#### **NEW BIRTH TECHNICIANS**

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# **THE ORIGIN OF SIN**

The prophet Ezekiel explains how Lucifer's abundance of trade caused iniquity to be found in him, which led him to commit the first sin:

### Ezekiel 28:13, 14-16

"You [Lucifer] were in Eden, the garden of God ...You were the anointed cherub [archangel] who covers, and I [God] placed you there ....
You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, until unrighteousness was found in you.

By the abundance of your trade [merchandise and business] you were internally filled with violence, and you sinned ... "

This abundant volume of trade filled Lucifer with so much violence that he actually launched a frontal assault against Jehovah to get more.

This appears to be the first example of how the lust for money and material possession can drive anyone to believe that they don't have to obey God's Word.

"Your heart was lifted up [in pride] because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor .... "(V 17)

 Once Lucifer came to believe that he was God's equal, he lost his submission to God and began to make up his own rules. It was here that he began to operate according to his own unrighteous standards when conducting his business affairs.

### Ezekiel 28:18

"By the multitude of your iniquities, in the unrighteousness of your trade, you profaned your sanctuaries"

Lucifer's abundant trade produced the root sin of lust to obtain wealth faster than righteous trading would allow. So he began to implement dishonest business practices that he used to cheat his trading partners. This ended his ministry as the covering cherub, and God expelled him from the Kingdom, thus excluding him from its business affairs.

# **STRUCTURAL DAMAGE OF MAN IN SIN**

Lucifer was created in the image of God and not the likeness; in that He only had the soul and body made of stones. He had no spirit and hence iniquity was found in his soul.

- In the corruption of his soul, he set in motion the <u>power of</u>
   <u>sin.</u> By this power, he was able to entice Eve to succumb.
- The first sin found its root in the soul of the first man; thereby corrupting the human race.

In the history of the human race, there are basically four epochs the first man | the first Adam | the second man (last Adam) | the Perfect Man.

### 1 Corinthians 15:45-47

"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."

### Ephesians 4:13

"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"

In the garden, the first man Adam (Kadmon, Harishon, Ha-Matzar, Ha-Toledot, etc) had a spirit, soul and body.

## v. 7 ---their eyes opened.

In this regard, their spirit shut down and disconnected from the Primodial source (Kadmon). This meant that the Adam Ha-Matzar will depend on their natural eyes to see instead of the spirit to perceive. The reverse would require faith; hence its fixed place in the new birth experience.

This birthed the reality of the **nature of sin.** The nature of sin is the record of sin in the DNA of man; bringing the body's essence to bear.

### **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"

# v. 7 --- they became naked.

This meant that their bodies were stripped of the divine covering that allowed them to regenerate themselves in an evolving manner. Now the uncovered body degenerates and dissolves into death through the instruments of toil, sickness and diseases.

This birthed the reality of the **penalty of sin.** The penalty of sin is the automated judgement of death that is passed legally unto the human race.

### 1 Corinthians 15:22

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

NB: What man inherited in the operation of sin is not the POWER OF SIN but the NATURE AND PENALTY of sin. In Christ, the nature and penalty are dealt with but the Power of sin abides in the devil alone.

That is why the new creation who is not enlightened in the blessedness of the new birth can still go back to sin because the power still abides in the devil, who will be destroyed in the last day.

### 2 Thessalonians 2:7-13

For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his

coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

# THE TECHNOLOGY OF THE REDEMPTION

Redemption is a dual operation of both Salvation and the New Birth.

Salvation is the means to the New Birth, that is to say we are saved from sin so we can be born again into life.

The center of salvation is the cross; and the center of the new birth is the zion (the throne).

The cross is for the death of Christ in solving the sin problem. The throne is for the life of the risen Christ in solving the life problem.

### **The Death of the Cross**

On the death side, there are again two aspects—namely, "substitution," and "identification" or "co-death." These two aspects gather up all the significance of the words, "the death of the cross."

# 1. Substitution

This speaks of Jesus taking the place of humanity in sin and paying the satisfying the legal demands of the **penalty of sin**.

#### Isaiah 53:5-6

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned

every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all"

### 1 Corinthians 15:3

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures"

### Galatians 3:13

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree"

### **Ephesians 1:7**

"In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace"

There are four facts in the substitution:
□All are sinners. Romans 3:23
■Wages of Sin is death. Romans 6:23
Jesus became sin and died for all. 2 Corinthians 5:15
WHoever believes this fact receives salvation. Acts 13:48

### 2. Identification / Co-Death

In this aspect of Christ death, we participate in the death by the principle of inclusion and representation.

This is a fact both to be believed and to be consciously applied in faith.

The identification in the death of Christ solves the issue of the *nature of sin*.

#### Romans 6:6

"Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin."

2 Corinthians 5:14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

This kind of co-death is quite different from the six points mentioned before. For this has to do with forfeiting legitimate rights, just as in the example of Christ who "poured out his soul unto death".

### Isaiah 53:12

"Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

"Soul" here comprises man's intellect, feeling and affection. All these are legitimate. Yet our Lord "poured out his soul unto death." In a similar vein Paul said, "I die daily"

### 1 Corinthians 15:31

"I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily."

### The Life of the Throne

The "life" side comprises three aspects; which are,

- (1) Man living in the Lord the place of conscious presence and atmosphere.
- (2) The Lord living in man; the place of gifts and power of the Holy Spirit
- (3) Living for the Lord. the place of active service

Upon completing these three aspects, the believer shall live a victorious life. This is the place of ministry and rewards.

In living for the Lord, God has made us able ministers of the new covenant in order to fully execute the mandate of the reconciliation.

#### 2 Corinthians 3:5-8

"Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;

Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away:

How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?"

# THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILATION

The fall of man in Adam resulted in the separation of God from man, as well as earth and all that it contains.

God had originally created the heavens and earth for fellowship and for His personal expression, which in the fullness of time He sought to accomplish in His Son.

### Ephesians:2:13

"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:"

The foundational work of Christ in reconnecting the earth to the Father is committed to us in the ministry of Reconciliation.

#### 2 Corinthians:5:18-19

"And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;
To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation."

### 1 Corinthians:3:9

"For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building."

### What is Reconciliation?

It is basically the establishment of relationship and connection between two parties or situations.

The ministry of reconciliation is an entrustment by mercy.

### 2 Corinthians:4:1

"Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;"

Our faithfulness is required in the carrying of this ministry.

### 1 Corinthians:4:1-2

"Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

### THE AGENTS OF RECONCILIATION

# **The Holy Spirit**

He is the Spirit of Power that enables our witness of Christ's resurrection.

#### Acts:1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

He teaches us what to say as carriers of the ministry of reconciliation.

### John:16:13

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

He prepares the heart of men for repentance to leads to salvation.

### John:16:8

And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

# The Reaper Angels

Angels are ministers to the heirs of salvation.

#### Hebrews:1:14

"Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"

"And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed."

There are various kinds of angels and one of such is the reaper angels: who are designed to reap men for gathering.

Matthew 13:24-30, 34-39

Vs 38 and 39.

The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;

The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

You engage them by speaking and releasing them to work.

# The Sickles of Gathering.

### Mark:4:29

"But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come."

**Revelation:14:14-16** 

"And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped."

### **Ephesians:4:8**

"Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men."

These are special graces, talents and abilities God has given to believers.

We must realize our talents and abilities are God's instruments for harvest.