

CHRIST THE ANTIDOTE REGARDING DEATH

Part 36.

Perfection!

I am convinced that there is one who is perfect, I am also convinced that I am in contact with this one who is not only perfect but is perfection itself, furthermore I am convinced that this one who is perfect is my true nature or true self. I was originally created in his image Eph 2:10. I was made in the very image of God Himself. I also believe there was never a time that we were not, if there is ever a time that man was not; [for true man – *not mankind* – came from God himself so we were in God before we ever had the Gen 1, experience.] If we ever had a time in our true identity that we had a beginning then it would mean that we would have an ending & this is not so for true man will never end. So many are living in the lie that they are a human being enjoying a spiritual experience, but the reverse is true we are spiritual beings having a human experience. We must decrease the thought that our inception was in our Mother & Father, the useful thing that our parents did for us is that they were used to help create a vehicle for our Godly spirit to indwell for awhile. This is the true reason that Jesus Christ so many times stressed that we were to - *leave our father & mother* – & concentrate on our true original Godly or Christ identity. This is part of the lower self or carnal experience that we are to overcome. Without an enemy a soldier can never test his strength & skills & our thoughts must be developed by the exercising of our Christ thinking & strengths, "***Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.***" Unfortunately most men & women at the moment have given up - *many unknowingly* - **their true birthright** to gratify their lower or carnal self but there is a simple secret to overcoming which we will a little later share & it has to do with sincerity, faith & obedience. The great news is that man will fully regain his lost heritage & estate, **plus**; which incorporates - *his whole self, spirit soul & body* – through a spiritual conflict that cannot be shared in words alone but only in an experience of trials & temptations. Man has been given the greatest gift of all & that is the gift of God himself - *the perfect One* - as we are truly God beings. The truth is that as Christ Himself was God manifested, & if you can receive it Christ came to show us that we are exactly the same as He was, He was lowered for a little while but yet even in this lowered state he was still God manifested & SO ARE WE. Did not Jesus tell us in Jn 10: 30-34, "***I and the Father are One.***" Can we accept this? Well his opposer's could not & so to bring the point home that He was actually divinity itself, He was also bringing home the point that "***as He was so are we in this world***" & so the statement was made "***Is it not written in your Law, I said, You are gods?***" And then in verse 35 He tells us that the scripture cannot be set aside cancelled or broken or annulled. Now I don't know how far others wish to take it but I am willing to take it all the way. Please let me say this, the problem with many & I include myself is that we will only go so far & then we balk. God help us to believe what God is telling us today.

"Lord You have been our dwelling place & our refuge in ALL generations. Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed & given birth to the earth & the world, even from everlasting to everlasting you are God." Ps 90: 1-2. Amp. Yes we were in God in all generations even before the mountains or the earth was formed or given birth to, even from everlasting to everlasting we were a part of & in Him & we were & are in our Godly identity perfection itself.

A Lowering To Destruction Or Vanity, And Yet A Full Restoration To A Realisation Of Our Perfection!

"You turn man to destruction; and say, Return, you children of men." Psa 90:3. Not only did God lower man to this - *valley of the shadow of death* – but notice very carefully that our Great Creator who did the lowering has also promised a way back, a return from destruction or vanity for the children of men. Oh yes He is certainly a just God as this involves all those who are lowered. WHO ARE THESE?

The children of men! Which are ALL!!

"For to vanity was the creation subjected, not voluntarily, but because of Him Who subjects it, in expectation that the creation itself, also, shall be freed from the slavery of corruption into the glorious freedom of the children of God." Rom 8:20-21. CLV. In the High Road dictionary we read this explanation of the word Vanity. *"Want of reality, fruitless action, empty pleasure, idle show, great conceit of oneself."* Vanity is NOT true reality, only Christ is our true reality, this is why I believe that the experience of vanity - *want of reality* - is really an illusion. Now also notice that we did not accept this lowering voluntarily. So what was the reason for this? It is Gods expectation that in time we will all be freed from this slavery of the corruptibility of the flesh & into the spiritual freedom of knowing in full the perfection that we really are & in time we will ALL rise to our true heritage. I very much like the statement in Heb 2: 7,

For Some Little Time!

