

The spirit of man

Must DIE

to Ever be

BORN AGAIN

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Romans 1:3-4, “Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was **made of the seed of David according to the flesh**; And declared to be the Son of God with power, **according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:**”

Made of the seed of David according to the flesh: how is it seed unless Mary had the Adamic seed passed through David so that God sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to condemn sin in the flesh, because it was the Spirit of the Lord that was IN Christ able to bring up Christ soul from hell and back into his body from death.

Romans 8:2-9, “For **the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death**. 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**: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, **who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit**. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For **to be carnally minded is death**; but **to be spiritually minded is life and peace**. Because **the carnal mind is enmity against God**: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then **they that are in the flesh cannot please God**. But **ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit**, if so

be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.”

So it is the Spirit of God that brings us to a spiritual life by the death of the Son of God.

Romans 7:4-6, “Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.”

Becoming dead to the law by the body of Christ does not say you’re body becomes dead to the law by the body of Christ. Notice that the past tense: “...For when we were in the flesh...” Is the saved person back when he was lost prior to salvation. The motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members, is the sins of the flesh also called the works of the flesh. James 1:14-15, “But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.” There is an obvious pattern and time element to these things.

Romans 8:10-19, “And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that 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. 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. 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: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. 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.”

The future resurrection of the body is not to be misconstrued with the new birth of the spirit. In like manner the death of the physical body should not be misconstrued with the death of the spirit. To do so shows no spiritual discernment whatsoever.

Ecclesiastes 8:11-13, “**Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him: But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow; because he feareth not before God.**”

So in the next verse what the past tense that Paul uses to show that back when he was lost this is how things were.

Romans 7:8-13, “But **sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead. For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.** And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be **unto death.** For **sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.** Wherefore **the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.** Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But **sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.**”

The fact is in the passage: “...when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.” Compared with “...sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.” Compared with “...But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me...” and “...that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.” This is all about a lost person, not someone that is already saved.

Ephesians 2:1-5, “And you hath he **quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;** Wherein in **time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all** had our conversation **in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind;** and **were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.** But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even **when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ,** (by grace ye are saved;)”

The quickening of those that were dead in trespasses and sins would be the act of being born again: the spirit being born of the Spirit. Prior to this as the passage above states: "...Wherein in time past..." the lost man "...walked according to the course of this world..." and the lost man ran his life "...according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit..." that makes the lost man's spiritual father the Devil. Satan rules in the hearts of lost men. There are no exceptions.

John 8:44-45, "Ye are **of your father the devil**, and **the lusts of your father ye will do**. He was a murderer from the beginning, and **abode not in the truth**, because **there is no truth in him**. **When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own**: for **he is a liar**, and **the father of it**. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not."

John 8:47, "**He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.**"

What is important about the father of lies is that lost people lose their bodies and their spirits and wind up where the Devil and his angels go.

Ecclesiastes 12:5-7, "Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because **man goeth to his long home**, and **the mourners go about the streets**: Or ever **the silver cord be loosed**, or **the golden bowl be broken**, or **the pitcher be broken at the fountain**, or **the wheel broken at the cistern**. Then shall **the dust return to the earth** as it was: and **the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.**"

There are subtle philosophies that lead away from these truths unto the lies, one of the main lies in this area is the lies of Calvinism, which deals with the traditions of men in particular pagan fatalism and the idea that people are born with a dead spirit. This lie perpetrates many other perverted doctrines of devils.

Colossians 2:8-15, "**Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ**. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: In whom also **ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the**

operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Botting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.”

Circumcision made without hands is the spiritual circumcision that happens after you believe, and after you are born again, not before the new birth. It is the putting off of the flesh. This is not the same as “...sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.” The slaying here is not spiritual circumcision in the cutting away of the flesh from the soul. The slaying is SIN by the commandment deceived me, and by the commandment kills my spirit. This is the one that MUST die for the soul to be married to another. That marriage cannot happen without the old spirit dying first. The circumcision made without hands is putting off the flesh having already forgiven you all trespasses which means this person is already born again and the new man the spirit is already married to the soul. Yet the flesh is still very much alive until this circumcision.

