and the scientific community believes lies. It is that simple. Strong spirits cause those people to believe those lies.

### **Science Falsely So Called**

Look at I Timothy 6:20:

*O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:*

Do you see that? "*Opositions of science falsely so called.*" Science is false. I have just shown you an example of false science.

The scientific community does not even know the origin of man. They actually believe that man has evolved from the animal kingdom, and has evolved beyond animals to the degree that it has. No wonder the apostle Paul said that science is false.

Not only that, but in I Timothy 6:21 he says:

*Which some professing have erred concerning the faith.*

My friend, faith and science can never go together. They are not compatible. If you believe science, you have erred from the faith.

Paul said that science is a "*vain babbling*." He says that it is "*profane*". And he says that it is false. I do not understand how the ministers in this country can ignore these verses--fight for the accuracy and truth of the verses that support their doctrines and ignore these verses, saying, "Well, this is a different age."

There is no question that science is false. Science cannot even accept what I have just said concerning the origin and function of man and other animals.

### **Let God Deliver You**

If you have struggled with your heritage--if you believe as science has taught you that there are apes in your background, in fact, if you believe that old song about the tadpole stuck in the sand that became a man, you need to be delivered from false science.

Religious people receive a little light on a subject and try to save themselves. They immediately quit their jobs, remove themselves from what they view as sin, and involve themselves in some new bondage. That is unnecessary.

Jesus died for all of us in our trespasses and sins, and He is the only One who can lead you out of bondage. Even though science is false, you should continue in it until Jesus by the Holy Spirit convinces you of its falsehood and delivers you.

## CHAPTER 4

### THE SIMILITUDE OF ADAM'S TRANSGRESSION

After God destroyed the earth and the men who were on it, He put His plan of reconciliation into effect. In Genesis chapter 1, He created the heaven and the earth, and in Genesis chapter 2, He created Adam.

Genesis 2:7 begins:

*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.*

God formed man of the dust of the ground. Consider that. God formed a man with dust, then He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.

If you think that God does not have any creative power, try to form something yourself that looks like a man, made out of dust, and see how much life you can breathe into it.

I remember one time several years ago, when God was beginning to pour His Spirit into my body through my spirit. My body did not care for the outpouring of the Spirit of God. Jesus was teaching me about changing my old wineskin into a new one, and I was afraid of the supernatural power of God.

God said to me one day, "That Spirit in you is not going to harm you. That Spirit is life, not death. Don't be afraid."

From that day on, I began to believe that and trust God. Since that time, it has been much easier to be filled with the Spirit and walk in the Spirit.

Look again at Genesis 2:7-8:

*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 (v. 7).*

*And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed (v. 8).*

God put man in Eden. He did not form man, give him the earth, and say, "Take off, and go where you want to go." From the very outset, beginning with Adam, God had a plan for man--that God intended to rule over men and lead them by His Spirit. And He still does.

Continue with verse 9:

*And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil (v. 9).*

God created the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Now, look at Genesis 2:15-17:

*And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it (v. 15).*

*And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat (v. 16):*

*But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die (v. 17).*



Consider what God said. In verse 9, He created a tree of life in the midst of the garden. He did not tell Adam not to eat from it. In fact, He said that he could.

He said in verse 16, "...*Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat.*" That included the tree of life.

In verse 17, He said, "*But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*" In other words, that is the day man got in trouble.

### **God Makes His Servant Stand**

Keep in mind what Paul said to Timothy in II Timothy 2:7:

*Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.*

If you can accept what God is showing you, you will see that God had a plan from the very beginning and that His plan included the fall of Adam.

Look at Isaiah 42:1:

*Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.*

This verse says that God upheld Jesus. Did you know that? The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob upheld Jesus.

Turn to Romans 14:4:

*Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.*

God made Jesus stand, and God can make us stand. If He had wanted, He could have made Adam stand. God's plan was for Adam to fall, however, so that all men could be reconciled to Him.

### **The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil**

Now, turn to Genesis 3:1-2:

*Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden (v. 1)?*

*And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden (v. 2):*

What did Satan say? "*Hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*" Do you think Satan does not know what God says? Yet, people will say that Satan cannot know what you are doing unless you speak it aloud.