You have ranked him - man - a little lower than than & inferior to the angels - or Eloyhim - it is interesting to note that the passage where this is taken from shows that never in any other place is the word Eloyhim translated angels. Now whether we agree on what I am sharing regarding the angels I feel that we would all have to agree that man's **ranking** is about ready for a **promotion**. *"For some little time you have ranked him a little lower than."* I am reminded of what our great Apostle Peter shared with us in 1Pet1:5b ***"Till you fully inherit that final salvation that is ready to be revealed for you in the last time."*** Please notice the words FULLY INHERIT & also IN THE LAST TIME. Returning to verse 8^b of Heb 2 ***"But at present we do not yet see all things subjected to him, MAN."*** At the moment or at present we do not YET SEE, so the time is soon coming!! Let us now look at where the Heb 2:7-8 thought was derived & let us dwell a little there.

A Little Lower Than God!

"What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of [earth-born] man that You care for him? Yet You have made him but a little lower than God [or heavenly beings], and You have crowned him with glory and honour." Psa 8:4-5. Amp. Here we see that the translation according to the Amp means *a little lower than God*.

"For thou hast made him but little lower than God, And crowned him with glory and honour." Ps 8:5. ASV. The Authorised Standard Version is also of the more positive view.

"And causeth him to lack a little of Godhead, And with honour and majesty compass-est him" Ps 8:5. Youngs. Here we see a very highly thought of translator showing what he feels is the true meaning in this verse. He causes us MAN on purpose for a little while to lack a little of - *the understanding of* - Godhead. Man is fearfully & wonderfully made.

"Yet you made them inferior only to yourself; you crowned them with glory and honour." Ps 8:5. GNB. The Good News Bible would say to us that man is only inferior to Yourself God. I feel that the next verse would also carry some weight in what I believe that the Spirit would have us to hear today. I well realise that I have shared some of these thoughts before, but it does us all good to hear these things again & again & it becomes ingrained into our spirit, last evening a friend gave me the most beautiful piece of steak, I have enjoyed that same type of steak many times before & it was beautiful, maybe not a perfect analogy nevertheless it is true. Also our list is growing all the time & for some this is probably new.

"For in Him we live and move and have our being; as even some of your [own] poets have said, For we are also His offspring. Since then we are God's offspring, we ought not to suppose that Deity (the Godhead) is like gold or silver or stone, [of the nature of] a representation by human art and imagination, or anything constructed or invented." Acts17:28-29. Amp. My, my what is God telling us here, since we are God's offspring we ought not to suppose that God or the Godhead is like silver & stone.

Why is Paul saying this? Well in essence we are the dwelling place of God we man are the ones who are made in His Image. What we are learning here is that God who is spirit has offspring, now whether or not we like to humanise this text the wonderful truth is that the great Spirit GOD, has offspring & that MAN as Jesus Christ was & is, is also a carrier of the GODHEAD, for as it was in Jesus so it is being revealed it is also in US.

RESTORATION OR NEW BEGINNINGS!

*Say good-bye to summertime, winter makes another fresh mark,
Spring leans in anticipation, in preparation of another new start,*

*So can we learn from these equations, to have hope for tomorrows day,
In the circle of persuasions of the elements of life's sway,*

*Sure there have been depressions but the seasons teach this too,
And we will always find digressions, which would confuse the issue.*

But I have good news for you, TODAY!

*This is the day of New Beginnings, in the seasons of New Life,
This is the circle of progression in this illusion of sin & strife,*

*There is a new word that God is giving, that all are one in Him,
Many are realising it, to others it is still dim,*

*There is a perfect plan of living and it is from within,
This erases condemnation and guilt from all sin,*

But I have good news for you, TODAY!

*If we continue to live it, others will feel that love,
They too will realise that it is only from above,*

*There is hope for this generation, we all can know it too,
Living in the LOVE commandment, we find it to be true.*

*There is a culmination, with Him who is within,
Redemption of the body, overcoming death & sin.*

This is good news for us, TODAY!

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The Most Holy Place!