1 Corinthians 6:20, “For **ye are bought with a price:** therefore glorify God **in your body,** and **in your spirit,** **which are God's.”**

The your in both instances is the soul; your body and your spirit are God’s. They are loaned to you. You are not your own, you have been bought with a price.

1 Corinthians 2:6-16, “Howbeit **we speak wisdom** among **them that are perfect:** yet **not** the **wisdom of this world,** **nor of the princes of this world,** that **come to nought:** But **we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery,** even **the hidden wisdom,** which **God ordained before the world** unto our glory: Which **none of the princes of this world knew:** for **had they known it,** **they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.** But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into **the heart of man,** the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 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. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.”

1 Corinthians 14:37, “If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.”

Ecclesiastes 8:8, “There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.”

John 3:5-8, “Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.”

That which is born of the Spirit is not soul, or flesh, it is spirit. And he that is joined to the Lord is NOT one flesh, nor one soul, but one spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:17, “But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.”

1 Corinthians 6:13-20, ”Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are

bought with a price: therefore **glorify God in your body,** and **in your spirit,** **which are God's.**”

Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is IN YOU, which you have OF GOD; and you are NOT your OWN.

1 Corinthians 12:12-27, “For **as the body is one,** and **hath many members,** and **all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.** For **by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body,** whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and **have been all made to drink into one Spirit.** For **the body is not one member, but many.** If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; **is it therefore not of the body?** And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; **is it therefore not of the body?** If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But **now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.** And **if they were all one member, where were the body?** **But now are they many members, yet but one body.** And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, **are necessary:** And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. For our comely parts have no need: but **God hath tempered the body together,** having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked: That **there should be no schism in the body;** but **that the members should have the same care one for another.** And whether **one member suffer, all the members suffer with it;** or **one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.** Now **ye are the body of Christ,** and **members in particular.**”

No one person is the body of Christ we are all members of that one body. However, the soul is right now married to the new man inside which is the spirit. The flesh is the temple and members of that one body of Christ. One day this will be realized after the resurrection.

Galatians 5:16-26, “This I say then, **Walk in the Spirit,** and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For **the flesh lusteth against the Spirit,** and **the Spirit against the flesh:** and **these are contrary the one to the other:** so that **ye cannot do the things that ye would.** But **if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.**

Now **the works of the flesh are manifest**, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that **they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God**. But **the fruit of the Spirit is** love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: **against such there is no law**. And **they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts**. **If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit**. **Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another**.”

The works of the flesh are manifest as they are also the motions of sins that work in our members to bring forth death. The fruit of the Spirit are NOT as manifest in motions and that is why there is no laws against them. Living in the Spirit and walking in the Spirit are two very different things. The fact is the body of Christ suffers from a non-perfecting attitude. We are to attain unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ, yet for the most part many act like spoiled brats tossed to and fro like little disobedient children pitching fits about their hot air wind bags of doctrinal persuasions by sleight of men and cunning craftiness and deception, speaking the truth in hatred.

Ephesians 4:11-16, “And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; **For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ**: Till we all come in **the unity of the faith**, and **of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ**: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and **carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive**; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, **which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love**.”

So the edification of the body is very important; and should be to a pastor, preacher or teacher. Without edification, the churches would become lukewarm and apostate.

Romans 3:20-26, “Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for **by the law is the knowledge of sin.** But **now** the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even **the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ** unto all and **upon all them that believe:** for there is no difference: **For all have sinned,** and **come short of the glory of God;** Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation **through faith in his blood,** to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time **his righteousness:** that **he might be just,** and **the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.**”

So it is by the law that we know or have knowledge of sin. It is not this law that saves us or regenerates us, nor is it what gives us the spiritual circumcision made without hands. Sin leads to death, your own personal sins do this to you, not Adam’s sin. Death passed upon all me, not because Adam sinned; no, it is because all have sinned. That means it is your fault. Sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed where there is no law. So the law entered because physical death reigned in men even though they did not sin after the similitude of Adam’s transgression. Point in fact, through the offence of one man many be dead both physically and spiritually.

