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access to the throne of grace, through the name of Jesus.

"In that day you will ask me nothing, most assuredly I say to you, whatever you ask the Father, in my name, He will give you."

Jn 14:13-14 – Jesus gave us the legal power of attorney to use the name of Jesus against the works of darkness. "And whatever you ask in my name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. Vs 14 - If you ask anything in my name, I will do it."

Matt. 28:18 – And Jesus came and spoke to them saying, "all authority has been given to me, in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore".

II Peter 1:4 – He has granted unto us His exceeding great and precious promises that through these, you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption (spiritual death) that is in the world, through lust.

Rom. 5:17 - "and I having received the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness, will reign in life, by Jesus the anointed one, and His anointing."

Take your place in Christ. Assert **your rights and privileges in Christ.** Take your place as a son in Gods family. Don't be a spiritual hitchhiker, always depending upon others. YOU have the ability of God. Use it. YOU have this living word of God, which is His power. **God has qualified YOU to take advantage of all the privileges of a Son of God.** *Col. 1:12.*

And don't' forget the basic principles, basic teachings of the new creation, that you have passed from death unto life, that you are the body of Christ, that you have the divine nature of God within you, the great Holy Spirit of God is in you and at your side to guide and teach you.

Declare "I no longer will just read about the Bible but I am a student of the word, showing myself approved unto God in this Living Word."

UNDERSTANDING A COVENANT

A covenant, even today in a court of law, is the strongest word that can be expressed in English to describe a contract or an agreement between two parties or persons. A covenant provides for a sharing of all possessions as well as all debts. A blood covenant is one that is sealed with the shedding of blood. God entered into a covenant of this type with man.

The Hebrew word for covenant is "Berith" and means "to cut where'till blood flows." It was first initiated in the Bible in the Garden of Eden when God covered Adams sin and nakedness by an animal skin.

Blood Covenant is the most sacred of all covenants. Even relatives would kill you if you broke covenant to prevent a curse from coming upon them. It could never be annulled. It is the basis for all primitive religions, most of which are now perverted.

There are 3 main reasons for entering into a blood covenant. They are:

- Protection — weak verses the strong
- Business — this prevents one from taking advantage of another
- Love — this is the main reason in the Old Testament. An example is with David & Jonathan.

There are 4 known ways of entering into a blood covenant but the 2 main ways are:

- Cut the wrists and mingle the blood of the right arms, rubbing them together
- Substituting the blood of an animal for human blood. God used this method as a substitute for the children of Israel to cover their sins. It was an atonement for the sins of Israel.

As you are aware, the Bible consists of two major covenants, the old covenant and the new covenant, the Abrahamic covenant and the new covenant in Christ. God's covenant with Abram opened the door for Jesus to come into the earth. It paved the way for the ultimate covenant that would change everything. An understanding of covenant gives you the ability to receive what belongs to you as a believer in Christ.

When Jesus cried out on the cross *"It is finished"*, it did not mean that His redemptive work as OUR SUBSTITUTE was finished, as most of us think. So "what did it mean" you may ask?

It meant that He had fulfilled the Abrahamic Covenant of which He was a part. Remember, that as a child He was circumcised and became a part of the Abrahamic covenant.

His work as our substitute was just beginning and it was not finished until His blood was accepted in the Holy of Holies establishing the new covenant and He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

God had cut that first covenant with Abraham. Why use the word "cut"? As mentioned, the Hebrew word "cut" means "to cut a covenant". Nearly all covenants made between men as recorded in the Bible as well as those observed among primitive people, were solemnized by blood-letting.

Stanley gives us graphic pictures of covenants which He cut with chieftains in the heart of Africa. When preliminaries were finished, Stanley's companion offered his wrist unto the priest, who made an incision. The son of the Chief, who was to be HIS representative, offered his wrist and blood was let. Then the two wrists were rubbed together and each one tasted the blood of the other. Now these two had become blood brothers. Stanley and that Chieftain had become blood brothers BY SUBSTITUTION.

In Africa, both Stanley and Livingston declared that they had never known of a covenant of this type to be broken. For if

SO, DECLARE THIS NOW:

I have a covenant with God
 God's life is my life He and I are one together.
 God's power and ability is my power and ability
 Jesus is my covenant partner
 The life of Christ is my life
 God's righteousness is my righteousness
 All that is His is mine, and all that I am is Gods.
 Lord Jesus I surrender to you my spirit, soul and body. It is yours and you are mine.
 The life I now live in this flesh is the life of Christ who lives in me.
 That life of Christ in me can think through me, can overcome thru me.
 It gives me strength continually and it will cause me to conquer.
 I yield to it now to rise up big in me and overcome all things, so that I can be a success and be somebody for the Kingdom of God.
 Lord Jesus, I yield NOW to you. Rise up big within me, so that your fullness of power and ability rises up in me now to do my job...
 To love my spouse & family
 To live this life wisely, intelligently
 To be righteous and live a holy life
 As I yield to you now, I yield to your life in me not mine. Because I have a covenant with you, your life IS my life, right now, and nothing can stop me!
 In Jesus name, I AM more than a conqueror through you Lord.
 Hallelujah!

Jn 1:12 – We have been given the legal right to become a son of God. "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the RIGHT to become children of God, to those who believe in His name."

Jn 16:23 – We have been given the legal right, legal

repented and was forgiven. The older brother started pouting to his father. Father said to him *“son, you are always with me and all that I have is yours”*. In other words, you just have not taken advantage of it”.

Are you taking advantage of all the blessings your heavenly Father wants to give you? Remember what He said to us in Heb. 5 about not taking advantage of our righteousness? Proverbs says pride is the beginning of a downfall. Let it go. It robs you of all your blessings.

Rom. 5:5 says “the love of God is in our hearts”. // *Tim 2:23-26*—if we step out of love and in strife, we lose the benefits of the covenant. If you live OUT of fellowship with God or your brother or sister, you forfeit all these benefits. // *Tim. 2:26*—you are the devils captive. What do I do, you say?

Repent to God! Ask Him to bless others. You see, you are still in the family (covenant) but you cannot benefit by it BECAUSE you are out of the covenant law of LOVE. You see, the righteous ones of this covenant walk by faith and faith works by love. If you have not love, your faith won't work and you can't receive from God.

Don't be discouraged by circumstances. Stand on the truth of God's Word. He is Jehovah Shammah, the ever present one with us, working miracles. He is changing us from glory to glory.

a man were to break it, He was sealing his own death warrant for the tribe would not allow him to live and bring a curse upon them.

So the Abrahamic covenant was the most sacred covenant known to primitive people. Circumcision is what permitted them to come into the covenant. When a child was circumcised, the priest, who was the mediator between God and man, would touch that blood to his tongue and that child became a child of the Abrahamic Covenant. After God had given Israel the covenant, He gave the Law of the Covenant, the 10 commandments. After He gave the Law, then God gave the priesthood because the law was broken and it meant death to them.

