

CHRIST THE ANTIDOTE CONCERNING DEATH

Part 55,

Consumed By His Glory!

"He hath swallowed up death for ever; and the Lord Jehovah will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the reproach of his people will he take away from off all the earth: for Jehovah hath spoken it." Isa 25: 8. ASV.

It is very interesting to see that not only does the American Standard write that **"He has swallowed up death forever."** but also united in this opinion is the RV, the ISV, Young-s & Concordant. It would seem that the original text is stating it in the past tense **'HE HAS'** which in God's opinion makes it a done deal as well as an explanation for our present understanding. The meaningful word here is **forever**. We cannot in our five sense realm yet see or understand the connotation of this verse but deep within our God realm or Christ identity there is a witness, an eternal witness; Yes as it has been written that we count those things that are not seen *as though they were*.

"For indeed, being in the tabernacle, we groan, having been weighted down, inasmuch as we do not wish to be unclothed, but to be clothed, so that the mortal may be swallowed up by the life" 2Co 5:4. LITV. Wonderfully this is the process that we are experiencing now, whether we realise it or not!

The Trial Of The Refining Process!

"But He knows the way that I take [He has concern for it, appreciates, and pays attention to it]. When He has tried me, I shall come forth as refined gold [pure and luminous]." Job 23:10. Amp.

"But He is unchangeable, and who can turn Him? And what He wants to do, that He does. For He performs [that which He has] planned for me, and of many such matters He is mindful" "For God has made my heart faint, timid, and broken, and the Almighty has terrified me," Job 23:13-14,16. Amp.

Part of the glorious message in Job is that God loved him greatly, as with all of us, but as with all men, he was as we are, placed in this situation of the imperfection of the flesh & there is a trial of obedience - *obedience is better than sacrifice - His purging & our choosing.* **"Mark what we are saying this is not referring to sin or sin consciousness."** The end result of ALL men is perfection, the perfection of God Himself, which we already have within us & is now being realised, & **when He has tried me I shall come forth as Gold.** It may seem a contrary message but know this that in the end result **"He has swallowed up death forever."** And the final result is we shall all be **"Consumed By His Glory."**

Where Is This Wonderful Process Happening?

We read in Malachi, *"And they shall be Mine, says the Lord of hosts, in that day when I publicly recognise and openly declare them to be My jewels (My special possession, My peculiar treasure). And I will spare them, as a man spares his own son who serves him. Then shall you return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him who serves God and him who does not serve Him. Mal 3:17-18. Amp.*

The clue to the above question in the heading is found in the word **return**. Return to where? The answer is found in something that a great apostle has left us. We consider with awe this almost hidden gem along with Peters Godly given insight.

"And we have the prophetic word [made] firmer still. You will do well to pay close attention to it as to

a lamp shining in a dismal (squalid and dark) place, until the DAY breaks through [the gloom] and the Morning Star rises (comes into being) IN YOUR HEARTS." 2Pe 1:19. Amp.

In our hearts or **within** our own being & not outside of ourselves. This is what I believe that Malachi had in mind when he referred to to our **returning**, for when we do we can certainly discern between the righteous & the wicked - *flesh or mistaken identity* - first within ourselves & then within others & they who are not yet serving him in a further enlightenment we through our inner Christ identity & intuition help them to **return**, understand & regain their lost estate. This is Christ the Head working through the rest of His true body which is in no way divided.

In Malachi 4:2, Most versions read "*with healing in His wings*" very interestingly Ferrar Fenton a translator held in high esteem by many interprets this verse thus:

"But the Sun of righteousness will shine forth to you with restoration on His wings, and you shall be brought out and, and sport like a bullock from the stall, and tread down the wicked, for they will be dust under your feet, on the day when I perform it," says the Lord of Hosts." Mal 4:2. Ferrar Fenton.

