IN THE VOLUME OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME.....

THE NATURAL MAN: First Covenant & Priesthood

The first man Adam is the utmost beginning of a “new creation” of God (the flesh body/collectively mankind). He is a natural man, of the earth, who being made a living soul bears the image of the earthy. The blood of his flesh is the life thereof and by the breath of that life he comes forth according to the natural earthy spirit within...the spirit of the 'world' - carnally minded! It is the 'way' of the natural man, the 'truth' of the natural man, and the 'life' of the natural man. This is ALL he knows, or can know! The picture helps us to understand the nature of the natural man, the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Being carnally minded our First Adam serves the lusts of his flesh through the spirit of his earthy image.

First Covenant/Priesthood: While our First Adam has 'life', we are now able to understand that the life of the First Adam is 'in death', subject to the Law of Sin and Death. Because the natural man is carnal minded, he manifests his earthy spirit through the works of his flesh. He partakes of the Tree of the Knowledge of both Good and Evil, and does both works (life and death). He is not subject to the law of God (Life only) at this early “first” stage, neither can he be. By the First Covenant/Priesthood, came the Law (Law of Sin and Death), wherein the Priesthood offered up gifts and blood sacrifices and burnt offerings for the sins of both the priests and the people, which sacrifices could never take away sin. Heb 8:7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. Heb 10:4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Heb 10:6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.

Lo, I come to do thy will, O God

On the Threshold of the Second Covenant/Priesthood: Heb 10:5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me. Heb 10:7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. Heb 10:10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. This helps us to see that the Tabernacle and Priesthood of the Old Testament served unto the example and shadow of heavenly things to come.

Let's take a closer look at what comes next, 'after those days' (of the generations of the First Covenant). Behold! Heb 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel AFTER THOSE DAYS, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind (singular/Mind of Christ), and write them in their hearts (plural/many sons): and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people! (Spiritual / Internal!) Heb 8:13 In
that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

What manner of Man is This? It is that which COMES AFTER the first natural Adam. It is the Last Adam, who is made a quickening Spirit! It is the Second Man, who IS the Lord from Heaven, who bears the image of the heavenly. It is the Spiritual Man made in the image and likeness of God (internally/Father within) and manifested in the Flesh. It is the New Creation Man, the True Tabernacle of God!.

THE SPIRITUAL MAN: Second Covenant & Priesthood

Second Covenant/Priesthood: Established not through the blood sacrifice of animals, but through the blood of Jesus, the Christ of God, who through the Eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God to take away the sins of many. Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. A body Thou hast prepared for me. Jesus testified... I AM The “Way” (blood of the Life (style) of Christ Jesus in the flesh), “The Truth” (the Word made Flesh) and “The Life” (Christ, the Eternal Spirit/Father within). Life unto Life Eternal! The flesh being born of water (as to natural) and of Spirit (as to God), and having overcome the life/ways of the the spirit of the world through the Spirit of Life, thereby abolishing in the flesh the enmity between the two, making of the two (flesh and Spirit of God) one New Man! This is the only begotten Son of God, the Christ of God in a many-membered body. He who IS The Tree of Life, the express image of the Father … The Spirit of Life Eternal (Life only)!

Heb 7:12 For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. As we become matured in Jesus, we are made free from the Law of Sin and Death through the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus. We are called to present our bodies unto God and the Lamb a “Living Sacrifice”, holy and acceptable unto the perfect will of God. Sacrifices unto the First Covenant/Priesthood where firstfruits unto death (life in death). Praise be to God and to the Lamb of God, the mediator of a better covenant, that by means of death (through His blood sacrifice), for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, those which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance! Sacrifices unto the Second Covenant /Priesthood are Firstfruits unto Life!

What is our acceptable sacrifice unto God?

It is our all-inclusive life (spiritual sacrifices)! Luke 9:24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. It is our earthy natural life, carnal mind and spirit of the world by which the natural earthy man does both good and evil works. If we be called of God to receive Christ, we are further called to pick up our cross daily and follow the Lamb, be circumcised of heart,
overcome the world and the spirit thereof, abolish in our flesh the enmity between the flesh and the Spirit, and be transformed by the renewing of the spirit of our mind unto good works only....Life Eternal! If we have received Christ, we have heard the call to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way! As we press onward to full maturity we are given authority to put all enemies under our feet in the walk of Life of Christ Jesus as kings and priests unto our Lord and King and High Priest after the order of Melchizedek! This is the Unchangeable, Everlasting Priesthood unto ALL generations without end!

Are we not the 'body' of Christ, being prepared of God to be the True Tabernacle of God manifested in FLESH to bear the image of the heavenly? 1 Peter 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, *are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.*

Christ is One with the Father (internally) within the flesh body! No more change! Life Eternal is the Eternal Spirit that is the Spirit of God...God changes not! Mal 3:6 For I am the LORD, I change not, and Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. Jesus Christ is the Truth of the Way of that Life. This is the Second Man, the Lord from Heaven, the Spiritual Man, the Son of God, the New Creation Man, the Tabernacle of God in the Flesh, the God/Man...born of water and of the Spirit! *Rev 3:14 These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God!*

Behold! It is even at the door! Phil 3:20-21 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: 21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself.

For this cause: 1 Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness (death) into his marvellous light (Life).

Love to All and Praise and Blessings unto God and the Lamb Forevermore,

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