In the Tabernacle in the wilderness there were three main sections, Outer Court, Holy Place & The Most Holy Place. This was also carried over to the Temple of Solomon & all the succeeding Temples that were built later. The Most Holy Place is also called *The Secret Place of the Most High* in Psalm 91:1. To date not a great many people have experienced this wonderful understanding, & yet it has been available since the Veil was rent in the Temple between the Holy Place & the Most Holy Place. But God knew that it

would take time for man to realise that there was more to his own & *in part understanding* & that he could experience the, ***"He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall remain stable and fixed under the shadow of the Almighty."*** for himself.

The difference between one who is in the Holy Place & one who is experiencing a Most Holy Place understanding is that one is expecting to die & leave the body in the grave, & the other is - *looking for His coming* - & with an eye to experience ***"the redemption of the body"*** Rom 8;23. The redemption of the body is a partly similar experience to what both Enoch & Elijah who were forerunners experienced, please notice that I said a similar experience. Even though these two did not taste death - *as most do* - they did not have the change that the sons of God or the Man-child will experience for these not only *do not see the grave* but will be completely transformed into spiritual beings. And so at present God is,

Anointing The Most Holy Place Within Us!

Every man has a Most Holy Place within himself, it is the place of perfection or the situation of the Most Holy One, or the ***"Dwelling place of the Most High"*** which is in fact where the Image of God dwells. When we are told that we were made ***'in His image'*** this means that as God is Spirit, then also within us is the exact image of God Himself which is Christ. When we speak of Christ we are not speaking in the terms of one man or the Christ or *the anointed* as being resident in one place, Christ is much more than a man, Christ is actually resident in every person, some are aware of this some are not yet enlightened as to their true identity, He Christ, is Gods exact image & we were *created in Christ Jesus*. Hear the third realm or Most Holy Place understanding given to us from the pen of Paul our great Apostle.

"All nations he has created from a common origin, to dwell all over the earth, fixing their allotted periods and the boundaries of their abodes, 27 meaning them to seek for God on the chance of finding him in their groping for him. Though indeed he is close to each one of us, 28 for it is in him that we live and move and exist — as some of your own poets have said, 'We too belong to His race.'" Act 17:26-28. Moffatt. The Amplified explains these last few words in a slightly different & yet clearer way. ***"For in Him we - all - live and move and have our being."*** I do not feel that I need to say any more here as the written text makes it abundantly clear that whoever you are you too have access to this Most Holy Place experience by obedience to the plan that God has laid out for us.

God is now ***"bringing in everlasting righteousness (permanent moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation) to seal up vision and prophecy and prophet, and to anoint a Holy of Holies."*** Dan 9:24b. Amp. He is now *anointing the Holy of Holies* in His true temple which is ourselves in our *secret place of the Most High* WITHIN OURSELVES. He is anointing our secret place to make us aware of our true identity, the Image of God who is Christ Himself *the perfection of God*. ***"Man is fearfully & wonderfully made"*** just how high this reaches we will only learn if we will but have a longing & seek for the HIGHER THINGS which are found only in OUR MOST HOLY PLACE. ***"The Kingdom of God is within you."*** Not so much as up in the sky or in the literal clouds but within His Temple, your Temple ***YOU***. Our most wonderful God is now sealing up the prophecies - *or bringing to pass* - that which the prophets foretold, He is most of all ***"anointing the Holy of Holies"*** within yourselves & many others. God is preparing a remnant, as mentioned a number of times in the O.T. God prepared these people for a specific tasks. In the following text we read this prophecy.

"For there shall the seed produce peace and prosperity; the vine shall yield her fruit and the ground shall give its increase and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the REMNANT of this people to inherit and possess ALL these things." Zech 8:12. Amp. Possessing all these things includes what we were spiritually in Eden. God is now preparing a remnant of people to possess the peace & prosperity that even Eden had. Why? Because we are being awakened to the fact that what we experienced in Eden truly is ours now, but to date - *because of our ignorance* - has lain dormant within us.

But now thank God it is now not only being quickened within us it is also fast on the way of becoming a reality of which the culmination is a re-enactment of the overcoming of death even as was experienced by our pattern Son our forerunner Christ **"to wit the redemption of our body."** So as has been said the full truth of **"Man who is fearfully & wonderfully made"** is about to be realised in it's further fullness & experience.

