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Precept upon precept: line upon line;
Here a little; there a little.
[Isaiah 28:9-13]

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PREFACE

[From Book One]

This book is not a throw-away. You should read it, check it with scripture and save it for study and reference. It will stand the test. Even if you do not accept the grace message it contains, you should read it clear through and study it, for Jesus said in John 12:47-48, “If any one hears my sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. He who rejects me and does not receive my sayings has a judge; the word that I have spoken will be his judge on the last day.”

When the work of God is completed in each person, not one will be able to say, “Lord, if you had only let me know.” For everyone will be reconciled to God and they will all know that **God in His righteousness did have a plan to save all men** (even in spite of themselves). “For every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God, the Father.” [Phil. 2:10] God hath sworn to accomplish this and He said, “The words have gone out of my mouth and shall never return.” [Isa. 45:23] He will never change His mind.

AUTHOR'S PREFACE

Dearly beloved of the Lord:

In this book I am going to use 'I' instead of 'we' more often than in Book One. It is not because I think more highly of myself than I ought to: but because I believe the Lord has prepared me to take the abuse and the ostracizing which has already started.

This thing all should know: though they draw a circle around them that leaves us out; God has drawn a circle around us that includes them in. If Christ is in them, we are of the same body, and heirs of the same promises, regardless of our ancestry. If Christ is not in them, they are as yet none of His, regardless of their ancestry.

We regret to say that some seem to have drawn a false conclusion from our last letter, as though they are expecting that we are going to reverse ourselves on what we have been teaching. That definitely is not the case. God has caused us to be even more sure than ever: that those things with which He has blessed us for over 60 years, are very much a part of His LOGOS.

He has just given us more light on the subject than we had previously been shown. Only those things the early church and Israel received, that are in accord with Paul's gospel; are the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. None of them could add anything to Paul. They had to receive the Gospel from Paul. He was God's chosen vessel to all men. I have always taught that, as you can see from Book One. But the Lord made the separation much clearer to me. I have gone over my part of Book One many times and there is none of it I would withdraw. However, I would add the missing factor of 'Christ in you the hope of glory' [Col. 1:27] to a couple of paragraphs that perhaps make it appear that the gospel of Jesus and His apostles was the same gospel revealed to Paul by the risen Lord.

I would not again print the portion of Lulu Holmes article dealing with the Anglo-Saxon, British-Israel story. I wish to give Brother Bane and Brother Wells the credit due them for calling the unscriptural aspect of it to my attention. The results of my study of the question over the last two years will be in the second half of this book. She did recognize that it was an inferior, secondary calling to that of the many membered body of Christ, however.

I asked the Lord, when I had to split this book into two parts, "Why do I have to use so many thousand words to tell such a simple thing as God's grace?" Three answers came to my mind immediately. "Son, haven't you ever read the Bible?" "If You know there is a treasure in a field, you must buy the field if you want the treasure." And, "If you don't eat oysters, you will not find any pearls." So, if God has any pearls for you in these writings; you will have to endure the oysters.

When these two books are out, if the Lord is willing; I intend to spend enough time off from publishing to answer every one of the hundreds of letters that have accumulated; and to answer all the ones I hope will be forthcoming. Please try to study Books One and Two very carefully and then these books and write me specifically about line, page and scripture that you wish light on or wish to object to.

It doesn't do you or any one else any good to write and say you threw them in the fire place; or glued all the pages together so no one would be able to read them: if you can not tell me what you think is wrong. Do those, who have so bragged, believe they were acting in Christ? You are supposed to correct a brother from the error of his ways and hide a multitude of sins. You can not do that without taking a stand in opposition to this gospel of Grace. Let us hear it.

Sherwood Michael
For Gilbert Christian Assembly

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“LOGOS”

Chapter 1

THE CREATOR

Before the beginning, God was ALL. Of course all men know this cannot be comprehended by earthly man. It is not for earthly comprehension. There was no earthly man or earth in existence yet. It is a fact of the Spirit, which can only be known by one who has the Spirit of God in him. You, who love the Lord and His truth more than the precepts of men, read the second chapter of 1 Corinthians 2, especially the 10th through the 14th verses. “But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.” None can comprehend things of God except by the Spirit of God.

God existed as a spirit being, whom it would be impossible for the coming natural Adamic creation to see. John said no man has seen God at any time. Jesus said, No man has seen the Father but He who is of God has seen the Father. God is Spirit. The mention of both Jesus and God in the same sentence always brings up the question of the Godhead. Therefore we will dwell a little on what the scriptures bring out. The oneness of the Godhead is also a spiritual matter incomprehensible to Adam man.

In Isaiah 43:10-11 it says, “I am He: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no Saviour.” In Isaiah 44:6 it says, “I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.” And in the 24th verse it says, “Thus saith the Lord, thy redeemer, He that formed thee from the womb, I am the Lord that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth

by myself.”

In Isaiah 45 it says over and over, “I am the Lord, and there is none else. There is none beside me.” And in the twelfth verse it says, “I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.” And the 21st to the 23rd says, “And there is no God else beside me; a just God and Saviour; there is none beside me. Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow and every tongue shall swear.”

Jesus told the scribe who questioned Him, “The Lord our God is one Lord.” If that was all the scripture there was, any natural man could be pretty sure there was only one God, and He created all things. But John 1:1-3 tells us that the Word was God and the Word made everything and without the Word was not anything made that was made. John 1:4 tells us that in that Word was life; and that life was the light of men. In the 9th and 10th verses we are told “That [the Word] was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not.”

Well the natural man could still follow along pretty good because that scripture said that the Word that was in the beginning with God, was God. So God could have made everything alone as the old testament said, and the Word could have made everything that was made, because they were one and the same God. But there are some more scriptures.

Colossians 1:15-19 tells us of a Son who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creation, and “By Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him. And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell.” Col. 2:9, “For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.”

For the natural man, that is just too much. We have now added not only a Son, who also created all things, but have slipped in a Father as well. Let us drop back to that 'Logos' or Word that was God and we find in John 1:14 that, "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." And in 1 John 1:1, he says, "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." As the book of John, his three epistles and the Revelation of Jesus Christ were written about 95 to 98 A.D. after his exile to the Isle of Patmos it should be evident that he was not speaking of handling the flesh of Jesus of Nazareth, son of a woman. He was speaking of handling the flesh of Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, in His glorified body of flesh and bone which He received upon ascending to the Father after first appearing to Mary and telling her not to touch Him yet, for He was still in spirit form.

In Luke 24:39 Jesus said to His disciples, "Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I, myself: Handle me and see: for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have." And in John 20:29 He told Thomas, who had not been with the other disciples the first time, "Reach hither thy finger and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing." Thomas said unto Jesus, "My Lord and my God." Jesus of Nazareth was born of Mary, after John the Baptist was born of Elizabeth, yet John the Baptist said, "After me comes one who was before me."

We know by scriptures that Jesus of Nazareth, the seed of Eve, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, David according to the flesh was not before John the Baptist. The "LOGOS", the Word that came into the flesh of Jesus of Nazareth was; for it was God, the creator. God was never the seed of a woman, the seed of Abraham, the seed of David or the seed of any part of His creation. God speaking through Jesus told the Pharisees, "Before Abraham was, I AM." Jesus of Nazareth told us that He could do nothing of his own self. He said that the Father was greater than He. The scriptures say He had to be perfected by suffering. God was always perfect. Jesus of Nazareth had beginning of days and end of life. He died on the cross. He also had descent or ancestry. God never did. 1 Timothy 2:5 says, "There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the MAN Christ Jesus."

But the Son of God, that living Word that was in Jesus of Nazareth, said in John 17: 5, “**And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own SELF with the glory I had with thee BEFORE THE WORLD WAS.**” He said, “**I and the father are one.**” He said, “**He who has seen me has seen the father.**” Try to remember that there is only one creator, one God, one Lord, only one Saviour and He swore He would never form another. And to Him every knee was to bow and every tongue was to swear. So when you find it written in the scriptures, “... God has ... given Him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus CHRIST is Lord to the glory of God the Father.” [Phil. 2:9-11] it will be easier for you to understand the scripture that says, “... God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them ...” [2 Cor. 5:19] As John says, ‘The Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit are ONE.’ [1 John 5:7] **Jesus Christ the Lord, the living Word, our Saviour is a manifestation of our ONE God. In our perfection we will become Gods and Saviours, but only because we will be part of that ONE GOD and SAVIOUR. One with Him.**

So God is our Saviour, the Father is our Saviour, the Word is our Saviour, the Son is our Saviour, Jesus is our Saviour and the manifested Sons will be Saviours when they re-appear in ages to come; but they are all the same Saviour because He said no other Saviour would ever be formed, beside himself. The Father is the creator, the Word is the creator, the Holy Spirit is the creator and John tells us, ‘These three are ONE.’ [1 John 5:7] Jesus [in John 10:34] quoted from Psalms 82:6 which says, “**I say, ‘Ye are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless you shall die like men, and fall like any prince.’**” The creator is sovereign in His creation. He is as a potter, moulding clay into the vessels according to a purpose. He must do the work. All creation is toward that foreknown purpose, of which we will have more to say later.

“LOGOS”

Chapter 2

THE CREATION

Before the beginning, even before God created anything, He had purpose and logic for creating. Scoffers of the intelligentsia like to throw it up against Christians. ‘Who created your God?’ They jeer. They hold us up to derision and call us foolish. But it is not half as foolish to believe there was an intelligent ‘Supreme Spirit Being’ in command of creation; as it is to believe that this creation could possibly have evolved by pure chance and accident out of nothing.

No ignorant or unlearned Christian (and there are many of us, thank the Lord) ever needs to take a back seat behind the most intellectual man who is gullible enough to believe that the intricate composition of every thing in this universe all started from a speck of dust, whirling around in the atmosphere, gathering gasses, acids and salts, in the exact proportion needed, without any previous intelligence, formula or plan.

When they laugh at us and ask who made our God; we can laugh right back and ask, ‘Who made your speck of dust with the exact potential to evolve into the innumerable parts of the universe?’ ‘Who made the acids, gasses and salts with just the right properties to cause that speck of dust to evolve into so many things?’ ‘Who gave them the shove that set them all in motion in the atmosphere?’ And, ‘Who made that atmosphere? It is a wonderful creation in itself.’

If anyone thinks it is a far fetched foolishness to believe there was an intelligent ‘Supreme Spirit Being’ in charge of creation; how exceedingly stupid must anyone be, who thinks it all evolved from nothing. Their faith has to be much more far-fetched than ours. Remember this: All evolution theories that deny a creator must start their evolution with something that can evolve. Therefore something had to be in existence ahead of that evolution, containing all the innate ingredients necessary to evolve into every thing that exists, visible and invisible.

All any man can do is to discover something God has already done,

or something He has already made. God may have worked in many of the ways they claim in fashioning this universe: But to believe the natural creation started itself, is as foolish as to believe those in this natural creation can change themselves into a Spiritual creation with their own natural will, whenever they choose to do so.

Look outward at the stars in the heavens and the planets in their cycles. Each time the Lord allows the scientists to build a better telescope, they are more amazed at the vastness of creation and each time a stronger microscope is made they are more amazed at the very smallness of the intricate building blocks of matter this creation is composed of. God created some infinitesimal particles called protons, neutrons and electrons. By the proper combination of different numbers of those protons and neutrons into nuclei, or center cores; and surrounding them with the proper number of electrons, God fashioned the various types of atoms. Without any shell or skin their particles are in constant motion, yet do not lose their shape. He combined the proper number of the proper types of atoms to make the various kinds of molecules.

The various chemical elements are made up of these various types of molecules. Out of a combination of those chemical elements God made the heavens with the sun, moon, planets and stars; the earth, seas, gasses, metals, minerals and dust. Some of that dust of the earth can be pretty sophisticated to have been just an accidental happening. The scientists of yesterday, who wrote volumes about the stupidity and foolishness of thinking about airships, long distance communications and interplanetary travel as prophesied in scripture; are being laughed at by scientists of today who in their turn will be laughed at by the scientists of tomorrow; as God continues to move and rule in the affairs of His creation.

Study the mountains and oceans; the trees and flowers; the animals, fish and birds; the weather, lakes and rivers: But above all study this machine called man, which David said was fearfully and wonderfully made. To even intimate that all this could possibly have happened by accident, and out of nothing! Who is laughing at whom? When you understand the intelligence necessary for man to make a computer to do the limited things it can do; think how much wisdom, knowledge and intelligence must have been necessary in the creation of a man that can think like that: and then consider how much greater wisdom and intelligence we will have as Spiritual

created beings.

And this is the disadvantage and shortcoming of the Adam man. God created him with the incapability to understand spirit beings or spiritual things. But God has graciously called us and given us of His Spirit, that we might understand all things according to His proper time. It is by that Spirit, confirmed by scripture, we understand that God did not start His creation toward His purpose, with the natural creation. We know that He took of His own self or logic and put it into the "LOGOS" or Word and called it His Son. And the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God and had the glory of God's own self. He was before all things and was the firstborn of every creation: Not just this earthly one.

God in His wisdom, had other creations before the Adamic, natural creation; as Melchisedek, made like the Son of God without beginning of days: but they, as well as this Adamic creation, were just preliminary phases which He deemed necessary in bringing about the perfect creation which is His complete goal and purpose. Every thing God created was perfect for what it was created for. But not one of those preliminary creations can satisfy His final purpose. We can not put too much emphasis on the need for those who love the Lord to continually distinguish between God's purpose and His workings toward that purpose.

