

THE THIRD MAN

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"And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly" [1Corinthians 15:45-49].

The Apostle Paul is revealing there are two men called Adam. The first Adam is the man created in the beginning and placed in the Garden of Eden. He was made a living soul. The second man he calls Adam is none other than our Lord Jesus Christ, and He was made a *quicken*ing spirit. Quicken

ing means *life giving*.

He continues by defining his statement: *"Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven."*

We now have two men. Both called Adam!

"As is the earthy, such are they also, that are earthy (The natural descendants of the first Adam; mankind): *and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly."* (This speaks of the spiritual descendants of the Second Adam, the Lord from Heaven).

I want you to know there is a Third Man in which this article attests! This Third man is the descendants of the Second Adam!

"And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly" [I Corinthians 15:45-49]. Before we were changed, we were of the earth, earthy, carnal, sensual. But when we were "Born Again" we became a new creation! A new man! The Lord from heaven, restored us back to the image of God the first Adam lost! Therefore the Third Man is the born again, body of Christ!

What does the scripture say? "Now are we the sons of God." The scripture says, "know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost," and, "ye are the body of Christ and members in particular," and, "we are flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone." What is the Word telling us? Here it is: "He that is joined to the Lord has become one spirit with the Lord." You can't separate God's people, there are two men in the earth, those of the beastly nature (The First Adam), and those of the heavenly nature (The Third Man). The EARTHLY and the SPIRITUAL!

More proof of this Third Man is found in Second Corinthians 5:17: *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."* A NEW creature! A NEW creation! The inner man experienced a resurrection!

There is one church which is the body of Christ and we are His members in particular. In St. John 17:21 Jesus prayed, *"That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."*

I believe His prayer was answered on the day of Pentecost. True oneness is: One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God who is above all and through all and in you all. God in Christ and Christ in you. Perfect oneness! Our born again spirit man is one with Christ and bears His image. Our soul and body must also bear the image of the Heavenly. We are

in a transitional period. We have not yet realized the glory fully manifested.

Jesus took Peter, James and John with Him up to a high mountain. He was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. The word transfigured means: *to transform (literally or figuratively "metamorphose")*: - change, transfigure, transform. This transfiguration manifested who Jesus was. The glory of God overshadowed Christ, and there was no doubt He was the Son of the Living God. He was the One chosen before the foundation of the world.

His Deity was manifested to these three chosen disciples, before the other disciples knew who He was. Just as Jesus took them aside to witness His Glory, I believe the Lord will take away some in the last days to witness and experience the fulness of His Glory! They will be the (first partakers) of His Glory much like those in the upper room on the day of Pentecost. Remember over 500 seen the resurrected Jesus, but only about 120 received the Power. The awesome potential of the Third Man is to obtain the prize of the high calling of God! Let me explain.

We know God's purpose in the beginning was to create man in His own Image. He wanted man to be exactly like Him in everything. The Lord woke me up one morning and said, "You have got to think like I think!" It all fits. His purpose was to create a man that was exactly like Him, not physical features, but exactly like Him in spirit. Jesus looked like any ordinary man; it took a Judas to kiss Him on the cheek to identify Him. There was nothing spectacular looking about Jesus. People have wondered why the Lord did not leave a painting of what He looked like, and it is because He did not want us to know what He looked like physically. He wanted us to know what He looked like Spiritually. Spiritually, He was the image of God. *"Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the*

flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more"
[2Corinthians 5:16].

That is what is wrong today, people are too concerned with the outward appearance, but we should be concerned with the inward man. Jesus said in one place that the religious order of His day looked righteous outside but inwardly they were ravening wolves. He compared them to beautiful sepulchers in outward appearance, but their inside was full of dead men's bones. God is looking at the inward man, not the outward man!

Jesus said, *"when you have seen me, you have seen the Father!"* Jesus stated boldly that He was the very persona of God. But outwardly He looked like any other man! He was speaking of His Inward Man! His spirit was one with God! Jesus further explained His relationship with the Father this way: *"Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works"* [See St. John 14]. The Words and Works Jesus did manifested God! His outward appearance did not mean anything. Although we are sons of God by adoption, we know He lives in us by His Spirit that dwells in us; thus making us one with Christ. God in Christ, Christ in you!