So with the priesthood came the Atonement, which means “to cover.” It meant “a covering for that broken law and nothing more.” They needed the covering for they had broken the Law and it meant death to them if not covered. So the first thing Jesus did when He came was to fulfill the Abrahamic Covenant and set it aside, along with the priesthood, sacrifices and the Law. The Book of Hebrews covers this quite clearly.

The books of Romans and Galatians also prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that Jesus fulfilled the Abrahamic covenant, the Law, and the Priesthood and the Sacrifices so that when He hung on the cross He could say “It is finished.” The work which was **NOT** finished, until He sat down at the right hand of the Father, was His work as our Substitute. He had to die for sins under the first covenant and He had to die for our sins as well. So His substitution points both ways, back to the Abrahamic covenant and forward to the Great White Throne judgment.

WE ARE IDENTIFIED WITH CHRIST AS OUR SUBSTITUTE

HE was OUR substitute. He suffered for us and our iniquities and diseases were laid upon Him. He was made sin with our sin. *I Cor. 15:3. "Him who knew no sin He made to be sin that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."* *II Cor. 5:21.*

Romans 3:21-26 reveals this very clearly. *"But now apart from the Law a righteousness of God hath been manifested being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ unto all them that believe; for there is no distinction; for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God; being justified freely by His Grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God sent forth to be a propitiation, through faith, in His blood, to show His righteousness at this present season: that He might Himself be just and the justifier of Him that hath faith in Jesus."*

Here we see clearly that Christ was actually OUR SUBSTITUTE, took our place, paid the penalty of the sins under the first covenant and met the demands of Justice for us, so that the new man in Christ could become a reality.

He not only provided our Redemption and our Righteousness, but in so doing, established a method for bringing us into His family, making us sons and daughters of God.

We can now see clearly that when Jesus said *"it is finished"* on the cross it did not refer to the sin problem or the redemption or destruction of the enemy but to the fulfillment of the Abrahamic covenant.
HALLELUJAH!

His unlimited intellect by saying *"I yield to the mind of Christ in me...I believe I have the wisdom to cope"*

II Cor. 8:9 - This is an exchange of fortunes. "Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that you through his poverty might be made rich".
You have God's (Jehovah Jireh) riches...He has your poverty. This is not talking about spiritual poverty but "being increased in material goods".

I Cor. 15:57—God (Jehovah Nissi) is our victory. Father loves us same as Jesus (Jn. 17:23). We inherit the New Covenant but we also inherit all the blessings in the old Covenant. *Gal. 3:29* tells us we are heirs of the Abrahamic covenant.

You see *Gen. 13:1-2* "Abraham was very rich in livestock and in silver and gold". *Gen. 13:5-9* His wealth was so vast the entire area couldn't hold it all. *Gen 24:34-36* See, "God gave it to him" He blesses his covenant partners. Material wealth IS part of God's covenant.

Satan doesn't want you to believe it. He wants you to believe something stupid like you have to be a poor Christian to be humble.

It you want to fight God's blessings then you are proud. If you think you are over the hill at age 80, and can no longer be fruitful, think again. *Ps 92:14.*

Look at *Gen 25:1*. Abraham remarried at age 120. God gives you a long and strong life. *Gen 25:7-8* Abraham was 175 years old when he died.

The story of the prodigal son in *Luke 15* is a story of a sinner coming home. But what it really shows is the truth about a covenant relationship. The younger son made a mess of his life, like most of us. But he went back to his father and humbly

UNDERSTANDING OUR REDEMPTION

You are as righteous as God because God IS your righteousness. THIS MEANS you have right standing with Father God. You now go into His presence without guilt, shame, inferiority complexes, in the name of Jesus, and stand before Father as rightly as Jesus did.

You see, you are an equal heir with Jesus and have the same privilege. There is nothing that you cannot achieve or accomplish. Just take it to God and say “here....it is yours”. Faith and humility pleases God. To say “move over, watch ME...” is pride. Rest in God and allow **Him** to fight your battles.

If you do not want to call on God for every little thing, you are confused. Rest in God. Tell Him you cannot, but through Him you are able to. Be it sin, wisdom, whatever, He will make up the difference in what you’re lacking so that victory comes.

John 16:23-24—there is an exchange of names.

When you use the name of Jesus, you unlock covenant privileges. It is your name. Use it as you would your personal name. Jesus said don’t ask (petition) Him for anything. But you ask the Father in His name. Reason, he made a covenant with the Father for you so that you can ask the Father, in His name.

If you ask anything, because it’s your covenant right, God is obliged to meet that need. It’s the covenant name, and it’s given to you. God has also given you the power of attorney to use it, wherever you go, for whatever you need.

He says in *John 16:24* He wants us to have full joy. He said whatever I need to give me full joy, just ask and He will give it to me NOW! Say with me “I receive it now Father so my joy is full”.

I Cor. 2:16 - You have the mind of Christ.
What’s His is yours. Don’t depend on your limited intellect. Use

It is God’s strong desire that we understand His word which gives us His plan for our redemption. THERE ARE TWO PHASES OF REDEMPTION, the Completed Phase and the Present Phase. The cross of Jesus Christ in the center is what distinguishes the two.

The **Completed Phase** of redemption is knowing Who He is and What He HAS DONE for you in Christ which is legally yours now. The **Present Phase** is knowing who you are in Him and What your rights and privileges are, which the Holy Spirit is developing in us now through the word. Once you understand clearly, and acknowledge the difference between the two, you will have solved one of your most difficult problems. As we meditate upon these following four key points we will understand and receive the fullness of God’s redemption because we will:

1. **Know Who He is** and
2. **What He has done for us in Christ**, so that you can understand
3. **Who you are in Christ** which enables you to
4. **Know what your rights and privileges are in Christ** and walk in them.

As you fellowship with Him, you enter into the throne room of the most high God, you enter into His presence; and as you take time to sit at the Masters feet, He will surely feed you and teach (unveil to) you His word.

“For in Him dwelleth all the FULLNESS of the Godhead bodily” (love, righteousness, ability, strength, the fullness of His grace). *Col. 2:9*

“Of His FULLNESS have all we received, and grace for grace [grace, spiritual blessings, favor, gifts]. John 1:16.

And “ye are COMPLETE (lacking nothing) in Him, which is the head of all principality and power.” Col. 2:10.

We can plainly see from these scriptures that truly God has held back nothing but has given us all things through Christ.

(*I Cor. 3:21*).

But as babes in Christ (*Heb. 5:13*), God's strong desire is that we grow up and COME INTO His fullness and UNDERSTAND in His fullness. **First we must know:**

- **WHO HE (GOD) IS** - During his earth walk, in the 4 Gospels, Jesus gave us the revelation of God as our heavenly FATHER. God is Love. He who does not love does not KNOW God, for God is love. And
- **WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR US IN CHRIST** (past) – here we get a picture of the entire work of Christ in His substitutionary work for us AND our identification with Him in it. Jesus paid the price and shed His blood for our redemption but you must come into the fullness of the Word and declare it.

In the Completed phase you see as a believer in Christ, we have been delivered (redeemed) from all the powers of darkness and have been translated into the kingdom of His beloved Son, (*Col. 1:13*), to receive all that He has to give. Jesus Christ is the head of all things to the church.