What ever the creator created was according to that 'LOGOS' or Word that was with Him from the beginning. That Word was not the Bible we have today. That Word was God and is God. **God has made sure that there is enough of His Word in the Bible (even in the very worst translation), when rightly divided as to the time spoken about, the ones spoken to, the location spoken about and His intention or purpose for the thing spoken of, so we, with the leading of the Spirit, and the workings of His five-fold ministry of Eph. 4:11 ["And he gave some, **apostles**; and some, **prophets**; and some, **evangelists**; and some, **pastors and teachers**;"], can search out the **truth**. The **letter, even of the new testament, killeth; but the Spirit giveth life**.** The most accurate of all the translations turned out by man is not a Holy Bible. One error would keep it from being Holy. But God's Word in any version or anywhere else is Holy. There is not one contradiction, one error or one omission in that 'Logos', or Word, that was with God and was God and is God. He knew

the end from the beginning and it was all in that 'LOGOS' from the beginning.

It is inconceivable that the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ was not included but was just thrown in as an afterthought by God, and not very important, as many teach. A man may have a summer resort vacation paid for. On the roads leading there he might find nice picnic grounds and glorified rest stops but they would in no way compare with his expected destination. To leave out the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ that was revealed to Paul, would be like having your trip end at an outhouse, far short of the mansion. Only in Paul's gospel is the righteousness of God revealed. All other scripture comes short of that revelation. God's perfect creation only gets started on the foundation Paul laid, which is Christ, a new creation.

This writer was in the construction trades for over 30 years and worked on many large construction projects. When any company decides to build a new factory to produce for an expected demand, it gathers all the logic and logistics together in a plan. Everything that has to be done is relevant but only incidental to attaining that facility for production. Any unforeseen delay in construction could result in failure. So every last detail must be taken into consideration, and it must all be put in writing. He has created the factory in his mind, now his plan for building it must be drawn up. His logic or logos must be put into Word.

The financing must be looked into, borrowing if necessary. The site must be chosen carefully, taking into account the availability of raw material, power, water, production manpower and transportation facilities. The construction labor mart and building material supplies must be looked into. The builder must take out permits and get an architect to draw up a complete set of plans. First a plot plan with the outline of the building and foundations so another plan can be made showing where the ditches must be dug for all the sewer lines, water lines, gas lines and electrical conduit lines that are to be below the footings and foundations. For all those lines and pipes there must be specifications drawn up showing the sizes and the quality of the material.

Everything in the builders plans up to this point concern only the site and it's preparation to have the foundation laid and the building started. (In the Bible a similar point would be Acts 13:46.)

But the factory builder did not start building when he only had the plans for the underground work. There must be specifications for the sand, gravel and cement that was to go into the concrete for the foundation and for its cure time, taking into consideration the weight of the machinery that is to be located in the different areas. The entire building must be built on that foundation.

There must be plans for floors, walls, stairs, doors, windows, ceilings, roof, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, electric power and lighting. There is a lot of logic in those plans. Also needed are the logistics or timing. The time for hiring surveyors, laborers, plumbers, electricians, carpenters and machinists; and the time for ordering bulldozers, ditch-digging equipment, trucks of concrete, lumber, doors, windows, and roofing; all have to be in that 'LOGOS' before a shovel of dirt is ever turned on the project.

The builder does not want loads of wet concrete showing up when the forms are not yet built: nor does he want a load of roofing to be delivered and dumped in the hole dug for the basement. He may have to make some revisions, alterations or adjustments because of unforeseen eventualities, being human. But can you even imagine in your wildest fancy, the builder having to wait while the different pieces of building material made up their own will, whether they wanted to be in that building, or not? Can you see the builder letting the foundation be held up for a day, a month, a year or who knows how long, while a piece of sewer pipe was allowed to exercise its own free will? And what if it never chose?

Dearly beloved, we too are just clay in the hands of the potter and the clay never has much control over a potter. We are God's building, His workmanship. God will never give anyone a second chance because He never gave anyone a first chance: either to join His natural creation or His Spiritual creation. Both require a birth. If it could be proved that anyone initiated his own natural birth by his own will, then you might be justified in claiming he could initiate his own Spiritual birth: but God is no dummy, He used the allegory of a birth for the very purpose of showing that it must be a work of the Spirit, not the flesh. God never gave man any chance to disrupt His creation.

If our God is not sovereign and if He did not know all things from the beginning, or does not accomplish all things according to the

counsel of His will as the scriptures have said; why should we believe any of the rest of His scriptures? God is true though every man a liar. There are disruptions on the jobsite, getting everything prepared for the foundation, that you would hardly believe if you had not worked on one. The unlearned passerby would be very hard put to it, to see how there could be any plan, order or good purpose for the scurrying mass of men and machines in the holes and ditches as well as on the hills of dirt and rubble.

But to the wise master builder, it is all as clear as an open book. The logic and logistics were all there in their 'logos' (their blueprints, plans and specifications), from the beginning. The only difference between that builder and our great creator and maker is the extent and accuracy of their foreknowledge. God knew the beginning, the middle and the ending without the possibility of any unforeseen eventualities. There was not, is not nor will there ever be one change, revision, alteration or need to do something over again, in God's 'LOGOS' or Word.

“LOGOS”

Chapter 3

THE ADAMIC CREATION (BODY, SOUL AND SPIRIT)

It would not be right to leave the subject of creation without taking up the creation of this old Adam man. We will study some of the scriptures that deal with the controversial subject of body, soul and spirit. There is not much controversy about the body of man as far as Christian believers go. All the translations of the scriptures which we have ever seen agree that the body of man (Hebrew ‘adam’) did not exist till God formed it out of the dust of the ground. Gen. 2:7. At that point it was a lifeless, inanimate body. Although God formed it out of the existing atoms, molecules and the same chemicals that God had created in that earth at an earlier date; that in no way detracts from the fact that our bodies are wonderfully constructed.

God so arranged those elements in such a fashion and combination to form the many different parts that make up man’s body. He formed the head, with its brain, eyes, ears, nose, mouth, teeth, tongue and hair; and the torso, with its marvelous sectional spinal column, bone structure and marrow, heart, lungs, stomach, kidneys, liver, bladder, procreative organs, etc. He fashioned arms with movable joints and hands with maneuverable fingers; also jointed legs with fantastically constructed feet and toes. And all through that body God formed nerves, glands, intestines valves, filters and blood vessels. In that body He adjusted the elements to form the necessary juices, secretions and blood. All came from the dust and all will return to the dust.

Man’s body was not the first body God had formed out of the elements of the earth God used a different prescription because 1 Corinthians 15:39 says, “**All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another flesh of fishes, and another of birds.**” (That scripture is important in helping Christians to fend off the teachings of some occult religions that man might be reincarnated in the body of a cow or fish or bird.) Before God formed that body of man He had already formed bodies for the whales and every living creature that moveth, which the water brought forth. And He had formed bodies for all the fowl of the air and for every beast of the earth such as cattle and every

creeping thing out of the ground. And God made the flesh of man differ from that of monkeys. The chromosome count is different.

Solomon, the man to whom God gave the most wisdom concerning His creation under the sun, tells us in Ecclesiastes 3:18-20, "[It is because of the sons of men, that God may prove them, that they might see that they themselves are but beasts.](#) For that which befallerth the sons of men, befallerth beasts; even one thing befallerth them; as the one dieth so dieth the other; yea, they all have one breath; and man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity, All go to one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again." They are of different kinds of flesh, but their bodies all return to the elements from which God formed them. In Genesis 3:19, God says, "[In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till you return to the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.](#)" In Ecclesiastes 12:7, Solomon says, "[Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was:](#)" That should convince us that we should not be foolish and think that the body we sow is the body that shall be. It is a body of death; subject to death. It is mortal; which means it must die. "[For in Adam, all die...](#)"

There is much more confusion about the soul. Hebrews 4:12 tells us, "[For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit.](#)" This fact should convince us that the soul is different than the spirit of man and has different functions; and that God's LOGOS or word distinguishes between them. Why is there such confusion about the soul? Partly because you cannot get the pure LOGOS out of the translations of the scriptures authorized by the leaders of church systems who have not received the love of the truth.

The word bible means a collection of writings or books. It was not used as the exclusive term for the scriptures until the fifth century A.D. The scriptures were handed down in the Hebrew language in three parts; the law, the prophets and psalms. About 250 years before Jesus was born, because of conquests and persecutions and scattering of the children of Israel, the Hebrew copies of the scriptures were being destroyed to a point where the Jews feared for their survival. They chose seventy two learned Jews to translate the scriptures into the predominate language of that period of time, which was Greek. That translation is known as the LXX or Septuagint. That Greek version was the prevalent one during the life

of Jesus and His disciples, although there were still some of the old Hebrew scrolls in the synagogues around Jerusalem. The Aramaic language was used by Jesus and His disciples; but all the New Testament was written in Greek.

The Hebrew word for 'soul' is '**nephesh**' and means '**animal soul**'. That word '**nephesh**' was used 724 times in the Hebrew scriptures. When the translation was made to the Greek LXX, it was translated into the Greek word '**psuche**', which also means '**soul**' or '**animal soul**'. Sixteen centuries later King James of England ordered a corrected version of the Bible be made by the leaders of the Anglican church. **An order was given to the translators, signed by the King, that it must be as accurate as possible without altering or upsetting the teachings and precepts of the clergy of that day.** I have read that there are still copies of that order.

What did the translators do in the 724 instances where that one word '**nephesh**' was used in the original Hebrew scriptures as they were inspired by God? Remember the word means **animal soul**. They correctly used '**soul**' 428 times; they translated it to 'life' 119 times, even though there was a very proper word meaning '**life**' used many times in the Hebrew text; sometimes in the same sentence with '**nephesh**'. That word is '**chaiyim**'. They translated '**nephesh**' to person 33 times; to self 19 times; to mind 15 times; to heart 15 times, (although the Hebrew word meaning **heart**, which is '**leb**', was used 495 times in the Hebrew text). Nephesh was also translated to creature 9 times; to dead 8 times; to body 7 times; to desire 5 times; and to 20 other words less than 5 times each.

Who gave them the authority to translate a single Hebrew word '**nephesh**' into thirty words of different meaning? Did King James? Did God change His LOGOS which was in the beginning with God, and was God? Is God's LOGOS different to the English and Americans from what it is to the Greeks, Latins, Hebrews, Scandinavians, Germans, French and the rest of the world? And how did they translate the Greek word '**psuche**', which also means soul? Out of the 102 times it appears in the Greek text of the New Testament, it was correctly translated '**soul**' 58 times; life 40 times (although there is a very good word meaning **life** '**zoe**', which was used 133 times in the Greek text). They also translated '**psuche**' to mind 3 times and to heart once. In other words (no pun intended) out of 826 times in the Bible, where a word meaning soul was used

in the text, it was translated 'soul' 486 times and into other words 340 times. In other versions different liberties have been taken to fit the doctrine of the particular organization doing the translating. **How much can a man tamper with what is regarded as the inspired word of God, and not change it to the precepts of men?**

Let us now consider what scripture has to say about a soul (nephesh). Genesis 2:7 informs us that God breathed the **breath** (Hebrew – **neshamah**) of life (Hebrew-**chaiyim**) into the nostrils of that body He had formed out of the dust of the ground, and man became a living (Hebrew-**chai**) soul (**nephesh**). It does not say God put a soul in man. Man is a soul. Many places it speaks about different numbers of people and calls them souls (nephesh). Scriptures speak of living souls and dead souls. Every Adam man is a soul (nephesh).

But just as Adam was not the first body that God made out of the dust; neither was Adam the first body to become a **living soul** (**chai nephesh**). Gen. 1:21 records that before God made man, “God created great whales and every living soul (chai nephesh) that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind.” And the 24th verse says, “And God said, let the earth bring forth the living soul (chai nephesh), After its kind, cattle and creeping things and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.” It was only after that God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and caused man to become a living soul (chai nephesh). Notice that the exact same Hebrew words were passed down for thousands of years for the living souls whether they were men, or beasts of the field, fowls of the air, or creatures from the seas.

Genesis 2:19 says, “Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living soul (chai nephesh), that was the name thereof.” And in Genesis 9:10, 12, 15, and 16 God made a covenant with Noah and every living soul (chai nephesh) of all flesh. Every thing on that ark that lived by breathing was a soul (nephesh), just as much as Noah and his family. Again in Leviticus 11:46 it says, “This is the law of the beasts, and of the fowl, and of every living soul (chai nephesh) that moveth in the waters, and every soul (nephesh) that creepeth upon the earth.” In these two places they translated 'nephesh' into

‘creature’. In Leviticus 24:18 it says, “**And he that killeth a beast shall make it good: soul for soul** (nephesh for nephesh).” In Isaiah 19:10 the Hebrew says, “**all that make sluices and ponds for souls** (nephesh).” ‘Nephesh’ was translated ‘fish’.

The Hebrew word ‘nephesh’ meaning ‘animal soul’ was never limited to Adam man in the old testament. Neither was the Greek word ‘psuche’ which also means ‘animal soul’ limited to man in the new testament. Revelation 8:9 says, “**A third part of the creatures in the sea, which have soul** (psuche), **died.**” This is one of the places where they translated ‘psuche’ into ‘life’. Soul and life are not the same things. Remember Gen. 2:7 has the words **breath, life, living** and **soul**; and they were different Hebrew words: **neshamah, chaiyim, chai** and **nephesh**. In Rev. 16:3 it says, “**And every living soul in the sea died.**” The same word ‘**psuch**’ was used here that was used in Rev. 8:9, but the translator did not want to be exposed by writing ‘living life’ so he translated it as it should have been in both places, ‘soul’.

Soul was not the only word they mixed all up in translation. They so intermixed the words ‘life’, ‘breath’, ‘soul’, ‘spirit’, ‘body’, ‘mind’, ‘will’, ‘heart’, and ‘wind’; **it really takes the sharp two-edged sword of the living word to rightly divide between them. The popular version of the Bible is of world wide renown for its literary beauty and poetry but it has never won any kudos for accuracy.** I use it almost exclusively in my studies as a first source. It is easier to read. When I run across something that cannot fit on the foundation of Jesus Christ as laid by Paul, I look it up in the other versions I have.

