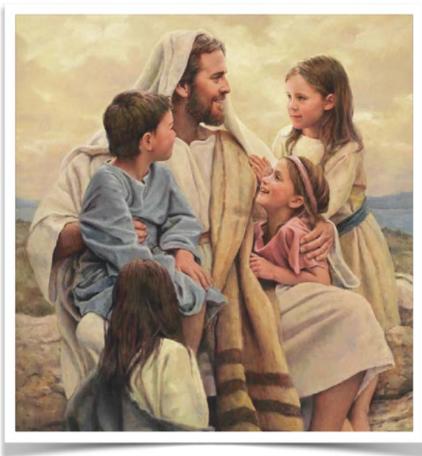


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“... they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.”
(Acts 17:10-11)

NEW PARENTAGE

by Imad Awde



A prerequisite to understanding the gospel is knowing the effects of Adam’s choice upon the human race. In an earlier chapter we examined the result of Adam’s sin and the inheritance we receive from him. One might ask—‘Why is this important today? Adam lived 6000 years ago!’

When creating the human race, God did not create seven billion people. No. He created one man and one woman. The one man, Adam was the representative or head of humanity. In him, the destiny of the whole race was found. His choice would affect the entire human population for all time. Every human born into this world, in a sense, was found *in Adam* in the Garden of Eden. This principle can be found in Hebrews 7:9, 10, where Paul says Levi was found ‘in the loins of Abraham’.

Before sin—in Adam—the human race received blessings. But through his disobedience—again *in Adam*—, we lost all those blessings and received the curse of sin. Neither Adam, nor his posterity, cannot do anything to restore the image of God in the human race, or rectify what Adam has done.

As a result of Adam’s sin we are all born:

- Unrighteous or in need of righteousness
- Mortals or in need of eternal life
- Haters of God, or lacking love for God,
- Controlled by a carnal heart or by the “*sin that dwelleth in me*” (Romans 7: 14-25).

Hence we are all born out of harmony with God. Having said this, I must clarify that no one is born guilty. Guilt is the result of personal sin. Only when we personally sin, do we become guilty.

In short, because of Adam’s sin, we are born with a mind tainted with the character of Satan and lacking the moral image of God. There is nothing we can do to change it (Jeremiah 13:23). The Bible compares all our righteousness with filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6). Our works, our efforts and our knowledge can never restore the image of God in us; it can never renew our hearts and minds.

A new parentage must be found for the human race. To put it in another way, the human race has to be renewed or re-created. This is why the Bible presents us with two parentages and two representatives of the human race. In one—Adam—we are unrighteous; in the other—Jesus—we are righteous.

By His incarnation, life, death and resurrection, Jesus provided a new parentage, a representative of the human race in whom life and righteousness could be found. The Bible presents this clearly. Let us examine a few passages of Scripture to see exactly what the Bible says about the new parentage:

Notice the following verses:

“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

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afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly." 1 Corinthians 15:45 – 49.

The above verses present us with two Adams, two heads of the human race. One is of the earth, the other is the Lord from heaven. One is natural, the other spiritual; one is earthly, the other is heavenly. The first Adam fell in the Garden of Eden, the second or last Adam came from heaven. He is the promised Seed, the Divine-Human Seed.

Notice what the text tells us: "*As is the earthy*". What was the condition of "*the earthy*" after sin? Whose image did Adam have after he sinned? The answer is found in chapter three (*in the book*

entitled "The Seed and the Everlasting Gospel"). "*Such are they also that are earthy*". All who have been born of the first Adam are as he is, "*earthy*" —unrighteous, unholy, corruptible. They do not reflect the moral image of God. They possess a carnal mind, not subject to the law of God.

"*As is the heavenly.*" A question must also be asked of "*the heavenly.*" What was Jesus like during His incarnation? Whose image did He reflect? The answer can be found in chapter four (*same book*). "*Such are they also that are heavenly.*" All who are heavenly, born of the second Adam, are just like Him. They are righteous, holy, incorruptible, and possessors of the perfect moral image of God. They possess a spiritual mind in harmony with God. From these facts alone we can see how the coming of the Seed restores the perfect image of God in man, or in all those who believe on Him and are born of Him.

With this in mind, let us read what the same author says in his letter to the Romans:

"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. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." Romans 5:18, 19.

Again we are presented with two personalities, the two Adams. The one by his disobedience made many sinners; the other by His righteousness makes many righteous. Our relationship to the first Adam made us sinners, but by our relationship to the last Adam we are made righteous. Our connection with the first Adam brought us disobedience; our connection with Christ brings us obedience.