Jesus is the perfect pattern of what the body of Christ will become. God is re-creating you and I in the image of Jesus, who is God's Perfect Pattern for all mankind.

"But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds" [Colossians 3:8-9].

The "old man" he refers to that you have put off is the Adamic sinful nature you once had! We have put him off, and his deeds. Now listen to this: *"And have put on the new man."* The New Man is the Third Man!

So this is something we have already put on! The church is gifted but they don't really understand how they are

gifted. Born again Christians have put off the old man (the first Adam, carnal, beastly), and have put on the new man (a new creation man in Christ's image). But we must come to this revelation of who we are in Christ: *"And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him"* [Colossians 3:8-10].

What did we just read?! *"After the image of Him that created Him!"* Oh my, I hope you see this. I am now a new creation in God. I am now in the image of God by faith because the scripture has said it, and the scripture cannot be broken. Praise Jesus! Remember, the Apostle John said, *"Now are we the sons of God."* NOW! Not tomorrow, not a hundred years from now, BUT NOW ARE WE THE SONS OF GOD. Thank God, I have been BORN AGAIN! Glory!

Now the things God has prepared for man you cannot understand with your natural understanding, but the Spirit of God will reveal it to you. The Holy Spirit is revealing that God is creating a new man in His own image, after His own likeness. He is restoring mankind back to the image that He foreordained man to be in, and Christ is that Image.

God is a Spirit, He is invisible. St. John 1:18 declares *"No man has seen God at any time."* But Jesus was the expressed image of the invisible God! *"Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature."* [Colossians 1:15]; *"Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high"* [Hebrews 1:3]. Jesus looked exactly like God, but not physically!

The first man Adam was of the earth, earthly, yet he was created in the image of God, and the exact likeness of God (inwardly). But where the first man (Adam) fell, the Second Man (Jesus), triumphed. He was born of God, the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. As God's Son, His Deity was inherited from His Father! He inherited the image and attributes of His Father.

"For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak" [Hebrews 2:5].

In other words, he is saying God did not create (the world to come), to be placed under the authority or rule of angels. The world to come is going to be under subjection to someone. Who is it going to be? It is going to be under the ones that He foreordained in the beginning. The body of Christ, the church which I am calling the Third Man!

"But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man that thou visited him? Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him" [Hebrews 2:6-8].

The writer is saying God has put everything under the power of His new creation man. This new man will be the ruler over everything God has created. The scripture is saying, God did not give it to the angels, but He gave it to man.

The Holy Spirit prompted David to write, *"what is man and why art thou so mindful of him."* David realized he was just flesh and blood. He would look out his window and he would just see thousands of servants and multitudes of people and they would look just like ants to him. He knew he was nothing but one of those ants. He would look at the stars, and the moon, and the sun. He would gaze at the universe and see how great and how powerful it was, and he knew God was greater than all that he saw.

David must have wondered, "what is man?" Why is God so mindful of man? The answer is now clear, God chose man to be the ruler of all that He created.

The writer of Hebrews declared: God has put all things, under subjection to man. And has left nothing that is not under the authority of man! *"For in that He put all in*

subjection under him he left nothing that is not put under him."

Listen to what the writer continues to say in verse eight: *"But now we see not yet all things put under him" [Hebrews 2:8].*

How can all things be under the subjection of man, but at the same time, NOT BE UNDER HIM?

Notice, the writer is talking about mankind, not Jesus. He is speaking of the first Adam. In the beginning of creation God gave Adam dominion, a kingdom. God placed everything He created under Adam's control and authority. The book of Genesis records God's plan for man. (See Genesis 1:26,28).

Now the writer of Hebrews is saying, "now we know God did this, but we don't see everything put under man yet." "We don't see man ruling in the likeness of God, we don't see all things put under his feet. Listen to what the writer of Hebrews is saying: Verse 8 again: *"But now we see not yet all things put under him"* (mankind).

Now verse nine: *"But we see Jesus"*.

WE SEE JESUS! Now, I am going to show you why it is so important to really "SEE JESUS". Most folks have never seen Who and What Jesus really is. *"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; 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, . . ."* [Hebrews 2: 9-10].

