

WHY I NEEDED JESUS

***A classic study of the work that
Christ did through His death, burial
and resurrection.***

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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to my lovely wife Scoriah, my daughter Divine Shalom Nuwaha and all the members and partners of Logos ministries.

APPRECIATION.

I appreciate my nephew Brian who did the typing work of this book and above all my Precious friend, The Holy Spirit who guides me in all truth.

FOREWORD

Many people are open to the idea of God but do not know how to live life with God and others do not understand why they should be born again. Many Christians today do not understand the impact of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection nonetheless what happened to them when they got born again.

From our early Christian life, we have so much been taught what happened to us when Adam sinned that what happened to us when Christ died for us is less known and emphasized in many churches that many do not understand it fully.

Romans 5:19-“For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous”

In this book “**Why I needed Jesus**”, Pastor Eliot-a man so passionate about God, souls and ministry-beautifully explains fully the work that Jesus did through his death, burial and resurrection. He offers insights on what it really means to be born again and who/what you are as a born again Christian. This book is filled with good information expressed in a refreshingly simple and direct style and is a must read for every saint of God.

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THE FIRST ADAM

The man Adam was created in the image of God, he became a living being (soul) and was granted dominion to rule creation. He was the first and began the human race. All people of the earth were born from Adam.

Genesis 1:26-27 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His [own] image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

The story began so excellently. Man lived in the presence of God, in the Garden of Eden. The garden that God Himself planted and designed for man to enjoy. Until one day when the enemy lusted after Adam's position; the old serpent (satan) cunningly tricked him to eat the forbidden fruit that God had commanded not to eat.

Genesis 3:4-6 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree [was] good for food, that it [was] pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make [one] wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

Though Adam is seen living on physically, something of great impact had happened. God could not reach man anymore and man could not reach God. The all-powerful and all-knowing God could not reach man because a wall of separation was created. For the first time, God asked where Adam was.

Genesis 3:9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where [are] you?"

It was such a desperate call. God loves fellowship. He was so deeply hurt when he stretched his hand and found that he could not touch Adam.

At this time both Adam and God were in different kingdoms. God was in the kingdom of light, His kingdom and Adam was already dragged in the kingdom of

darkness; the domain of Satan. The two could not meet. Adam sold his rights to the devil.

Romans 6:16-17 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin [leading] to death, or of obedience [leading] to righteousness? But God be thanked that [though] you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.

Adam presented himself a slave to obey the devil and surely a slave of the devil he became.

RESULTS OF SIN.

Disobedience to God and obedience to the devil gave birth to another nature in Adam; it was a nature of sin. That is why it was impossible for God to cooperate with man. The sin nature was and is parallel to God. God cannot operate with the nature that is not His. For God hates sin.

a) Death resulted

Death means separation from the world where you once lived. Man lived in the "World" of God. So when he died, he was eternally separated from God. Every created thing derives its life from the creator. This is possible when the created thing is still in touch with the creator. But now Adam was disconnected from God, and hence he died; and not only that but also physical death resulted.

Genesis 2:17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin [is] death ...

This eternal separation from God meant lack of Joy, happiness and peace and it brought the experience of torment and suffering. Man is nothing without God, and what he was supposed to master instead mastered him.

Genesis 5:5 So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and he died.

A man Adam who was created to live forever dies a cheap life of only 950 years; imagine!

b) Struggling

Man was not created to struggle, to sweat. No, everything was already put in place for him. Like everything was responding to the Word of God, so was everything supposed to respond to Adam. But because sin separated him from God, it caused him to live the presence of God and that was the first time sweating for survival came; for the ground was cursed. Everything created became hostile to Adam. Suddenly a lion started eating fresh of which man wasn't exceptional. Instead of soil yielding to Adam, it started calling him back to return.

Genesis 3:17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': " Cursed [is] the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat [of] it All the days of your life.

c) Man left the garden of Eden

God, in as much as He loved man, He could not tolerate the presence of sin in the good Garden of Eden. So it was important to expel man from the Garden of Eden into the world. It was important to protect man from eating from the tree of life; for it would have made it possible for man to live forever but in sin. The tree of life had the ability to cause Adam to live forever. But imagine Adam living for ever but a sinner. That's why it was important for him not to eat on the tree of life after the fall.