"And the desolate land shall be tilled, that which had lain desolate in the sight of all who passed by. And they shall say, This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are fortified and inhabited." Eze 36:34-35. Amp. So this land even Christ in us will experience a spiritual re-enactment of the garden of Eden as will many other cities – peoples – that were once thought ruined but have been re-populated & inhabited by the original Eden-ic Christ, who is our TRUE IDENTITY.

The End Of All Flesh!

"God said to Noah, I intend to make an end of all flesh, for through men the land is filled with violence; and behold, I will destroy them and the land." Gen 6:13. Amp. When God made an end of all flesh because of the imaginations of men's hearts which was evil continually. The reason this happened is that men had rejected God because of the influences of the low thinking of the carnal man that was not in contact with the Spirit of righteousness. Whenever man rejects God & leaves Him out of the picture the results are eventually catastrophic. This is so with any country or any race of people!

"When the Lord smelled the pleasing odour – the absence of sin & unrighteousness - [a scent of satisfaction to His heart], the Lord said to Himself, I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the imagination (the strong desire) of man's heart is evil and wicked from his youth; neither will I ever again smite and destroy every living thing, as I have done." Gen 8:21. Amp. So we are told that God put a rainbow in the sky to always remind man that He would never again flood the earth. Now one of the reasons that God allowed this circumstance to take place was to show us that man in his own strength or in the strength of his own self or FLESH can never serve God. From the beginning God had a plan & a reason for causing man to inhabit flesh, & in this plan of the lowering of man into flesh, when the desired result had been accomplished which is the perfecting of the soul of man He would once more make an end of ALL FLESH but as promised it would not be in the way of a flood as in Gen : 6. This time He would cause the END OF FLESH to be expired **another way**. And what way would that be? By LOVE & LOVE ALONE. But put an end to it He will & must. This what we have just written was the *fore or pre type of what God had in mind for the future*.

The End Of All Flesh Soon To Be Accomplished, Forever In The Grace Of God!

In the very last paragraph of Part 119 of Preston Eby's, From the Candlestick to the Throne, I was given to understand something in a very new way. I quote :- "Truly we yearn for this change, yea, groan inwardly for the transformation to take place! I continually meet up with brethren who are persuaded that they have already put on incorruption and immortality, and that they have by-passed the grave and cannot or will not die. If they have attained to that, then I am dreadfully disappointed. I must be very honest and frank with you, my beloved brothers and sisters. I have not one whit of a desire to live forever, or even for a thousand years, **in this body of humiliation!** There is no more repugnant thought, no more frightful possibility, than the idea that I might live forever, or even for a thousand years, in this body of humiliation! The thought of such limitation, the suggestion that I might have to daily bathe, brush my teeth, use the toilet facilities, put on deodorant, and rinse my mouth with Listerine; the very hint that I may retain this same form, that I might be **as I am** for another thousand years or throughout eternity, falls far short of a changed body, *conformed to and like the body of HIS GLORY AND MAJESTY*, as does hell falls short of heaven! The body of the manifest sons of God is a **redeemed body, a changed body, a**

transformed body, a glorious body, an incorruptible body, an immortal body! Anything less than that is NOT MANIFEST SONSHIP! We are not being made as He was, we are being made *as He is!* "We know that when He shall appear, we shall be **like Him**, for we shall see Him **as He is.**" The body of the manifest sons of God shall no more resemble this vile body than does the mustard tree resemble the chemical elements that were raised up out of the earth and metamorphosed into the substance of the tree by the mighty working of the subtle and mysterious life-force sown in the earth as a seed. Isn't it wonderful!" -: Unquote.

To myself, in what we have just read, I see the beginning of the END OF ALL FLESH. ***Flesh must finish!*** God is tired of the flesh & so *the God in many spiritual men & women* has them also feeling the same way. This is the true body of Christ actually having the true mind of Christ in that they like the baby before it comes to birth is much dissatisfied with its cramped environment & wishes to break out that it may be free & be fully born. This is actually the man-child in '***the pains of labour***' this is the fully developed ***MAN-child***, a child, yet a fully developed & matured MAN ready to break forth & be born as the forerunner of the end of ALL FLESH. Flesh has almost finished it's course & soon will have accomplished that for which it was intended for as in Rom 8: 20-22. Amp.