Well, maybe God spoke aloud to Adam. In any event, the devil knew what He said.

Look at verses 2-3:

*And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden (v. 2):*

*But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die (v. 3).*

What did God say to Adam in Genesis 2:17?

*...for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*

Adam had told Eve what the Father had told him.

**Satan Presumed to Know God**

Now, look at Genesis 3:4-7:

*And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die (v. 4):*

What did Satan do? He perverted what God had spoken. He said to her, "*Ye shall not surely die.*" Then he presumed to reveal to her the knowledge of God:

*For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil (v. 5).*

God did not tell Adam that. God did not tell Eve that. If He did, it is not recorded. Yet, Satan said:

*For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil (v. 5).*

What happened? Revelation came from the serpent to Eve:

*And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat (v. 6).*

Adam did the one thing God had told him not to do.

*And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons (v. 7).*

That is an incredible account of what took place. They were ashamed and naked. God visited them in the cool of the day, but Adam and his wife hid from Him. They were afraid. They hid themselves from God.

Here is where fear entered into man. Rebellion and fear always go together. Rebellion against the words of God brought forth fear, and they hid themselves.

### **Adam Surely Died**

God told Adam that on the day that he ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, he would surely die. That is exactly what happened.

You may ask, "What do you mean? Adam didn't die. He was still alive after he ate the fruit. The serpent was right." Let me tell you, Adam died in a way that was more profound than physical death--he died a spiritual death when he ate of the tree.

When God created Adam, He created him to have fellowship with God. He gave Adam dominion over every living thing. He gave Adam the garden of Eden to dress and keep, and He walked in the garden with Adam. Adam had perfect fellowship with God.

When Adam ate the fruit of the tree, however, all that ended. Adam was cut off from God. God drove him out of the garden and cursed the ground for Adam's sake. All of us were cut off by the sin of Adam.

### **The Gospel Was Introduced**

God said to Adam, in Genesis 3:11:

*...Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat (v. 11)?*

*And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat (v. 12).*

*And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat (v. 13).*

*And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life (v. 14):*

*And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel (v. 15).*

Here is where the gospel was introduced. God spoke what was going to happen. *"It shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."* The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus--God's plan for reconciliation--was introduced in Genesis 3:15. God had His plan from the foundation of the world.

It has taken me years to believe this. I am not saying that it is essential for you to understand, or even receive this, to believe the gospel, but I would not say that it isn't. I would not discount it, if I were you. I would consider it and let God give me understanding.

### **Sin Entered by One Man**

Adam died a spiritual death when he ate of the tree. When he sinned, we were all cut off from God. Romans 5:12-14 explains this:

*Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned (v. 12):*

In Adam, all men have sinned.

*For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law (v. 13).*

*Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come (v. 14).*

Sin entered into the world, and death came by sin. Death passed upon all men. Each one of us received Adam's transgression, even though there was no law. Sin was in the world, but it was not imputed until the law went into effect.

In verse 14, Paul says, "*Nevertheless death reigned.*" The penalty for sin is death. We saw above that Adam, and each one of us, was cut off from God because of Adam's sin. Physical death also reigned after Adam sinned. Adam's sin produced not only spiritual death, but also physical death.

Look at Romans 5:14 again:

*Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned...*

That includes every one of us.

*...after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come (v. 14).*

Adam was the figure of Him that was to come. Jesus was the One who "*was to come.*" Jesus' appearance was planned from the foundation of the world. God's plan of reconciliation was planned from the foundation of the world.

**Adam Had Perfect Communication**

Adam had perfect communication with the Father before he rebelled. After that, God communicated with man through the prophets. Hebrews 1:1-2 says:

*God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets (v. 1),*

*Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds (v. 2);*

Jesus came to earth to reconcile us to God, and that reconciliation includes the restoration of perfect communication with the Father.

In Deuteronomy 18:18, God said to Moses:

*I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.*

Jesus was that prophet, and because He has reconciled us to God, we can have perfect communication with God, even as He did and as Adam did before his fall.

In John 10:27, Jesus said:

*My sheep here my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:*

God planned from the foundation of the world to reconcile us to Him through Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection.