In other words, it was through disobedience imputed to us that we were

made sinners, and it is through obedience imputed to us that we are made righteous. That is what the text says, "*by one man's disobedience many were made sinners.*" It was Adam's disobedience that brought sin and death to the human race and made "*many*" (or as many as are born of him), sinners.

However, the text also says "*by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous*". It is Christ's obedience that brings righteousness and makes '*many*', or as many as are born of Him, righteous.

By His incarnation, Jesus provided lost man a way to be reunited with God. In the first Adam, our first representative, we lost access to God. Every human being is born into this world with a carnal heart, hating God. But in His love and mercy God provided for us another Adam, another representative, and thus another human race. By being born again in the second Adam we are reborn connected with God. Through Christ we are born again with a heart and mind that loves God.

Notice what John says:

"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" John 1:11 – 13.

We can see how those who believe in Jesus receive power to become the sons of God, and are defined as: "*born, not of blood ... but of God.*"

In this verse we are told that those who receive power to become the sons of God are not those who are "*born of blood*", but those who are "*born of God*". In other words, those who are not born of God are not the sons of God. We only become the sons of God when we receive the Promised Seed and receive

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“BOWELS OF MERCY”

A Primer on Detoxification

by Mark R. Heston RN, DC



With man's present ability to “run to and fro” in communication and travel and his knowledge that has increased exponentially in every conceivable category; so has his resultant environment become more desperate, to near-irreversible deterioration.

Presently into the third and fourth generation of this exponential growth, toxins are now inescapably in every sector of life. It has become increasingly evident that man is not evolving, but dissolving to an inferior perversion of what even his great-grandfather had been. From the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat, to convenient and life enhancing products, even to the very transmittable space we occupy; we have not seen a worse condition for man before. Prominent men, who have called this age man's evolutionary transition to enlightenment, would more likely find the next generation on a dark and desolate planet.

Even the conventional wisdom of health care today, with its ever-advancing technology, does not acknowledge the proportionate relationship between escalating disease and the bio-accumulation of toxins; even to the toxic-load they themselves generate to the gradual

demise of their patients. They say they can just as easily excise a “useless” organ, exchange one for another, or “cut and paste”, insert a synthetic part, attach a pump, or install electronic controls. So, they rationalize that with the ever-increasing prevalence of disease today, we need more ever-advancing technologies to improve man's longevity. We need not to comment on his resultant quality of life, or the profits generated for the industry. Profets from the elderly maybe one reason they refer to them as the “golden” years.

Now, with tens of thousands of allowable man-made compounds entering our inhabited environment; we lay the foundation for additional conditions that God did not even place upon the Egyptians. Resulting in new and various forms of micro-organisms readily accepted by nutrient-deficient and toxic human bodies, which when not taken care of can result in some form of cancer. God had ordained that we should eat those things that yield seed unto itself (Gen 1:29), organic, unprocessed, unadulterated in moderation, to minimize toxic input, and aid the mobilization and clearance for those already there. When our Savior said, “What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder.” (Mt 19:6). Could this also be true for wholesome, minimally cooked, simple fresh foods? The more man changes the food, the more harmful it is for the body temple.

As man has divorced himself from God in virtually every sector of society, impairing the majority of individuals;

even the members of our own physical body can not escape all the toxins our society generates. most of the toxins in our bodies are fat-soluble.

The highest percentage of ingested toxins would naturally reside in the fat reserves of the omentum complex, within the abdomen. The more ingested toxins that get absorbed, the greater the percentage held in the abdominal region as a protective mechanism to not overwhelm the Liver. Part of our unnatural desire for fat, these days, comes partly from an innate desire to dilute these inherent toxins we take in and minimize their direct caustic effects. The body's solution to pollution is dilution.

Over time, as toxins are continually ingested, all the fat-related tissues throughout the body will absorb much of these toxins. The translation and mobilization of toxins from our fat stores can occur by excessive heat exposure, chronic stress, regular and vigorous exercise, or stringent diets. Some may argue that a low-fat, or fat-free diet could keep toxins to a minimum, but that would require us to process most our food, and at best, marginalize the two essential omega 3 and 6 fatty acids, that we need as God has ordained them in wholesome foods. So, as we eat the natural insoluble fiber and bile-promoters inherent in wholesome food, these will bind most alkaloids and toxins and help eliminate them out of the body.