Romans 5:12, “Wherefore, **as by one man sin entered into the world,** and **death by sin;** and **so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:** (For until the law **sin was in the world:** but **sin is not imputed when there is no law.** Nevertheless **death reigned** from Adam to Moses, even over them that **had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression,** who is the figure of him that was to come. But **not as** the offence, so also is the free gift. For if **through the offence of one many be dead,** much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is **by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.** And **not as** it was by **one that sinned,** so is the gift: for **the judgment was by one to condemnation,** but **the free gift is of many offences unto justification.** For if **by one man's offence death reigned by one;** much more they which receive abundance of grace and of **the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.**) 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.**”

By the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation which is the soul of man not the body or the spirit.

Romans 3:20, “Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for **by the law is the knowledge of sin.**”

The flesh cannot be justified by the DEEDS of the law, because it is the law that gives us the knowledge OF sin. This happens BEFORE you get saved, you MUST have a dead spirit for your spirit to get born again. Your sin through the law kills that spirit at the age of accountability. You become guilty before God which is what accountability is.

Galatians 3:22-25, ”But **the scripture hath concluded all under sin**, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ **might be given to them that believe**. But **before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed**. Wherefore **the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ**, that **we might be justified by faith**. But **after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.**”

The scriptures concluded ALL UNDER SIN: not that all are dead or born dead. We were kept under the law shut up by the law which was a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ to be saved. But it pronounced us guilty before God. A person that is NOT guilty; or does not know he is guilty will see no reason for a saviour.

Romans 7:9-11, “For **I was alive without the law once**: but when **the commandment** came, **sin revived**, and **I died**. And **the commandment**, which was ordained to life, I found **to be unto death**. For **sin**, taking occasion by **the commandment**, **deceived me**, and **by it slew me.**”

That is why sin by the law deceived me and by the law slew me. Because I became guilty before God, and no longer innocent.

Romans 7:14, “For we know that **the law is spiritual**: but **I am carnal, sold under sin.**”

It is because of the flesh that I am carnal and sold under sin. The law being spiritual could not reach through or past my flesh to do anything for me in righteousness any more than water in a baptistery, or repenting of sins, or living a good life, or any other physical thing. Even though the law is spiritual in its nature, it is also a physical law about physical sins or the deeds of the flesh. It is that

nature of the flesh and the reason for Christ dying to kill sin in the flesh to get past the sinful flesh with the word of God, but not with the law; with the gospel of life and peace found only in receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal saviour.

John 3:6-7, “That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and **that which is born of the Spirit is spirit**. Marvel not that I said unto thee, **Ye must be born again**.”

You MUST be born again. That is an imperative; that is, it is absolutely necessary for this to happen for God to work from within your spirit outward. The order in which the Lord reaches in toward this goal obviously comes from hearing the word of God, but the first work after faith is enjoined is the birth of the spirit. You cannot be spiritual without this new birth.

The soul stands in the middle between the flesh and the spirit. If you lose your soul, you lost everything. The worst thing in the world to have happen is to wake up in hell fire and damnation and coming to the stark reality that you are never getting a second chance. Judgment is set right now in this life: your ability to be the judge against yourself by the law that God has given you: you ARE guilty; just admit that you are and take God’s payment for your sins. Jesus Christ paid the price for a debt he did not owe; because we owed a debt we could not pay. He took your place on the cross. But that payment does not become effectual personally for you unless you receive HIM alone for payment.

John 1:11-13, “He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

Romans 10:9-10, “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

John 10:27-28, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.”