This greater knowledge of who He is and what rights and privileges you have in Him is ONLY revealed WHEN YOU SPEND TIME IN HIS PRESENCE.

Once we understand and receive the **COMPLETED PHASE** of our redemption, we now prepare ourselves to receive and understand the **PRESENT PHASE** in the revelation light of the word. We can receive His fullness only, AS we walk in the faith and love of God. Paul prayed in *Eph. 3:16-19* – “*that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints, what is the width and length and depth and height, to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge THAT you may be filled with all the FULLNESS of God*”. It is possible!

and death from the devil and rose triumphant and that same life is in you as a born again believer. It was that same life that made Aaron's rod bud in the Ark. (If it died, it meant God had departed). This is the PRIMARY thing that makes this new covenant better than the old. God and ALL His resources are IN us.

Rom. 8:37—no matter what comes our way, you are more than a conqueror, and we win! Like David said to Goliath, we also can say “the battle is the Lord's”. Jesus is fighting our battles now...He is on our side –who can be our foe? (*Rom. 8:31*).

Because you are ONE with Him, your problems are His problems. He is bound by blood to deliver you. He will protect you, provide for you, care for you and supply for you! He is your covenant partner.

Phil. 4:13—we can do all things because Christ is in us and He will do the work!

Declare with me “Christ in me does the thing through my life. I can draw on the ability of Christ in me to do what needs to be done. Say to Him “look at this problem, I cannot fix it but I have a covenant with you, so I'll step back and let you take care of it”. *Eph. 6:10*—Exchange of Armor, sword, and shield (remember God told Abram, I am your shield). We go in His strength and His power. God is making His power available to us because we have a covenant (are one) with Him. He is giving you His personal armor.

Be bold! When we use the name of Jesus, everything He has and is comes to our rescue.

Jonathon and David exchanged armor. God gave us His PERSONAL battle clothes. In doing so, He is saying I am your protection. Be strong with His might.

II Cor. 5:21—God shares our debts, sins and problems. He became sin for us and gave us HIS righteousness. (Jehovah Tsidkenu).

23), the two lives have been made one. Therefore God (Adonai) is obliged to protect you, care for you, to supply and meet your every need. **THAT IS WHAT COVENANT MEANS!** He is our covenant partner and whatever we cannot do (or fail at) because of our flesh, God will take over and achieve it for us. Now let's take a look at the New Covenant to **find out** what really belongs to you and **what our rights and privileges are according to the Word.**

In the Old Covenant, people were NOT born again. As you have already seen, Jesus had to die for us first before one could be born again. Because you are born again, God is in you, to help you live in the victory HE HAS PROVIDED for us. We no longer live by the laws of the old covenant, for God Himself is in us, to ensure that we live the way He wants us to live.

The New Testament is a revelation of our **NEW COVENANT**. In this covenant, all that is God's is yours and all that is yours is God's because we have been made one together. You will begin to see scripture in a new light now! There is a definite pattern running through the new covenant, to convince you that you have a blood covenant sealed with the blood of God (Acts 20:28), and it is your **LEGAL AND SCRIPTURAL RIGHT AND PRIVILEGE TO APPROPRIATE THE BENEFITS BUILT INTO IT FOR YOU. HE IS YOUR GOD AND YOUR FATHER AND HE LIVES WITHIN YOU.**

This covenant is a revelation of the provisions made for us by God (Rom. 8:32). If He did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not also give us all things? He is telling us here that we have a covenant relationship. **As born again children of God, we are His heirs. If you are born again, you are the one who inherits everything. We share in the inheritance of Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:16-17).**

Rom. 8:11— Resurrection Life went into Hell and flooded the being of Jesus Christ. He then took the keys of Hell

"YOU are complete (lacking nothing) in Him. His love is shed abroad in our heart. Rom. 5.5. All of God's love, righteousness, ability, strength, the fullness of His grace is available to us, for we are joint heirs with Christ, branches of the Vine. THIS IS AN ACCOMPLISHED FACT AND IT ALL BECOMES OURS TODAY THROUGH HIS HOLY SPIRITS MINISTRY BY THE QUICKENING THE WORD OF GOD IN US.

This **PRESENT PHASE** consists of knowing:

- **WHO YOU ARE IN HIM (Christ)** you are a child of God, the body of Christ with a son's right and authority. Once you learn who you are in Him, then you can learn
- **WHAT YOUR RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES ARE IN CHRIST** (knowing you now have (authority in earth and heaven) and what you can do in Him now, as revealed by the Holy Spirit;

Then you must take your place, grab hold of them and **DECLARE** them establishing God's word in the earth. This **present phase** is **what the HOLY SPIRIT** is developing in us **NOW by revealing the light of His Word in our hearts.**

If we had a view of the Completed phase **ONLY**, our teaching would lead us into cold, dead, formalism. We would make doctrines out of truth and sense knowledge would prevail in our thinking.

If we had a view of the Present phase **ONLY**, our teaching would lead into fanaticism, magnifying experiences **ABOVE THE WORD**. God has *"magnified His word above all His name."* Psalm 138:2. This is why the development of our faith in God's **WORD** is vital.

Your faith in God is strengthened according to your revelation of His plan of redemption. God's plan of our redemption is now **totally** unveiled through His word. *"Now to Him who is able to strengthen you in the faith which is in accordance with my Gospel and the preaching of (or concerning)*

Jesus Christ (the Messiah), according to the revelation (unveiling) of the mystery of the plan of redemption which was kept in silence and secret for long ages. But is NOW disclosed (revealed) unto all nations through the prophetic scriptures (The Word) ..." Romans 16:25-26. (Ampl).

II Cor. 6:2 - tells us NOW, is the day of salvation (favor with God).
Rom. 1:16-17 – says "the Gospel (word) of God is the power of God unto salvation ..."

Mark 11:24 - ... says "what things so ever you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you shall have them.
This Word of God reveals unto us the righteousness of God AND gives faith to live by. The righteous shall live by faith which is the standing, the position, given to us by God.

If you are WAITING to get your heart's desire sometime, (in the future), it will never materialize. If you declare "I'm going to get my healing – I know Christ bore my disease and I have a right to it ----- that doesn't affect your disease; your "tenses" (past, present, future), are controlling you.

However, if you can declare "**I know** that **He bore** my disease and I thank Him for it, **I know** by His stripes **I am** healed ---- NOW the tenses are working with you!
Salvation is yours **ONLY when you receive and act on His word**. BEGIN to act as though you ALREADY POSSESS it, make your confession of faith that you DO possess it, that it is yours **NOW!** Let His nature (eternal life), through His word, dominate you. You will not come into the reality of THIS confession through "surrendering, consecration or fasting". It is only when you begin to act on the word that it becomes yours. Practicing **THIS** will give you your "promised land".