## CHAPTER 5

### THE PLAN OF RECONCILIATION

God had a plan to reconcile man from the foundation of the world. His plan included the fall of Adam and the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. Now, turn to Ephesians chapter 2 to see God's plan of reconciliation as it was revealed to the apostle Paul.

Ephesians 2:10 begins:

*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we would walk in them (v. 10).*

*Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands (v. 11);*

*That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world (v. 12):*

Do you see that? When we were Gentiles in the flesh, at that time, we were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel--strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world.

Without Christ, you and I have no hope. We are strangers from the covenants of promise. Look at Ephesians 2:13, however:

*But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were afar off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.*



God has brought us, in Christ Jesus, nigh by the blood of the Lord Jesus. We are brought nigh unto Him by the blood.

Ephesians 2:14-18 continues:

*For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us (v. 14);*

*Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace (v. 15);*

*And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby (v. 16):*

*And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh (v. 17).*

*For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father (v. 18).*

In verse 18, "both" refers to Jew and Gentile. We both have access to the Father through the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

These verses take us from being Jews and Gentiles to being brought nigh to the Father by the blood of Jesus. Jesus made Jew and Gentile one body, that being Christ. He abolished the law, crucified the old man, and preached peace to us. With these steps, we were reconciled to God, and that reconciliation gives us access to the Father by one Spirit.

## CHAPTER 6

### THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Now, we are going to look at each aspect of the plan of reconciliation. The first one is forgiveness and redemption.

All of us have sinned in Adam. Each one of us has received the Adamic nature, the sin--the transgression, after the similitude of Adam. The sin that came on the human race through Adam makes every one of us commit acts of sin.

In order to bring us nigh to God, the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ had to be shed, and God had to forgive us of our sins. Jesus came to earth to die, be buried, and be raised again for our justification, redemption, sanctification, and righteousness.

In Ephesians 1:7, Paul says of Jesus:

*In whom we have redemption through his blood,  
the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of  
his grace;*

The word "redemption" means to loose away, and it comes through the blood of Jesus. If you do not have any blood, you do not have any power--you have a false religion. You cannot be loosed away from the devil without the blood of Jesus. You cannot be redeemed.

In Christ, we are loosed away through His blood. From what? From the authority of darkness. The power of darkness. Colossians 1:13 tells us that God:

*...hath delivered us from the power of darkness,  
and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear  
Son (v. 13):*

Through the blood of Jesus, we also have the forgiveness of sins. Redemption and the forgiveness of sins are according to the riches of His grace. You and I cannot earn this--we are not good enough. It is unmerited. Forgiveness and redemption are given unto us through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **The Penalty For Sin Is Death**

In I Peter 2:24, the apostle Peter says of the Lord Jesus Christ:

*Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body." Jesus took our sins on His body.

The penalty for sin is death. It is the death of a body. Jesus had to come and present His body a living sacrifice, an offering to God, for my sins and your sins.

There had to be the death of a body for Jesus to forgive my sins and to loose me away from the authority and the powers of Satan. He had to do the same thing for you. Thank God that He did it for all of us.

### **Redemption Through His Blood**

In Colossians 1:13, Paul describes God the Father and Jesus, His dear Son:

*Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son (v. 13):*

We have been delivered from the power--the privilege or authority--of darkness and translated into the kingdom of His dear Son.

Colossians 1:14 says:

*In whom we have redemption through his blood,  
even the forgiveness of sins:*

To be delivered from the authority of darkness and to be translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son, we must have redemption through His blood, as well as the forgiveness of sin.

## CHAPTER 7

### HE ABOLISHED THE LAW

God forgave our sins, but the law causes us to remember sin. The second thing Jesus did to reconcile man to God was abolish the law.

The word "abolish" means to make thoroughly inactive. As long as the law has any activity in your heart--and the heart is where the law works, you are subject to committing sin. Where the law is active, sin will abound.

Romans 3:20 says, "...for by the law is the knowledge of sin." God had to abolish the law--take it out of our hearts and make it thoroughly inactive.

