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BREAD AND WINE

We know that bread and wine have great significance in understanding God's purpose for us. Jesus said, *"Verily, verily I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you...For my flesh is meat indeed and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him...This is that bread that came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead; he that eateth of this bread shall live forever."* (Jn.6:53,55,56,58)

After Jesus explained this, many who had been following Him walked away, and those who remained did not understand either, but they stayed because they had no one else to follow. Today the Lord has revealed much more by His Holy Spirit, and yet, for the most part we are just now coming into a clearer understanding.

Jesus instituted what we call the "communion," with the bread and the wine representing His flesh and His blood. Many Christian churches observe this sacrament every Sunday or on designated Sundays. It was at His last Passover that Jesus *"...took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat, THIS IS MY BODY. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."* (Matt.26:26-28)

Jesus compared His body to the bread and His blood to the wine. He was speaking of a flesh and blood body. Howbeit, He was describing the body of the incorruptible Seed. The wine speaks of the blood of this new body, which is spirit. And the bread speaks of the flesh of this new body which is touchable substance.

Abraham was still Abram when the Priest of the Most High God, Melchizedek, met him with bread and wine. Abram's nephew Lot, separated from him and chose to pitch his tents toward Sodom. So God told Abram, *"Arise, walk through the land, in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it to thee."* (Gen.14:17) God gave Abram as much of the land as he could see and walk through. And Abram pitched his tents in the plains of Mamre.

However, there were many fierce kings in the land and they were all warriors. When they saw where Lot had pitched his tents, they went after him and took him and all his goods and family captive. When Abram heard this, he armed his 318 trained servants and went after the fierce kings. They smote and slaughtered all these kings and pursued after them. They triumphed over them and brought back Lot and all his family with all their goods and possessions.

When Abram returned from fighting these kings, a strange personality met him on the way; it was Melchizedek. He greeted him warmly and gave him something very meaningful. *"And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine; and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, POSSESSOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH."* (Gen.14:18-19).

It was after Abram defeated all the fierce kings of the regions, that a new relationship with God was opened to him. The land that Abram was given as possession was more than the soil of Canaan; it was the land of a new body, a new life and as a result a whole new world. The bread and wine that he partook of that day, were the seal of this promise.

Just before my husband's mother passed away, I had

this dream. *"I saw her boarding a jet plane to somewhere. She was carrying her lunch in a paper sack. She could put it under her seat until she arrived. In the sack were a loaf of bread and a bottle of wine."* I pondered this dream at the time, but then I realized that the Spirit was showing me that "Mama Mia" as I called her, was going to the other side and taking with her the makings of her new body.

Paul said, *"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life."* (II Cor.5:1-4)

This speaks directly to the heart of the matter. There is a time when these bodies will dissolve. Whether we go to the grave, or whether we are changed on foot, these bodies are not meant to be our eternal bodies. Our new bodies are formed in us through Christ. This is our communion with Him, as we partake of His flesh and His blood. It is a mystery that can only be apprehended by the Spirit, but it is very real just the same.

When I saw my deceased husband in a dream, he was so very happy because he had found his new "buddy" or "body." That was not just a dream; it was a reality. But it is not yet made manifest in the earth; it is coming with the new day of the age that we are coming into.

In the 60s, when I first came to this walk, I was meeting with a group of people who had come out of their churches and were seeking to know the Lord in a deeper way. A young man named Charlie who was part of the group, was taking flying lessons. Joe, who was also a beloved young brother from the group, was the instructor. Then one day, we were all shocked and so very saddened when the little two-seater plane with both Joe and Charlie in it, crashed and killed them on the spot.

It was not long after that I had this dream, *"I went to a restaurant. It consisted of two large rooms. The front room had tables and chairs for customers. The other room was in the back and could not be entered. However, I was given special permission to go in for just a few minutes. When I entered, I saw Charlie standing up on a chair in the middle of the room. He was standing up straight above me on that chair, and I could only reach his hands. I was told that I could quickly touch him, but just for a second. I touched his hand and it felt like flesh, only it was a much different feel than the actual flesh we know. I then was ushered out."* End of dream.

The restaurant represents the place of life where we eat and drink...our body. The room in the back is the place behind the veil where we cannot enter while we live; Charlie was there. He was out of my reach, but by the Spirit, I was able to touch the very real body that will someday become manifest.

