

## **FROM THE CROSS TO THE THRONE**

The Bible is the story of Redemption Unfolding. The Bible was given to reveal the creation of God's precious "Jewel" (mankind), man's fall from the throne to the prison, and the ingenious restoration plan of God to restore His precious "Jewel" back to the original plan of God. The Bible should be read in that sense to create great faith in us to follow God in full obedience. Every sin has in its core a lack of trust (faith) in God. It is because we do not know this Awesome God and His surpassing love and kindness towards us that makes us take off in the opposite direction to what God requires of us. But take a person who fully trusts God and you have a person who is not willing to negotiate with Satan. This is the person who through faith in God obeys God fully and therefore sees the plans of God fulfilled in his life.

Apostle Paul in **1 Corinthians 2:1-2** and **1 Corinthians 15:1-4** revealed the theme of his preaching and he summarised it as about the preaching of Christ, His death and His resurrection. This is the redemption of plan of God unfolded in scriptures as God masterfully works to restore man back to the original call of **Genesis 1:26-28**. Understanding of this Redemption Plan reveals that accepting the Eternal Life of Jesus Christ delivers man from bankruptcy to owning the "bank" and its entire jewel. Man was bankrupt in spirit when he aligned himself with Satan and therefore received into his spirit the spiritual death that belonged to Satan. Adam chose to believe in Satan instead of God (**Genesis 3**) and in the process aligned with Satan and lost his righteous standing with God. The result was sharing in the spiritual death of Satan. Spiritual death is the separation of Satan from God and Satan's judgment in hell. Adam couldn't sit on God's throne to rule creation anymore and was therefore evicted to join his new master (Satan). Satan took control over all that man had and rather became the god of this world (**Luke 4:6-7** and **2 Corinthians 4:4**). God immediately set out to restore man back to Himself. This required God providing a "sinless Lamb" (Jesus Christ) to come to earth to correct the anomaly of Adam. Jesus came to live righteously being tempted in every form and shape like man but yet without sin. Jesus came to pay man's share in spiritual death by receiving spiritual death into His Spirit as He hung on the cross as man's Substitute. Then Jesus went into the pit of hell for three days on our behalf and stayed there until our righteousness and restoration

was complete (**Romans 4:25**). Jesus was declared righteous by God right in the pit of hell after God was satisfied that the full price of man's spiritual death has been paid. Jesus, Declared Righteous, right in the pit of hell broke the power of Satan and made a public display of Satan's impotency as He matched out of death and hell victorious. Jesus then raised us up unto the throne of God and sat us there. Therefore with the redemption plan complete anyone who aligns with Jesus receives from Jesus' victory over Satan and also receives a return to union with God and a return to the Throne of God.

Church, we need to know this truth intimately in order to maintain control over our destiny so that we do not ignorantly or foolishly return to Satan's dominion (**Romans 12:1-2**). Adam failed in his confidence and trust in God and therefore believed and obeyed Satan. We need to fully be aware of the love and kindness of God to maintain our trust and confidence in God (**Romans 4:18-22**). This is when we are able to fully obey God. We should fight the good fight of faith (**1 Timothy 6:12**). Instead of giving up on God at every sight of trouble and turning away from God in disappointment we should rather fight to maintain our faith in God by praying, confessing and acting on the Word of God. This is the way the Just must live and this is the only way to please God.

**Ephesians 2:1-22** and many other scriptures like that should be of great interest to us. These scriptures must feed our faith so that we can benefit from the Redemption Plan of God. Our poor state of spiritual death was revealed but God told us about the price paid by Jesus Christ to restore us to the Life of God (**Ephesians 2:1-6**). This is grace in that we couldn't have come out of the mess by ourselves but we can only access this grace through our faith. By receiving this grace we return to the kindness and love of God that had been originally ours from the foundation of the world (**Ephesians 2:7-10**). God plans that gentiles be included in the family of God and to have the full covenant rights and inheritance as Abraham's seed (**verses 11-18**). We now have access to God as family of God and built on the foundations of the apostles, prophets and Jesus Christ becomes the Chief cornerstone (**verses 19-20**). God then comes and dwell in our new created righteous spirit and we permanently have the Presence of God (**verses 21-22**).

This is the complete picture of our recreation, our righteousness and our restoration. Anyone who will believe this and act on it will dominate Satan and

nature in all issues like Jesus did. Bible says “as Christ is so are we in this world.”