Look at Ephesians 2:15:

*Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;*

Jesus abolished in His flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments. Why? So that He could make a new man--and that new man is the body of Christ.

Galatians 4:4-5 says:

*But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law (v. 4),*

*To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons (v. 5).*

God sent forth His Son to redeem them that were under the law that we might receive the adoption of sons. Jesus redeemed us--loosed us away--from the powers of darkness through faith in His blood.

### **The Law of Commandments**

Look at Ephesians 2:15 again. Paul tells us that Jesus:

*Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace.*

*"Having abolished in his flesh the enmity..."* The enmity is the law. The law is your enemy. It makes you sin.

*"Even the law of commandments..."* Do you see that? The law of commandments is the Ten Commandments. God has abolished the law, which includes the Ten Commandments.

Religious people will tell you that only the ceremonial law has been abolished. Preachers will say, "Oh, only the ceremonial law, not the Ten Commandments."

I am going to show you out of the Bible that the Ten Commandments have been abolished. Until you believe that, you will never walk by faith. You will always be walking by the law--by, "I cannot do this; thou shalt not do that; if I do this, God will reject me."

### **The Handwriting of Ordinances**

Turn to Colossians 2:10-14. Paul writes:

*And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power (v. 10):*

*In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ (v. 11):*

The circumcision of Christ is the new birth. When you receive Christ, you are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands.

*Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead (v. 12).*

*And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses (v. 13);*

The word "quickened" means made alive. When God raised Jesus from the dead, He made us alive with Him. He quickened us.

*Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross (v. 14);*

The "handwriting of ordinances" cannot be anything but the Ten Commandments. Those are the only ordinances that I know were written by God. You can argue all day, if you want to, but God wrote the Ten Commandments--twice. The only other place in the Bible where I can find that God wrote anything is in the book of Daniel, where a hand came forth before King Belshazzar and started writing on the wall.

Paul is talking about the Ten Commandments. Jesus blotted out the handwriting of ordinances--the Ten Commandments--that was contrary to us, and took it out of the way. The Ten Commandments are contrary to us. They make us sin.

Romans 3:20 says, "*for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*" The more you try to obey the law, the more you will sin. That is exactly what the Bible teaches us. Yet, our churches teach us the law every Sunday.

Do not misunderstand me. God put the Ten Commandments in the earth. They are holy commandments. They are the Word of God. According to Galatians 3:19, God added them--He added the entire law, because of transgressions, until Jesus came.

The law is our schoolmaster. It is our manager. It is our tutor. But after we come to Christ, we are no longer under a schoolmaster, under a manager, under a tutor--under the law. That includes the Ten Commandments.

### **Tables of Testimony**

It took me a long time, a lot of studying, a lot of prayer, a lot of grace, and a lot of mercy to find these verses. God led me meticulously and instructed me and revealed this to me and gave me faith and boldness to teach this. What I am teaching is so clear you cannot misunderstand it.

Exodus 31:18 says:

*And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.*

"Written," do you see that? God gave Moses two tables of testimony--that is, words or commandments--written with the finger of God.

Now, look at Exodus 34:1:

*And the Lord said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon*



*these tables the words that were in the first tables,  
which thou brakest.*

God wrote upon the tables of stone the words that were in the first tables.

Turn to Exodus 34:28:

*And he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.*

That convinced me. The old covenant includes the Ten Commandments. It says so right here: "*The words of the covenant, the ten commandments.*"

God wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments. That is the handwriting that is against you, that is contrary to you. God took it out of the way, and He nailed it to the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Isn't that good news? Well, it should be, if it isn't already! Anything God can take out of the way that is contrary to me, I appreciate.

### **"I Will Make a New Covenant"**

God took away the first covenant, that He might establish the second. Turn to Hebrews 8:8-9:

*For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah (v. 8):*

*Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the*

*hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord (v. 9).*

The covenant God made with the fathers included the Ten Commandments. He took it out of the way.

If you have any conscience of sins, it is because you are under the law. If your sins testify against you all the time, it is because you are under the law. You are legal. You are bound by one of the commandments.

*"I will make a new covenant."* We saw in Exodus 34:28 that the Ten Commandments were part of the first covenant. God said, "I will make a new one; I will do away with this one."