"For the creation (nature) was subjected to frailty (to futility, condemned to frustration), not because of some intentional fault on its part, but by the will of Him Who so subjected it--[yet] with the hope [Eccl. 1:2.] That nature (creation) itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and corruption [and gain an entrance] into the glorious freedom of God's children. We know that the whole creation [of irrational creatures] has been moaning together in the pains of labour until now."

Please allow me to say that if you have not yet realised it, this is the very **culmination** of the true & full understanding & experience of the NEW BIRTH. Sure the whole of creation has been moaning *in the pains of labour in expectation until now* but the first of this **type** to manifest is & can be none other than the MAN-CHILD. He is the one that brings in the new era, this MAN-CHILD - *sons of God* - is Christ in His FULNESS. This new race of beings are actually '***caught up unto God and His throne.***' & is the forerunner of not only men & woman who will no longer have the hindrances of the flesh, but is ushering in a new era which will set off the start of a new creation which will affect all of creation & not only involves man, but '***the whole creation [of irrational creatures] - which - has been moaning together in the pains of labour until now***' & are also affected. This is the fulfilment of Jn 2:19. Amp.

"Jesus answered them, Destroy (undo) this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again." 2 Pet 3:8. "***A thousand years as one day***" This prophecy like so many others has a double implication one for Christ as the head & then later the full uniting of the complete Christ with the rest of His body, the Sons of God who are; "***as many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God.***" "***Christ the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.***" 1Co 15:23. Also we have another similar prophecy in the following.

"Behold, I drive out demons and perform healing-s today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish (complete) My course." Lk 13:32b. For these last few words to further enhance the meaning we will quote from. Two other translations, '***I shall be perfected***' KJV. '***I reach my goal***' NIV. Which of course is Resurrection life. When does - *resurrection life or perfection or the reaching of this goal* - this third day take place? On the third day which is "***A day with the Lord is as a thousand years***" & is about now.

A Promise Of The Removal Of All Flesh!

"Whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I will not only shake the earth, but also the heavens." 27 And this word, "Yet once more," signifies the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that have been made, so that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. - spirit - 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear," Heb 12:26

-28. MKJV. As we have read, flesh has been one of the things *'that have been made'* a tool as it were for our overcoming is now a hindrance to our going on & breaking forth into our **fuller godliness**. Our goal, our completed course, our perfection, our resurrection life, cannot come without the removal of the hindrance of flesh. WHO OF US WANT TO STAY IN THIS MUNDANE WAY OF LIVING IN OUR FLESH, our dear brother Eby has expressed what is deep in every heart of those who are truly wanting to be part of manifested son-ship which is the END OF ALL FLESH. To those who want to be part of the expressed manifested SONSHIP. What an aim, what a goal, what a future!

THE END OF ALL FLESH

This Kingdom which cannot be shaken is *'freedom from the thralldom to decay'* & so many today with open arms are receiving this *'kingdom which cannot be shaken'* with *'grace, by which they may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.'* For those who are reading this & you feel a quickening, a hope suddenly rising up within you it is yours as you follow the leading of the spirit, reach out by faith & *'serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear'*

"For Zion's sake I will not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until its righteousness shall go forth as brightness, and its salvation as a lamp that burns. 2 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name." Isa 62:1-2. Webster. It is obvious to me that there is more to this prophecy than meets the eye for if we slip down to verse five *"For as a young man marries a virgin so shall your SONS marry you and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall thy God - Christ in His fullness, the man-child - rejoice over you."* This verse is exactly foretelling some of what happens in the 12th Chapter of Revelation in where the woman is nourished in the *wilderness* by Christ in His fullness which is – *the man-child* – in verse 14, who will soon marry this woman from whom he proceeded, his *spiritual* mother, *'so shall your SONS marry you.'* In other words in time the man-child company & the woman are joined together & become *completely one* in all ways. In this *spiritual* analogy there is no fleshly act involved. This is also fulfilling the type of Elijah sustaining the widow woman in the *wilderness* with the *meal & the oil*, 1Kings 17:8 -16. So we see that verse one in Isa 62 is in its fullness is actually referring to the *righteousness & brightness* of the full salvation or birth of the man-child. I would also like to say please do not be offended in what we have just shared as in the spiritual outlook & planning of God, His way of thinking carries a far deeper understanding than our carnal outlook. For instance Rahab the harlot & her following lineage. The happen-stance with Judah & his daughter in law Tamar & the ensuing result found in the 38 Chapter of Genesis. Lot & his two daughters can also be very misunderstood if we only look on the surface of things. In any of the circumstances of the O.T. we need to always look for the spiritual significance in any of these wonderful things. Once the man-child is manifested & experiences *the end of flesh* then His first victory to have someone to follow Him is *the woman* & she too will come to experience also *the end of flesh* & then they together *as one entity* in being married will begin to share what they have in the wonderful vehicle of the LOVE OF GOD & eventually God will fulfil *"I will draw ALL men unto myself"* & eventually *"EVERY knee shall bow & EVERY tongue shall confess"* & be a part of THE END OF ALL FLESH.