This alimentary route of toxin removal is where the vast majority of toxins exit the body, yet as many toxins do get absorbed into the omentum fat

reserves, there are five other organs the body uses for additional toxin elimination, besides the Intestines themselves: (1) the Liver, by conjugating toxic substances, can reduce toxic reabsorption in the bowel, (2) the Kidneys, handle fluid-bound metabolic waste via the bladder and urethra,

(3) the Lungs, expelling some gaseous-related waste, (4) the skin, by perspiring, off-gassing, and superficial cells shedding, and (5) even Hair and Nails compounding a small amount of protein-bound toxins out of the body proper.

Just as the condition of garden soil dictates the life and strength of the plant, so too does the colon hold the garden soil of the body. The make up of the soil, along with its amendments and micro-organisms are responsible for the health, vitality and strength of the plants immune system—so too is the human colon. If we grow the same plants in the same soil year after year, without adding to the soil, the plants get weaker and more vulnerable to disease and infestation with each passing year. If we apply chemical-base fertilizers and

conditioners, then over the course of so many seasons the plant will have virtually no immune system and will require more herbicides and pesticides in order for it to survive the season long enough to produce fruit, and that fruit will have reduced life energy and little flavor.

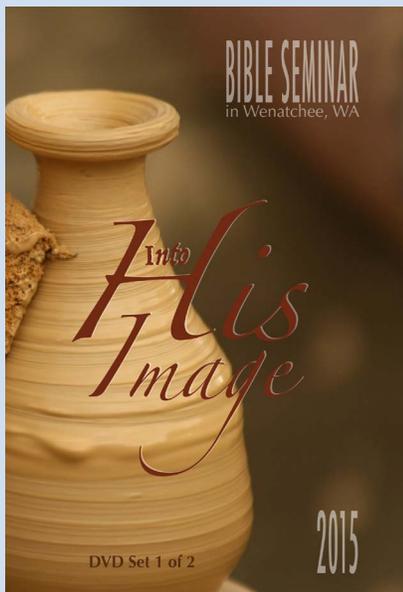
The same applies to the colon. The quality of the food we eat determines the amendments we supply to the colon, which propagate the micro-organisms to generate many of the vitamins and mineral compounds from the colon accordingly. Many of these critical vitamins are incredibly complex and are created by these micro-organisms. If certain components in our food are not there, or the genetic make-up of the food is compromised from which God intended, we will suffer the consequences. GMO (Genetically Modified Organisms) foods will translate their engineered genetic template taken on by the colon bacteria to cause them to change and generate minute amounts of pesticides and other anti-biotic based chemicals to weaken and potentially harm the human body genetically over time. Even hy-

bridized and commercially grown foods do not produce all the necessary building blocks and human soil conditioners for optimum health. So, organic, seed bearing food, unrefined and non-processed is God's design, and He will bless us accordingly.

So, the majority of the adult population could benefit from bowel cleansing, and reconditioning, when we consider that nearly 50% of the U.S. population has some degree of heavy metal poisoning, and, according to the EPA, 100% of the population carries the chemicals xylenes (from paints), and styrenes, (styrofoam), to a much lesser percentage, are more carcinogenic toxins, with almost 40% the population having sub-clinical to clinical parasitic infestation.

Other toxic exposures these days include high-altitude chem-trail disbursement and low-level nuclear radiation from failed nuclear reactors, as far away as Japan, both releasing nano and radioactive particles into the environment. These combined particles find their greatest concentration upon us after any

2015 BIBLE SEMINAR—DVD SET



This year's Bible seminar again proved to be a great blessing with the presence of God's Spirit manifested in a mighty way. The messages were powerful and direct. We enjoyed the communion service with 58 of our brothers and sisters taking part. It was very special to be able to witness also children's dedications and baptism of 12 souls at the end of the camp meeting.

This year the program was expanded to include children's classes twice a day. It was a joy to see how it impacted the children in a positive way and how excited they were to study Biblical truths. We will dedicate a more detailed report of the seminar (with photos) in the next issue.

All presentations were recorded and will be available after the editing. If you wish to receive the DVD set or any of the presentation DVDs, please contact us. **We are updating our mailing list therefore it is necessary to sign up again if you wish to continue to receive the monthly DVDs.** (If you have already signed up during the 2015 Bible Seminar, you don't need to contact us again.)

The editing work takes some time; the first presentations will be available from July (they will be also uploaded to our Website). Thank you for your understanding and patience.



kind of precipitation. Nature's method of cleansing the air today, brings nearly all these unnatural compounds dispelled into the vast expanse of atmosphere, and concentrates them to as much as thousands of times over near the surface of the earth into the very air we breathe, finding their way into our ground water showing several different foreign chemicals and metals. Of most critical concern are the high levels of S35, a radioactive sulfur with the same atomic weight as Chlorine, and microscopic Aluminum called nano particles from the chem-trails.