Functions of the soul are not functions of the spirit of man or beast. They are functions of the body when it is alive. Remember God so arranged the combination of elements to form blood and a heart to pump it; brains and a system of nerves to carry messages to and from the brain and they are connected to the various parts of the body. When God breathed that ‘neshamah’ of ‘chaiyim’ into the nostrils of man or beast that ‘nephesh’ became a ‘**chai nephesh**’ (**living soul**). Job 34:14 tells us that whenever God decides to withdraw man’s ‘**ruach**’ (**spirit**) and his ‘**neshamah**’ (**breath**); the flesh shall perish and man shall turn again to dust. Without ‘neshamah’ (breath), man is not a living soul. Please notice that ‘ruach’ means spirit and ‘neshamah’ means breath.

God put more than the breath of life into that form He made of dust. He also put blood in the bodies of all ‘nephesh’; man, beast and fowl: to distribute food through the body and to carry the oxygen from that breath of life into the innermost parts and out to the outermost extremities of the body to burn up the pollution in the system and carry the waste back in the breath to be exhaled from the lungs. **It is the breath (neshamah) of man, not the spirit (ruach) of man that is the candle of the Lord which searcheth out and cleanses the innermost chambers of a man’s belly.** [~Prov. 20:27]

The spirit of man is wicked in all its ways and could not cleanse anything. I, too, have used that mistranslated half of that verse many times, like a parrot, without even knowing what the rest of that scripture was. But when an evangelist who objected to waiting till God was ready before she could save anyone, wrote and told me the spirit of man was the candle of the Lord and all she had to do was to light that candle; I looked that scripture up in a hurry.

The Hebrew word ‘neshamah’ was correctly translated breath in Gen. 1:7, when God breathed the breath of life into man’s nostrils. Also it was translated breath in Gen. 7:22 when in speaking of all the beasts, cattle, creeping things and fowl it said, “**All in whose nostrils was the breath of life.**” We have already quoted Job 34:14 where both spirit (ruach) and breath (neshamah) are used. They are not the same word. ‘Neshamah’ should not be translated spirit. In fact 21 out of 25 times where ‘neshama’ was used; it was translated to a word relating to breath.

‘Ruach’ is translated 240 times in the old testament to mean spirit, while in Proverbs alone it is correctly translated to spirit 15 times. So why did they call ‘neshama’ the ‘spirit’ of man in Proverbs 20:27? ‘Neshamah’ was translated to breath three times in Isaiah, yet in Isaiah 57:16 ‘neshama’ was translated to soul. Why? ‘Nephesh’ was translated to soul 25 times in Isaiah, and 428 times in the Old Testament. Why was ‘neshamah’ called ‘soul’ in this one place?

Just what is a soul? The whales and creatures of the sea are souls. If they are breathing, they are living souls. If they are not breathing, they are dead souls. The fowls of the air, the beasts, the animals, the creeping things and Adam man; all are souls. If they are breathing they are living souls. If they stop breathing they become dead

souls. The same Hebrew word 'nephesh' was used for all of them. In speaking of man, God said, The soul that sinneth must surely die. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God; so all must die. The wage of sin is death. So in Adam, all die. No one was exempted, not even Jesus of Nazareth. Scripture tells us that every Adamic body will return to the dust from whence it came. The soul of every Adamic man must die before that body goes back to dust. All the scriptures about man walking righteously enough to save his soul, meant only the temporary preservation of physical life in this 'psuchikos' (soulish or animal) body.

But some will say, God's mercy will prevent us from dying. Absolutely Not! It is God's mercy that lets this old man die. God would not be merciful if He did let anyone live forever in this body of death. Paul said, "For if in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." [1 Cor. 15:19] And, "Who shall deliver me from this body of death?" [Rom. 7:24] And, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ... For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and be with Christ; which is far better." [Phil. 1:21]

Just as the Greek word 'psuche' means 'animal' or 'soul'; even so, 'psuchikos' means 'animal like', or 'soulish', or 'natural'. 1 Cor. 2:14 tells us, "The 'psuchikos' (soulish) man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God." Why, then, should we want to retain our 'psuche'? It not only says in 1 Cor. 15 that in Adam all die; but it says in the 44th verse, "It is sown a 'psuchikos' (soulish) body; it is raised a spiritual body." And in the 46th verse, it says, "Howbeit, that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is 'psuchikos'; and afterward that which is spiritual."

Please notice that order very carefully as there is a false teaching abroad that we were pre-existing as spiritual beings once and God made some error in His creation and it surprised Him by falling. Therefore He had to change His plans and start over. If your God erred; you have no God. Remember it was that body, made out of dust that God animated and that body became a living 'psuchikos' or 'soulish' body. When God said, "Let us make man in our own image and likeness" [~ Gen. 1:26]; that 'soulish' body was not the man He had in mind. It is not the man that shall be. 1 Cor. 15:49 says, "And as we have borne the image of the earthy (as also did Jesus of Nazareth), we shall also bear the image of the heavenly (as

also did our Lord Jesus).”

Can either the body or soul survive the transition to the image and likeness of God? Not at all. 1 Cor. 15:50 goes right on to say, “Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.” In Genesis 9:4-5, in Leviticus 17:11 & 14 and in Deut. 12:23, it says, “The blood is the ‘nephesh’ (soul) of all flesh.”

In these five verses ‘nephesh’ was translated ‘life’ 8 times. This in spite of the fact that in these three books ‘nephesh’ was translated ‘soul’ 69 times and ‘chaiyim’ was translated ‘life’ 35 times. There can be no scriptural doubt that when the heart stops, the blood stops carrying the breath and the life stops; God salvages your spirit (Hebrew ‘ruach’, Greek ‘Pneuma’), and your dead psuchikos (soulish or animal) body will return to the dust. Genesis 9:4-5 uses the word ‘nephesh’ 3 times and they called it life instead of soul. God informed Noah that the blood was the soul of the flesh. So as neither flesh nor blood can inherit the kingdom that leaves souls out. In Gen. 9:2-3, God told Noah that He had delivered into the hand of Noah every beast of the earth, every fowl of the air, all that moveth upon the earth, and all the fishes of the sea; every moving thing that liveth should be meat for him; even as He had given him every green herb. It was only the blood they were not to eat, because it was the soul of the flesh. God had set aside the blood of animals for making atonement for men’s souls UNTIL His own lamb, Jesus was slain.

There are many things that man cannot take with him when he dies; possessions, family, friends, body, soul, blood, breath, heart nor natural life. Even those of whom Jesus said, “Whosoever liveth and believeth ‘into’ (eis) me, shall never die.” [John 11:26] must shed all those things of the flesh. We know that Jesus was not promising Martha that the old Adam man was not going to die; because after He said that to her, Jesus and all His apostles died along with the rest of the people, whether they had believed or not. But believers can never die to Christ or become unconscious. At the time Jesus talked with her, the Holy Spirit had not been given. Jesus was prophesying.

If we were to be caught away without tasting death, like Enoch and Elijah; we would still have to put off all those things that pertain to

Adam. We know that they were no greater than John the Baptist and John was less than the least one who had the Holy Spirit in them. And this brings us to the question of the spirit (ruach or pneuma) of man. It is very important that we learn what the scriptures say about that spirit because that is the only part of you that God is interested in. Wood, hay and stubble will not make man free; whether it is mine, yours or that of some spellbinding master of rhetoric. It must be burned up. It is the truth that makes men free.

We identify a person by his body; even to the extent of taking his fingerprints. Usually we remember them by associating them by their bodily appearance, and their facial expressions that we have seen. Not so with God. Our bodies are not what God recognizes; it is our spirits. [“The body that you sow is not the body that shall be.”](#) [1 Cor. 15:37] When Jesus was crucified, He did not take that old Adamic body with Him into ‘Hades’ (The unseen, of which more will be said later in this book) Peter says He went in the Spirit to those spirits which were in prison. [1 Pet. 3:19] When Jesus returned from three days in the unseen world of the spirits of men He assumed a body that was not recognizable even to His closest companions, nor His disciples, nor to His apostles. He had power to appear as a gardener, a stranger, or even to appear as He was before. He even had the power to produce the nailprints in His hands and feet and the wound in His side for the doubting apostles benefit. But His glorious Spiritual body has no physical wounds, His old Adamic body was dissolved without ever seeing corruption.

Let us consider once more what every step of God’s workmanship on this earth is all about (and in spite of some of the delusions He has permitted for His righteous purposes) He has never taken a backward step or had a change of mind nor a repentant moment. He does not say in Genesis 1:26 [“Let us try again to make man in our own image and after our own likeness.”](#) Our great creator is not working on the trial and error basis. God really knew the end from the beginning. His “LOGOS” or blueprints were complete. He has always worked all things according to the counsel of His own will.

God started Adam man with a soulish body of earth. That body was to be only a temporary container. It pleased God in His infinite wisdom to make that a marred vessel. God put life in that body and gave it the power and capability to procreate more marred containers after the same kind. God never gave man the power to

procreate any kind of a spirit. In Hebrews chapter 12, verse 9 it tells us that God “is the **Father of spirits** ...” In Ecclesiastes 12:7, Solomon tells us that when a man dies; “his spirit returns to God who gave it.” In Eccles. 3:21, he says, ‘who knows whether the spirit of man goes upward and the spirit of the beast goes downward?’

How does the scripture say the Father of spirits gives us our spirits? In Zechariah 12:1 we are told that “**God ... formeth the spirit of man within man.**” After our bodies are formed by procreation by man; God then fathers a spirit of man in each person born on this earth. God does not scrounge around and get them out of some junkyard full of His past mistakes and failures. He has never made one, nor will He ever. But get this straight. It is not a Holy Spirit. **The spirit of man is a marred spirit just as our bodies were marred in the hands of the potter.** [Jer. 18:4] It is very limited in its capability. 1 Corinthians 2:11-16 tells us that the spirit of man is the spirit of this world and cannot know or receive the things of God. God put that limit on it for a righteous purpose.

“No man can say Jesus Christ is his Lord except by the Holy Spirit.” [1 Cor. 12:3] **The spirit of man cannot accept Christ as its personal Saviour.** That should not make shivers go down an evangelist’s spine or make her shudder. I did not make it up. It is the word of God. “Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.” [Rom. 8:9] And only a new birth can change that. Neither the man nor the evangelist can move his order up or back one instant. “But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwells in you ...” [Rom. 8:9] “And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.” [Rom. 8:10] The righteousness of His Spirit in you, not from yours.

“But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Christ from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.” [Rom. 8:11-13] Notice, ‘through the Spirit’. If you mortify the deeds of the body through your spirit of man, you can kick the devils out and clean and garnish your body and 7 times more devils will come back in. Christ is made unto us righteousness.

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the Sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of **adoption**, whereby we cry, **Abba, Father**. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.” [Rom 8:14-16] “He that is joined unto the Lord is one Spirit.” [1 Cor. 6:17] Now don’t go running way out ahead of the Lord, saying that you have received the **adoption** and you are now a manifested Son of God. That just is not true. You have received the Spirit of adoption.

Listen to Paul in Romans 8:23, “And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the **adoption**, to wit, the redemption of our body.” The earnest expectation of the creation is not waiting for a bunch of men running around saying they are manifested Sons of God; while they are keeping their life and accident premiums paid right up to date and getting their regular medical checkups. And who would go off and leave their ministry for a couple of weeks or a month if their doctor said they were about to have a nervous breakdown or a fatal heart attack if they did not get away from it all for awhile.

Some are even turning to health foods, natural foods and diets, and some are even bringing themselves under bondage to try to keep the food laws of Moses, attempting to purify their body chemistry and the pineal glands, going to health spas and body building emporiums in an attempt to stay healthy enough and charismatic enough to pass themselves off as manifested Sons of God. We have heard it said that Daniel and the three Hebrew children were fairer of face and healthier than the others and wiser because they refused to eat meat and drink wine but only ate vegetables and drank water. God quickened their mortal bodies and made them wiser. If the king had been eating pulse and drinking water, then Daniel would have eaten nothing but meat and drank nothing but wine. And **God** would have kept the Hebrew children just as healthy and made them just as wise.

‘It is not what goes into a man’s mouth that defileth a man; it is what proceeds out of a man’s heart’, mind or spirit. [~ Mark 7:20-21] If you have been born again of the Spirit; you have something in you that can turn the pulse into meat if your body needs it to be able to serve the Lord. “If the Spirit of Him who raised up Jesus from the

dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you.” [Rom 8:11] That is not speaking of your resurrection. That is speaking of your mortal body. And He does not quicken you to serve that spirit of man which also dwelleth in you.

You could have a king in your house, but if you kept him locked in the basement or attic while you were dwelling in the living room and the rest of your house, serving your own spirit; you could hardly say the king was dwelling with you. And if your selfish activities broke some windows and damaged and weakened the house, you would not expect to go to the basement door and ask the king to issue an order to fix the house. We ask and we receive not, when we ask to consume it on our own lust. **But Christ is in us and will strengthen us for His work**, else I would not be here today.

As for unclean foods, (and Gentiles); let us not fall away as Peter and Barnabas did. When God let that sheet down in front of Peter: it became an affront to God, to call any food (or Gentile) unclean. The law was given only to those who were under the law. The law is like a balloon, you can not break one jot or tittle of it the size of a pin prick, or it is all broken. And you can not take on the tiniest piece of that law or you bear witness against your self that you are a debtor to do the whole law; which Peter, before he fell back, said neither the apostles nor their old testament fathers had been able to do.

If you are about the Lord’s calling, you could drink any deadly thing and it would not hurt you. A deadly viper could bite you like it did to Paul, and you could shake it off in the fire, and not be hurt. Paul says in 1 Timothy 4:1-9, (If I say anything like this I get letters saying that I do not have the love of God in me.) “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from eating meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature is good, and nothing is to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving. For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.” Find it in God’s word to Noah. Genesis 9:1-3.

