

The Word of God – 11

Ge 3:21 Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

The sin that came as a result of Satan's deception had separated the Man and the Woman from God's stated purpose for their creation, to have 'dominion', to rule. They both 'died' in a spiritual sense.

And here is something very important to note. Death in Scripture never has to do with ceasing to exist, it always has to do with separation from God's purpose.

Eph 2:1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,

Let's ask ourselves a question. When we were dead in trespasses and sins, in what sense were we dead? We were walking around eating, drinking, and breathing. There was no absence of physical life. But there was an absence of spiritual life. We were spiritually separated from God's purpose.

As we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, so He made us alive. The Holy Spirit breathed into us the breath of spiritual life. We became eternally saved and no longer separated from God's purpose for the endless ages. And this is what is set in place through the foundational type of the Man and the Woman.

So, let's ask another question. When does 'eternity' begin? The moment we physically die? Absolutely not. We have seen from the foundation in Genesis Chapter 1 that there are to be 6 days followed by a 7th day in which rulership is to take place. And as these 'days' have a specific beginning and ending, then we are not dealing with eternity. That must come after the end of the 7th day.

Let's add something to this – 2 Pe 3:8 *But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*

What are we told not to forget? One day, in Genesis, is as a thousand years, and a thousand years is as one day in Genesis.

So then, we see 7 one thousand-year 'days' that correspond exactly to the 7, 24-hour days in Genesis Chapter 1. Again then, when does eternity begin? At the end of the 7th, 100- year day.

Let's go back to the Man and the Woman. God's provision for their sin, the death and shed blood of the animals that provided the tunics of skin, gave them spiritual 'life'. They were no longer separated from God's purpose for them for the 7th day. But did they receive back the covering of glory they had lost? Did they immediately begin to rule? The answer to these questions is, 'No'. Nor could they. They had spiritual life, but their soul was still corrupted having a sin nature. And of course, their bodies had no glory.

If they were to rule, then all 3 parts of their being had to be redeemed. Their spirit had been but not their soul and their body, and God would have to make the provision.

All this forms a picture for us and what we learn from it is this. We have spiritual life with regards to eternity, but we still have a sin nature. And if you look in the mirror you will see no covering of glory.

How then is all this to be rectified?

If we go back to our foundation in Genesis Chapter 1, we will find our answer. We know that the earth was in a ruined condition because of Satan's sin. And the first thing God did to begin the restoration of that which was ruined was to bring light out of the darkness on Day 1. But the restoration was not complete until Day 6. God had another 5 days of work to bring about the complete restoration.

Our spiritual birth, the redemption of our spirit, corresponds to Day 1 in Genesis. It is God's initial work, not His complete work. There must now

be a continuing work beyond our eternal salvation, pictured by days 2 through 6 in Genesis Chapter 1 to bring us to complete restoration so that we might rule with Christ in the 7th Day.

If we refuse to believe what the Scripture teaches about this then there will be no possibility of us ruling with Christ in the 7th Day.

If we think or have been taught that we were saved body, soul, and spirit at our new birth, we are deceived.

If we think or have been taught that we are ruling with Christ now, we are deceived.

If we think or have believed what awaits us next is eternity, we are deceived.

But don't take my word for it, go to the Scripture – 1 Pe 1:9 *receiving the end [the goal, the purpose] of your faith—the salvation of your souls.*

The salvation of our what? Yes, we heard it correctly. The salvation of our soul is the future goal or purpose of our faith.

Heb 10:39 *But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe [who have faith] to the saving of the soul.*

More next time if the Lord is willing.