Genesis 3:24 So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

d) Man was exposed to the knowledge of evil.

It's amazing that Adam was the first man, gave birth to two sons; Cain and Abel. Where did Cain get the knowledge of killing the brother?

Genesis 4:8 Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

The nature of sin in Cain was sin and surely it had to bear a fruit thereof. He didn't need any man to teach him how to murder, there and then, his body could sin because of the inner drive.

The list would be long if I was to write about all the results of sin; the list is endless which all include the suffering of man, and these are sickness and diseases, division in languages, child birth pains, floods, locusts, bondage etc. The pattern continued.

God had commanded Adam not to eat the fruit, not Eve. Though Eve ate it first, the biggest responsibility was on Adam.

Genesis 3:6 So when the woman saw that the tree [was] good for food, that it [was] pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make [one] wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

So from that time, sin moved from one generation to another through a man (male) not a female. Children belong to a man (father) not a mother. Children inherit what belongs to their father's family not what belongs to their mother's family.

So the same principle spiritually holds. It is the father who transmits sin from himself to the off springs. This means that every person born of a man carries his sin nature.

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

So this sin transmitted death in every man that was born.

1 Corinthians 15:22a. For as in Adam all die,

This means that every man was separated from God. We were born when we were already slaves in the kingdom of darkness.

Romans 5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

So this answers the question of the people who claim that they have never sinned thinking they don't need a Savior. You didn't have to do anything to be a sinner. When Adam sinned, you were included in his sin. No matter who your father or mother are, as long as you are born of man and a woman, then you are a sinner and you need a savior.

IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE

a) It was impossible for God

God respects His word so much that he can't go beyond what it says. No body and nothing can stop Him, but His word can stop him. He is a God of integrity. Whatever he promises, He doesn't change His mind.

Numbers 23:19 "God [is] not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"

God is Spirit. He created heaven for himself and earth for man to have dominion over.

Psalms 115:16 The heaven, [even] the heavens, [are] the LORD's; But the earth He has given to the children of men.

So this loving God who is Spirit, could not come into earth and help man. His own principle would stop him. And the devil would accuse him of being unreliable to His word. There is no way he could overtake man and touch the place he put under the authority of man without permission. Therefore it had to take a man to deliver mankind.

The all-powerful God was helplessly in heaven watching His image suffering on earth. The devil had created such a gap that he would torment man and God had nothing to do about it. God tried all methods to save man but all in vain. He brought the law, judges, kings, priests and prophets, but all this could not save man. Man was already having another nature in him. And he was living in another kingdom, so whatever God did then couldn't effect a change in man.

Isaiah 65:2 I have stretched out My hands all day long to a rebellious people, Who walk in a way [that is] not good, According to their own thoughts;

God stretched out his hand, but man could not sense the touch of God; for it was impossible for a carnal (fallen) to sense a spiritual God.

b) It was impossible for man.

In the midst of sin, man had nothing to do to save himself.

- (i) No sacrifice could take away his sins. No matter how big and how many times man sacrificed.

Hebrews 10:4 For [it is] not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

Perhaps man could have offered bulls or goats for his freedom. But the bible says they were not sufficient. In fact the blood of bulls and goats was not equivalent in value to the life of man. Nothing on earth has value equivalent to that of man; not even silver or gold. Therefore there was nothing created that could work as a medium of exchange for the redemption of man.

- (ii) the law was a high standard that man could not reach.

The law was what gave sin the strength to torment man. The presence of the law manifested the reality of sin. The more the law sounded the more sinful man realized he was.

1 Corinthians 15:56 The sting of death [is] sin, and the strength of sin [is] the law.

Those who pursued it never attained to it.

Romans 9:31 but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness.

This is true because when you failed one, you had failed the whole law. But still the human strength couldn't even do anything of the law. And moreover the law expanded the trespass, the sin became more grievous

Romans 5:20a Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound...

The law brought the knowledge of sin and simply showed how sinful we were

Romans 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law [is] the knowledge of sin.