1 John 5:11-13, “And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”

ARE YOU REALLY BORN DEAD?

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Romans 7

Romans 7:7-13, “What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I **had not known** sin, but by the law: for I **had not known** lust, except the law **had** said, Thou shalt not covet. But sin, **taking occasion** by the commandment, **wrought in me** all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin **was** dead. For I **was** alive without the law **once**: but **when** the commandment came, sin **revived**, and I **died**. And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I **found** to be unto death. For sin, **taking occasion** by the commandment, **deceived** me, and by it **slew** me. Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. **Was** then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.”

The above is the interpretation of:

Romans 7:1-6, “Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man. Wherefore, my brethren, **ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ**; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. **For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death**. But **now** we are **delivered from the law**, that **being dead wherein we were held**; that we should serve **in newness of spirit**, and not in the oldness of the letter.”

We become dead to the law by the body of Christ by being born again because before we are born again we were held by the law being dead in the spirit.

The rest of the chapter is a saved person and the struggle with the dual nature:

Romans 7:14-25, “For we know that **the law is spiritual**: but **I am carnal**, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, **I consent unto the law that it is good**. Now then it is no more I that do it, but **sin that dwelleth in me**. For I know that **in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing**: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, **but sin that dwelleth in me**. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, **evil is present with me**. For I delight in the law of God after **the inward man**: But I see **another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members**. O **wretched man** that I am! who shall deliver me from **the body of this death**? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind **I myself serve the law of God**; but **with the flesh** the law of sin.”

If Jeremiah was born dead this could not have happened:

Jeremiah 1:4-8, “Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, **Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet** unto the nations. Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, **I cannot speak**: for **I am a child**. But the LORD said unto me, **Say not, I am a child**: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.”

The type for the greatest in the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God is a little child:

Matthew 18:1-6, “At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, **Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?** And Jesus called **a little child** unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, **Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven**. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in

my name receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.”

Matthew 19:13-14, “Then were there brought unto him **little children**, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, **Suffer little children**, and **forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.**”

Mark 10:13-16, “And **they brought young children to him**, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, **Suffer the little children to come unto me**, and **forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.** Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.”

Luke 18:15-17, “And **they brought unto him also infants**, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But **Jesus called them unto him**, and said, **Suffer little children to come unto me**, and **forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.** Verily I say unto you, **Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.**”

How would becoming like little children be the same or even similar to being in the kingdom of God? You must have a living spirit.

1 Corinthians 13:11, “When **I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child**: but **when I became a man, I put away childish things.**”

1 Corinthians 14:20, “Brethren, **be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children**, but **in understanding be men.**”

Understanding is what we get when we get in the Bible: 1 John 5:20, “And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.”

Jesus Christ was not “born dead” although he was born in the likeness of sinful flesh:

Romans 8:3-6, “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**: That **the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh**; but **they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit**. For to be carnally minded is death; but **to be spiritually minded** is life and peace.”

Father Abraham the father of faith. Sarah (the freewoman) is the mother of faith.

Romans 4:16-17, “Therefore **it is of faith**, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also **which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all**, (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, **who quickeneth the dead**, and **calleth those things which be not as though they were**.”

Galatians 3:7, “Know ye therefore that **they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham**.” We are the children of whom?

Galatians 3:26, “For ye are all **the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus**.” We are the children of whom?

Does this mean that Abraham IS God? Or a great TYPE of the Father?

Romans 4:16, “Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is **of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all**,” Who is the father of us all?

Galatians 4:21-25, “Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? For it is written, that **Abraham** had two sons, the **one by a bondmaid**, the **other by a freewoman**. But **he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh**; but **he of the freewoman was by promise. Which things are an allegory**: for these are **the two covenants**; the one from the mount Sinai, which

gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.”

Galatians 4:26-31, “But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband. Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless what saith the scripture? **Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.** So then, brethren, **we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.**” So we are the children of the freewoman and not the bondwoman: ergo, Sarah is the mother of us all.