Consequently, each one of us acts like a multi-stage filter that further bio-concentrates all these already concentrated particles into our bodies; and for those who regularly partake of animal products, their bio-concentrated toxins become compounded bio-concentrates in our already bio-concentrated body. These alone can inhibit digestive function if not regularly cleared, which can be further compounded causing nutritional deficiencies. Unless these toxins are addressed regularly with an adequate amount of organic minerals, enzymes from fresh local food, and regular calisthenics in an adequately hydrated body, the cascade of disease processes will exemplify itself much earlier in one's life than a generation ago. We can best minimize our toxic burdens today and still attain adequate nutrition by being vegetarian, even predominantly vegan, if we take the time to learn some food science, remembering that any legume with any grain in the same meal will give us adequate quality protein in order to greatly minimize animal products. Yet before we can build and strengthen a body, we must first get the garbage out of the way.

To get the point across, let's suppose you bought a house where the previous owner had not kept up with the cleaning and allowed the garbage to accumulate

for years. You can hardly get into the kitchen for the mess and you decide to start dumping all the accumulated junk around you into the sink. You turn the faucet on full force, and commence the garbage disposal. In a short order this sickening putrid goo starts backing up in the sink. As it turns out there was so much congealed gunk in the drainage pipe that only a trickle was getting through to the sewer line. So, the proper thing to do is clean out the drainage pipe that leads to the sewer, then you can use the sink and clean the mess on the kitchen counters, in the cupboards, and cabinets, and then you can get to all the rest of the filth, room by room, dumping your cleaning bucket down the drain.

The same applies in the human body when we rid ourselves of toxins one region at a time. First we have to open up the (colon) drainage pipe, before we can clear stuff out of the (Liver) kitchen counter tops. Once the (Liver) counter top is clear, now we can place (Kidneys) dirty appliances, and (other organs) shelving, hanging lamps on the counter as a work space to send more junk down the drain; being careful not to gunk up the line again by using the right cleansers, plenty of water, and enzymes.

This can be accomplished at home with the use of a retention enema, or a colema board, which is a combo procedure similar to both a colonic and an enema. In preparation for this, adequate oral hydration is important, preferably warm, maybe with a little bit of unrefined salt; the most recommended being Celtic Sea salt because of the low level radiation and chem-trail exposure. And there are many colon cleansing solution recipes that can be utilized depending upon the condition of the individual. A colon cleansing, once a day for a week or so, once or twice a year, is adequate for most with out particular symptoms, and a reasonable diet and lifestyle.

Salt free diets are generally not recommended, even for those with heart conditions. Doctors are generally correct about table salt that plain old sodium chloride is not good for you. But they don't tell you it's because it is devoid of minerals salts that your body actually needs. A proper ratio of the right mineral salts in your drinking water especially, make it easier for the body to generate the isotonic interstitial fluid needed to help regulate the transfer of oxygen, metabolize nutrients and mobilize waste for all the cells in the body, and help hydrate the bowels. Typically, if we are even sub-clinically dehydrated, the body will use the colon as hydration reserves, which of course predisposes us to constipation.



Adequate water intake with reasonably-paced walking, not too slow or overly brisk, with a natural arm swing; helps to create a gentle but repetitive twisting action upon the entire colon that promotes proper peristalsis and a 'wringing' type circulation upon the Kidneys that acts like a second heart direct

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the power that comes from Him. Until we do so, we are only the sons of Adam. Two human races, one of Adam, the other of God. One is born of humanity; the other is a new human race that partakes of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4). It is a human-divine race, born of the Divine-Human Seed.

This is a clear presentation of two births, one of blood, the other of God. Two Adams, two heads of the human race. We are born of blood in the first Adam, the first birth, and we are born of the Spirit into the Second Adam, which is the new (or second) birth.

That is exactly what Jesus said in His conversation with Nicodemus:

“Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. ... 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” John 3:3-6.

According to Jesus, humanity is born of the flesh, which means all are fleshly or carnal and have a carnal mind. Those who are born of the Spirit are spiritual, and hence possess a spiritual mind.

Notice the similarity between the following verses:

“Which were born, not of blood ... but of God” John 1:13.

“That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit” John 3:6.

“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever” 1 Peter 1:23.

“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” Romans 8:5 .

“Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual” 1 Corinthians 15:46.

“As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly” 1 Corinthians 15:48.

“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” 1 Corinthians 2:14, 15.

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

	IN ADAM	IN CHRIST
John 1:13	Born of blood	Born of God
John 3:6	Born of the flesh is flesh	born of the spirit is spirit
1 Peter 1:23	Born of corruptible seed	born of incorruptible
Romans 8:5	mind the things of the flesh	mind the things of the Spirit
1 Cor 15:46	natural	spiritual
1 Cor 2:14, 15	receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God	judgeth all things
1 Cor 15:48	earthly	heavenly
Romans 5:19	by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners	by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous

The first birth is the natural birth; it is simply being born of flesh and blood. And those who are born of flesh and blood are only flesh and earthly, natural. They are born of a corruptible seed, of flesh and after the flesh; hence they mind the things of the flesh. And just like the earthly Adam, they are made sinners by his disobedience.

But the second birth is the spiritual birth; it is to be born of God and of the Spirit. And those who are born of God and of the Spirit are spiritual. They are born again of incorruptible seed, after the spirit and do mind the things of the spirit. And just like the heavenly, Jesus, they are made righteous by His obedience.

As the children of Adam, we are by nature the children of disobedience. In the same way Levi paid tithe to Melchisedec in the loins of Abraham (Hebrews 7:9,10), even so we forfeited righteousness, purity, perfection and oneness with God because we were in the loins of Adam when he disobeyed. Had Adam not sinned we would have inherited all the blessings he received when created, namely righteousness, purity, perfection and oneness with God. Because of Adam’s fall, we can only inherit what he has, namely death, unrighteousness and a carnal heart and mind.

It doesn’t sound good, but praise God the equation has another side. In the first Adam we receive death, but in the last Adam we receive life:

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

In Christ, all those who believe on Him will be made alive.

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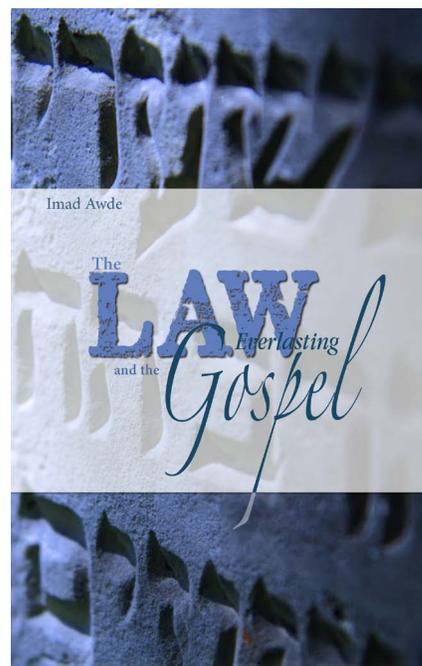
New Books Are Available on our Web Site



Two new booklets are available by Imad Awde.

‘The Seed & the Everlasting Gospel’— this book examines what the Everlasting Gospel is and traces Christ through it all. It highlights how good ‘the good news’ truly is.

‘The Law & the Everlasting Gospel’—In this book the author shares his revised understanding of the letter to the Galatians, and how it affects the position of the law in his relationship with God. Some of the topics dealt with in this book are: The Old Covenant, the different dispensations, the Law in the New Covenant, a verse by verse commentary on Galatians 3 and 4, and much more.



➤ All who receive the promised Seed are born of God and made righteous. This is the secret of life for sinful, ruined humanity. This is the purpose of God for man even before creation.

We have a new life through the new birth. It is a new life with a new parentage: new life with new power, new life with a new standing with God, new life with a new relationship with God and His Seed. In short, it is a new creation and birth based upon the same purpose of God namely, *In Christ all creation and nations are blessed.*

When we, through Adam, departed from God by sin, He did not pursue us with a changed purpose; not at all. Notice what the scriptures say:

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him [the Seed] before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and without blame before him in

love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: 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: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will” Ephesians 1:3 – 11.

God’s purpose for man from the beginning was that he should be blessed through Christ. Sin and Satan did not

and could not change His purpose for us. The same covenant has always existed and will always exist. Sin could not change it, the rebellion of angels in heaven could not change it, and the fall of the human race could not change it. Nothing will ever change it.

In Christ who is the promised Seed, we are blessed *“with all spiritual blessings”*. We are chosen *“in him [the Seed] before the foundation of the world”*.