JESUS, THE PERFECT EXCHANGE

Between Malachi to events written in Matthew, there are 400 years while God was in silence. There was darkness in the whole earth. There was no dream neither open vision. The service in the temple had turned out to be a religious one. It was just a custom, and now it was even the casting of lots that determined who entered the Holy of holies. Therefore no hope for the restoration of Israel, people lived in the bondage of fear. Then suddenly, God broke the silence and the angel announced the birth of the savior to Mary, what seemed impossible was now becoming possible

Luke 1:28-33 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored [one,] the Lord [is] with you; blessed [are] you among women!" But when she saw [him,] she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

Just mentioning the Name Jesus sounded indeed great news. Israelites understood the meaning of names and I believe many immediately knew the angel had announced salvation. It sounded impossible but it was true. God had accepted to pour out His love by giving His only Son, to take the form of man and rescue man

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

The world was all lost, so God decided to give His son to the rescue of the world. Our eyes must be open to see what exactly took place. Jesus was and is God. God is Spirit and couldn't operate in this physical fallen world. But a miracle happened, and indeed it was a wonder. This God turned into a man in a womb of a virgin. He was the Messiah, the God-man redeemer that promised. Jesus was a man having "all of God in Him".



Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, "[The] Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

The Holy Spirit changed God into a man, otherwise it was impossible for God to come and live on earth. God prepared a body for the Word to come into this world.

Hebrews 10:5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: [" Sacrifice and offering You did not desire,] [But a body You have prepared for Me.]

It is only physical bodies that are allowed to function in His world. So God had to put on a body in order to help man. It is only the sons of man that have authority to operate in this world.

Psalms 115:16 The heaven, [even] the heavens, [are] the LORD's; But the earth He has given to the children of men.

That is why Jesus was called the son of man, in order to be granted right/permission to operate in this earth.

Matthew 9:6 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

John 6:53 Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.

Spirits do not have authority to operate on earth. Bodies carrying flesh and blood are the only ones permitted to carry out their operations. At this point, when the Word becomes flesh (human being) living among us He has permission to anything in this earth and the devil is helpless.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

The devil can't separate this God in flesh from stretching His hand to heal the fallen man. He obtained authority to function on earth as soon as he put on the physical body. And then Jesus full of the Holy Spirit and power begins the mission of liberating man

Luke 4:18-19 " The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."

Life for life/ tit for tat is a fair game

Exodus 21:23-25 But if [any] harm follows, then you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

Deuteronomy 19:20-21 And those who remain shall hear and fear, and hereafter they shall not again commit such evil among you. Your eye shall not pity: life [shall be] for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

In the days of the law, when you *hurt* your friend's eye, your eye also would be hurt. An exact thing would be also done to you as you did to another. Even at this point, the world needed a perfect exchange. The one who would replay the game "life for life". And this is what Jesus came to do. He came to be a ransom for the world.

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

In other words, he came to give His son as an exchange for those who were in the world. This is the love of God revealed and manifested in the world. On the cross, He took your place and mine, died in our place. He represented us on the cross. Jesus did it all, he paid the price. It was not easy, it was painful but worth it.

Philippians 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to [the point of] death, even the death of the cross.

The enmity that was between God and man, Jesus nailed it on the cross and the wall of separation between God and man was removed.

Ephesians 2:13-16 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, [that is,] the law of commandments [contained] in

ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man [from] the two, [thus] making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

God had to look for something more valuable than the life of man because nothing on earth could have the power to purchase man. That is why He chose the life of His son. His son carried no sin, He did not know sin.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin [to be] sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

And from what we already talked about in the first chapter of this book, sin was transmitted by a father. It was very IMPOSSIBLE for Jesus to carry sin because he wasn't a son of an earthly man, but a son of God; He was Holy and sinless.

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, "[The] Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

He was the seed/offspring of the woman that God had promised in the beginning that would crush the head of the serpent

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

Every form of punishment, me and you were supposed to get Jesus suffered it on the cross. Every sin must be punished and so Jesus received every punishment for every sin that was ours.

Lamentations 3:39 Why should a living man complain, A man for the punishment of his sins?

And yet this sin was not His, Jesus owned it and so received the due punishment for it

Isaiah 53:4-5 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But He [was] wounded for our transgressions, [He was] bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace [was] upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

GOD IS JUST

Being just means being fair in treatment of people. God demonstrated His justice, He had to punish sin. Sin deserves punishment. For God to remain just, He had to punish sin or otherwise He would be counted unreliable and lacking integrity. But yet His justice revealed His grace and mercy to the world when Jesus carried all the sins of the world and He took all the punishment the world deserved.