This Will Be Perfection Realised!

The perfection that is really our true self, we, that is ALL MEN which has been mentioned were created in Christ Jesus, our re-creation takes place as we obey & are enlightened once again as to who we really are as a *Spirit-man* who is perfection. In the beginning we were created in Christ without FLESH, the flesh was introduced for the purpose of the development of the soul, this was always meant to be only for a season. As we realise the perfection of our true spiritual self *our real self, our everlasting self, our Godly self*, we will then realise the limitation that we have had, as at one stage did not think that were anything other than flesh. Then a revelation takes place & we wish there to be an end to our flesh. As we are enlightened we find that there is an entryway in our experience & this takes place in the outer court where

we find an Altar which represents the sacrifice of the man Jesus, who sacrificed His flesh so that in time we would be rid of ours. Next we come to the Laver where the priests washed & if they refused they died, Ex 30:20. **"they shall wash with water that they die not."** The Laver represents our washing or baptism today, incidentally we would do well to note & it may come as surprise to some that this does not happen in the Holy Place, baptism is an outer court experience. To enter into the Holy Place, it takes the experience of the receiving of the baptism of the Holy Spirit & the only true Bible evidence of that gift is the miraculous speaking in other tongues, Paul calls it the tongues of Angels which is the heavenly language of the Spirit of God. All of this is part of our journey into the realisation of our perfection & the end of ALL FLESH.

The End Of Mortality!

Now to quickly summarise in the beginning, we were spirit only Gen 1:26-27, then in Chap 2:7, God added to man a soul & all that happened until Chap 3:21, was in the soul realm - *even the dust* - then in this verse we are told God added to man a body of FLESH – **mortality** - to serve the purpose of an ADVERSARY or *saw-tawn* which over a period of time **religion** changed it into a noun or a name, which is a lie. Now to those of you who are doubting this, as regards the body, a few years back I would have also, if you look in the appendix 34 of the Companion Bible you will glean something. Furthermore if you look at the word *skins* as in coats of *skins* this is from **H5785 'ôr ore From H5783; skin (as naked); by implication hide, leather: - hide, leather, skin.** In other words God clothed their spirit & soul with naked skin. This fits right in with the David's Tabernacle - *us* - which is from the root word *skene or skin*. We are the Tabernacle now being raised up. Now I know that this may not fit into your established Pentecostal teaching but to those who are open & are ready to listen, God is revealing a further deeper salvation for the last time 1Pet 1:5b. It is your prerogative to disagree if you wish but I would ask you that you would do yourself the courtesy of at least considering this before you discard it. So the last thing to be added to us was FLESH & both flesh & blood are **mortal** & can never **inherit** or have any part in the Kingdom of God. Thank God for **perfection** which will bring an end to the **mortality** of the flesh. **"We shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye."**

A Repeat Of A Voice From The Past!

Irenaeus: 130 to about 200 A.D. " Bishop of Lyons. His nearness to the apostles makes his testimony most interesting. Irenaeus did not believe evil would last forever. In his treatise *Against Heretics*, he wrote in Book 111, chap. 23, §6:"¹

"Wherefore also He drove him (Adam) out of Paradise, and removed him far from the tree of life, not because He envied him the tree of life, as some dare to assert, but because He pitied him and desired that he should not continue always a sinner, and that the sin which surrounded him should not be immortal, and the evil interminable and irremediable." --- Irenaeus.² Rom 8:20-21. AMP.

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