You might say but "you don't know **my situation, my circumstances**." You can rise up out of your circumstances by the Word. God's word is THE TRUTH. Don't allow

WHAT YOUR RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES ARE IN CHRIST (Present Phase)

You can rise up out of any and all your circumstances, through God's word. God's Word is truth. Because **we have a covenant with God**, we have legal and scriptural RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES to walk in the fullness of the word. God paid the awesome price of shedding His own blood to make it possible.

(Matt. 26:28; Acts 20:28). We are rising up and learning to walk in these rights as children of God, no longer allowing circumstances to dictate where I am and who I am. We walk in unity (oneness) of the faith and we walk in love towards all, as does Christ.
Eph. 4 and 5.

Entry into this blood covenant can only occur through the new birth. Because God and man have a covenant, it means **all that God owns** is yours and **all that you have** is Gods. You are not your own. You have been bought with a price (I Cor. 6: 19-20). You are His and He is your God. The bible tells us that there is one body (church), which has many members, and Christ is the head (Eph. 1:23; Col. 1:18). Also he that is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

All of God's fullness (mentality, ability, wisdom, life, righteousness, etc) is in us and we are in God. Even His authority is ours for because of His great love for us he raised us up together, and made us sit together with Christ Jesus, far above all principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world and spiritual wickedness in high places.
(Eph. 1:20-21; 2:6).

You see, we **have** been made one with God (John 17:22-

separate us from the **Love of God**. If they could then they would defeat us but they can't for God is watching over us and shielding us.

Don't forget for one moment that *"that same great Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is living in us."* Rom. 8:11.

Oh if we would but trust in him even as much as we do our car. We commit ourselves to go somewhere, **fully expecting** our car to start when we go out and get in it. What mighty men and women we would be if we would rely on God with that same trust. He would become so real to us; the name that has been given "all authority in heaven and earth" would be real to us.

We are empowered representatives of heaven for He said to us "go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things which He has commanded us; for lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matt. 28:19-21.

You see, we are being sent as an ambassador of Christ. II Cor. 5:20. The government of heaven is behind you. We have the backing of Father God, of Jesus, of the great Holy Spirit and all the angels of heaven.

So you see, we can't be a failure **unless** we *"forget what manner of man we are."* James 1:24.

circumstances to dictate **where** you are and **who** you are. As you walk in the Word and begin to declare the Word, circumstances can no longer hold you back and keep you in bondage.

You **are** redeemed from the curse of the law, through the blood of Jesus, and made joint heirs with Him. In the eyes of God we are esteemed high above all men because we are His chosen generation and royal priesthood. The word says that you are more than a conqueror through Him.

Begin to take the word unto yourself. Begin to act as though you already possess it. As you begin to fellowship with God and meditate in and study His word and allow it to be assimilated fully in you, it will be revealed in you and it becomes a part of you. God can then share with you the treasures and riches which He cannot reveal to those in a hurry and have no daily time to seek Him. Revelation of the word comes. It is meat, rhema, truth for righteousness sake and is for the here and now. Begin to declare Him in your life.

Make your confession from within your heart that you DO possess it, that IT IS YOURS NOW! Begin receiving your *"inheritance"* NOW acting on the light already received. Jesus paid the price and shed His blood for your redemption BUT YOU must come into the fullness of the word and declare it!

Do not allow the enemy to put stipulations on you. For God has told you even this day that you are more than a conqueror and he has given you the fullness of the Godhead bodily, that is **Christ in you**. When **HE** dwells on the inside of you, you **ARE** more than a conqueror. God's manifestation here on earth will be revealed through you and His presence will be all consuming **AS** you take time to dwell in His presence. Eph. 3:19 (*Ampl.*). Now let us take a look in detail at these two phases of our redemption.

THE COMPLETED PHASE OF OUR REDEMPTION

The two keys in this completed phase that we must gain understanding of **who God is** and **What He has done for us in Christ** for our redemption. Everything given to us in the four gospels up to the cross, the resurrection and the ascension of Christ is done and is covered in this **Completed Phase**.

It gives us the Masters earth walk and His revelation of the Father to His children. This is what the Apostles saw. Any further revelation as to what actually happened on the cross and the three days and nights afterward, could come by faith only.

"But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the Law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed" Gal. 3:23. This would require Paul's revelation, given by God afterwards, through the work of the Holy Spirit.

If one is willing to be led by the Spirit, he/she will be led into Sonship. "For ye received not the spirit of bondage again unto fear; but ye received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit, THAT WE ARE children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ.

THIS is what the Father says we are. We are in His family; a part of the body of Christ. We are what the Spirit calls a "new creation." *II Cor. 5: 17*

We are no longer under the authority of Satan. *Col. 1:13* tell us "we have been translated out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of the Son of His love. If this is true (and it is) then we are a new class of being. We have the wisdom of God and the ability of God. We have the mind of God in His word.

No matter what crisis may present its self or what testing may come, **we "will not forget what manner of man we are."** We belong to the class of people who have a legal right to enter the Father's presence anytime, anywhere.

We have a standing invitation to come boldly into the throne of grace (*Heb. 4:16*) because we have been made the righteousness of God through the life of God that was imparted to us when we were made New Creations in Christ.

This righteousness of God makes us masters of every force that is not of God. Paul said *"if God be for us who can be against us?" Rom. 8:31.* And He is, He is on our side. After going over all the forces that can come against us Paul concludes that we can be masters of everything Satan can bring against us. No weapon formed against us shall prosper.

You see, "we wrestle not against flesh and blood (not against things in the physical realm) but against spiritual forces and in all things we are more than conquerors. They cannot

All things are possible to us now, for we are the children of God.

We are united (made one) with Him.

II Cor. 5:17-21 – we see here one of the most priceless scriptures describing the result of our redemption in Christ. *“If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation (species of man); old things have passed away, behold all things have become new”.*

John 1:12 not only gives us the legal right to become a son\child of God (but as many as received Him, to them He gave the RIGHT to become children of God, to those who believe in His name) BUT we see in *I John 3:2* that all believers ARE sons\daughters of God NOW (beloved NOW we are the children of God).

As the result of being born again and being made a son of God we have the rights and privileges of a son.

You say how can this be? It is because *“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin FOR US, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him”.* *II Cor. 5:21.*

You understand that man’s basic need was righteousness, the ability to stand in the Father’s presence without the sense of guilt or inferiority, and so He declares (*Rom. 3:21-26*), that God has unveiled a new source of righteousness, and that source of righteousness is witnessed by the Law and the prophets, *“even the righteousness of God on the ground of faith in Jesus Christ.”*

The greatest thing is that it is based upon simple faith in Jesus, or in acting upon what God has said in regard to His Son. We should find out **what we are in the mind of our Father.** *Romans 8:14-16* says *“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God”.*

WHO HE (God) IS

Heb. 11:6 – *but without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

II Tim 1:12 – *for this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I KNOW whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep what I have committed to him until that day.*

Deut 3:24. – *O Lord thou hast begun to show your servant your greatness and your mighty hand, for what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do anything like your works and your mighty deeds.*

The primary way we get to know God is through His Word. Jesus continually revealed Him as His Father and our Father, and His God and our God. *John 20:17.* God has revealed Himself to us through several names in the Word. These express every aspect of the relationship He desires to have with us. They (each name) present a different aspect of His personality and provision. God wants you to be complete through Him. Your self image is complete in Him only.