And so we partake of His flesh and of His blood until He comes, which means until He is formed in us as our new body. He is the resurrection, we are reborn in Him. We have known Him as Creator and Ruler of heaven and earth, but IN CHRIST AND THROUGH CHRIST, He is our Father and our God. Christ is the only CONNECTOR to the Father. Christ is in everyone, but it is when He becomes ruler of our own house that the "Old man" dies and He raises us into life eternal. The strong man of the house must first be bound and crucified.

Jesus once told the Pharisees, *"If God were your Father, ye would love me...Ye are of your father, the devil."* (Jn.8:42a,45a) And at the tomb, He told Mary, *"Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto **my Father, and your Father, and to my God, and your God.**"* (Jn.20:17)

When He ascended, Jesus opened the way for us to know the Father as Our Father. He made us His brethren. We go to the Father when we love the One who is the WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. O my Father! We thank you for this unfathomable, infinite dream come to reality in Jesus!

THE BATTLE FOR LIFE

The warfare of the ages has been, and still is, for life and survival. It is for truth and light over sin and death. The lies that the serpent fed to Eve, and still does, were not just words, they were seeds of lies that choked the good seeds of her field (mind). Eve does not represent only one woman, she is the entire earthly creation of God. Eve is the mother of us all. She is the womb that has given birth to all that ever lived and still lives in the world today. *“And Adam called his wife’s name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.”* (Gen.3:20)

Eve is the bride. She is the “woman” part of the man, the “womb” of the man, (seed bearer). She is the earth that receives the lies (seeds) of the serpent and gives them life. And she is also the one who is bearing the Christ seed that will overcome the dragon- the serpent of the end times.

God told the serpent, *“I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”* (Gen.3:15) When we think of a bruise, we think of a mark that is caused by a blow and that will quickly disappear of itself. But the word translated “bruise” comes from the Hebrew meaning “to snap, to overwhelm.”

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your posterity and her posterity; her posterity shall tread your head under foot, and you shall strike him in his heel.” (Lamsa). The posterity of the woman is Christ, and although He has been struck in the “heel” many times, He shall yet crush the head of the serpent under foot.

Today, at the end of the age, we are seeing the harvest of all seeds and the final destruction of the evil seed of the serpent. Truth is indeed arising because Christ is arising, and He is the embodiment of the Truth.

Ever since that day in the garden, the serpent has had his way. He has established his kingdoms, his systems of ruling over men and women everywhere. He has kept all of humanity in a world of darkness. The

serpent gets his power feeding the fleshy senses of men. He feeds their love for money and their desires for worldly pleasures, and their sensual bestial need for gratification, by ever increasing the glitter and charm of this world’s diversions and celebrations. The serpent is the brain behind the production of things that indulge and thrill human natural senses.

He has invaded the religious and political arenas and has been pitting men and women against each other. This produces the hatred, violence and animosity that we see in the world today. Man has covered itself with a thick layer of fleshy delights in order to escape from the truth and the light.

Every time a people have tried to take hold of their faith in Christ and rise above the flood of lies that the serpent continually spews out, they have been struck down and have had to back up. But each time they were down, they rose again to fight the lies. We have seen this with the first apostles as the Spirit moved mightily among them, then they were struck by the boot of the Roman Empire. We have seen when Martin Luther rose up with the truth that “the Just shall live by faith” and not by the rules of the church. Then the serpent weaved his ways into the followers, and they soon became one of the “dead denominations” that came out of mother Babylon.

With each new wave of truth that the Spirit raised up, the serpent managed to get into the mix and soon they were another dead denomination. This has been the case with every wave of the Spirit that has come to refresh the earth; it worked for a time but soon was struck down again by a new scheme of the serpent. The serpent propagates his lies through alluring, charismatic men or women, full of zeal but unaware of the serpent that injects his venom within them. Well meaning leaders have believed that they have been given the mission of leading their people to build something or do something for God. Soon, they get inflated with the need to control the people for God, and as a result, put them into bondage.

Yet, it has been God’s will to take His chosen through these paces. And the time came when from the midst of these places, His sheep heard His voice. He said, *“I am the good shepherd, and know my*

sheep, and am known of mine...And a stranger they will not follow, but will flee from him: for they know my voice." (Jn.10:14,5) Oh yes! We have heard many who sounded like the good Shepherd, but somehow we discerned them and fled.

And so we have been scattered, and we find ourselves with no visible shepherd. But the great Shepherd has arisen from within, and when, on occasion, we encounter a sheep of His flock, we find that we have been fed from the same pasture. We are following the same Word, we have been tested in the same way. It is when we no longer seek man's gatherings that we find ourselves part of the greatest gathering that has ever taken place anywhere. And it is all coordinated by God's own Hand.

