

The release of the spirit, the purpose of the cross—

“He broke down the barrier of the dividing wall by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile in one body to God through the cross... for through Him we have access in one Spirit to the Father.”

I understand this to mean, the barrier divided the human nature and divine nature or soul and spirit, and captivated the spirit (behind the barrier to the garden of Eden, symbolically the entrance back into Paradise). This also is symbolized in the veil that was rent (an open door to the way back) at the time of Jesus' death on the cross. The spirit is released from being held captive (the plan and will of God) when the soul and spirit become UNITED while embodied in one who has come to the end of themselves and KNOWS the fullness of the Christ within... Oh, yes! To be filled with the fullness of God! This is what I now understand to be the “saving of the soul”. FOR IN THIS UNION, THE RESULT IS A NEW LIFE... RESURRECTION LIFE!

HE DROVE MAN OUT of the “Garden of Eden” and set a “barrier” to guard the way to the tree of life (eternal life). “I know the plans I have for you, to give you peace and not evil, to give you a future and a hope (of eternal life, now).” His plans included Jesus to show the way to peace... the way of trust in the Father. HE BROKE DOWN THE BARRIER THAT SEPARATED THE SOUL AND SPIRIT.

He was born of God and made it possible for mankind to live by the “born of God spirit”. Peace of mind and peace on earth. “This mortal must put on immortality”

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