Elohiym – (El-o-heem) - describes **God’s greatness and His glory and reveals His power and sovereignty.** It is the first title encountered in the Word and is specifically used in *Gen 1:1* in the **plural** form.

His name has two parts. “El” is the root and describes God’s **“greatness and glory, power and sovereignty”** and the Hebrew ending (second part) for El-o-hiym is **plural**, revealing the divine trinity of the Godhead: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

(See *Gen. 1:26*). Thus there are 3 separate persons in divine individuality and divine plurality. The Father is called God (*I Cor. 8:6*), the Son is called God (*Isa. 9:6-7; Heb. 1:8; John 1:1-2; 20:28*) and the Holy Spirit is called God (*Acts 5:3-4*). As individuals No **singular** word could adequately describe this element of persons. Each one can be called God and collectively they are spoken of as one God **because** of their perfect unity. The word “*God*”, like the word sheep, is used either as a singular or a plural word.

In *Gen. 1:26* we see the reference “let **us** create”. So here we see, Elohim, (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), active, all present and full of creative power. I like an analogy which I heard describing them. It said Father God is the Architect; Jesus is the Builder; and the Holy Spirit is He who breathes the life of God into the structure.

Everything that could be spoken of God collectively applies equally to each member of the Godhead as an individual, but there are some things that are said of each person of the Deity as to position, office, and work that could not be spoken of the other members of the Godhead.

The Father is the head of Christ (*I Cor. 11:3*); the Son is the only begotten of the Father (*II John 3*) and mediator between God and man (*1 Tim. 2:5*), and the Holy Ghost proceeds from both the Father and the Son. (*Jn 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7-15; Acts 2:34*).

All the **attributes of God** require a conception of God as having a soul of feelings, emotions, passions, and desires, as having a spirit of intelligence, will, choice, powers, self-consciousness, and self-determinations; and as having a spirit body through whom these faculties are manifest.

I know I am a son of God and if a son then and heir of God and a joint heir with Jesus Christ.

That being true, I have a standing with the Father just like the Master did, because He was my substitute, my sponsor.

He is my savior and Lord.

Now I see I am His righteousness and I can now stand in His presence just as I did before.

Jesus said “*if a man loves me, He will keep my word and the Father and I will love him and we will come and make our abode with him.*”

That means he will come and live in me. *Isa. 41:10* becomes a reality “*fear thou not for I am with thee; be not dismayed for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea I will help thee; yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.*”

That’s mine and it’s yours and I will confess it before the world. It’s wonderful, isn’t it?

Romans 8:11 is real at last. “*But if the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwelleth in you, He that raised Jesus Christ from the dead shall make His home in your body.*” Yes, quicken your body. Heal it if it is sick, make it strong if it is weak and pour into your spirit the consciousness of a victor and an over comer. **NEVER forget, what manner of man you are.** Now *Hebrews 13:20* is real. He is working in me his perfect work, his divine will.

Father God declared in His word “*what we are in Christ.*” The expression of being “*in Christ*”, “*in Him*” or “*in Whom*” is used in some form in the new covenant more than 130 times. Being in Christ is being in His ability, in the place of success, the place of a conqueror, an over comer, in His victory! Here is the secret of the Spirit guiding us into all reality. (Ask for your free pamphlet listing most of them to aid you in your study).

They cry *"I know I have eternal life."* *"I just can't figure it out."* I remember the specific time that I was born again. It was glorious; I was so full of joy for a few months. I even led a couple people to the Lord. Then something happened. *"The light went out and I don't know what it is."*

And then someone whispers to them *"haven't you read I John 1:9?"* *"If you confess your sin He is faithful and righteous to forgive you your sin and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness?"* Then they answered *"yes, I know that scripture. I've done it over and over again, but I get no relief"*. And then the same voice says *"read it again."* *"If you confess your sins, you did that right."* Yes! Then what does it say? *"He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins."* Well if you asked for forgiveness don't you think HE is faithful and righteous to forgive in your case?"

Then I read it again, pondering it and then it hit me. HE HAS forgiven me and my fellowship with heaven and the brethren was restored. I could have walked in the light of the word of God all the time, as He is in the light. So, grab hold of the revelation of the Word and begin to declare it for your life. You see, we receive our inheritance in the light. *Col. 1:12.*

Jesus paid the price and shed His blood for your redemption but YOU must come into the fullness of the word (thru study & meditation in it) and declare it.

So, I declare now that I am walking in the light of the word.

I confess that God is my Father.

I am His Child.

I am a member of His family.

Satan's dominion over me is broken.

I am a partaker of divine nature (eternal life).

I have passed out of death into life.

God is a Spirit Being with a personal spirit, soul, body, and Spirit is that through which He manifest Himself (*Jn 4:24*);

He is the Word – from which He sent to us his life and light (*Jn. 1:1-4*).

He is invisible,

He is Immortal,

He is Eternal,

He is Infinite (in presence, power, in time, knowledge and in greatness *Ps. 145:3*).

He is One (in unity with others of the Godhead)

He is Omnipotent (all power)

He is Omnipresent (presence is not governed by bodily contact, but by knowledge and relationship)

He is Omniscient (all knowing)

He is Life (*Jn. 10:10; 5:26; Rev. 11:11*) fountain of life

He is my Salvation – *Isa. 12:2; Ps 62:7*

He is Self-Existent

He is Immutable

He is Perfect,

He is Truth (*Duet 32:4; Jn. 17:3; 1Jn. 5:20*)

He is Wisdom (*Rom. 11:33; 1 Tim. 1:17*)

He is Love (*1 Jn. 4:8*) through which He communicates His infinite goodness *Jn. 3:16; Rom. 15:30*.

He is Holy (absolute purity of nature) *1 Pet 1:16; Isa. 6:3*

He is Righteous (holiness in action) – *Rom. 3:21-31*

He is Faithful – absolute trustworthy

He is Merciful – (His divine goodness manifest to relieve His creation of misery and suffering.

(*Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 1:2; Titus 3:5*)

He is Good – divine goodness by which life is preserved and mercy extended (*Matt 5:45; Rom. 2:4; Acts 14:17*).

He is Provident – cares for and provides for all creation
 He is Light – source of truth
 He is Just

Rom. 1:20 – for since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, (his handiworks) even His eternal power and Godhead.

Heb. 11:3 – tells us through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. He made man in His image. Gen. 1:26

Romans 11:33-36 – Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! “For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor? Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him? For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen

In Bible days, names were given that fit perfectly with the life of a person (ex. Abraham – father of multitudes). In the same manner God has chosen to reveal Himself to us through His names recorded in His Word.

Exodus 20:24 “an altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings and thy peace offerings, thy sheep and thy oxen; in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee and I will bless thee.

*Exodus 3:15 – And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The Lord God of your fathers, **the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of***

We find in John and in Paul’s epistles who and what we are in Christ.