In this Seed we are accepted, redeemed, forgiven and saved. Through the Promised Seed, through the Everlasting Covenant, God will once again reunite in one all things that are in heaven and on earth. All that sin has separated will be united through the Seed:

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:

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The Work of a Lifetime

by David Clayton



What is sanctification? The **popular** concept of sanctification is that it is the process by which we are fitted (made fit) for heaven. In most cases this has been interpreted to mean that it is a process by which, little by little, we become more and more holy, more and more like Christ until eventually we are just like Him. It is interesting to note that the word sanctification carries a different meaning in the Bible and nearly always speaks of a finished work. For example, “God sanctified the Sabbath day (Genesis 2:3).” Paul speaks of the Corinthian believers and says, “but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified ... (1 Corinthians 6:11)”. Again he says, “for by one offering he has perfected forever them that are sanctified.” (Hebrews 10:14). Here the word signifies to be set apart for a holy purpose and signifies an immediate experience. But admittedly, the word as used today refers to a process by which a person becomes progressively more holy.

Let us consider something right at the very beginning: When we say that sanctification is the “work of a lifetime,” whose lifetime are we talking about? Do we mean the lifetime of Methuselah which was 969 years, the lifetime of Enoch (365 years), the lifetime of Moses (120 years), or the life-

time of today’s average person (70-80 years)? And what about the lifetimes of those whose lives are cut much shorter by sickness or accident? How long does it really take to be sanctified? How long did it take for the thief on the cross who lived for only a few hours after he was converted?

Immediately we can see that we have to revise our ideas of sanctification. The idea that sanctification is a process which comes to an end when we have attained to a certain level of holiness or perfection is a false idea. If it were true, then what it would mean is that most Christians never ever are fully sanctified. Maybe we all need a longer lifetime. Perhaps we all need 365 years like Enoch, but then again, even that may not be enough because it seems that even Methuselah who lived almost three times as long as Enoch never reached the place where he walked with God as closely as Enoch did.

If sanctification is what makes us fit for heaven, then why did it happen so quickly as in the case of the thief on the cross and happen so slowly in the case of others whose lifetimes are almost a hundred years?

In Hebrews 4:9-11, Paul tells us that there is a rest which remains for the people of God. He explains that the person who has entered into God’s rest has rested from his (the person’s) own works just as God rested from His works at the end of creation. If we have rested from **our** works, does it mean that there will be no more works done by us? Absolutely not! As Paul again says, “it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure (Philippians 2:13).” Notice, there

are works in the life of the believer, but they are not his works, they are the works of Christ. In a strikingly paradoxical statement, Paul tells us,

“Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.” (Hebrews 4:11)

I had to smile when I recognized what Paul was saying. Here he says that we must “labour,” we must work. For what purpose? So that we can **rest!** We must labour so that we may rest! Is this contradictory? Not at all, here we find the harmony between both ideas of sanctification, that is, that it is the “work of a lifetime,” as opposed to the immediate experience of being set apart wholly unto God.

The danger against which Paul warns us in Hebrews 4 is the danger of **UNBELIEF**. He says we must labour so that we can enter God’s rest. But how do we enter? It is by faith that we enter! So it becomes evident that all our labour must be to help us to have faith, not to do works. Where works are concerned, we rest, we enter into God’s rest. Our work is finished. Our only problem is that unbelief may keep us from this rest and so we must labour, we must struggle to keep the focus of faith. This is the sum totality of the Christian’s struggle, the fight to maintain faith, because where there is faith, the fight is finished, where faith is, God works and the battle is over.

If the life of victory over sin is ours simply by faith in Christ, then it is evident that we may have this experience immediately, as soon as we have faith. However, it is equally evident that since

this victory is ours purely by faith, then it is the maintaining of faith which determines whether or not we keep it. God's work is always perfect but His ability to work in us is dependent upon our faith. So there is a battle to be fought, but, notice, it is not a battle to do right, it is not a struggle to overcome sin, it is the "good fight of faith." It is the struggle to maintain our faith.

This explains why sanctification, the work of being set apart unto Christ is an instant work which takes place as soon as we are in Christ, but at the same time is a process which lasts for the rest of a person's lifetime. A man in Christ is wholly acceptable to God and such a person is complete in Him (Co-

lossians 2:9-10). He is sanctified or set apart unto God. However, every day of his life for as long as he lives, whether it is 969 years or 70 years, this person must continually maintain this experience in Christ, by faith. It is not an automatic process in which the relationship maintains itself. Faith must be nurtured, fed, exercised, jealously guarded and this "fight of faith" continues as long as a person lives. It is not that it takes a whole lifetime to become holy (!!). No, it is that this holy status which we receive at the very beginning must be maintained for the rest of our lives whether that is 2 years or 969 years. It is the "work" of a lifetime.