### **The Law Cannot Make You Perfect**

Turn to Hebrews 10:1-2:

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

The law cannot make you perfect. Why would you want to be under the law if it will not make you perfect?

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

*"Should have had no more conscience of sins."* They would not have had any more conscience of sin if the law could have made them perfect. But it could not.

Hebrews 10:9 says:

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

Until the first covenant has been set aside in your life, the second covenant will never be established. The problem with the church today is simple--preachers incorporate the first covenant into the teaching of the second covenant. The second covenant has the leaven of the first covenant in it, and that leaven will not allow the second covenant to be established.

### **Jesus Is the End of the Law**

In Romans 10:4, Paul says:

*For Christ is the end of the law...*

End. Do you know what the end is? It is the end! It is very simple. If you don't think the end is the end, then, if you are sitting in a chair, slide off the end of it and find out what happens. You will find out that it is the end.

*For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth (v. 4).*

The reason Jesus is not the end of the law for righteousness to preachers in America is that they do not believe. Their hearts are full of doubt and unbelief. The word "believe"--and we are talking about believing the gospel, believing Jesus--means to trust in, rely on, or adhere to.

If you trust in, rely on, and adhere to Christ, you do not need a law. You simply need Jesus.

### **Jesus Was Made Under the Law**

For God to abolish the law, He had to do something incredible. It took me years to believe and understand this.

Look at Galatians 4:4-5:

*But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law (v. 4),*

*To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons (v. 5).*

God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law. God made Jesus under the law. Why? Because He wanted to redeem them that were under the law--that we might receive the adoption of sons.

### **Mine Ears Hast Thou Opened**

Turn to Psalm 40:6-8. This is a prophecy of the Lord Jesus:

*Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened (v. 6):...*

Do you see that? God opened the ears of Jesus, so He could do His will. Did you know that unless God opens your ears, you will continue to walk exactly as you used to.

*...burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required (v. 6).*

*Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it written of me (v. 7),*

*I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart (v. 8).*

"*Thy law is within my heart.*" Jesus had the law in His heart, because He was made under the law.

**Jesus Redeemed Them That Were Under the Law**

Jesus was made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law. Luke 2:21-27 shows us how He was made under the law:

*And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS (v. 21),...*

He was made of a woman, made under the law, and He lived by the law. Here, He was circumcised according to the law.

*...which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb (v. 21).*

*And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord (v. 22);*

*(As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord (v. 23);)*

Jesus' parents practiced the law; He was made under it.

*And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons (v. 24).*

A sacrifice according to the law was offered over the body of Jesus.

Finally, in verse 27, we see that Simeon came:

*...by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law (v. 27),*

Jesus' parents brought Him in, to do for Him after the custom of the law.

Jesus was made of a woman, of the seed of Abraham, the seed of David. He was made like you and I--a man. Exactly like us. He was made under the law for the purpose of redeeming you and me from the law. That was God's purpose--to redeem you and me from the law.

## CHAPTER 8

### HE CRUCIFIED THE OLD MAN

The third thing Jesus did to reconcile man to God was slay the enmity, or crucify the old man. Turn to Ephesians 2:16:

*And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:*

The enmity--the enemy--is the old man. With Adam's transgression, the sin of rebellion invaded the spirit, soul, and body of man. Our body became a body of sin. Jesus slew the old man on the cross, so that He might reconcile both Jew and Gentile unto God in one body.

In Romans 6:6, Paul says:

*Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.*

Your old man is crucified with Christ. Romans chapter 6 is obviously about water baptism. If you have been baptized into Christ, your old man has been crucified.

Look at Romans 7:18. Paul states:

*For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing:*

In Romans 7:24, he says:

*O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?*

Paul calls the body that you and I dwell in, "*the body of death.*" He says that nothing good dwells in our flesh.

**The Old Man Is Corrupt**

Ephesians 4:20-22 says:

*But ye have not so learned Christ (v. 20);*

*If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus (v. 21):*

*That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts (v. 22);*

The old man is corrupt according to deceitful lusts. Jesus crucified the old man, that you and I might be reconciled to God.

