

GOD HAS A PLAN

(Part Four of this Series)

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As stated in last week's blast, Jesus defeated Satan as evidenced by the empty tomb, and His Bride, His church, was loosed into the world. Now He will revive His household, remove the corruption the enemy brought to it, and in fact, all creation would eventually be set free and restored.

Romans 8:21

21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

His Spirit came to empower the church for ministry at Pentecost. Spirit-filled leaders were raised up to train the born again, and the Holy Spirit Himself trains our spirit man, giving it His nature, His ability and His knowledge.

I Corinthians 12:7-10 speaks of this very thing.

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:

8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,

9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same

Spirit,

10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

All of God's household will soon speak one language that has evolved from the knowledge of the Tree of Life. The culture will therefore change, the systems that run the world will change as well as we begin to walk in the spirit with Him. It is He that unites our human spirits and if we will allow Him to train and perfect us, and place us each where we belong in the body, the body will soon become the full stature of Christ. Greater works will we do than He did as one person.

John 14:12

12 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also (as individuals); and greater works than these he will do (because its the whole body of Christ), because I go to My Father.

He returned to the heavenlies and became a spirit being again. Now He can come into many bodysuits to accomplish His earthly goals. Christ in us is able to restore, not just the people in one location as when He walked on the earth, but the whole world can benefit. Read what all He was capable of in

the gospels and then picture Him doing that through His family all over the world! It truly is Christ in us, the hope of glory.

Colossians 1:27

27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

From the fall of Adam until the death of Christ, man was left to his own device as to how to live because of the choice Eve made to control our own destiny. God would give man plenty of time to see that they cannot exist successfully without their Creator. Jesus said plainly in John that we could not exist without Him. Finally, we are beginning to see and really understand this!

John 15:5

5 "I (Jesus) am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Those in Judaism and the old church as well, tried to walk in unison with God the best they could, yet still doing things their way, making their own plans. We know of course, this was not successful, nor could it ever be. From the time Christ resurrected, man was offered the opportunity to enter into His

rest. He could live through God's plan, so his works would no longer be dead works accomplished through his own strength and intellect.

Jeremiah 17:5

5 Thus says the LORD: “ Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from the LORD.

What symbolized this for man was the folded napkin which had been used to cover the Lord's face in the grave. It was not laid with the rest of the grave clothes, but was folded by itself to draw the attention of those who came to the tomb to minister to His dead body.

John 20:7

7 and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself.

What was He trying to show us? What did it mean? Let us take a closer look. What is interpreted in this scripture as “handkerchief” was actually, according to Strongs, the Greek dictionary, a sweat cloth. After He rose, He folded it neatly and laid it aside. Was He not showing man he would no longer have to fret and figure things out for himself?

Hebrews 4:9-10

9 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.

10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.

Perhaps He wanted us to understand, God has a plan for each of us and if we are willing, God Himself will see to it that we fulfill our destiny. The folded cloth signified that Jesus had successfully manifested His part in God's plan for the restoration of earth and had fulfilled God's desire concerning humanity. It was finished. He accomplished all that was planned for Him to do from the foundation of the earth.

Still, the folding of the cloth had yet another meaning as well. It was symbolic of the removal of that part of man's curse that God had spoken over Adam for his disobedience, stating he would have to sweat and toil to eat.

Genesis 3:17-19

17 Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: “ Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life.

18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the

herb of the field.

19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return.”

So you see, because Christ fulfilled all things required of Him before the cross, then at the cross, and now, it is Christ through us, all we have to do is rest in God's plan. This should be quite easy, but how do we tap into the plan of God? You see, when we are born again our spirits are directly connected to the mind of Christ. We may be babies as far as knowing how to walk this way. But it can easily be done “if” we can relax, enter His rest, and actually trust that God loves us and cares enough to direct us. He will open doors no man can close, He will create circumstances we are not capable of creating. Adam for example, before the fall, named all the different species of creatures, because he was connected through his spirit to the mind of Christ. We have the same ability today when born again, but it will take faith in God and practice to use this ability and rest in His promise to intervene on our behalf.

He fulfills all things concerning us. However, it truly is difficult to trust the love of God after all these years of being exposed to the cruelty of Satan. Satan's nature through man's soul has been our example for thousands of years, but we must now understand, the cross remedied that for those who wish to start over. God truly is a God of Love and wants nothing but the best

for His family. Our mistakes are covered, our destiny sure.

Paul said it this way in **Romans 8:38** and **39**.

38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities
nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,

39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate
us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We must now learn to manifest the victory of the cross and be ready to
change from the way we walked before we met Christ. We must learn to rest
from our works to be in harmony with God's plan.

Hebrews 4:11

11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to
the same example of disobedience (of old Israel).

In closing, if we can be obedient to rest in God's work, it is His revealed plan
to raise up a people He can dwell in and live through to usher a new cycle or
age into being. Children of the 8th day! It's all a part of His plan.

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