“If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou art

[a good minister of Jesus Christ](#), nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.” How many good ministers of Jesus Christ have you run across putting the brethren in remembrance of these things? I have never heard of one, outside of our little group. And as for bodily exercise, the 7th to 11th verses say, “[Exercise thyself rather unto godliness. For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of the life that is to come. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in **the living God, who is the Saviour of all men**, specially of those that believe. These things command and teach.](#)” No, we are not manifested Sons yet, nor do we have our redeemed bodies. But we have received the earnest of our purchased possession; a down payment only.

But let us get back to the spirit of man. As each and every person has come into this world, God has formed a spirit within their body. He foreknew all their days before there ever was one of them, just as David testified in that wonderful 139th Psalm, in a verse [16] where the translators really got carried away and added some members instead of days, but God knew all his members too. But God did not foreknow them from a previously aborted program. He foreknew them from His “LOGOS” God formed every one of those spirits out of building blocks beyond the ken of man. No scientist is able to tamper with them and change the plan of God as they are trying to do now with the genes, chromosomes and deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA); which are the molecules of heredity in human beings.

Every one of those spirits is different and distinguishable by God as fingerprints differ in each body. A man’s fingerprints are identifiable from cradle to the grave; but a man’s spirit is identifiable from God’s LOGOS through the cradle, through the grave, through the unseen, to the highest heaven; for God will be all and in all spirits. The spirit of man is his ID card with God. Paul turned a man over to satan for the destruction of his flesh that his spirit might be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus Christ.

All the wisdom, knowledge, memory, lessons and growth about the things of man, are products of the spirit of man working out its will, mind, heart or thoughts through the physical machine of the brain. Many places in the scripture where heart was mentioned it was not referring to the blood pump of the body but was referring to

the attitude of the man. 'The heart is desperately wicked' [Jer. 17:9] would not be talking about a physical heart.

Being joined unto the Lord until we are one spirit with Him is a process that must go on until we come to the fulness of the stature of Christ. In Hebrews some Christians are rebuked because they remained babes in Christ and had to be fed milk when by reason of time they should have been eating meat that was for full grown men. The Spirit of Christ in them could not be rebuked but their spirit could because they had been given power they were not using.

The spirit of man never slumbers or sleeps nor is it ever unconscious. Whenever necessary to hide pride from man and keep him from taking credit for God's workings, God, "in a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; Then He openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction, that He may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man." [Job 33:15-17] Those instructions are given to the spirit of man. How shamefaced and penitent man will be when he really knows how much of God's work he has been taking the glory for.

And how we will thank Him and praise Him and give Him all the glory in the ages to come, when as manifested Sons, in redeemed bodies, "He will shew the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." [Eph. 2:7] That is the only thing any Adamic body was ever born into this world for; from the first to the last (and many that were first, shall be last; and many that were last, shall be first) and from the least to the greatest (and we will find that there was no such distinction in Adam) every Adamic body was only for a vessel or container of the spirit of man.

We can name some that God used for what looked, in the delusion, for evil; such as Pharaoh and Nebuchadnezzar: and we can name some that God used for instruments of blessing. But **God has set the goal in His LOGOS that even though all Adamic bodies must be dissolved; every spirit of man is going to be joined by the Holy Spirit of the Lord in the proper order of God, and will be cleansed and purified and instructed until God is all in all.** We are come unto Mount Zion, – to the spirits of 'just' men made perfect. God has shown us in His Word that there was not one just man until Jesus shed His blood on that cross and justified every man from all

the things from which they could not be justified according to the law of Moses.

Cain, Esau, Judas, Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin, Mao, are all justified by that blood right along with Adam and you and I. And our spirits will be no cleaner than theirs. That is what the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is all about. **Every spirit of man will be made perfect; they are already justified by the blood. Bringing the spirits of men into the body of Christ is the work of the Holy Spirit.** The edification and perfection of the spirits of men who are in the body of Christ is the work of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. And they are men appointed by Christ Jesus the Lord for this purpose. **Beware of any man who tells you to sit home and let the Christ in you teach and edify and perfect you. Also beware of any man who instructs you, not to assemble with the saints,** just read his stuff and that is all you will need.

Hebrews 10:24-27 says, “Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” Can you figure out how you can consider one another or provoke one another unto love and good works or exhort them; if you deprive them of your presence by forsaking the assembling of yourself together with them? And why does it warn us to assemble so much the more, as ye see the day approaching? And what kind of a meaning can you draw from that word ‘together’?

It sounds good to our flesh to have some one tell us that we do not need a pastor, because we have Christ. But God knows what our spirit needs to be made perfect. Do you think we have all come to the unity of the faith and knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ? If not, we still need pastors, teachers, evangelists, prophets and apostles. Because that verse says ‘Till we all come to that stature’. [~Eph. 4:13] It grieves me to hear and read the word pastor used as almost an epithet; though I am not a pastor. God has given us pastors, and I need a pastor.

Do you think we are advanced over the Christians of Paul’s time? In Romans 12:8, Paul exhorts ‘the one who has the rule in the church to rule with diligence.’ In 1 Timothy 5:17-18, Paul says, “Let the

elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. [Deut. 25:4] And, The labourer is worthy of his reward." [Luke 10:7]

In Hebrews 13:7, 17, 24, it says, "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their manner of life." "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." "Salute them that have the rule over you, and all the saints." We will touch more on the spirit of man in a later chapter.

“LOGOS”

Chapter 4

CREATION OF EVIL

There are teachings by sincere students of the scriptures that God slipped up in His early creation of Sons and they surprised Him when they looked upon the daughters of men and went in unto them and had sons and daughters by them as recorded in Genesis 6:1-4. There are similar teachings that God slipped up in His creation of the heavenly forces, and they surprised Him by having iniquity in them. And there are those who teach that God pulled a boo-boo when He created Adam and Eve. They teach that God made them perfect and then was surprised and dismayed when they fell. There are others that teach that God expected Israel to keep the law of Moses and He was surprised and disappointed when they failed.

Not one of those teachings is true. Every one of them is demeaning to God and are in direct denial of the scriptures that tell us of His divine wisdom and foreknowledge of all things from the beginning. If it were possible for one single little thing to happen without His foreknowledge; His Word would not be true and we could not trust Him. Writings **about** Him may be false. Should the whole creation praise a God who did not know what He was doing? If He made one mistake, then He could make many mistakes and at any time one of His creatures could turn into a Frankenstein monster that could destroy Him. God made no mistakes. He moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. Without the knowledge of the absolute sovereignty of God, we could have no security.

We are told by scripture, **“There is no power but of God, and the powers that be are ordained of God.”** [Rom 13:1] Before God created those pre-Adam Sons of God spoken of in Gen. 6:1-4, Job 1:6 and 2:1; before He created the heavens with all their hosts of angels, archangels, cherubims and all the principalities and powers in the heavenly places; and before He created the earth, with Adam and all other things that therein are: God in His divine wisdom, in His divine love and for His divine purpose created EVIL, INIQUITY AND VANITY along with the promise of a hope that would be revealed in DUE time. That only hope for every creation is the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, kept hidden through out all ages

until it was revealed to Paul.

There are many large religious organizations who are teaching their members and children that God did not create evil. They say, 'God could not create evil unless He was evil.' That is their own precept, not God's. We did not make up the scripture that says, "**All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made.**" [John 1:3] That is not just one of our own precepts. It is the Word of God. Some organizations have gone so far as to replace the word 'evil' in Isaiah 45:7 with the word 'woe' [or 'calamity']. They teach that God only meant the sorrows, calamities and woes that fall on men because of their disobedience.

Isaiah 45:7 says, "**I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace, and create evil (ra).** I am the Lord that doeth all these things." Isaiah used that Hebrew word 'ra' 17 times to mean **bad** or **evil**; such as in the following quotes where if you substitute woe for evil it makes no sense: 'have taken 'evil' counsel', 'that he may know to refuse 'evil', 'keeping his hands from doing 'evil', 'they did 'evil' before my eyes', 'ye did not hear, but did 'evil' and the verse we used 'I make peace and create 'evil'. 17 times in all, Isaiah used that word meaning bad or evil.

The same Isaiah used the Hebrew word 'hoy' 17 times, when he meant **woe**, or **calamity** that was to befall them as judgment. He also used the word 'oy' 4 times when he meant **sorrow**. If Isaiah had meant that God created woe, calamity or sorrow in that 7th verse, he would have used the correct word. He knew the difference between 'ra', 'hoy' and 'oy'. So these who are teaching contrary to scripture may deceive their own followers; but any of you who love the truth should not be misled

Yes! God did create evil, iniquity and vanity and all of His creations were subjected to them. God does have a creation of pre-Adam Sons who serve Him and meet with Him in the heavenlies, as servants. **They were not created perfect except for the purpose God has for them. Some were elected to be vessels of honor and some to dishonor.** Job 1:6 and Job 2:1 both tell us that when the Sons of God met with God, Satan was among them. Some of the Sons fell victims to iniquity when the angelic creation enticed them to go in unto the daughters of men and cohabit with them. Others fell victims to vanity when they tried to set themselves up as equal

or higher than God. They desired their own will more than they desired to do God's will.

Job 4:18 says, "Behold, He put no trust in His servants, and His angels He charged with folly: How much less in them that dwell in houses of clay?" Job 15:14-16 says, "What is man, that he should be clean? and he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous? Behold, He putteth no trust in His saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in His sight. How much more abominable and filthy is man, which drinketh iniquity like water?" Isaiah 14:12-14 says, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O **day star** [Lucifer], **Son of the morning**? How art thou cut down to the ground, which did lay low the nations? And thou saidst in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will sit on the mount of congregation, in the utmost parts of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High." Vanity, vanity, all is vanity.

As we mentioned, there is also a creation of **heavenly angelic beings and cherubs**. They were not a perfect creation either. **They were perfect in all their ways until iniquity was found in them. God created that iniquity in them and it serves His purpose perfectly. They have been given the same weakness that was in the Sons of God, Vanity; the desire to be out from under the will of God.** They saw great value in being able to exercise their own will. Some of them were elected to be vessels of honor and some vessels of dishonor.

Among the vessels of **honor** there were 7 archangels; **Uriel**, the angel who is over men and Tartarus; **Raphael**, who is over the spirits of men; **Raguel**, who is over the world of the luminaries; **Michael**, who is set over the best part of mankind and over chaos; **Sarsrael**, who is set over the spirits who sin in the spirit; **Gabriel** who is over Paradise and the serpents and the cherubim; and **Remiel**, whom God set over those who rise. All these had companies of angels at their command. [See the books of **Enoch & Jasher**]

Among those who were vessels of **dishonor**, there were 7 satanic captains of angels; **Gadreel**, who led Eve astray and showed the children of men the blows and weapons of death; **Jeon**, who led the Sons of God astray and caused them to be defiled by the daughters of men; **Asbeel**, who also imparted evil counsel to the Sons of God and led them astray so they defiled their bodies with

the daughters of men; **Penemue**, who taught the children of men the bitter and the sweet and revealed to men the forbidden secrets of angelic wisdom; **Kasdeja**, who taught men the smiting by spirits, demonology and abortions; **Tabaet**, the serpent and **Hakael**. They were the **chief Satans** over hundreds, fifties and tens of other angels.

Are we to be like some who say God did not know what He was creating? Ezekiel 28:13-15 says, “**Thou wast in Eden, the garden of God; ... Thou wast the **annointed cherub that covereth**; and I set thee so that thou wast upon the Holy mountain of God: thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in all thy ways from the day that thou wast created, until unrighteousness [iniquity] was found in thee.**” In Hebrews 1:14 it is indicated that **all angels are ‘ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation.’ It does not say just the good ones but all angels.**

We are probably all familiar with the new testament scriptures that tell of God sending a “**messenger of Satan to buffet**” Paul so he would not become a victim of vanity because of the greatness of the revelation he had received from the Lord. [2 Cor. 12:7] And you may know of the scripture that tells how Paul delivered the Christian brother, who had sinned such a terrible sin, “**over to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, that his spirit might be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus Christ.**” [1 Cor. 5:5] There are also many scriptures in the old testament concerning **God’s use of evil**: if the big church organizations care to let their congregations know about the scriptures and what they really say.

In Isaiah 19:14 it says, “**The Lord has mingled a perverse spirit in the midst thereof: and they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken man staggereth in his vomit.**” And in Ezekiel 14:9 it says, “**If a prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the Lord have deceived that prophet.**” And again in Ezekiel 20:25, “**I gave them statutes that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live; and I polluted them in their own gifts.**”

In 1 Kings 22:23 and in 2 Chronicles 18:22 it is recorded that God put a lying spirit in the mouth of the prophets of Israel’s King Ahab to entice him to go out and get killed in a battle with the King of Syria. Job 26:13 tells us, “**By His spirit He hath garnished the heavens; His hand hath formed the crooked serpent.**” Judges

9:23, "Then **God sent an evil spirit** between Abimelech and the men of Shechem, and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech," 1 Samuel 16:14-16, "But the spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and **an evil spirit from the Lord** troubled him. And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee. Let our Lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the **evil spirit from God** is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well." 1 Samuel 18:10, "And it came to pass on the morrow, **an evil spirit from God** came upon Saul..." And the same again in chapter 19:9. God was using evil spirits for His purpose. These show God's working to bring David in.

In Daniel 8 and 9 the archangel Gabriel told Daniel things to come. In the 10th chapter an unnamed angel, possibly Gabriel, started out to answer Daniel's prayer; but he had to fight with opposing angelic forces for 21 days before he could reach Daniel. Of all the angelic forces only the archangel Michael, whom he called Daniel's prince, had stood with him and aided in the fight. In John's Revelation, he says there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels fought; and the devil and his angels fought. **All of this is according to God's purpose and goal that has been in His LOGOS or Word from the beginning.** The creation was made subject to vanity.