Indeed from the beginning, God has set aside His own little flock. John saw the Lamb. *"Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads."* (Rev.14:1NASB)

Then he proceeds to describe them, *"These are the ones who have not been defiled (seduced and tainted) with women (churches and groups), for they have kept themselves chaste. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb. And NO LIE was found in their mouths; they are blameless."* (Vs.4-5)

This is the true church; the one who gives birth to the sons. She receives the Seed in her spiritual womb and nurtures it until that Seed Word has become flesh. This is the making of a son or man child in the womb of the church. The women who defile are those who receive the word of man and give birth to that. Organized churches are built on such works. They preach a word that builds on their own interpretation of prosperity in Christ. They tie up their flocks into programs, buildings, missions and many things to help the poor, which sounds good, but leaves the souls naked and blind, not knowing the true Christ.

The true church, who follows the Lamb and gives birth to the pure Word of God is not found in any of

the organized assemblies of man. She is gathered only by the Spirit. She has been taught by the Lord Himself. She has been washed in His Word and purified in His fire. She has given birth to the Word (the Manchild) who is caught up to the throne of God where the lies of the serpent cannot reach.

What we are seeing in the world today is the result of the warfare that has been raging between the seed of the serpent and the Seed of the woman (Christ). It is the warfare against the truth. When He who is the Truth is revealed in us, the head of the serpent will be totally trodden down. The veil will soon be removed, and the truth of the kingdom of God will soon inundate the earth. *"For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."* (Hab.2:14) It first fills the earth that we are, but it will soon be overflowing to the rest of the world. There is no doubt about that. All prophecies are being fulfilled.

A TIME TO BE BORN

*"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time **to be born, and a time to die**; A time to plant, and time to pluck up that which is planted;"* (Eccl.3:1-2) There is a beginning and an ending to everything under the sun. And the list goes on and on. This indeed is the way of life and death in this earthly realm.

Both the good and the evil work together to accomplish God's purposes. The Christ within us is formed and matures by being constantly assaulted and pounded, until He overcomes the foe. Paul declares, *"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."* (Rom.7:18) He was explaining the constant struggle of good and evil within.

"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." (Rom.7:21-23)

This duality will remain in us until sin and death has been swallowed up. It is the same in the world everywhere. The law of sin and death is at work, until all will be overcome and swallowed up by the life of Christ. Up to this time, the world has been in darkness and even gross darkness.

But God has ordained a “time of life” to come, when the darkness will be totally swallowed up of life. This is what we call the Day of the Lord. The sun of righteousness rising over the veil of darkness, and doing away with all that is part of this world of sin and death.

Darkness has had another purpose too. For it is under the cover of darkness that the Lord God has worked to prepare His bride for the time of life. She has been impregnated with His incorruptible Seed, and the formation of the Christ within her has been ongoing. It has been an “underground” job.

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

It had been nearly thirty years since Abram and Sarai left their home in Haran. He was ninety-nine now and his wife ninety and childless. Howbeit, he had begotten Ishmael, his son by Hagar the bondservant. But something unexpected and incredible was about to take place on that day.

It was a hot afternoon, and Abram was sitting by his tent door. *“And he lifted up his eyes and looked, and lo, three men stood by him. And when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground.”* (Gen.17:2)

Then he heard God speak and say, *“I will multiply thee exceedingly...As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be father of many nations.”* (Vs.2,4).

It was then that God changed Abram’s name to Abraham, meaning “father of many nations.” This new name suited his new calling. And God also blessed Sarai, *““And God said to Abraham, as for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be. And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her*

and she shall be mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her.” (Gen.17:15-16)

Abram was quick to recognize that these three were divine. He offered them water to drink and bread to eat, and he ran into the tent to tell Sarah to prepare bread. Then he ran to the herd to find a tender calf to roast and butter and milk too. These were very special visitors.

The feast was set up under a tree and they did eat. Then they asked him about his wife Sarah. He said, *“she is in the tent.” “And he (God) said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?”* (Gen.18:10-12)

*“And the Lord said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old? Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to **the time of life**, and Sarah shall have a son.”* (Gen.18:13-14)

Note that the scene began with three men, or three angels standing before Abraham; now there was only One and it was God Almighty making a very important announcement, *“Sarah shall have a son!”* Father, Son and Holy Spirit had appeared to Abraham and the three in One uttered the decree. The Word that was spoken that day was very powerful. It opened the womb of Sarah and gave new seed and vigor to Abraham.