Romans 4:25 who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

And through the death of Jesus, God justifies those who believe. To justify means to pronounce one just or righteous. It means to regard someone innocent or free. So according to God, through Christ, you are innocent and free.

Romans 5:1-2 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 4:5 But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness,

God is just in a way that He had to administer punishment that sin deserved. He couldn't let sin go unpunished though He wanted to extend mercy and grace to mankind. Punishment for sin was inevitable. So this God instead sent His own son to become sin and receive all the punishments that humanity was supposed to suffer and then humanity receives the forgiveness. If God was to punish, all humanity would have suffered, but rather, He punished one, Christ on our behalf. Jesus took the punishment we deserved and then we received mercy we did not deserve.

TO BE BORN AGAIN

Jesus received the punishment that was due for the world. And this gives Him the legal right to save and forgive those who believe.

Luke 5:24 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the man who was paralyzed, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

Jesus is the only one who was granted the power to forgive sins. He paid His own blood and purchased the whole world. We must receive His free offer if we are to be granted this forgiveness. Only those who receive Him can be the sons of God through Christ.

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

Remember man had lost his way back to the father in the garden. So this made Jesus the only way back to the Father. Not your mother, Father, Pastor, Priest or Reverend, but only Jesus. No one else shed his *blood* except Jesus.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

The name Jesus has the same interpretation as Joshua or Jehoshua and they all mean "Jehovah is salvation". There is therefore salvation in the Name of Jesus

Acts 2:21 [And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.']

Acts 4:10-12 let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN.

Jesus had a warm conversation one night with a Pharisee, a leader in Israel, Nicodemus by name. The man seemed to have many questions, but the only answer Jesus gave him was to be born again. The man gave attention to the deeds of Jesus, the miracles and wonders took his attention and yet Jesus wanted him to *realize one thing*, how he could have the nature of God in him. The deeds of Jesus were not the big deal, but being born again was.

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Being born again is not a suggestion but rather a command if you are to live the life of God. Being born again means being born in the family of God. You have to be born of God, by His word and His Spirit.

John 3:5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water (the Word) and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. (emphasis is mine)

This will enable you to be translated from the realm of death (eternal separation from God) to the realm of life (eternal connection with God). This is what it means to be saved.

How does one get saved?

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

You must receive Jesus as your savior and Lord. This is only possible with two steps. You must believe and then confess.

Romans 10:8-10 But what does it say? ["The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"] (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

- Believing gives you righteousness
- Confession offers you salvation

When the word of God comes to you, it takes two places, namely, your heart and your mouth. It is in your heart that you may believe it and it's in your mouth that you confess it.

Proverbs 28:13 He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes [them] will have mercy.

Believing is good but not enough, confessing must follow. Even demons believe, but the only difference is that they don't confess, they just tremble.

James 2:19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!

So you must confess. Confession makes the deal complete. It makes you possess this vital power in you. It makes what you believe your own. In other words, you possess what you believe when you confess.

Matthew 10:32 "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

Luke 12:8 "Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God.

When you confess Jesus, He also confesses you before His father in heaven. That's when the transaction between hell and heaven takes place. At that particular moment, the power of the Holy Spirit translates you from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of God's dear son.

Colossians 1:13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed [us] into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

Confession brings agreement in the Spirit realm. It makes a person admit and make the substance of what they utter their own. This means that if you confess Jesus, you make Him your own. His life becomes your own and hence you are saved. That's the only way we can be born in the family of God, by accepting His only son.

John 5:11-12 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Receiving the son of God, who is the Eternal living word is like eating food in the physical life. When you eat cassava, you definitely receive carbohydrates. And when you eat eggs, then get ready to find proteins and fats because that is exactly what eggs carry. So when you receive Jesus Christ, His life you will receive.

John 6:54 Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is left with us to receive this eternal life; and we receive it by believing and confessing.

John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have [it] more abundantly.

Please receive it. And if you have never confessed Jesus as your savior and Lord, then with your heart open unto the Lord, confess this prayer audibly to your self

Dear Lord Jesus, I believe and confess that you died, you were buried and rose again. I believe that you are the son of the Living God. I receive your life in me. From today, I confess that am born again and am a child of God. Therefore I am saved. Amen

If you have confessed this prayer with faith then congratulations, you are born again and a child of God. You are now part of God's family.