God subjected the **Sons creation** and the **Angelic creation** to vanity and they both attempted to take God's authority. And then He started this **Adamic creation**; and he also subjected it in vanity. When the serpent beguiled Eve, He appealed to her vanity. He deceived her into ignoring God's warnings of certain death, by telling her it would make her be as the gods. Great organizations are teaching that it upset God's plan. Not one whit could that be so. God had the **Lamb slain before the foundation of the world.**

Later Abel, who watched the sheep, brought the Lord offerings of the firstborn of the flock. Any thing that is **born** is considered the work of God. The **fruit of the womb** is the gift of God. So Abel's offering was not of his own work, but of God's. Cain, however, was a tiller of the soil and he brought things to God that his flesh had produced by hard work. God accepted the offering from Abel, because it was an offering of thanks for what God had done. Cain's offering was not accepted, because it was given through pride of

the flesh for what Cain had done. Vanity, vanity!

The cohabitation between the **fallen angels** and the **fallen Sons of God** with the daughters of men brought forth giant children that lived off of mankind and when it became impossible to sustain them they began to destroy mankind. Disease brought on by the immoral conditions also was taking a heavy toll. God sent the flood to prevent all flesh from being destroyed from the earth. But it was not time for Him to clean it up yet. You can ask almost any Sunday school child and they will tell you that God only saved two of all the good people and of all the good animals on that ark. But the scripture says, “**Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female.** (That makes 14 of every clean beast.) **and of the beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female. Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of the earth.**” [Gen. 7:2-3] There were 8 people saved.

Not only did God preserve the unclean beasts and fowls but He did not remove vanity from man. Very shortly they began to build a tower up to heaven so as to make a name for themselves. God had to come down and confuse their languages and scatter them over the face of the earth. But God did not restrain the evil forces from working on His people either.

The first mention of contact between the Lord and Abram is in the 12th chapter of Genesis and with no mention of righteousness, works or faith on Abram’s part; God promised him that in Abram should all the families of the earth be blessed. No mention was made of any **works** being expected of those families either. God did promise to bless them that blessed Abram and to curse them that cursed Abram; but He still said every family of the earth was to be blessed in Abram. God had earlier told Eve that her **seed** would bruise the serpent’s head, without any works done by her.

Both of these promises were prophecies of the **Christ** that would come in due time, in the flesh. Many of God’s people get the cart before the horse here. Jesus, the Saviour, did not come into the world because of the promise to Eve, Abraham, Isaac, Judah or David, although they all were promised that He would come in through their **seed**. They were all brought into the world because God had planned to bring His **Saviour** in through their **seed**. God

left nothing to chance. They were all chosen before the world was. Just listen to David in the wonderful 139th Psalm [13-16].

“For thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst weave me in my mother’s womb. I will give thanks to Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful art thy works, and my soul knows it full well. My frame was not hidden from Thee, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth. Thine eyes have seen my unformed substance; And **in thy book they were all written, the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them.**”

Because of the vanity God subjected His creation to, Adam man does not like to hear that his days were all ordained before there ever was one of them. He does not like the scripture that says, “**It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.**” [Jer. 10:23] or “**Man’s goings are of the Lord.**” [Prov. 20:24] Our old creation does not like the scriptures that tell us that God foreknows just who can believe and can accept [receive?] him at any given time; because of His predestination, calling, and choice, (not ours), made before any one has done good or evil, that His election might stand, not of works, but of Him that calleth. Or that we were foreordained before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless. Or that “**we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God has prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.**” [Eph. 2:10] But there in the LOGOS or Word, they are all written.

Adam likes it even less when the scriptures are given that show that God not only wants to, but insists on, taking responsibility for the evil in man: [See John 3:21 “**But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.**”] [See Isa. 26:12 “**LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us.**”] And for man’s weakness, vanity and even for his stumbling at the Word and his disobedience. We did not write 1 Peter 2:8 where it tells us “**those who stumbled at the Word and were disobedient were appointed, destined or ordained** (depending on which version of the Bible you read) **to stumble at the Word and be disobedient.**” [“**And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.**”] This is surely not the way man would do it; and it is not the way we thought God would do it, until we read the scriptures and reread

and studied them. **God's ways are not man's ways.** Please try to understand that we know that no man must answer to us. But we also know that God is no respecter of persons and every one in His creation is going to be ground on the same stone we are being ground on.

We have not conjured up out of our own minds the hundreds of scriptures we have used in our books and which God has ground our nose on. Our flesh does not like them any more than other people's flesh does; but God is not concerned with the desires of this old creation. If any man seeks to please this Adam creation, he ceases to be a servant of Christ. This chapter is about God's creation according to His LOGOS or Word. In Romans 8:20 it tells us that 'the creation was subjected to vanity, not of its own will, but by the will of God.' ["For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,] The 21st verse tells us that 'the whole creation is going to be set free from its bondage to corruption, into the glorious liberty of the children of God.' ["Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.] We did not make that scripture up. God has brought us to a place where we believe it and we are confident He is able to do it.

We did not make them up but God has brought us to the place where we believe His Word when it says He has created everything that has been created. [Col. 1:16, "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:"] That includes evil, iniquity, the crooked serpent, the devil and Satan. But God has also shown us in His Word that **everything was created for His purpose**; and we will take that up in the following chapters. We do know that God permitted the serpent to get to **Eve** and God did not destroy him for it. We do know that God permitted the devil to work on **Job**, and did not reprimand or destroy him for it. We also know that **God sent lying spirits into the mouth of the prophets** [1 Ki. 22:22, 2 Chr. 18:22] and did not destroy them. We know that Jesus let Satan sift **Peter** like wheat [Luke 22:31] and made no effort to hinder nor destroy him. We know God sent a messenger of Satan to buffet **Paul**, [2 Cor. 12:7] and did not destroy him. Satan even tempted **Jesus**. [Matt. 4:1, Mark 1:13, Luke 4:2]

We also know by the Word, that God chose **Jacob** for one purpose and **Esau** for another purpose, before either had done good or evil, even before they were born. [Mal. 1:3-4] We also know that God raised up **Pharaoh** for the very purpose of showing forth His power to deliver Israel. Scripture tells us that even when Pharaoh softened and would have gladly let them go; **God hardened Pharaoh's heart** [Ex. 7:13] so he would deal rougher on Israel. Paul turned a **Christian brother**, who had committed a terrible sin, **'over to Satan for the destruction of the man's flesh, that his spirit would be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.'** [1 Cor. 5:5]

Immediately after being baptized by John, Jesus of Nazareth was driven by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted for 40 days by the devil, who was Satan the adversary. God did not intervene nor try to destroy Satan and neither did Jesus Luke 4:13 says, **"When the devil had completed every temptation, he departed from Him for a season."** As you may see, **Satan is a being created by God for a purpose.** He could not tempt the creator. In the more than 50 times Satan is mentioned in the Bible; there is not once where he is out of control of God. In 1 Timothy 1:20, Paul said **'he had delivered Hymenaeus and Alexander unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.'** **They were not to be eternally damned, nor to be eternally destroyed. They were to learn something.**

When the devil was turned loose on Job, God only permitted him to go just so far and no farther. Job could not overcome the devil with his own flesh righteousness He learned that something was needed that he could not supply and then God removed Satan's power and restored Job to a greater place than before. Take note of that, all you who want to be restored to blissful ignorance in the Garden of God in Eden, or to an earthly kingdom where you can Lord it over the Gentiles, again.

Jesus could not overcome Satan in the wilderness with any righteousness or power of his own. He overcame him by the Word that was in him. That Word was God. Satan used scriptures to tempt him; but Satan did not use the Word. The only scriptures that are the Word or Logos are those that are inspired of God. And they are only God's Word when they are **rightly divided as to the exact who, what, when, where and why; God has inspired them for.** The little added word 'is' in 2 Timothy 3:16 makes it read, **"All scripture**

'is' given by inspiration of God." The Greek text they translated from, said, "All 'graphe' (writing), inspired of God." If you dictated a letter to some relative in another state saying, "Every resident in this state, crippled by Polio, is eligible for assistance.": Do you think it would make any false shocking impression on the relative if Your stenographer inserted the little word 'is' and wrote, "Every resident of this state 'is' crippled by Polio, and is eligible for aid."?

Satan, in the churches today, is using many scriptures from both the old and new testaments which are not built on the foundation of election, grace and reconciliation laid by Paul according to God's commission, God is permitting Satan to sift us all by working on our Adamic vanity, just as he has from Eve on down through Jesus and Peter, We can not stand him off with our own will and selfrighteousness. Those are the products of vanity. We can only stand him off with the **"full armour of God"** [Eph. 6:11-20]: The living Word which is in us in Christ, just as Jesus of Nazareth had to.

According to the flesh Jesus was born of a woman into this creation, made under the law. He was born of Abraham's lineage, of the fruit of David's loins, of the tribe of Judah to fulfill the promises. **'He was made in all things like unto us that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.'** [Heb. 2:17] He had an Adam will which was different and contrary to God's will. He was not perfect but had to be perfected by God in the form of the LOGOS, Word or Son who came into the flesh and caused him to suffer, against his own will as He said himself. He was given the **'anointing above all his fellows.'** [Heb. 1:9] He had to have a greater anointing, as God did not change his Adam nature, will or mind. That mind is **'enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can it be.'** [Rom. 8:7] It is created subject to vanity, and that not of its own will. [Rom. 8:20] Christ, the anointing of God, displaced the mind and will of Jesus of Nazareth with the mind and will of God.

It was God working in Jesus of Nazareth, both to will and to do of His good pleasure. (The same as He is in us.) God's good pleasure was for him to suffer and die on the cross and thereby purchase justification for the whole creation from everything from which they could not be justified by the law of Moses. He was not only to redeem the creation from vanity, but as the captain, it was necessary

that he should also be delivered from his Adamic subjection to vanity, but by far worse suffering. Hebrews 2:9-10 says, "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, **that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man.** For it became Him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."

Let those, who through vanity and pride of the flesh, shrink from being puppets or robots for God; remember that it is the Word that says, "He learned obedience through the things He suffered." [Heb. 5:8] And, "He became obedient even unto death." [Phil. 2:8] And, "Not my will, but **thine** be done." [Luke 22:42] Jesus is only the firstborn from the vanity of all creation. He was appointed to suffer and die to all self-will, vanity and pride to perfect him, and in due time the indwelling Christ will dissolve every man's vanity, pride and self-will. You may get mad at us, foam at the mouth and attempt to persuade others that we are evil; but the Word of God will still be there. Hebrews 5:7-9 says, "Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers, supplications and strong cryings and tears unto Him who was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of aionios or age lasting salvation unto them that obey him." Some will say. "Aha! You must buy it by obedience." Not Adam obedience. Jesus of Nazareth was not obedient. He had to learn obedience. He was not perfect. He was made perfect. It was not his will to suffer and die. It was the Father's will.

What were those prayers, supplications, cryings and tears? Read in Matthew 26:39 and 42, Mark 14:34 and 36 and in Luke 22:42 about how he cried out with his own will to be saved from drinking the cup which the father had given him to drink. And in Matthew 27-46 and Mark 15:34 how he cried out, "**My God, My God, Why hath thou forsaken me?**" And when his will went unheeded, Luke 23:46 tells us, "And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, he said, 'Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.'" It was an Adam man that went through that agony as a mediator between God and men; and it was only made possible by the Christ or anointing of God in him, displacing the Adam will with the will of God.

“LOGOS”

Chapter 5

MORE ABOUT CREATION (HELL)

For those who still believe their English versions of the Bible are the exact, pure, Holy Word of God; upon the crucifixion of Jesus, God immediately cast Jesus into Hell for ever. Jesus said that the happenings of Jonah were the figure of what happened to Him next. According to Jonah, he was cast into Hell. Jonah 2:2. According to Jonah, he was locked in there for ever. Jonah 2:9. We thank the Lord that He delivered Jonah from “Hell” when His purpose was done. We thank the Lord that Jonah’s “for ever” was only 3 days. We will have more on the subject of the mistranslation of the little Hebrew words “olam” and “Ad”; and the Greek words “Eon “ and “Eonion” farther on in this book. But for now we will get back to another part of this Adamic creation.

It is the invisible state in which the **spirits of men** are kept after their death on earth. According to scripture there are higher and lower levels in this holding condition, but all individuals go there upon death of the body. Jesus joined the thief who was crucified with Him, in one section called **Paradise**. He released others who had been entombed and they arose and appeared unto many after the crucifixion. The name of the total invisible state of the dead in the Hebrew of the old testament was ‘**Sheol**’. The name in the Greek of the new testament is ‘**Hades**’. Jesus went to Hades in the Spirit when He died, and just as the prophecy said, He did not stay in Hades any longer than Jonah stayed in the fish’s belly. When he ascended He became “... **the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence ...**” as it tells us in Colossians 1:18, **Jesus was born again.**

He preceded all the old testament fathers, prophets and worthies out of Hades or Sheol, but He did not come out alone. “... **He led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men.**” [Eph 4:8] Included in that number according to Peter, were those who had been disobedient in the time of Noah [1 Pet. 3:20], before there was any Israel, circumcision or laws of Moses. Jesus had told Peter and the early apostles that on the **rock of revelation of Jesus Christ**, He would build His church and the gates of Hades would not prevail against

it. [Matt. 16:17-18] Remember, the rich man, the poor man Lazarus and Abraham were all in Hades, though they were separated. [Luke 16:19-23] **In all the scriptures about Sheol and Hades there is no indication that any of them are unconscious or asleep.**

When the old testament said, The dead know not anything; it was in regards to the body or carcass. It returns to the dust. When Samuel, the great prophet, died; his body decayed away like all other Adamic flesh. The scriptures only list **Enoch** and **Elijah** as being instantly translated from this life without leaving any body as evidence. But you can be sure they did not take this old body with them because flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom, neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. **Their bodies were dissolved and their spirit went to Sheol.** There is nothing wrong with going to Sheol or Hades. **Those are just words indicating the all inclusive unseen state of the spirits of the dead,** (but only unseen by natural eyes) regardless of their own light or knowledge of God. The separations in Hades with the gulfs between that could not be crossed by the inhabitants; are only parts in **God's process.** Samuel was at ease. He grumbled because Saul called him back to earth. [1 Sam. 28:15]

When the spirit of Samuel, the prophet, was called up and prophesied for Saul; scripture says his spirit came up out of the earth and he told Saul that he and his sons were going to be slain because Saul had not obeyed the Lord and they would all be with Samuel the next day. Their bodies did not join Samuel because the Philistines beheaded Saul and hung his body and that of his sons on the wall till they were recaptured by Israel and burned. So the spirit of Samuel and the spirit of Saul who was slain for disobeying God were both to be in the heart of the earth, in that place called by Jesus, **Hades, which means unseen.**

When Moses and Aaron committed the sin which was unto death, God took their lives from them. Deuteronomy 34:6 seems to indicate that the Lord, himself buried Moses in the land of Moab as no man ever found his grave. We read in Jude 9 that the archangel Michael contended and disputed about the body of Moses with the devil, We also know that Moses' sin did not prevent Jesus from calling up his spirit and the spirit of Elijah and letting them appear transfigured on the mount with him.