In other words: Everything was created for Jesus and by Jesus. *"He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not" [St. John 1:10].*

Let's continue verse ten: *"In bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."*

Remember this scripture in St. John chapter one: *"But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God."* BECOME sons of God? How could carnal

sinful man become the sons of God? Wouldn't you have to be birthed by God to become a son of God?!

Remember, When Adam sinned, he lost the son-ship for all of mankind. Therefore we were not sons of God before Jesus came, we were sons of Adam. We did not have any life in us. But when Christ comes into your life by the Holy Ghost a seed is planted in you, which is Christ, the Living Word of God.

When that seed is planted in us we are birthed by the Spirit of God into the kingdom of God. Now, we are the sons of God, and Jesus is bringing many sons into glory! I want you to get this! We are born again by the incorruptible seed, which is Christ the Word. In Saint John 17 Jesus said, *"Father glorify them with the glory I had with thee before the world was."* Have you ever thought about that? Friends, Jesus is bringing many sons into glory, and whatever that glory was and is, we shall have also!

Jesus was teaching the disciples that the very divine nature of God was going to overshadow them, and the word of faith was going to be dropped into their hearts, and they could speak the word, and whatever they spoke would come to pass! It is not what He said He would do, but rather, what His disciples would do! We are His disciples!

Here is a small portion of His awesome teaching: *"And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" [Matthew 11:22-24].*

In St. John 15:7 Jesus said, *"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."* The whosoever's are about to be manifested! The Spoken Word Ministry is about to be birthed and there is

no power that will stop it!

What was He talking about? Who but God could speak to a mountain and make it move. Jesus demonstrated the god-life! He rebuked the storms and seas. He walked on the water. He multiplied the fishes and loaves. He healed the sick, opened the eyes of the blind and raised the dead.

Despite all the good He did, the Jews took up stones to stone Him. They said, *"We don't stone you for a good work, we stone you, because thou being a man maketh thyself God."*

Was Jesus making Himself God? No, He was simply fulfilling what God ordained Him to be. *"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God" [Philippians 2:5-6].* Jesus actually restored us back to what Adam had lost: our son-ship with God.

Jesus was tempted in all points as we are, yet He was without sin (See Hebrews 4:15). A man had to come and overcome the devil in the flesh to win back everything Adam had lost. This is what Jesus did. *"For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh" [Romans 8:3].*

Read Philippians 2:5-6 again. Paul reveals the following: "Since Christ was in the form of God, He thought it not robbery to be equal with God and that the church should let this mind (thought) be in them." He further emphasized that God was also in them, *"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure" [Philippians 2:13].*

What is God's good pleasure for you and I? Consider this: In the Book of Revelation, Jesus gave 8 great promises to His people. Here is only one of those promises. *"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne" [Revelation 3:21].* Can you imagine sitting with Jesus

in God's Throne? Hard to accept, much less believe?!

I have a question for you and I know I am going to be criticized for this question or even considering it. However, I believe Paul's statement provokes the question. But first I hope you accept that the New Testament clearly teaches the church is the body of Christ (1Corinthians 12:27), *"For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones" [Ephesians 5:30].*

Here is my question: Should born again Christians consider themselves to be one with Christ and the Father as the scriptures indicate? And if they should, to what extent should they believe this? Will God really allow His people to sit with Him in His Throne? Will we rule and reign with Christ? Are we really kings and priests unto God?

I am sure some may be offended at what I have written in this message. However, the scriptures are clear that God has predestined a people to be in Christ's image (Romans 8:29). It is also clear that Christ has made it possible for us to be in unity with God! Hebrews 2:11 says, He is not ashamed to call us brethren! This is the oneness in which Jesus prayed for. *"That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us . . ."* *"And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one" [See St. John 17:21-22].* God in Christ, Christ in you, perfect oneness!

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God" [Romans 8:18-19]. There is a glory to be revealed soon! Perhaps the Third Man is what the whole creation is waiting to be manifested?! If God's New Creation Man will walk in His Spirit, no doubt they will eventually live in His Spirit!

Don't let carnal Christians hold you back. Keep pressing for the prize of the High Calling of God in Christ Jesus!