So, the thief on the cross who lived only a few hours was sanctified during his lifetime, and so was Methuselah who lived 969 years. The work never came to an end while they lived. They never came to the place where they could say, "now I am sanctified and there is no need to have the experience tomorrow."

Notice, it is not sanctification which requires work. This was the work of God. It is the faith which brings sanctification which must be maintained during the "work of a lifetime."

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The Good News Is Better Than You Think,
Chapter 27

Upcoming Meetings in the USA



TENNESSEE ROAN MOUNTAIN CAMPMEETING

When:

September 20-27, 2015.

Where:

Roan Mountain State Park,
Conference Center
1015 Highway 143
Roan Mountain, TN 37687

Speakers:

David Clayton, Howard Williams,
Imad Awde, Nader Mansour, Ken
Corklin, Lynnford Beachy

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“New Parentage”

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It was in Christ that we had life before sin, and it is in Christ we will have life through the forgiveness of our sins.

“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” 1 John 5:11, 12.

Before sin disrupted the universe, the principle was *“he that hath the Son hath life”* and all creation was blessed in Him. After sin disrupted God’s universe, the principle by which God chose to give life to the fallen race remains the same, namely, *“he that hath the Son hath life”* and In Christ all nations are blessed.

Jesus said: *“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me”* John 14:6.

Jesus is not only the way, He is the *only way*. He is not only the truth, He is the *only truth*. And He is not only the life, He is the *only Source and Author of life* (Acts 3:15 marginal reading), the only One from whom we can receive life.

There is no other Being in the purpose of God through whom any creature can receive life, other than His Son. This is why there was no other being in heaven or on earth through whom man could be saved. The Son, by whom man was created, and in whom man had life, is the only One by whom fallen man can receive life. There was no other being in the whole universe who could fulfill the purpose of God in saving us other than the One in whom man had been given life before the fall.

Truly the everlasting covenant is an unchangeable covenant.

So what is the Gospel Jesus said should be preached in the entire world before the end can come? It is none other than “believe on the Son of God and live.” Paul tells us in Romans:

“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” Romans 10:9, 10.

Before sin, Adam did not need to work in order to earn life or righteousness, he was created that way. He was created under the promise of God that *In Christ all creation is blessed*. It is the same now. Fallen man does not need to do righteous works in order to earn righteousness. Everyone who believes in Christ is reborn righteous under the Everlasting Covenant. He is reborn into the new human race whose head is the last Adam. In Him alone we are righteous.

Just as the consequence of the first Adam’s disobedience was imputed to all who were born of flesh and blood, and hence *“many”* or as many as were born of him, *“were made sinners”*; *“even so”*, or in like manner, *“by the obedience of one”*, Jesus Christ the righteous, *“shall many”* or as many as believe on Him *“be made righteous”*. The obedience or righteousness of the Seed will be imputed to those who are born again.

Notice what the scripture says:

“He [Abraham] staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead” Romans 4:20-24

The righteousness of Christ will be imputed to us if we believe. It is that simple. Before sin, all Adam needed to do to receive life was to believe God’s word, namely, ‘You are my son. I have created you and all you see is yours. I have giv-

en you dominion over everything on this earth’. Adam believed it and enjoyed all he was given, until disobedience and unbelief was found in him.

The purpose of God has not changed. All fallen man must do now is believe God’s Word, ‘Accept the death of Jesus as your own and enjoy oneness with God’. By simply believing that *“what he [God] had promised, he [God] was able also to perform”*, the righteousness of Christ will be imputed to us who have been born again under the promise, purpose and covenant of God—*In Christ all is blessed*.

This will always be the only way to receive life, not by our works of righteousness, but by faith in Him who is our righteousness (1 Corinthians 1:30, Jeremiah 23:6).

Notice the following text:

“But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life” Titus 3:4-7.

In short, I am lost in Adam, but restored *in Christ*. I am carnal in Adam, but spiritual in Christ. I am defeated in Adam, but victorious in Christ. I am alienated from God in Adam, but adopted as a son in Christ.

The moment we accept Christ, the minute we believe on Him and claim His death and resurrection as ours, we are looked upon by God, not as in Adam, but in Jesus Christ, sons and daughters of God.

Are you found in Him?