Then there was also the body of Jesus, which was taken care of after

His crucifixion by friends and put in a tomb, and that only for three days, or less. He had already committed His spirit into the keeping of the Father. And in the Holy Spirit which had replaced his Adamic spirit, He went and joined Adam, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Samuel, Saul, those who had not been saved by water and those, who had, in the days of Noah; and the thief who cried out to Him from the cross and also the thief who cried out by mocking Him. He joined all the spirits of men who had died, in that invisible state of Hades or Sheol. **And in those whose order it was to be born of the Holy Spirit, a new creation was started.** And they became babes in Christ. With **each one in his order having to unlearn the old traditions and learn the Gospel of grace and reconciliation.**

We have been chafing at the bit and being ground to powder during the last several pages, wanting to get off this creation chapter and go on with God's purpose; but we still must bring up the other words that are called 'Hell' in the mistranslations of some versions of the Bible. 'Tartaroo' or 'Tartarus' is a holding place of the spirits of angels who sinned and are kept in pits or chains of darkness while awaiting God's righteous judgment. But 'geenna' or 'gehenna' is in no way a word that should have been translated into the same word that 'sheol', 'hades' or 'tartarus' was; except to permit the purpose of God to work out in the vanity of Adam man.

It is in those places where Jesus used the word '**Gehenna**' and not 'Hades', that the egotistical, self righteous, money grabbing hireling shepherds really swing out, taking advantage of the misconceptions that have been engendered and nurtured over the years by the translating of that word into 'Hell'. They scare the masses into their clutches and then bleed them to perpetuate their own dynasties.

This writer recently watched, with utter disgust, the illustrious travelling evangelist before a crowd of thousands and thousands of orientals; bringing the little children, the youth, the middle aged and many of the very aged into stark naked fear and terror as he brought them under the [**perverse**] **ministration of death, damnation and everlasting hell fire.** It went something like this. 'Did you ever tell a little fib when you were a child? Did you ever take an apple or anything from a farmer's field in your life? When God opens His book of judgment they are all recorded there against you. You better come to this altar now and ask God to forgive you and make a commitment to Christ that you will change your ways. If you do not

do it tonight, you may die and it will be too late for you.’

You know the familiar harangue. As our departed Pastor, Wm. Owen used to say, ‘It makes you so sick at your stomach, you want to throw up.’ It is hard to describe the concern, anguish and even the stark terror that was evident in the faces of young and old as the T.V. cameras were swung around and focused on individuals in the crowd. Jesus said a man is not judged for things he does not know but for things he does know. These world evangelists are not ignorant men. They are intelligent men. They know the difference between ‘Hades’ and ‘Gehenna’ in the word of God.

They know full well that Jesus of Nazareth, Himself said that His ministry and teaching was only for those of Israel. They know that His whole ministry was confined to an area of about one hundred miles of Jerusalem. They also know that He was familiar with the importance that those of Israel placed on the disposal of their dead bodies. To have their bodies whole and unmarred and buried with the Fathers was an honor that would satisfy the highest expectation of the true Israelite.

There are several rather gory incidents recorded in scripture where God pronounced the judgment on certain transgressors, that their bodies would be violated by dogs and their bones scattered so they could not be buried with honor. That was bad enough, but even more horrible was to have the body burned. That was a fate worse than death itself. And that brings us to ‘**Gehenna**’ which **is nothing more than a garbage pit in the valley of Hinnom, just outside of Jerusalem**. There the offal from the butcher shop, such as the blood and entrails of butchered animals, were burned. And anyone committing certain transgressions of the law were in danger of being put to death and of having their carcasses burned in that ‘Gehenna’ fire, in absolute disgrace.

It was an actual literal fire, (in Isaiah 66 the Hebrew word ‘esh’ was used. In the Greek where Gehenna fire is mentioned the word is ‘pur’). This fire was kept burning at all times, as there was a continual need to keep the refuse burned. The worms (Hebrew ‘Toleah’ and ‘Tolaath’ which means ‘coccus’ worms and the Greek ‘Skolex’ meaning ‘maggots’) always had enough flesh and garbage to sustain them so they did not die out. Jesus knew all about the traditions and fears of Israel as regards to having their dead bodies

burned in Gehenna, and the disgrace that was attached to it. He even made it harder for Israel to escape such a disgrace than the law did. He told them that if any one of them said, 'Thou fool' he would be in danger of Gehenna fire.

There is no record that anyone was ever thrown into Gehenna alive nor that anyone would ever be condemned to such a judgment. In Matt. 10:28, Jesus told the disciples to fear him who could cause such a death. Outside of the account in Isaiah 66 which Jesus was familiar with, Gehenna is not mentioned anywhere in scripture by anyone but Jesus except for a reference to it in the Epistle of James, which was written to the twelve tribes of Israel and could not in the widest stretch of the imagination be considered as being built on the foundation of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ which was delivered to Paul. **Paul never mentioned 'Hell', 'Sheol' 'Hades' or 'Gehenna'.** Neither does he say anything about any lake of fire? As long as the Word or LOGOS is not rightly divided according to the correct period of time and to the proper people it is given for; **the letter can only kill. It takes the Spirit to give life.**

*See Appendix #2 in back of book.

Gehenna is never going to give up a single dead carcass. They have all gone to dust and ashes. Gehenna is never going to give up a single spirit. **There is not a single spirit there.** Neither death nor Hades nor Sheol will ever give up a dead carcass to be judged. **There are no dead carcasses in death, Hades or Sheol. Live spirits of the dead are there. They will be given up to be "judged like men in the flesh, but live according to God in the Spirit."** 1 Peter 4:6.

“LOGOS”

Chapter 6

THE LAKE OF FIRE

Because of all the delusions God has permitted to flourish through **false teachings** and **wrong translations**; whenever the topic of hell is brought up, many people immediately associate it with the lake of fire, burning with sulphur and brimstone. There is absolutely no similarity between that lake of fire and the unseen world of live spirits of dead souls, which is called by the Hebrews, ‘sheol’; by the Greeks, ‘hades’; and by the translators of the popular versions of the English speaking people, ‘hell’. John, who is the only one in the Bible that envisioned God’s purifying fire as a lake; said ‘hell’ was going to be thrown into that lake of fire empty.

That lake of fire was not empty when ‘hell’ was cast into it, however. The beast, the false prophet, and the devil were already there and death was thrown into it along with ‘hell’ after the sea, death and ‘hell’ had been emptied of all their dead. All of these were spiritual entities or conditions. Literal fire would not have effected any of them. They are principalities and powers. They, too, were created by Him and for Him. Next the spirit of every one that was dead, both small and great stood before God and were judged according to their works and after that judgment, whoever was not found written in the book of life were cast into that lake of fire, which was the second death. **Notice that these also are dead ones on which any literal fire would be wasted.**

I have been having a hard time keeping this chapter confined to the lake of fire. Almost every verse I read makes me long to cut loose with the gracious gospel: but if God bided His time I will try to, also. The next place John mentions it is after there is a new heaven and a new earth, for the old ones have passed away and there was no more sea. And then John was shown the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven; and he was told there would be no more tears, no death, sorrow, crying, nor pain; for the former things are passed away. “Behold I make all things new. And He said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And He said unto me, It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the

fountain of the water of life freely.”[Rev. 21:5-6]

I am forced to digress here. Does hunger and thirst wait until you are willing to be hungry and thirsty? Or, Do you just get thirsty whether you want to, or not? Every person of Israel was athirst at Meribah, and God had compassion on them and instructed Aaron and Moses to miraculously supply them with the water necessary to their natural lives: Freely, to every one who was athirst. Earlier God had sent quail in the evenings and manna in the mornings and continued to feed them for forty years and kept clothes on their backs and did not let their shoes wear out. God did this freely.

But Moses and Aaron, like so many present day evangelists, rebuked the people and did not tell the people that God had graciously ordered them to give the people water from that rock. Instead they made themselves out to be better than the people and took credit to themselves for bringing the water. Because they did not sanctify God in the eyes of the people both Aaron and Moses were destroyed off the face of the earth. They had sinned a sin unto death. They both are in that number of the dead, small and great who must stand before God: and be judged out of the books, according to their works, **and be judged guilty, and be thrown into that lake of fire for the purging of that dross of vanity. Everyone must have vanity burned out.**

Jesus said, “**For every one shall be salted with Fire.**” John the Baptist said, “**I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear; He shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit, and with fire.**” Well, let us look at that baptism of fire. Acts 2:1-4, “**And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues (languages), as the Spirit gave them utterance.**”

Jews, and Gentile proselytes to Judaism, from every nation under heaven heard what they said in their own language. And many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. Now we know from what happened to Aaron and Moses, and by the great selling and

glorifying of 'men of God', instead of God: tongues, signs and wonders do not purge vanity out of a man. It strengthens it. But that baptism of fire started purging dross out of each one it fell on. Can you imagine the setting of the thermostat necessary to produce the following?

Acts 2:44-45, "And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need." And again in Acts 4:31-35, "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spake the word of God with boldness. And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul; neither said any of them that aught [anything at all] of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need."

Marx and Mao were over 1900 years late and they based their doctrines on the goodness and brotherhood of Adamic man, which God never gave man outside of the Holy Spirit, There was a rich man who had kept the law of Moses from his youth up (he said), who was invited to come and follow Jesus. All he had to do was to sell all that he had, give it to the poor and trot along with the Lord. But the man had many possessions and the Holy Spirit had not been given him to burn out his selfishness yet. He was just as much a transgressor of the law as any one mentioned in Revelations 21:8. Also read Luke 14:26-35, if you have ears to hear.

He did not love the Lord as much as he loved his possessions. He did not love his poor neighbors as much as he loved himself. That's a pretty tight shoe to try to put on. Love thy neighbor as thyself, or don't judge killers or adulterers. All of you who believe, and are zealous of the law, as the myriads of Jews in the apostolic church were in Acts 21:20: examine your selves. You are a transgressor if you have one single possession or friend or relative that you will not give up for the Lord or for the benefit of the poor neighbor. And all of you who know you are exempt from the law and from its curse:

do not breathe such a greedy sigh of relief as if you think, because you are under grace, **God will not burn up your greed and all other dross.** Christ is made unto us righteousness and His righteousness exceeds the works of the law. (End of digression, and back to the lake of fire.)

We left off after a finished work by the Alpha and Omega. “It is done”, [Rev. 21:6] He said. All the former things had passed away; there is no more death, sorrow, tears, or pain. ‘Behold I make all things new’. [Rev. 21:5] And the water of life was to be given ‘gratis’ to all the thirsty. Just what does it say next in Rev. 21:7-8? If the Lord does not permit you to rightly divide the ‘Logos’ or word of truth; you can find yourself right back under works and law and its curse.

“He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.” [Rev. 21:7] Without any fear of God taking away my name from the book of life, I will say that while that is true; it is not the whole truth. No Adam man can put God in debt to Him. Only a new creature in Christ can overcome. Christ in you is your hope of glory. But let us go on, and finish the scriptures that mention the lake of fire.

“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death.” [Rev. 21:8] In being judged according to their works every Adam man must have his wood, hay and stubble burned up, at the time and the place the Lord wants to build the fire. Paul said, “Every man’s work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is.” [1 Cor. 3:13] But every man is going to be saved, even though as by fire. “Our God is a consuming fire.” [Heb. 12:29]

When we are one with Christ, we will not want it any other way. We will not want any work of our flesh to get through that fire. But **no one with Christ in them will be in the lake of fire that John envisioned Their names are all written in the Lamb’s book of life.** And not because of any works of righteousness we have done, either. Christ in us is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption.

The whole thing is a matter of the timing of God's dispensations. **"For as in Adam all die, even so, in Christ shall all be made alive; but every man in his own order: ..."** [1 Cor. 15:22-23] The order John speaks of was that of the spirits of the dead, great and small; ALL THE DEAD. From the lowest 'hell' of Deut. 32:22, to the outmost parts of heaven spoken of in Deut. 30:4; God will gather all the dead from the unseen. This must include Enoch, who was translated from this earth without tasting death, and Elijah, who was transported into the heavens and his body could not be found. The Logos does not say they did not die. The Logos says that in Adam all die. Jesus had to taste death for every man. They were no greater than John the baptist and are included in the number of those imperfect ones in Hebrews 11, who received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us (The church, the **ecclesia**, the **congregation**, the **many membered body of Christ**), that they without us should not be made perfect.