Ephesians 4:23-24 continues:

*And be renewed in the spirit of your mind (v. 23);*

*And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness (v. 24).*

Put on the new man, created in righteousness and true holiness. Jesus crucified the old man, that we might put on the new man.

Turn to II Corinthians 4:10-11:

*Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body (v. 10).*



*For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh (v. 11).*

You and I are to bear about in our bodies the dying of the Lord Jesus, that His life might be manifest in our bodies. Our old man--our body of death--is to be crucified, and we are to put on the new man--the life of Jesus. When Jesus crucified the old man, He exchanged His resurrected life for our old man.

### **Continue in the Faith**

Now, look at Colossians 1:21-22:

*And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled (v. 21)*

Jesus reconciled us--made a thorough change. Verse 22 tells us how:

*In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight (v. 22):*

Jesus had to die in order to reconcile us--in order to change us so that we could be presented holy and unblameable and unproveable in His sight.

Colossians 1:23 continues:

*If you continue in the faith...*

Do you see that word, "if"? You will be presented holy and unblameable and unproveable in His sight, if you continue in the faith.

Look at verse 23 again:

*If you continue in the faith grounded and settled,  
and be not moved away from the hope of the  
gospel,...*

You must continue in the faith and in the hope of the gospel if you want to be grounded and settled in the faith.

### **The Circumcision Made Without Hands**

In Colossians 2:10-11, Paul tells us:

*And ye are complete in him, which is the head of  
all principality and power (v. 10):*

*In whom also ye are circumcised with the  
circumcision made without hands, in putting off  
the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision  
of Christ (v. 11):*

This body that you and I have is a body of sin, and there is nothing we can do to change it. Jesus had to die that our body of sin might be destroyed and that we might be reconciled to God.

## CHAPTER 9

### HE MADE JEW AND GENTILE ONE BODY

The fourth thing God did was to make Jew and Gentile one body--the body of Christ. Jesus tore down the partition between Jew and Gentile.

He did not tear down partitions between blacks and whites. God never saw man as black or white. He saw the human race as Jew and Gentile.

### Jesus Made One New Man

Ephesians 2:14-16 says:

*For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us (v. 14);*

*Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace (v. 15);*

*And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby (v. 16):*

Can you see that? Jesus broke down the middle wall of partition, "to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; and that he might reconcile both [Jew and Gentile] unto God in one body by the cross"--that is, the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

**He is a Jew, Which is One Inwardly**

God no longer considers Jews in the flesh to be Jews. In Romans 2:28-29, Paul says:

*For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh (v. 28):*

*But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God (v. 29).*

Jesus does not consider Jews in the flesh as Jews. A Jew is someone who has received Christ Jesus. He is a Jew inwardly.

Why did God do that? So He could make one body--the body of Christ. We are only Jews inwardly, but the body is Christ. One head--Jesus, and one body--that being Christ.

**Count Your Flesh But Dung**

The body of Christ does not include Jews in the flesh or Gentiles in the flesh. In Philippians 3:8, Paul says:

*Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,*

Paul counted all things but dung that he might win Christ. All things included his Jewish heritage--his Jewish flesh. In Philippians 3:4-6, he says:

*Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more (v. 4):*

*Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee (v. 5);*

*Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless (v. 6).*

Paul had more right to trust in his flesh than any other man. What does he say in verse 7, however?

*But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.*

Paul knew that there is no more Jew, and there is no more Gentile. There is only one body--the body of Christ.

### **Walk in Newness of Life**

Look at Romans 6:4-5:

*Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life (v. 4).*

Our old man was buried with Jesus by baptism, and it is dead, so that we can walk in newness of life. We walk in newness of life as the body of Christ.

*For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection (v. 5):*

*"We shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection."* Our old Jewish body or old Gentile body cannot be in the likeness of His resurrection. Only the body of Christ can be in the likeness of His resurrection.

**Manifest in Our Body**

Finally, turn to II Corinthians 4:10-11:

*Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body (v. 10).*

*For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh (v. 11).*

The life of Jesus is to be made manifest in our bodies--in our mortal flesh. The life of Jesus cannot be made manifest in our Jewish bodies or our Gentile bodies. The life of Jesus can only be made manifest when He has broken down the middle wall of partition and made us one body--the body of Christ.