The Word of the Lord is always more than just information, His Word is powerful to execute that for which it is sent. When we hear a Word from the Lord, it is to let us know what He is about to do.

This Abrahamic covenant also contained the promise of the land of Canaan for an everlasting possession. The sign or signature required of Abraham and his seed to seal this covenant was the circumcision of every man and boy.

SARAH MOCKED

Some may believe that Abraham's first son Ishmael was included in this covenant, but it is not so. This covenant was established in Isaac. God only recognized the son who was born of Sarah and not of the bondservant. Abraham pleaded with the Lord to include Ishmael in this covenant, but God was immovable. *"And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee!"* (Gen.17:18)

And so God promised to make Ishmael a great nation in the earth, but he never received the promise of the Christ Seed. This covenant was in Isaac and none other and Isaac is the only son from which the line of Israel and of Christ issues. Christ is the only "Connector" between God the Father and His creatures. There are none others having life. Our God is the only source of eternal life.

Not only was Abraham important in the birth of Isaac, but Sarah was the chosen one as well. The Christ creation that is soon to be birthed in the earth, is in the womb of the chosen bride today, His church made virgin. Jesus was born of a virgin. Sarah had no children and at ninety years of age her womb was considered virgin.

Jesus Christ in the flesh comes from the line of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob who is Israel. This is a chosen natural line for it is the earth in which the seed of faith is able to grow and allow the incorruptible Seed to take root. His bride is prepared to give birth to that very special Seed.

"Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made, He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ." (Gal.3:16)

Sarah becoming pregnant was truly a divine operation. It intercepted the line of Adam; it was the beginning of the line from which Jesus Christ was later born, and also from which everyone who is born again or born of the Spirit, issues.

In Christ, the sign that we are in this covenant is the circumcision of the heart. This work is accomplished within us by God's Holy Spirit. There is a real circumcision of the heart and a real birthing of a new creature from the Seed of Christ (living Word) in us.

The birth of Jesus happened in accordance with the Word that God had spoken to Isaiah, *"Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet saying, 'Behold a virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name 'Immanuel,' which is translated, God with us.'"* (Matt. 1: 22-23)

It was the angel Gabriel who spoke the Word of prophecy to Mary that she shall bear a son. That was not mere information; it prepared her womb to receive the seed that formed Jesus. Peter says that *"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well to take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, **until the day star arise in your hearts.**"* (II Pet.1:19)

The more sure word of prophecy is that the One called "the Day Star" will soon arise within us. This Word of prophecy has been spoken to us by the Holy Spirit, and it is confirmed through the written Word. So we have a double witness which makes it a MORE SURE WORD OF PROPHECY. We have the Spirit and the Word and the two are the witnesses that establish the truth and bring it all to pass.

Furthermore, we cannot deny that the Day Star has been arising in our hearts. The Day Star is Christ fully resurrected within us. When the Day Star appears, the Word of prophecy will be fulfilled. The Christ Manchild will appear. This is a spiritual birthing. This is why Jesus told Nicodemus, *"Ye must be born again."* We are first born of the earth as living souls with the seed of Adam. Then we are born again of the Spirit with the Seed of Christ. Then we are born of God, when soul and spirit become One new man.

Sarah laughed because she was old and thought that she could no longer bear children. She was thinking with her natural mind. She was actually mocking because she did not believe it could really happen. I don't think Mary the young virgin laughed; she believed. But do we, His virgin church, really believe that we have been carrying this Manchild in our spiritual womb? Do we really believe it, or do we

laugh within ourselves, as Sarah did, finding all kinds of reasons that convince us that “it is impossible.”

We know one thing for sure, “When a woman is pregnant she knows that she is pregnant.” We may laugh or sneer and say that this is all foolishness, but that does not change a thing, “we have been impregnated with His Word of life.” There is a definite quickening and a moving deep within when we hear His voice. There is even a leaping of the child when he hears that indeed he will come forth and be birthed in his time. As Paul plainly prayed, there is a new creature being formed and yearning to come out and be free.

Pregnancy takes place in secret. No one sees how the baby takes form. Today, technology allows pictures to be taken showing the baby in the womb. Surgery can even be performed on the unborn child, but the way that life itself comes into that child remains hid with God. Life is not a science, life is not a religion, life is God Himself.