You know the devil is not in charge of administering that lake of fire, burning with sulphur and brimstone. The devil has also been cast into that lake. It is administered by Christ and His many membered body, who are the fulness of Him that filleth all in all. **"In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel."** Only that gracious gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ that was committed to Paul by God, can cause the self righteous man, angel, spirit, devil, principality, power, throne or dominion; to writhe and squirm and gnash their teeth. **That 'Logos', revealed to Paul, is the consuming fire that will be used by us; burning out all vanity under which God subjected His creations according to His purpose and time; even to those powers in the heavenlies. God will be all in all.**

“LOGOS”

Chapter 7

GOD’S PURPOSE IN CREATION

God’s one great and complete purpose from the very beginning was to have a perfect Spiritual creation in which everyone was to be filled with all the love, wisdom, righteousness, mercy and power of His own self. He must be ALL and IN ALL. Before the ‘ages, ‘olams’, ‘ads’, or ‘eons’ began, God plotted the ‘ages’ to bring His purpose to a complete consummation. I, of course, have had many much brighter ideas and better ways to accomplish that end, as you no doubt have had, also. That is the vanity He has subjected His whole creation under. When in God’s order, He strips away the last vestige of vanity from the last of His creation; all evil will cease to exist. Christ in them a new creation, must remove their vanity.

Romans 8:20-21, “For the creation was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of Him who hath subjected the same in hope. Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption (vanity) INTO THE GLORIOUS LIBERTY OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD.” That is the least GOD will settle for. And that is all we are interested in as we put out this gracious gospel. Are you willing to try to persuade GOD to take less?

When God has achieved His purpose, He will not have one unfinished work. He cannot end up with any spare parts or pieces. He cannot have a boneyard full of rejects, misfits or derelicts, scattered around over the landscape, as evidence against Him that He did not always know the end from the beginning, as He said. **He has never worked on the trial and error basis. Not one of His creatures will be destroyed.** Bodies will be destroyed. Evil actions, evil thoughts and vanity will be destroyed, but **God’s purpose will only be attained when every creature is perfected and changed into His own image and likeness. All are God’s workmanship.**

The complete purpose of God and His method for achieving it, were concealed among the hidden, secret mysteries which were never revealed to the sons of men through all the ages and generations until after the resurrection of the Lord. And the gracious gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ was committed, not to the apostles and

disciples of Jesus; but to their archenemy and God's vessel, Saul of Tarsus, who became the apostle Paul. Until that time God had only given little glimpses and partial disclosures of it in prophetic scriptures, inspired by the Holy Spirit, scattered here and there among the **ministration of condemnation and death** of the Mosaic dispensation of God's workings.

In the revelation given to Saul by the Lord Jesus Christ all those old hidden fragments of God's real purpose were shown to Saul in the old testament scriptures. Although he practically knew those scriptures by heart; he could see nothing but Israel, Moses and the law, until it pleased God to reveal His Son in him, by grace, after convicting him of shedding the innocent blood of **Stephen** and the persecution of other saints of the Lord. That Christ in him was made unto him wisdom. **The veil was taken away from his eyes.** To this day that veil remains untaken away from the eyes of everyone who reads 'Moses'; who have not yet been born again of the Spirit. And **no man can cause, hasten, nor delay his own Spiritual birth.**

The Lord showed Saul things in those old scriptures that he had read many, many times without being able to see them previously. After revealing that the blood of Jesus on the cross had justified Saul (counted him just and righteous) from the murder of Stephen and from any other transgression he might have committed; God then showed him that the blood of Jesus also availed for the first murderer, Cain. There are sensationalists who are trying to gain followers by fostering a hate for Cain and his seed and are teaching the destruction of Cain. But they are not led by God in this.

God showed Saul how **He had protected Cain** from the vengeance of men with a seven fold vengeance upon any one that killed Cain, letting him build cities and listing his first seven generations in the scriptures: even to the detail that one of Cain's grandsons was the father of such as dwell in tents and have cattle. While another was recorded as an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron; and another as the father of all such as handle the harp and organ. (David was also pretty good on a harp.)

Saul was shown that Cain had slain Abel in a fit of anger caused by vanity supplied by God and it was absolutely unpremeditated. God then let Saul see that the sons of Jacob deliberately premeditated and conspired to treacherously murder a whole city of innocent,

unsuspecting, trusting people after they had entered into a covenant with them to become one people with them by being circumcised. Jacob told his sons that they had made Jacob to stink among the Gentiles and endangered all Israel. They knew the precepts God had given to Noah. They were not to shed any man's blood. **Yet they too, were justified by the blood of Jesus, whom their sons crucified.**

Then God showed Saul Numbers 14:20-24 in a light which had escaped him before Christ in him was made unto him wisdom of God. "And the Lord said, I have pardoned according to thy word: BUT as truly as I live, ALL the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord. Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice; surely they shall not see the land which I swear unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it: But my servant Caleb, because he had **another spirit** with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land where into he went; and his seed shall possess it." All Israel have provoked God, and without that '**different Spirit**' have no claim on the promises. John 3:3-7; Rom. 8:9; 1 Peter 1:23. Saul was not only shown that through the fall of Israel the whole earth was going to be filled with God's glory; but **he was shown that God's hand had been in it all**; as Caleb, one of the two spies that trusted in God was attested here as having a **different spirit** than the others; just as God also attested of Joshua, the other spy that trusted in God, as having **the Spirit** in him. Numbers 27:18. For **who maketh one to differ from another? Who is the originator and the perfecter of every man's faith?**

Saul was then shown David who had a full knowledge of the law of Moses and the curses that were to follow any transgression. King David seduced one of his soldier's wife while he was away fighting for David. And when, because of the soldier's faithfulness, David was unable to get him to go spend the night with his wife so it would look like the child was his own; David then deliberately, with full knowledge of the law, planned and contrived the murder of his soldier. And **God showed Saul that God did not hold those sins against David**. Romans 4:6-7, "Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, Saying, **Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom**

the Lord will not impute sin.” GRACE!!!

The Lord then showed Saul, **“God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses against them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.”** [2 Cor. 5:19] Once more as in Numbers 14, it was not obedience or righteousness of Israel that was to cause mercy and grace to be extended to the Gentiles. It was because of their **disobedience to which they were ordained for a time**. He was shown that **God was not, nor had He ever been, the God of Israel only. He was always the God of all creation, in heaven and earth. We, brothers and sisters, are pots in the hand of The Potter.**

Right in the middle of the Book of Nehemiah, a man, who, if he had been in charge back in 1300 B.C. would have purged Judah of Ruth, the Moabite woman and her child Obed, and there would have been no Jesse, David nor Jesus; God showed Saul this prophetic writing. Neh. 9:6, **“Thou, even thou, art Lord alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host; the earth, and all things that are therein; the seas and all that is therein; and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.”**

According to Nehemiah 13:25, he would have contended with Boaz, the grandfather of Jesus, and cursed him and pulled the hair out of his head. Ezra 10:3 says they made a covenant with God to put away all the strange wives and any children they had born to the men of Judah. This along with Ruth 4:6 leaves doubt as to whether David or Jesus have an unmarred inheritance in Israel. The children of an Edomite or an Egyptian that was married to an Israelite could enter the congregation of the Lord after the third generation, but the Ammonite or the Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord forever. Deut. 23:1-8.

In a prophetic writing shown to Saul in Isaiah 49, The Holy One of Israel and his Redeemer gives a commission to some Israelite who had been called from his mothers womb and had laboured in vain and had spent his strength for nought and in vain. (That was not Jesus, as is taught by some. Jesus was born a seed of David, according to the flesh. He came to do the will of God and to fulfill all the promises made to Israel, and to be put to death by them for every man. Not one ounce of his strength was ever spent for nought and not one minute was ever spent labouring in vain and

for nought.) To my knowledge Saul was the only man in scripture to ever be converted like that and make such a confession. We do know that it was in Saul that it first pleased God to reveal His Son: And we do know that from that day on, Paul refused all credit to himself; but gave all the praise, and honor and glory to the Christ which worked in him mightily. No one else in scripture but Jesus made themselves of no reputation.

In Isaiah 49:6, the Lord said to this Israelite, “It is too little a thing that thou shouldst be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the uttermost parts of the earth.” It was Isaiah 49:6 that Saul (or Paul, as he now began to be known) quoted in Acts 13:47, after he and Barnabas had been separated from the other apostles’ teachings by the Holy Spirit. “For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldst be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.” Not Paul; but God’s Son in Paul.

That had been God’s purpose before the creation. That was God’s purpose when He told it to Abraham in Genesis 12:3. That was His purpose when He told it to Moses in Numbers 14:21. That was God’s purpose when He said in Isaiah 45:22-23, “Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word has gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall swear.” Do you believe that God can carry out that purpose which He has sworn so forcefully to Abraham, Moses and Isaiah?

Saul, after being taken on a personal tour of the Old Testament scriptures by the resurrected Lord Himself, believed that God was not only able but was going to do all of the things He purposed. So in Acts 13, we find him telling Israel that God had raised up the Jesus they had crucified and that in Him was forgiveness of sins and justification from every thing from which they could not be justified by the law. When they turned his gospel down he turned to the Gentiles and began carrying out the calling and commandment he had received from God; the taking of the light of God’s salvation to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Just as God changed Abram’s name to Abraham when He promised

to make him a father of many nations; and changed the name of Sarai [to Sarah] when He promised to make her the mother of many nations; and changed Jacob's name to Israel when He promised to bring a company of nations out of his loins: so too, when Saul was given the nations for a field to take the gospel to, God also changed his name and he became Paul. In speaking of Paul's separation from the rest of the apostles, it is necessary to examine what has been called, by the church system, 'the great commission'.

That is where the Lord started grinding my nose on the stone. As a child I was convinced that the Bible was the Holy Word of God; that every word in the Bible was God's own word: and that He had never said any other words than those in the Bible, To me, that Bible was the Word that was in the beginning with God and was God. There is a man that is making a lot of hay right now with "The Holy Bible, The only standard" Every one could go along with that if God had just produced a Holy Bible. He never did. His LOGOS is Holy. And in Sunday school when we finished the last chapter of Revelation, the terrible threats against anyone who would dare to add a word or take a word from that book was meant for the whole Bible, as far as I was concerned, not just Revelation.

There is no doubt that God inspired Matthew, Mark, Luke and John to draw up records of some of the activities of the life and time of Jesus of Nazareth: but in their own words, not in God's words. Matthew, who was there as an apostle, recorded Jesus words to the apostles during those 40 days after the resurrection in just two sentences. "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and 'matheteuo' all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, unto the end of the 'eon'." [Matt. 28:20] Matthew did not record Jesus as having said 'teach' all nations. The Greek word for **teach** is '**didasko**'. It was so used 97 times in the new testament. Matthew used the Greek word '**matheteuo**' which means '**make disciples**'. The word '**mathetes**' was used 260 times for **disciple** in the new testament. Matthew believed that Jesus wanted them to go make disciples of men of Israel, who were scattered among all nations. According to Acts 2, when the day of Pentecost came, there were in Jerusalem, devout Jews from every nation under heaven; And **every man heard the apostles speak in his own language**. Peter addressed his remarks to 'Ye men of Israel',

not to Gentiles. Three thousand disciples, from Jews of all nations were added to the early Judaic church of the apostles that day; at least 10 years before God **shocked them by baptizing Cornelius with the Holy Spirit**. The disciples were to **teach (didasko)** those **disciples** all the things that Jesus had commanded them. According to scripture, Jesus was a teacher of the law of Moses and circumcision. He very reluctantly healed the daughter of one Gentile woman, letting her know that Gentiles were considered dogs and only Israel were sheep.

No other apostle even mentions a commission to go to all nations, not even to make disciples of scattered Israel. John in recording those conversations, makes no mention of any such commission; though he does say that Jesus told Peter 3 times to feed His sheep (Israel). The word '**ethnos**', translated **Gentile, heathen** people and **nation**; was never used in the book of John, except in speaking of the nation of Israel. The King James version of John 7:35 calls the dispersed Jews who were in Greece, Gentiles. That is wrong! They were **Hellenist Jews**, members of the house of Israel who spoke Greek instead of Hebrew. The Greek language had spread over the vast empire conquered by Alexander the Great.

John's brother James never went to the Gentiles. James, the head of the apostolic church never went to the Gentiles. Jude never mentions Jesus ever telling them to go to the Gentiles, and neither did Peter. James did not write to Gentiles. He wrote to the twelve tribes of Israel. Peter wrote his two epistles to the dispersed of Israel among the nations: not to Gentiles. The story that Jesus enlarged the apostles' commission to include Gentiles, in His conversation before His ascension, is a fabrication. It was not until after God had told Ananias that He had called Saul to bear His name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel, as God's chosen vessel, and after Paul had preached three years in Damascus, and had spent 15 days at Jerusalem in Peter's house; that God chose to bring Peter and Cornelius together and almost disrupted the whole apostolic church. Until that day, almost 10 years after the ascension of Jesus; a Gentile was just as unclean for the apostles to associate with as to eat a mouse or the flesh of swine.

Just listen to Peter, "And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but **God hath shewed me that I should**

not call any man common or unclean.” [Acts 10:28] That surely belies any idea that Peter and the other apostles had been out with signs and miracles for the past 10 years making disciples out of Gentiles. Not one apostle who was with Jesus at that last meeting ever made any such claim.

By the way, if you are interested in when God inspired Matthew to write his record; the book of **Matthew** was published a year or two after Paul wrote **1 & 2 Thessalonians**; which were the first two books of the new Testament. That would be about 13 or 14 years after the ascension. As for the record in the book of **John**; it was written supposedly in the first year of the emperor Nerva, 96 A.D. over 65 years after the ascension. The last act of John recorded in the Acts of the Apostles was in Acts 8:14 when the church of the apostles sent John and Peter to Samaria, home of the 10 tribes that had been scattered. This was before the conversion of Saul or the Holy Spirit baptizing the house of Cornelius.