Galatians 4:23, “But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.”

Galatians 4:29, “But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.”

Not born OF the Spirit: but born AFTER the Spirit. It is that you were born OF God (that is the Father) by Jesus Christ: the Gospel: which has to do with what Jesus Christ DID for us. This has nothing at all to do with New Jerusalem being our mother which it is NOT. It is an allegory! We are born FREE by God after the Spirit of God.

In the DAY Adam ate he DIED! But WHAT died in him?

Genesis 2:17, "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." What does the word DAY mean in the context? Does it mean a thousand years or does it mean a day of evening and morning; or a 24 hour time period?

First mention: Genesis 1:5, "And God called the light **Day**, and the darkness he called **Night**. And the evening and the morning were the first day." So from evening to morning is considered a day. This would be a 24 hour period of time which is not a thousand years in reality it is obviously 24 hours because God made

the plant life and the next day made the sun. How would all that plant life lived without photosynthesis from the sun for a thousand years?

If you make the day in Genesis 2:17 a thousand years, they make all the days each 1000 years. I know there is a typological understanding of these things, but that does not over-ride the plane meaning in the text.

In the day that Adam ate from that tree: **he DIED**. So, **what died?** Was it his body, his soul or his spirit? We know his body did not die until he was 930 years old: Genesis 5:5, "And **all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years**: and **he died**." So **the first man dies** in 5:5 of Genesis; with his name "Adam" as **word number 6** in the verse (Adam means "to be red" or "ruddy"), and his age where the **nine (9) shows up at the ninth (9th) word and thirty (30) is the twelfth (12th) word** ($3 + 0 = 1 + 2$). Strange numbers: and understanding the typology with 2 Peter 3:8 in mind we know Adam did not PHYSICALLY die after that 1000 years, so he was still within the first "day" or thousand years: or same day he ate thereof. But this type does not counteract or contradict the fact of his spiritual death in that literal day that he ate of the fruit.

This cannot be the death of his soul which can only die when it goes to hell. So we see the death of the spirit happened in the same literal day as he ate the fruit and disobeyed God; and we see his body died within the 1000 years and also in the day of typology. But God made provision for the soul. Genesis 3:21, "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make **coats of skins**, and clothed them." Some other animal had to **shed its blood for their covering**, because **their sin turned out the light of God that was covering them before**. The image of God: 1 John 1:5, "This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light**, and in him is no darkness at all."

Adam WAS a transgressor

Romans 5:14, "Nevertheless **death reigned from Adam** to Moses, even over them that had not **sinned** after the similitude of **Adam's transgression**, who is the figure of him that was to come." It was by the sin and transgression of disobedience that death was pronounced. Not by the sin and transgression of deception.

1 Timothy 2:14, "And **Adam was not deceived**, but **the woman being deceived was in the transgression**." It was by the transgression and sin of deception that suffering was pronounced.

The descriptive structure of a person that passes from death unto life after receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour:

A lost man's body is a child of Adam; the soul is stuck to that body and is therefore the child of Adam by proxy; while the spirit is alive at birth and dies when the law enters into the conscience of the soul: at that point is when the spirit of man dies the man is a child of the devil in that he is a child of sin (disobedience): dead to God. A saved man: after the spirit has been born again, born of God; the body is still the child of Adam and is considered the old man to a saved person; the soul is cut loose from that body and is saved by that operation of God, which had the faith and therefore is adopted into the family of God as a son of God, by faith: a child of Abraham. While the spirit is born of God: and is an express creation and a new creature as it had been given life again from the dead: it is a child of God.

THE SEVEN STEPS OF ORDER TO IMMORTALITY

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1. The child is born with a living spirit, soul & body
2. The person's sins kills the spirit by the commandment of the law
3. The gospel is presented and received
4. The spirit is born again
5. The flesh is circumcised from the soul
6. The soul is saved
7. The body is resurrected