Death has ruled over the souls of men and the entire creation for millenniums, but the last trump, announcing the coming of the time of life is already being heard. It began with Jesus’s resurrection. Now the Seed that was planted in His own is ready to yield its fruit. Then more seed will be planted and the harvest of new life will continue throughout the ages to come. The earth is the field and the good Seed is the Christ who will produce many harvests to come.

FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT

It was after His resurrection that Jesus appeared to the disciples and said, “*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.*” (Matt.28:19-20) This is the “great commission.”

And so in accord with this, churches have been baptizing Christians in the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit as well as in the name of Jesus. Yet we know that God is not three separate persons, God is One.

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord.” (Deu.6:4)

Many Christian congregations still repeat the creed of Nicene, which is a statement of belief that dates back to the Council convened by the Emperor Constantine in 381AD. In that statement we find the affirmation of faith in “God in three persons” which it calls, “Holy Trinity.” When God set out to create man, He declared, “*LET US make man in OUR image, after OUR likeness...*” (Gen.1:26) We know that the Word was with God and the Word is the Son of God. The Father and the Son were the two in One from the beginning. But is not the Holy Spirit a part of the Godhead?

Speaking of those who had not seen him in the flesh, Paul says, “*That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge...As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him...For in him dwelleth all the FULNESS OF THE GODHEAD BODILY. AND YE ARE COMPLETE HIM, which is the head of all principality and power.*” (Col.2:2-3,6,9-10)

Could we conclude that Christ is the “Container” of all that God is to us? Yes, but Christ is much more. When Jesus asked Peter, “*But who do you say that I am?*” Peter answered rightfully, “*Thou art THE CHRIST, the Son of the living God.*” (Matt.16:16) Jesus was The Christ, the Son of God, the Anointed One, yet when He put on the robe of flesh, He became as a man, subject unto death. Paul writes, “*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: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*” (Phil.2:5-8)

The Son of God left His place of glory in the Godhead and became a man. John testifies, “*And we*

have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.” (I Jn.4:14).

This is why later, Jesus prayed to the Father, *“I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the **glory which I had with thee before the world was.**” (Jn.17:4-5)*

To become the Saviour of the world, Jesus submitted Himself to the lower level of man. We are told that He put on the seed of Abraham, *“For verily he took not on him the nature of angels, but he took on him the seed of Abraham.” (Heb.2:16)* Jesus was born an Israelite after the flesh. But He had the faith of Abraham. He was the Christ and the Father dwelt in Him. While on earth, Jesus was the Treasury, the Depository of the glory of God; this made Him the Christ. He was the Ark of the covenant and the true temple of God not made with hands. All the treasures of knowledge and wisdom were hid in Him.

After His resurrection and ascension, the Father sent His Holy Spirit into those who would walk out their calling, sanctification and glorification in the earth. Thus Jesus became the firstborn among many brethren. He then re-entered the Godhead and put on the same glory that He had before with the Father.

“For whom he did foreknow, he also predestinated to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called; and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.” (Rom.8:29-30)

When the Son went back to the Father, He not only receive the same glory He had before, but now He was the beginning of a new creation in the earth. His work was not yet complete. He was now sitting at God’s right Hand, to bring in the firstfruits that had been chosen in Him. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, they were led to follow the path chosen for them. They had to be trained to follow their High Priest in the eternal order of Melchizedek, and to finally becoming one in the Father and the Son.

The Father and the Son come together as One. Then the Head (Son) and the body (His brethren) are also made one with the Father. This is the beginning of the gathering of all living things in Christ. The rest shall be finished in the fulness of times, in the ages to come. *“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.” (Eph.1:10)*

For God to be ALL IN ALL, all things that have life must be gathered into Christ. Those who were chosen and predestinated were in Christ in Spirit before, but through their walk in the earth, they return as new creatures. They are the dwelling place of the Father, in heaven and in earth.

Jesus Christ is the Pattern Son. He is the Firstborn among many brethren. He is the Beginning of the creation of God. Jesus is the only begotten Son of God. He is the only Redeemer and Savior. He is the Head of the Body.

Jesus Christ is the only One who when He was equal with God, *“...emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond servant, and being made in the likeness of men, being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. FOR THIS REASON ALSO, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth; and that every tongue will confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Phil.2:10 NASB)*

All things, came from God the Father, for He is the only source of life. And all things must return to God the Father. Only now they will have been refined in the furnace of earth. They will not be “spirit” only, they will have been reborn in the image of the Son of God. They will be born again, new creatures, spirit, soul and body by partaking of the bread and wine of His resurrection. The Lord God reigneth!

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