## CHAPTER 10

### JESUS PREACHED PEACE

The fifth step in God's plan of reconciliation is that Jesus preached peace to Jew and Gentile. In Ephesians 2:17, Paul says that after Jesus had redeemed us, after He had torn down the middle wall of partition between Jew and Gentile, after He abolished the law, after He crucified the old man, He:

*... came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.*

There is always peace with the gospel. Peace is preached with the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Peace will always be ministered.

In Colossians 1:20, Paul says:

*And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.*

Peace came by faith in the blood of Jesus. Peace came through the gospel.

### Alienated By Wicked Works

Colossians 1:21 continues:

*And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled*

We were alienated from God and enemies in our mind by wicked works.

Ephesians 5:3-5 warns us of those wicked works:

*But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints (v. 3);*

*Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks (v. 4).*

*For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God (v. 5).*

Ephesians 5:6 tells us of the consequences of these wicked works:

*Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.*

Remember Colossians 1:21. We were enemies of God because of our wicked works, and it was necessary for Jesus to make peace with the human race. Peace was achieved through faith in the blood of Jesus.

### **We Have Peace With God**

Romans 5:1 says:

*Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:*

Peace with God comes through the Lord Jesus Christ, and it comes when we are justified by faith.

Faith in what? Look at Romans 5:9:



*Much more then, being now justified by his blood,  
we shall be saved from wrath through him.*

We are justified by the blood of Jesus. We have peace with God through faith in the blood of Jesus, and we will be saved from the wrath of God that comes because of our wicked works by the same faith.

## CHAPTER 11

### JESUS RECONCILED US

The sixth step is that God put His plan into effect in our lives. Once these steps have been completed in our lives, we can be reconciled to God. Romans 5:10 says:

*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.*

In God's plan of reconciliation, God forgave our sins, He abolished the law, He changed our body of sin, and He eliminated Jew and Gentile and made us one body--the body of Christ, an inward Jew--one who is born again.

Look at Colossians 1:20-22 again:

*And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven (v. 20).*

*And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled (v. 21)*

*In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight(v. 22):*

Jesus has reconciled us to God in the body of His flesh through death--through His death, burial, and resurrection. Every aspect of God's plan of reconciliation takes place through faith in the blood of Jesus.

## **We Are Reconciled by Jesus**

In II Corinthians 5:14-18, Paul tells us how we will live once we are reconciled to God:

*For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead (v. 14):*

*And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again (v. 15).*

Once we are reconciled to God, we will no longer live unto ourselves--we will no longer live in the flesh. Instead, we will live unto Him who died for us and rose again.

II Corinthians 5:16 continues:

*Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.*

We are not to know any person after the flesh, not even Jesus. We are to know them, and Him, by walking in the resurrection power of the Lord Jesus.

## **He Is a New Creature**

Read verses 17-18:

*Therefore if any man be in Christ (v. 17),...*

That is, if any man is walking in the resurrection power of Jesus Christ. If you are in Christ, you are walking in the power of His resurrection. If you are walking in the power of His resurrection, you will be walking by faith.

Verse 17 continues:

*...he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new (v. 17).*

*And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ (v. 18),...*

You are not a new creature simply because you have received Jesus. You are not a new creature simply because you have confessed your sins. A person who is a new creature is a person who is reconciled to God and is walking in the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.

### **The Power of His Resurrection**

Paul describes the power of the resurrection of Jesus in Philippians chapter 3. In verse 3, he says:

*For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.*

Paul was reconciled to God. He had no confidence in the flesh. Remember II Corinthians 5:16: "*Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh.*"

Paul continues, in Philippians 3:8-10:

*Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ (v. 8),*

*And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which*

*is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness  
which is of God by faith (v. 9):  
That I may know him, and the power of his  
resurrection (v. 10),...*

If we have confidence in the flesh, we are not yet found in Jesus, and we are not reconciled to God. We do not know Him, and we do not know the power of His resurrection.