John said “Beloved, NOW are we the sons of God.”
I John 3:2.

And again “*He that is of God overcomes the world.*” *I John 5:4.*

We are over comers in Him. **This is what we must major on.** I do notice however that he said in *Heb. 5:13* that I have never taken advantage of my righteousness. He said “when by reason of time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need now that someone teach you the first principles of the rudiments of Christ; ye still have to be fed on milk and not on solid food.”

I have lived as a “mere man” when in reality I am a partaker of the divine nature of God. I have forgotten who I really am.

We’ve never seriously said what we should say about this and that is “He is talking about me!” I had been reluctant to acknowledge that I was a Christian. I had not taken a stand. My confession was uncertain, indefinite. WHY? **Because** I had not studied the Word to show myself approved unto God. I had not lived the word nor practiced (acted on) the word so I dared not confess what the word said I was. We must meditate in this word and digest it fully in our spirit, letting it be revealed unto us and becoming a part of us. God’s word is spirit and you are spirit and like substances will mix, given time and opportunity.

The word declares in *Eph. 1:7* and *Col. 1:14* that I am redeemed. “*In whom I have my redemption,*” yet Satan rules over many. They live like all those around them. They go to the same places, talk the same talk yet when they go to church on Sunday and hear a heart wrenching message, they feel sorry, cry a little bit, feel bad that they have not done better but they go out and go back to their old life.

We are new creations in Christ Jesus. WE CAN “do all things in Him who strengthens me.” Phil. 4:13

John 17:21 tells us now “nothing shall be impossible unto us.”

The Church hasn't realized this yet.

Mark 9:23 also says “all things are possible to him that believeth (or to believers). NOT some special somebody but ALL who are in the Family of God, those who are partakers of His divine nature (eternal life).

Also see Mark 11:24. He says the same thing again, “all things whatsoever you pray and ask for, believe you receive (that they are yours then they become fact).” You see, it's not crying and praying and struggling. It's ACTING on the word that cannot be broken. For as a child of God you already possess the thing that your heart craves.

Many of us are like Martha at Lazarus's tomb. We are saying “it's too late, His body decayeth.” But Jesus said to her what he is saying to us today, “if thou believeth thou shall see the Glory of God.” Many believers are afraid to say that; they are in Christ AND are afraid to act as though it is true. They are trying to get, what the God of love has already given them. To deny what we are and to tell what Satan is doing in our bodies or minds, is denying what we are in Christ. Believing right things lead to the greatest achievements.

The greatest achievements have always been by faith. Jesus believed that He was able to rule the laws of nature and He did. You can do the same, if need arises. Faith lifts us up from poverty into plenty, out of weakness into strength. All the things of God become yours by faith. We are to know and major in:

- Who\What we are in Christ, and
- What we have in Christ.

Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever and this is my memorial unto all generations.

There is another facet to the name Elohim and that is one “who makes covenants with those whom He created.” It is the power and creativity revealed in this name that allows Him to enter into covenant relationship with you and I.

The apostle Paul saw that God's covenant of salvation with you and I, is His power, through His word. Romans 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” We see in Genesis, whenever God created, He spoke first; then the manifestation of His power was revealed.

So God is our “creator” and He makes “covenants.”

THE SEVEN REDEPTIVE NAMES OF JEHOVAH

(see our brochure with the same name)

Jehovah – is I Am; or, I am the Self existent One; the Eternal, the One who always has been and always will be (*Ps 90:2*), the ever present and Living One. It is equivalent to Jehovah the Eternal.

This name brings God forth in a very personal way through “*relationship and covenant*.” Here is where God reveals Himself as **our** intimate, personal God. Jehovah is connected to the **creation** of man, making of **Covenant** and to **atonement (Redemption)**. You cannot worship God without a relationship through the covenant. Jesus referred to Him as “*Father*”.

It is through the name “*Jehovah*”, which means “*Self-existent one who reveals, Himself and His ways to us*”, that He brings Himself forth in a very personal way. Here He reveals Himself and His life, His Holiness and the righteousness of God as our redeemer.

As you study and praise the names of God, He will reveal something to you which is extraordinary: your self-image will be complete only as you realize the completed image of who God wants to be in you! All that He is and all that He has ever been, every dimension of His amazing personality awaits, ready to reach fulfillment in you; ready to complete your self-image! His desires for your fulfillment will not change.

“*For I am the Lord, I change not.*” *Malachi 3:6* “*Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today and forever.*” *Hebrews 13:8*.

WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST (Present Phase)

Knowing and remembering who you are and what you are in Christ is the first step to victory over the adversary. But many times our problem is we only remember what we were before we became sons and daughters of God, or the wrong that we have done. We remember about our lives as sinners, about our failures and mistakes and we forget **WHAT TRULY WE ARE**: His workmanship created in Christ Jesus.

We forget we have been **recreated** by God *II Cor. 5*.

We forget that we have been **justified** by Him.

We forget that we have been made the **Righteousness of God in Christ** by Him. *II Cor. 5:21*.

We forget we have become a **partaker of His divine nature** which is eternal life. *II Peter 1:4*.

We forget that **we are the very sons and daughters of God**. *I John 3:2*

We forget that we have redemption through **HIS BLOOD**. *Eph. 1:07*.

We are redeemed from the curse of the Law. **That we are redeemed out of the dominion of Satan and into the Kingdom of His love** *Col. 1:13* and Satan has NO legal rights over us, in sickness, poverty or other needs.

We are His chosen generation and royal priesthood. *I Pet. 2:9*

Because we are in Christ (*II Cor. 5:17*), **WE ARE** Abraham’s seed and heirs according to the promise. *Galatians 3:29*. **WE ARE** Sons of God (*I Jn. 3:2*) and joint heirs (sharers of the inheritance) with Christ. We are **heirs of God** and **joint heirs with Christ**. *Romans 8:17*.

God is the strength of our lives. **WE ARE** no longer in bondage in the family of Satan. *I JOHN 4:4* tells us “*the one in us is greater than he that is in the world.*”

THE PRESENT PHASE OF OUR REDEMPTION

Now that we understand the Completed phase of our Redemption, we can understand the background of our PRESENT union (oneness) with Christ! We now understand when He says *“For it is God who is at work within you, willing and working his own good pleasure”*.

The two key points of this **PRESENT PHASE** which we must understand and be developed in are; knowing who you are in Christ and Knowing what your rights and privileges are in Christ. His eternal life has given me a son's rights and privileges. Once the PRESENT view of our redemption is understood, we will know *“what belongs to us in Christ”*. We know as a child of God we have:

- A Son's rights
- And will learn to take our place and enjoy our privileges.

All that God has done for us in Christ, may become ours today by the ministry of the Holy Spirit, through the Word in us as we act upon the word, and exercise our authority in Christ.