The last place Peter is mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles is in Acts 15:7 where Peter stood up and related the Cornelius affair. We know that for a time he chickened out and caused Barnabas to desert his calling to the Gentiles, also; Mark, a relative of Barnabas had already deserted Paul and Barnabas and went back to Peter, when Paul first turned to the Gentiles in Acts 13:46. Barnabas later wanted to take Mark with them again, but Paul would not allow it and Barnabas took Mark and went home to Cypress. Barnabas was not mentioned again in scriptures but later Paul sent for Mark again and Paul commends him for his work with Paul during his captivity at Rome.

It is universally agreed that the eleven remaining apostles (Judas having removed himself from the scene) were all present at the meeting place in Galilee when Jesus was supposed to have given that great commission. And yet not one of them (considering that Matthew was mistranslated) ever mentions that Jesus asked them to become one with the Gentiles. It is perfectly clear that they never did; even after the Judaizing of Cornelius. The plea of James and all the elders of the council in Acts 21:20-24, 30 years after the ascension, and years after Paul had written 1 & 2 Thessalonians, **Galatians, 1 & 2 Corinthians, 1 Timothy, Titus** and **Romans** clearly show the early church believed that Jesus was the Messiah of Israel and were all zealous of the law and of circumcision.

Two men, who were not there, also talked about that meeting with Jesus. About 63 A.D. while Luke was with Paul at Rome during Paul's imprisonment, he studied all the records and wrote the book of Luke; recording a **second hand** version of the life of Jesus of Nazareth. He was not present to hear that last conversation. But this is what Luke was told that Jesus said, "Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry in Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." [Luke 24:46-49]

Notice there is nothing here to indicate that they are the ones to do that preaching among all the nations. They were to tarry in Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high. He also said they are witnesses of the things He mentioned; such as His suffering and resurrection and the preaching among all nations. They also received the promise of the Father when the Holy Spirit fell on them and they were indued with power from on high. There is a great difference between preaching among all nations and preaching to all nations.

About 64 A.D. Luke followed that book with the Book of Acts; and in the 1st chapter he repeats that Jesus told the apostles not to depart from Jerusalem and they would soon receive the promise of the Father which was the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The apostles asked Jesus if He was going to restore again the kingdom to Israel. Jesus did not tell them yes or no. He told them that it was not for them to know the times and the seasons which were in the hands of the Father. The very fact that they asked such a question proves that they had no idea that Jesus blood had broken down the middle wall of partition between Israel and Gentile that He had of the two made one new man: "And that He might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross." [Eph. 2:16]

But to get on with that conversation of Jesus: Acts 1:8 says, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be **witnesses** unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the **uttermost** part of the earth." This they have surely fulfilled. **But they could not witness to the gospel of**

grace and reconciliation of all men through the new creation of Christ in them: because God had not revealed that gospel to them. They were not even aware that there were any hidden mysteries and unrevealed secrets.

There was one more record made of that last conversation with Jesus. It was published about 67 A.D. after the death of Paul and Peter. It was by **Mark**, who was not present. He puts the Lord's commission to the apostles in very different words. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." [Mark 16:15-16] **This is the old ministry of making believing a flesh work and condemnation for failure.** Mark, or who ever briefed him, enlarged the field to the whole creation. If Jesus had said that, Peter would not have waited for the sheet, before going to Gentiles. One thing we know: **they could not have preached Paul's gospel of grace and reconciliation: because they did not have it.**

Except for Peter, who returned to Paul's gospel, none of the apostles ever taught grace. Mark never used the word once. Matthew never used the word **grace**. The word is used once in Luke. It is used 3 times in the 1st chapter [1:14, 16, 17] of John, in speaking of Jesus. He says, "Grace be with you." once in 2 John [1:3]. John also says, "Grace unto you." in the opening of Revelation [1:4] and, "Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you." to end Revelation [22:21]: otherwise John never uses the word. James uses it only twice in the same verse [James 4:6]. The only time Jude uses it is to warn against abusing it [Jude 1:4]. None of the apostles but Paul ever used the word '**reconciliation**'. John in Revelation is still going to have people singing the song of Moses: in spite of the prophecies that the former things would be forgotten and God's servants would no longer praise the Lord who delivered them out of Egypt. And the promises that there would be a **new song**.

Every one of them taught the individual must do the works for God. Not one taught that it was God working in you, through the new creation of Christ in you, who must both will and do of His good pleasure. Neither did any of them teach that we are His workmanship. Only Paul talks about the predestination of men. And only Peter and Paul talk about God foreknowing, and foreordaining and appointing.

This book is so large I am going to separate it at this point to facilitate shipping, I will try to have the second half following shortly. In the mean time, remember that every one of Paul's epistles were written to Gentiles. He gave God's complete purpose to the Romans in 8:21. "The creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God." And in Romans 5:18, "Therefore as by the offence of one, judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one, the free gift came upon **all men** unto justification of life."

In 1 Cor. 15:22-23, "**For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order.**" In 2 Cor. 5:19, "**God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself**, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." And Paul tells the Gentile Galatians, "Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the **children of promise.**" [Gal. 4:28]

And to the Gentile Ephesians, Paul wrote, "Having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times He might **gather together in one all things in Christ**, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being **predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will.**" [Eph. 1:9-11] And, "And hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all." [Eph. 1:22-23]

And again, "And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be made known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the 'eonion' purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord." [Eph. 3:9-11] "Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." [Eph. 3:15]

And to the Gentile Philippians he said, "That at the name of Jesus

every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." [Phil. 2:10-11] And to those same Gentiles he said, "**For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.**" [Phil. 3:3]

To the Gentile Colossians Paul said, "Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature; For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by Him, and for Him: And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell; 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." [Col. 1:15-20] "**Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God; Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to His saints; To whom God would make known what is the riches of **the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.****" [Col. 1:25-27]

And to Timothy, whose father was a Gentile, Paul wrote, "For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity." [1 Tim. 2:3-7] What right has any man to deny that God can have His way with His creation and save all men and bring them into the knowledge of the truth, in their order? God's LOGOS will be done to the last jot and tittle. That is the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Appendix #1

While you are waiting for the second half of this book, it would help if you make a new list of the old testament books and get them in the right order. God, in keeping His purposes a mystery, permitted men to arrange the books so far out of chronological order that the prophecies and their fulfillment are almost impossible to uncover.

Job was a grandson of Shem's son Aram; while the seed line of Jesus came down through Shem's son Arphaxad. Before Abraham was, Job was: two or three generations before. Like Enoch, Noah, and Job's redeemer (of whom he declared, "[I know that my Redeemer liveth.](#)" [Job 19:25]) Job was not of Israel.

He could never be an Israelite, after the flesh. He could never have known anything about circumcision or the law of Moses, The only law he knew were the precepts God gave to Noah. Yet, God called him his servant, and said there were none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God and escheweth evil. Please remember that this was a comparative perfectness; because later Job confessed to a lack of knowledge and understanding and abhorred himself and repented in dust and ashes for being presumptive. **Job was the first to testify to the immortality of man, even if this body of dust was destroyed. God had shown him redemption.**

The two books of **Kings** are histories of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah, from the passing of the throne from David to Solomon, to the last king of Israel to sit on the throne of David. They were supposedly written by Jeremiah. Unless you rightly divide the word of truth and read the proper prophet and the proper prophecy into the right place in that history; it would be better to read the prophets of that time first and then read the history as to what happened and what was fulfilled.

The same goes for **2 Chronicles** (which along with **1 Chronicles** supposedly was written by Ezra about 450 B.C.) **1 Chronicles** could follow **2 Samuel** and then the **Psalms** of David, then **Proverbs**, **Ecclesiastes** and the **Song of Solomon**. Then study the prophecies of the prophets in their chronological order and fit them into the history of Israel in Kings and 2 Chronicles. For your study, here are the prophets and authors of scripture in their proper order and the approximate years they prophesied.

Ahijah, during and after Solomon's reign. Both prophecies were fulfilled.

Elijah prophesied to the kingdom of Israel, from the time of King Ahab and Jezebel to the reign of Ahaziah over Israel; about 918 to 896 B.C. He then turned his mantle over to

Elisha who prophesied to Israel until about 840 B.C. during the reign of Joash.

Jonah prophesied to Israel about 835 B.C. during the reign of Joash. At the same time

Obadiah was prophesying in Judah against Edom, during Amaziah's reign.

Amos prophesied about 800 B.C. while Uzziah reigned in Judah and Jeroboam 2 reigned in Israel. He prophesied both the punishment and the fire that was coming on Judah that would consume the palaces of Jerusalem; and the destruction of the kingdom of Israel from off the face of the earth.

Joel prophesied to Judah about 800 B.C. while Amos was prophesying in Israel.

Hosea followed and from the last part of the reign of Jeroboam 2 until about 725 B.C. he warned and exhorted Israel and Judah. From about 760 to 690 B.C.

Isaiah also prophesied. He foretold of the complete destruction of the Kingdom of Israel, and then he exhorted and warned Judah that they, too, were going to be taken captive. At this same time

Micah was also warning both Israel and Judah of the things that were to befall them. He prophesied from about 750 to 700 B.C.

The kingdom of Israel was captured and the people were scattered through the nations about 720 B.C.

Nahum, about 713 B.C. prophesied about the punishment that was to fall on Nineveh in the future. Next came

Zephaniah from 640 to about 609 B.C. during the reign of Judah's king Josiah.

Jeremiah was the next prophet on the scene; about 628 B.C. Then **Habakkuk**; about 626 B.C. also during the reign of Josiah.

Ezekiel, who was already in captivity, was called to prophesy about 595 B.C.

Daniel, who had been taken to Babylon earlier, 604 B.C. was set up in the house of Nebuchadnezzar, even as Joseph was by Pharaoh. He had already gained so much reknown that Ezekiel listed him

twice in a triumvirate along with Noah and Job. Daniel is named a third time in Ezekiel, with reference to his wisdom.

Every one of these 16 prophets or scribes prophesied to either Israel or Judah or to both about their scatterings and their captivities and most of them also prophesied the regathering of remnants from the different captivities. Some of them foretold, like Amos did, the rebuilding of the temple, the tabernacle of David. Up to the point I have taken you in the prophets, the temple had not yet fallen. However, Jeremiah did prophesy the death of those who went to Egypt in disobedience to God after the burning of the temple and Jerusalem. And Ezekiel and Daniel continued to prophesy after the burning and captivity of Judah. That tabernacle of David, which Solomon built for the Lord, and of which God said, ‘... I have hallowed it and put my name there for ever (olam); and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually (for all the days): IE ...’ [1 Kings 9:3]; was torn down and burned about 585 B.C.

Persia took over from the **Babylonians** and **Cyrus** authorized the rebuilding of the temple by **Zerubbabel** and **Joshua** and to exhort the people to return from their exile and rebuild the temple rather than fine homes for themselves. They prophesied about 520 B.C. and the new ‘**tabernacle of David**’ [Amos 9:11] was rebuilt and was dedicated 516 B.C. **fulfilling all the prophecies of the earthly temple.**

Now, and only now, should the books of **Ezra**, **Esther** and **Nehemiah** show up in scripture. God in His wisdom, permitted those three books (which are filled with the accounts of events that fulfill many prophecies, made hundreds of years earlier) to be placed ahead of those prophecies in the Bibles we now have. The time of **Esther, who broke the law of Moses by marrying a Gentile**, and by so doing saved the Jews from extermination; was about 479 B.C. That is in the time between the events recorded in Ezra 6 and 7.

Ezra was written about 460 B.C. He is supposed to have written Chronicles also, with the help of the records and histories already in existence. The Book of **Malachi** was written about 420 B.C. Those who did the picking and choosing of what was inspired, turned down every thing that was written, said and done from that time until the Messiah came. That does not mean that God stopped working out the things that were in His LOGOS. Neither does it

mean that there are no inspired records of that time.

The books of the **apocrypha** were in **Luther's** 1534, **Coverdale's** 1535 and every 16th century translation. They were even included in the **King James** version until the self-righteous Puritans, who never did believe in the grace of God, had them removed. Are they inspired? Only the hidden Word of God that might be concealed in them by God, if any. Just the same as in our Bibles or your writings, or mine. If there is some thing from that period of time that God wants revealed, His arm is not short.

Paul really knew what He was talking about when he said, "[Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.](#)" [2 Tim. 2:15] Also, "[And such trust have we through Christ to Godward: Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; who also hath made us \[able\] ministers of the new covenant; not of the letter, \(of the new covenant\) but of the Spirit: for the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life.](#)" [2 Cor. 3:4-6]

Appendix #2

After mentioning that Paul never once mentioned 'Hell', 'Sheol', 'Hades', 'Gehenna' or any 'Lake of fire'; I was startled and disgusted in purchasing a fine, big new testament, with half of the page giving the Greek text and across the page the other side giving the English; there staring me in the face in two places was the words, 'may he be condemned to hell'. This is put out by a large Bible society and they cannot use the excuse of ignorance. They used the right Greek word which is '**anathema**' meaning '**accursed**' or '**unable to bear fruit**'. There is no way that it can be translated into 'be condemned to hell.'

This **blasphemous** book will receive large distribution and that lie will spread over all the earth. Children and grown ups alike will see that Greek text and right opposite they will see the words 'may he be condemned to hell', purportedly coming from Paul. The very same word 'anathema' appears twice more in the new testament and both times they called it accursed. **God permits such shoddy, deceitful, fallacious translating as delusions for those who receive not the love of the truth; that they might believe a lie** and be judged. 2 Thessalonians 2:11. And no one but Israel was opposing Paul's gospel. Those kind of delusions have been in the translations from the start. **The letter killeth, the Spirit giveth life. It takes that Holy Spirit, the new creation, to discern Spiritual things of God.** 1 Cor. 2:11-16. Praise the Lord for the unsearchable riches of His grace.

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