## CHAPTER 12

### JESUS WAS JUSTIFIED

God's plan of reconciliation had to be worked out in Jesus before it could be worked out in us. Jesus had to work out each aspect of God's plan. Habakkuk 2:4 is a remarkable verse, because it concerns Jesus:

*Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.*

I am convinced this is Jesus. I remember when God brought me face to face with this verse. It says, "*His soul...is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith*"--the faith of the Father.

The faith of God operating in Jesus enabled Jesus to work out each aspect of the plan of reconciliation.

Turn to Matthew chapter 3 with me. Remember, Jesus walked by faith. He was a man like you and I. He had His Spirit--the Spirit of Jesus was the Son from heaven. He had a soul like yours and mine and a body like yours and mine, but He had His Spirit.

#### Jesus Pleased the Father

Matthew 3:13 begins:

*Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him (v. 13).*

*But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me (v. 14)?*

*And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him (v. 15).*

Jesus was baptized in water.

Verse 16 continues:

*And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:*

Here, Jesus was baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Then, verse 17 says:

*And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

God was well pleased with His Son.

### **Jesus Returned in the Power of the Spirit**

Matthew 4:1 tells us that Jesus was led of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. Verse 2 says that Jesus fasted forty days and forty nights.

Luke chapter 4 is an account of the same event. Luke 4:1 says that Jesus was full of the Holy Ghost. He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, and during those forty days, He fasted. In Luke 4:14, He returned in the power of the Holy Spirit.

He went from walking as Jesus in the flesh to returning in the power of the Spirit of God. He did not walk in His own ability. Psalm 35:13 tells us that Jesus, as well as you and I and everyone else, had to humble His soul with fasting.

I am convinced that Jesus humbled His soul with fasting. During these forty days in the wilderness, Jesus overcame the devil. He overcame the world with fasting and prayer. In John 16:33, Jesus says:

*...In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*

Jesus overcame the world in the wilderness by fasting and praying. After He had overcome the world, He came to the cross. When He came to the cross, God's plan began to be fulfilled.

### **Jesus Had to be Justified**

I have shown you in earlier books what Jesus accomplished on the cross. He presented His body a living sacrifice. He offered Himself a lamb, slain from the foundation of the world. He went to the cross and allowed Himself to be crucified. He permitted the people to crucify Him, or else they could not have done so. He died and was buried.

Look at I Timothy 3:16:

*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.*

"Justified in the Spirit..." Jesus had to be justified. Why? Because He had our sins on Him. He was made sin for you and me.

Jesus still had the law in His heart when He went to hell. He had to overcome the law. He had to deal with His flesh on the cross. He died, was buried, and descended into hell.

After three days, He was raised again from the dead. He is now seated at the right hand of the Father.



Jesus had to be justified in hell--in the grave, and He was justified, through faith, for you and me.

**The Plan of Reconciliation**

Jesus had to work out in Himself God's plan to reconcile man back to Him.

First, God had to forgive us of our sins and redeem us. Loose us away. To do that, there had to be a substitute and a penalty paid for that sin--and that was Jesus. He bore our sins in His body, and He paid the penalty for sin--death.

Second, He had to abolish the law. He had to make the law thoroughly inactive. He had to remove all of the activity of the law in our lives. Otherwise, we would continue to sin.

Third, He had to slay the enmity, or the enemy. He had to crucify the old man. The old man is that body that you and I live in. Our body is a body of sin. The only way that we can deal with it is by faith--by being baptized through water into the death of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Fourth, He did away with Jew and Gentile, and He made one body--the body of Christ. There are no more races of people. There never were with God--only Jews and Gentiles. There is no black race, no white race, and no yellow race, and there are no longer Jews and Gentiles. There is one body, and that is Christ.

The fifth thing Jesus did was preach peace to us. He brought peace to the human race, and we are able to be reconciled to God.

Because Jesus did these things, we can be reconciled to God. We can walk by faith, in the power of the resurrected Jesus Christ.

We can walk even more perfectly than Adam walked before the fall. Adam had to contend with the devil, and he failed. Jesus, because He died, was buried, and rose again, overcame everything

that Adam succumbed to, and we can walk in the power of that resurrected Jesus.

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