In His redemptive relationship to man, Jehovah has 7 compound names which reveal Him as meeting every need of man from his lost state to the end of time. Since it is His redemptive relationship to us that these names reveal, they must each point to Calvary where we were redeemed, and the blessing (or provision) that each name reveals must be provided through the Atonement (Redemption). They are as follows:

Jehovah-Shammah meaning *“the Lord is there”* or present, giving us the privilege of enjoying His presence. Jesus said *“Lo, I am with you always”*.

Jehovah-Shalom meaning *“the Lord our Peace”* giving us the privilege of enjoying His peace. Jesus said *“My peace I give unto you”*.

Jehovah-Ra-ah (Rohi) meaning *“the Lord is my Shepherd”*. He became my shepherd by giving His life for the sheep.

Jehovah-Jireh meaning *“the Lord will provide”* and He gave Himself as an offering for our complete redemption.

Jehovah-Nissi meaning *“the Lord is our Banner, our Victory or Captain”* and now we can say *“thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ”*.

Jehovah-Tsidkenu meaning *“the Lord our Righteousness”*. He became righteousness for us by bearing our sins on the cross. Then he gave us the *“gift of His righteousness”*.

Jehovah-Rapha meaning *“the Lord our Physician or “I am the Lord that healeth thee”*. *“Surely He hath borne our sicknesses and carried our pains”* and *“by His strips we are healed”*.

NOW RECEIVE ALL THE BLESSINGS OF GOD BY SIMPLY PRAISING HIS NAME!

EL SHADDI

The name EL Shaddi means *“all sufficient one”*. It first holiness and righteousness as our redeemer. El Shaddai expresses Him as our God of blessings and His all sufficiency. El reveals to us His *“power and might”* BUT *“El Shaddai”* is derived from the word *“field”* as the fields produce their abundance. *“Shaddai”* is defined as *“breasty one”*, God of more than enough, bounty, and blessings. God made covenant with Abraham and promised to *“bless him exceedingly.”*

ADONAI

Elohim, Jehovah and El Shaddai all relate to the *“person”* of God. This name of God means *“Master, owner, Lord”* and reflects OUR responsibility as His servants. As master, owner, and Lord He provides, protects and directs us. In *Genesis 18:3* when God came and told Abraham about what He was going to do to Sodom and Gomorrah, Abraham interceded. This shows God's ownership and Lordship over our lives and revelation of our future and intercession.

God has completely redeemed mankind from all the result of Adams treason. Two scriptures which perfectly illustrate what God did for us in His Redemptive work (His substitution and our identification with it) are:

- *Romans 4:25 “Who was delivered up for OUR trespasses, and was raised for OUR justification”.*
- (The innocent for the guilty).
- *I Corinthians 15:3-4 “For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for OUR sins according to the scriptures, Vs 4 and that He was buried and that He rose again the third day according*

The psalmist David said in *Psalms 84 10-11* that a *“day in His courts is better than a 1000 in the tents of the wicked..... the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from those who walk uprightly.”*

The *“key”* to getting God to respond is to give, give, and give; lifting your heart and raising your voice. He inhabits (dwells) in the praises of his people and Jesus said in *John 14:21* that *“I will love him and will manifest myself to you.”*

When we are one with Christ, he is our God, he is our keeper and He gives us knowledge, peace and strength and we have no love for ourselves, our desires and our feelings. We can contain all of Christ Jesus by praising his name, lifting our voices up loud with His praises on our lips. *Eph. 3:19.*

Take your place as the child of God that you are and begin to partake of your inheritance. *Phil. 2:5-6 says “let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus” Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God.”* It is not robbery to be called a joint heir (or sharer) with Jesus or an heir of God, one who is entitled to the blessings of your inheritance.

You have the mind of Christ so renew your mind and you will think in one accord with the word of God as He did. *Romans 5:17 says, “for if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ”.*

- Jesus is the risen, triumphant, conqueror of death, sin and Satan. He is humanity's redeemer, who has met the demands of justice and satisfied every claim against us. Now God has a legal right to give man eternal life.
- The New Creation, a new race of people, who can stand in God's presence without any sense of guilt, condemnation or inferiority, is an accomplished fact.
- Christ is the Head of this New Creation, we are His body.
- We (every member of His body) are raised with and seated with Christ at the right hand of the Father on high, in that seat of authority.
- We have been made ONE with Him, Him being the head and us the body.

WE **ARE** COMPLETE IN HIM for He is IN us. The Holy Spirit, through the word, is doing a perfect work in us today.

Eph. 1:4-7 gives us a preview of our redemption. *"just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace."*

The Word of God says the *"righteous shall live by faith."* Rom. 1:17. God responds to our confession of faith. When you praise his name, he is full of joy and happiness, conceived between you and He as one. He is filled with the fullness of the Godhead bodily and desires to give it all to us. John 1:16.

Father God is a giving God. He gives everything to us when we praise Him. He gives of himself, his love, his happiness and His joy. In His presence is fullness of joy.

to the scriptures.

We must understand that:

- *God was in Christ, redeeming the world unto Himself. II Cor. 5:19.*
- *Christ was made sin that we could be made Sons & Daughters of God. II Cor. 5:21.*
- *He redeemed us from Satan's dominion and power (fear & bondage). Col. 1:13; Psalm 107.*
- *A New Creation man was made. II Cor. 5:17.*
- *All man need do is accept (receive) Christ as Lord of His life on God's grounds, to receive eternal life and become a new creation. Rom. 10:9-10.*
- *Jesus was the first born from the dead, the head of the church. Col. 1:18.*
- *He was the first born of many brethren. Rom. 8:29.*
- *Jesus established His Kingdom on earth in us. Luke 17:20-21.*
- *He has made us sufficient as ministers of this new covenant. II Cor. 3:6.*

Since an understanding of the plan of redemption is the basis for our faith, we must look to the Word of God to get an understanding of what was provided.

We see that Adams treason resulted in spiritual death for all mankind. He was brought under the dominion of Satan. That is why the incarnation of God the Son was required.

Justice required the death of a man and therefore Christ became man. Though a man he was not however under the lordship of Satan. He was alive unto God and without sin. This is why Satan could not understand where Jesus got His power and authority.

WHAT HAS GOD DONE FOR US IN CHRIST FOR OUR REDEMPTION (Complete Phase)

God spoke and began unveiling His plan of redemption immediately after the fall in *Genesis 3:15*. It is now totally revealed through the word of God. *Romans 16:25-26*. The Bible was written to show that plan and the authority that believers now have in Christ Jesus. That is why Satan fights you getting into the Word.

Again, what and how much one receives from God depends upon the amount of revelation he has concerning God's plan of redemption. The reason is that your faith operates according to the level of your knowledge of God's word. *II Peter 1:2-4* says the new creation can escape the corruption that is in the world, partake of the divine nature of God and have grace and peace multiplied unto him, all because God's divine power HAS ALREADY PROVIDED EVERYTHING THAT PERTAINS TO LIFE AND GODLINESS.

We now understand that Jesus was God incarnate. *"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory"* *John 1:14*.

*"Inasmuch (since) then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who **HAD** the power of death, that is, the devil."* *Heb 2:14*.