THE SECOND ADAM

1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

The second Adam is Christ Jesus, the son of the Living God.

Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, ["The first man Adam became a living being."] The last Adam [became] a life-giving spirit.

Romans 5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

The first world, the life of the physical beings on earth all started with Adam. He is the earthly father of all Humanity on earth. God created Adam, and through him, sons and daughters that filled the earth were born.

Adam died, and he died in the spirit. He was eternally separated from the life of God. So, every man that was descendant of Adam was born separated from God.

1 Corinthians 15:22a. For as in Adam all die,

Thanks be to the Lord of mercy. Through the second Adam, (Jesus Christ), all shall live

1 Corinthians 15:22. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

Jesus is the opposite of Adam that was created. Through Adam, death reigned on earth, but through Jesus life reigned.

Romans 5:14-15 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. But the free gift [is] not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.

And through Jesus Christ, we receive the abundance of grace to reign in life.

Romans 5:17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

Let's look at the difference between the two Adams

1. The first Adam was a living being while the second Adam was a life giving spirit. In other words, the second Adam is greater than the first; in that he can give life

1 Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, ["The first man Adam became a living being."] The last Adam [became] a life-giving spirit.

2. In the first Adam, we all died but in the second Adam all are made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

3. The first Adam brought death and the second Adam (Jesus Christ) brought resurrection from the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:21 For since by man [came] death, by Man also [came] the resurrection of the dead.

4. Through the first Adam, judgment and condemnation came, but through the second Adam (Jesus Christ), righteousness and justification

Romans 5:16 And the gift [is] not like [that which came] through the one who sinned. For the judgment [which came] from one [offense resulted] in condemnation, but the free gift [which came] from many offenses [resulted] in justification.

Romans 5:18 Therefore, as through one man's (the first Adam) offense [judgment came] to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's (the second Adam, Jesus Christ) righteous act [the free gift came] to all men, resulting in justification of life. (Emphasis is mine)

5. Through the first Adam, many (all) became sinners whereas through the second Adam, many are made righteous

Romans 5:19 For as by one man's (the first Adam) disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's (the second Adam, Jesus Christ) obedience many will be made righteous.

We thank God for Jesus Christ our second Adam. For the wall of separation is removed. We are no longer lost and we have peace with God.

Ephesians 2:14-16 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, [that is,] the law of commandments [contained] in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man [from] the two, [thus] making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

We are free in Him, we move in Him and have all things that we need. The days of struggle are over; we are restored.

Acts 17:28 for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'

YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

In the previous chapters of this book we have labored to walk with you from Genesis showing what the state of man was before, what happened and what man became. But we thank God, for in Christ, the story starts again. Men and women are born from different backgrounds; that is to say, different nativity, tribes, family statuses, with certain personalities and traits, imbalances and infirmities. However, in Christ, all those don't matter anymore. God starts a new walk, unleashes new hope and engineers a new life

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone [is] in Christ, [he is] a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

This is very important and we must take a close look at the above scripture and see what the spirit of the Lord is communicating to us.

A). if anyone is in Christ

This means that the opportunity is not for the chosen few. It's not about your education background, Nationality, body size and color; no, scripture says *if anyone is in Christ*. It's an open-cheque statement. You may never have studied, or gotten married or perhaps all your family members rejected you. The good news is that the condition is only as long as you are in Christ.

B). he is a new creation.

When the Bible says "a new creation" then it definitely means a new creation. You are a new set of being that has never been before. You just became that when you came into Christ. You were rebirthed, created a new and got a fresh start. I have heard people who plead for another chance; God loved us and gave us another chance to live again in Christ. It is not time to blame Adam and Eve for what they did; your part is to be in Christ and have a fresh start.

C). old things have passed away.

I like the contemporary version of the Bible. Here it says that "*the past is forgotten*" Now let's talk about this shortly. If God has surely forgotten your past life, why do you want to remind Him? I know you failed, stole, lied, and wasted your time; that's okay now that you are in Christ. That happened before Christ but now these old

things are passed away. God says that your past is forgotten. He loves you so much that he forgets your poor devastating smelling past life. God is love and God (Love) keeps no records of wrongs

1 Corinthians 13:5 (NIV) It (love) does not dishonor others, it (love) is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it (love) keeps no record of wrongs.