Source Material:

The Seed and the Everlasting Gospel, Chapter 6

“Bowels of Mercy”

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to the digestive organs. Prolonged sitting is probably the worst position for the colon.

Vitamins A and D aids the reduction of all bowel disturbances, ulcerations, colitis and infections. In conjunction with Omega 3 fatty acids, these two vitamins are indispensable for all mucous linings. Most health conscious individuals take vitamin D3 with some degree of regularity, but many think they get enough vitamin A from their food. But it's difficult for a vegan to get an adequate amount of vitamin A; for the conversion of pre-vitamin A (beta-carotene) to retinol requires specific transportation proteins and even the lacto-ovo vegetarian may not have enough arachidonic acid [related to certain peptide deficiencies due to insufficient compliment proteins in the same meal] to make the conversion from beta-carotene. One method for the vegan to get vitamin A as most supplementation is fish-based, would be to mash a fresh avocado into fresh carrot juice and let it stand for 15 minutes before ingesting, the natural fat of the Avocado reacts with the beta carotene to make retinol.

Vitamin C supplementation should be used as well to protect cells from the added free-radical exposure in toxin elimination and the repair of tissues and is likely the most cost-effective way of raising glutathione levels, which is a marker of general health and well-being. High glutathione levels are a marker of longevity.

FOOD RULES

- Eat no foods with heated oils (i.e. fried)
- If the abdomen is uncomfortable anytime after the previous meal, skip the next.
- Try not to eat unless you have an appetite for the plainest food.
- Masticate, masticate, masticate!
- Generally one plate of food at a sitting is adequate, unless that includes a salad.
- Skip the meal if in pain, upset, or not hungry.
- Eat very light, if at all, if chilled, overheated, or at the onset of any symptoms.

It is important for the vegetarian to attain complimentary protein sources per meal by eating a portion of any legume with any grain in the same

meal, at least two times a day. There is a food in each of the two categories that do have all the essential amino acids by themselves and they are the grain Quinoa (essentially gluten free) and the legume Lentils. Properly prepared, these foods have all the essential amino acids to provide the building blocks for all the various protein requirements of the body. If complete protein has been deficient for two or three months or more, the individual would need to supplement with an adequate amount of enzymes, and possibly with sufficient assistance to promote the stomach acid to assimilate them.

Remember that what you put into your detoxification program is what you get out of it, and you won't solve your problems overnight. Investigate as much information as you can and by making a commitment to regular detoxification. Each year you can make your cleanse more effective and raise your level of health and vitality to a whole new level.

The information in this brief article is not intended to diagnose, treat, or be a substitute for proper evaluation by knowledgeable personnel.



Think about These Things ...

The mind in which error has once taken possession can never expand freely to truth, even after investigation. The old theories will claim recognition. The understanding of things that are true and elevated and sanctifying will be confused. Superstitious ideas will enter the mind, to mingle with the true, and these ideas are always debasing in their influ-

ence. Christian knowledge bears its own stamp of unmeasured superiority in all that concerns the preparation for the future, immortal life. It distinguishes the Bible reader and believer, who has been receiving the precious treasures of truth, from the skeptic and the believer in pagan philosophy.

Cleave to the word, “It is written.”
Cast out of the mind the dangerous,

obtrusive theories which, if entertained, will hold the mind in bondage so that the man shall not become a new creature in Christ. The mind must be constantly restrained and guarded. It must be given as food that only which will strengthen the religious experience.

*Source Material:
Ellen White: MS 42, 1904*

Tasty Vegan Recipes



KALE CHIPS

Ingredients:

- 2 bunches of organic kale
- cashew cheese
- salt (*optional*)

Directions:

1. Preheat an oven to 250 degrees F. Line two non-insulated cookie sheets with parchment paper.

2. With a knife or kitchen shears carefully remove the leaves from the thick stems and tear into bite size pieces. Wash and thoroughly dry kale with a salad spinner. Coat kale with cashew cheese (don't use too much) and add salt to taste. Spread coated kale on cookie sheets.
3. Bake until it's nice and crispy but not burned, about 2 and 1/2 hours.



CASHEW CHEESE

Ingredients:

- 2 cups water
- 4 oz chopped pimento
- 2 TBSP nutritional yest
- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp onion powder
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder
- 3 TBSP organic cornstarch
- 1 cup raw cashews
- 1 1/2 TBS lemon juice

Directions:

1. Put all ingredients in blender and blend until smooth and creamy.
2. Pour mixture in heavy saucepan and cook over medium heat until thick, stirring constantly.
3. Pour mixture into container or use/serve immediately.

Enjoy!

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