Jesus first walked the earth as a man, one that was alive unto God, **a man without sin**. But Jesus, as holy as God was, was made sin with our sin (took on the sinful nature of man). *Isa. 53:4-6*. For all we like sheep went astray and God laid on Him our iniquity (He made Jesus sin). God was in Christ reconciling (redeeming) the world unto himself. *II Cor. 5:19*. God actually made Him to become sin for

- I was buried with Christ – *Romans 6:4; Col 2:12*
- I was justified with Him – *I Tim. 3:15* (once claims against us were satisfied and my union with Satan wiped out.)
- I was made alive with Christ – *Romans 6; Col 2:13* (we were made righteous right here.) *Acts 13:33* – this day I have begotten you.
- I was raised with Christ – *Romans 4:24; 6:4; I Cor. 6:14; Eph. 2:6*.
- I was seated with Christ – *Hebrews 10:12-14. Eph. 2:6. "we were raised up with Him and made us to sit together with Him"* signifying that His work of redemption of man was complete.

Yes, Love was taking my place. I was with Him on that cross, dying and suffering with Him.

Then, He conquered our adversary, the devil. In *Col. 2:15* we see the legal background of His absolutely conquering the forces of darkness, before He arose from the dead (and it is as though we were with Him in His substitutionary battle). Christ Jesus stripped Satan of all his authority and dominion, leaving him defeated and broken.

Again, we can understand when He says *"we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus..."* In the eyes of Justice, we were recreated down there at the time Christ was, for He is the Head of this body, the first born from the dead (He was the 1st born again man).

We become one with Christ through the new creation. *II Cor. 5:17*. We must be born again. When we are born again we are created the righteousness of God, in Him. *II Cor. 5:21*. Righteousness gives us the legal right to enter into His presence without the baggage of our past weighting us down, for all things have been made new. We can now enter His presence without any sense of fear, condemnation or inferiority.

UNDERSTANDING IDENTIFICATION

Yes, you and I were with Him on that cross, dying and suffering with Him. Love was taking our place. Now that we understand Christ Jesus was our substitute, we can understand our identification with Him in it. Identification in the Bible between God and man is revealed in 3 ways:

1. Our identification with the 1st Adam. –
Romans 5:12-21.
2. Christ's identification with man. -
John 1:14; Hebrews 2:14.
3. And our identification with Christ (2nd Adam).-
Hebrews 9:12; Romans 6:3-14.

Substitution and Identification is the pivot point around which Christianity revolves. To identify with, means sameness, oneness. Father defines oneness as Jesus and us together, in one accord.

Jesus identified with His heavenly Father in John 14:20 saying "I and My Father are one." Jesus prayed in John 17:20-23 that WE may be one in them saying "even as we are one" (i.e. just like us.)

Once the believer in Christ identifies with the family of God (instead of the family of Satan), he will then learn about his authority. There is power in being one with God. There are seven steps by which we have our complete identification with Christ.

- I was crucified with Christ - *Gal 2:20* received our curse.
- I died with Christ – *Romans 6:6-8* (if we died with Christ, we believe we shall also live with Him- we were both crucified & died with Him)

us. *II Cor. 5:21.*

He had to first pay man's penalty, "*the judgment*" that was man's fell upon Him. *Rom. 5:18. Isa. 53:8*
God turned His back upon Him because of it. Jesus cried "*My God, why hast thou forsaken (abandoned) me?*" *Matt. 27:46; Mark 15:34.*

He was being made sin so we could be made sons and daughters of God. He died spiritually the moment that our sin touched Him. He was separated from His heavenly Father. Sense knowledge can't understand this. That is why the apostles could not understand it. It requires the revelation of faith, as mentioned previously, which comes with the new creation, to guide us from here on. *Gal. 3:23.*

He suffered until God could justify the human race. He was so identified with US that He himself needed justification. Psalm 88 is a picture of a righteous man in Hell, upon whom the wrath of God laid hard. *Acts 2:24-28* shows us the suffering of Christ in Hell. His spirit was loosed from suffering once God could justified (acquitted) the human race. Satan did hold Christ UNTIL GOD declared Him righteous. "*You are My Son. This day have I begotten thee.*" *Acts 13:30-33.*

After Christ was passed from death to life, He conquered Satan as a man (born again man). Knowing that Christ was raised from the dead ..." (i.e. He was born again). Rom. 6:9.

Then, in the power of God, He defeated Satan and triumphed over him. *Heb. 2:14.* He displayed them as His conquests! He triumphed over them all. *Col. 2:14.*

His victory was our victory because HE WAS OUR SUBSTITUTE!
When He arose, all Satan's forces were put under His feet.
Eph. 1:20-23.

He redeemed us from Satan's dominion. *Col. 1:13.*
 He declared before all of heaven, hell and earth that *"I am He that was dead but am now "ALIVE FOREVER MORE!" Rev. 1:18.*
 HE HAD CONQUERED SATAN, TAKEN BACK THE AUTHORITY ADAM HAD GIVEN AWAY AND HAS THE KEYS TO DEATH AND HELL."

GOD'S MAN WAS FREE ONCE AGAIN!

Titus 2:14 "who gave himself for us that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself, his own special people, zealous for good works."

The following reveals to us the legal background (completed phase) of our redemption in Christ and gives us a picture of His entire substitutionary work AND our identification with Him:

- *Col. 2:15 – here we see the legal background of His absolutely conquering the forces of darkness, before He arose from the dead (and it is as though we were with Him in His substitutionary work).*
- *Gal. 2:20 – should not read "I am crucified but I was crucified with Christ" (it's done, past).*
- *Rom. 6:8 – says "if we died with Christ, we believe we shall also live with Him" (you see we were both crucified and died with Christ).*
- *Col. 2:12 – "we were buried with Him".*
- *I Tim. 3:15 – "we were justified (acquitted) with Him" (claims against us were satisfied and my union with Satan wiped out).*
- *Col. 2:13 – "we were made alive **with** Him" (we were made righteous right here). Acts 13:33 "this day I have begotten you".*
- *Eph. 2:6 – "we were raised up **with** Him and made us to sit together with Him". (Right hand is the seat of authority).*

Now we can understand *Eph. 2:10* when He says *"we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus.... "*. In the eyes of Justice, we were recreated down there at the time Christ was, for He is the Head of the body, the first born from the dead (1st born again man).

THEN, He conquered our adversary, the devil (and we were with Him in the eyes of Justice), He stripped Satan of his authority and dominion, leaving him defeated and broken, and THEN we were **raised with Him**.

- Satan IS conquered.
- The New Birth IS an accomplished fact.
- We (every member of His body) ARE raised with and seated with Christ at the right hand of the Majesty on high.
- He is the head and we are the body. We ARE one with Him. We ARE complete in Him.
- Of His fullness have we all received, and grace for grace. *Jn 1:12*

The next step which was required of Jesus was, as man's representative, ascend into heaven with His own blood, and obtain an eternal covenant of redemption for mankind. God accepted it! *Heb. 9:12-15.*

Once this was done (**completed**), Christ sat down at the Father's right hand; MAN had been perfectly redeemed because of His identification with Christ.