Don't seek what your father or mother failed or did not accomplish. Here, generation curses cannot cross, the past you had died and you that lives are a new creation.

Colossians 3:2-3 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

D). behold all things have become new

The bible is saying "all things" not "some things" everything about you became new, your name, your blood, genes, heritage etc. All became new. It is the dawn of a new day in your life. The darkness is over and the morning has come. That is why it is impossible for you to lie or to steal, if you do so then you are going against your nature. Because that old life that you had passed away; it died and surely you buried it. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit; it is impossible for you to produce bad fruit.

THE RE-CREATED YOU

We looked at the differences between the first and the second Adam in chapter 5. Remember that the first Adam is the man that God created, the second Adam is Jesus Christ. In the first Adam the whole Human race was created, and in Christ the second Adam, we are re-created.

This means that God did not paint on you another color. He did not just pick you from the world and put you in church building. No, it's more than that. He translated you from one kingdom to another, namely; from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of God's dear son. But yet there is another amazing thing that took place. There was a nature transplant. The nature of sin was removed from us and we are given the nature of God: the nature of righteousness.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He made Him (Jesus Christ) who knew no sin [to be] sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (Emphasis is mine)

In other words, God dismantled us completely and built us again. But the material He used was Christ himself. The nature of sin died, was buried and then we were given the nature of God. You are not what you see in the mirror. You are more than that physical body that houses the real you. The real you is like Christ, after the order of the son of God.

Never identify yourself by how many clothes in your wardrobe, how much money in your wallet or the number of certificates you attained. In Christ, you are a new creation. A complete new set of being created for good works. In simple terms, I call you, who is born again, a recreated spirit. You are made from heaven, in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].

In this life where you were introduced through Christ Jesus, the devil is not your master, not your brother, neither your servant. God is your father, Jesus Christ is your Lord and a big brother, the Holy Spirit is your helper. You no longer have any relationship with your past. Hallelujah! your past is forgotten.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (CEV) Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new

Your past died and was buried. Please do not go back to resurrect it. Resurrecting your past is equivalent to denying Jesus the son of God. The day you got born-again, you were converted from one kingdom to another kingdom and these kingdoms are not neighbors; meaning that you can't find the boarder to your past kingdom.

YOU ARE IDENTIFIED

You no longer belong to the world, you belong to Christ. You are identified as a child (son) of God. You have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. And He imprinted (engraved, stamped, embossed, reproduced) the nature of God in you.

Ephesians 1:13-14 In Him you also [trusted,] after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

You carry the presence of God; God is no longer distant from you, but He is with you and in you. And He is no longer just only God to you but your very Father.

1 Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and [that] the Spirit of God dwells in you?

Romans 8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

God was so serious that He even changed your address. You are a native of Heaven; don't be surprised that the day you go to heaven and everyone will call you by your name. This is so because they know you; you are seated in the heavenly places; in Christ Jesus. Actually, you will also know each one by name. You are not earthly, but heavenly.

Ephesians 2:6 and raised [us] up together, and made [us] sit together in the heavenly [places] in Christ Jesus

Your habitation is Zion, the mountain of God. That's where you dwell. That's why I said it's impossible for you to be sick; because in Zion there is no sickness.

Isaiah 33:24 (AMP) And no inhabitant [of Zion] will say, I am sick; the people who dwell there will be forgiven their iniquity and guilt.

And remember in you dwells the Holy Spirit; the fullness of God. Then; how can the Holy Spirit cohabit with sickness and disease in your body. No, it's impossible. God has given you the right to participate in divine nature. Divinity and sickness cannot meet; they are parallel planes.

2 Peter 1:4 (NLT) And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.

We share in the divine nature; and so we cannot *be corrupted*. The *Message* version uses a wonderful phrase "participation"

2 Peter 1:4 (MSG) We were also given absolutely terrific promises to pass on to you--your tickets to participation in the life of God after you turned your back on a world corrupted by lust.

This means that if you are to race, race divinely. If you are to dance, jump, sing, play; do all these divinely. That's your portion, it was granted to you.

As I conclude, I remind you that this life is exercised like you exercise the physical life. This life must be exercised through the word of God and prayer. Speak it, confess it into being until all that you believe and know is made your own.

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