He will shine forth with RESTORATION on his wings. I personally think that he has propounded a very strong point & when viewing it from the aspect of the third day message it fits perfectly & to myself it seems to make more sense. Is not this the time of the restoration of all things? *"whom the heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, whereof God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets that have been from of old."* Act 3:21. ASV. The thought of being **brought out** which one or two other versions support also appeals to me when considering the most holy place understanding & not the usual **go forth** which may have been good in our old **in part** understanding, nevertheless coupling the two I feel that we are now being **brought out to go forth** from all of our past way of thinking "**on this day when I am performing it.**" God is right now on the verge of recognising & openly declaring His jewels to be His peculiar treasure & sparing them as a man spares His Own Son who serves Him. Interestingly the word restoration is related to the the word poosh. STRONGS, **H6335**. *pūsh, poosh. A primitive root; to spread; figuratively act proudly: - grow up, be grown fat, spread selves, be scattered.* The last few words need not to be added to as they are quite self explanatory!

The Sun Of Righteousness Shall Arise Where?

The apostle Peter would tell us "**In your hearts**" in Luke we also read, *"Because of and through the heart of tender mercy and loving-kindness of our God, a Light - the Sun of righteousness - from on high will dawn upon us and visit [us] To shine upon and give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to direct and guide our feet in a straight line into the way of peace."* Luke 1:78-79. Amp. This light is also known as *day spring, sun-rising or branch.*

"Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days began, And caused the day-spring to know its place;" Job 38:12. ASV.

Have we yet known the true place of the day-spring? The sons of God in the 7th verse of the chapter we are now reading, well knew the answer "**When the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy.**" How did these **morning stars** realise who they were & know their place? It was embedded in them, for they proceeded forth from the Almighty as **spirit beings** just as it is in us today deep within our spirit being, & the reason for the amazing similarity between these **morning stars** & ourselves is no coincidence for indeed we are one & the same; Yes it is in fact referring to you & I aeons before we were ever lowered into our Gen 1:27 experience. What a wonderful past we have had even **before the foundation of the world** & as the Spirit Son Jesus Christ was lowered even before the present creation so we as sons of God that proceeded forth from the Father were also to be lowered Rom 8:20 & are part & parcel of this wonderful & mighty plan.

Our Existence In Christ Before This Present World!

"And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." Jn 17:5. RV

"So now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world existed." Jn 17:5. ISV.

"And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." Jn 17:5. KJV.

These verses when taken into consideration with the morning stars, the sons of God who shouted for joy are agreeing perfectly with the pre-existence of man in his spiritual pristine glory. As we will also notice the ISV is most specific. Further texts would also bear out this fact.

"knowing that ye were redeemed, not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers; but with precious blood, as of a lamb without spot, even the blood of Christ: who was foreknown indeed before the foundation of the world, but was manifested at the end of times for your sake," 1Pe 1:18-20. ASV.

"On the one hand, he was foreknown before the creation of the world, but on the other hand, he was revealed at the end of time for your sake." 1Pe 1:20. ISV.

The Comments Of The End Book Referring To Pristine Times!

"The beast was worshipped by everyone whose name wasn't written before the time of creation in the book of the Lamb who was killed." Rev 13:8. CEV.

"and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain." Rev 13:8. ESV

"All people living on earth will worship it, except those whose names were written before the creation of the world in the book of the living which belongs to the Lamb that was killed." Rev 13:8. GNB

"Everyone living on earth will worship it, everyone whose name is not written in the Book of Life. That book belongs to the lamb who was slaughtered before the creation of the world." Rev 13:8. GW

Did we hear what we just read **"the lamb that was slain before the foundation or the creation of the world."** Is this truly telling us that the lamb was **already slain** before the creation? What is emerging here! I wish to suggest to us today that the slaying of the lamb before this now creation is much more than figurative nor is just an analogy or was it only in the mind of God. A death took place aeons upon aeons ago, Jesus Christ gave up His glory long before He appeared on this earth. As I think about this, the following is what I am feeling.

And now O Father glorify me with your OWN SELF with the glory which I had with you before I gave up all that I had, even your glory & entered into the death of self, which was was death to your glory for the only glory I ever had was the FULL glory of your own self. All of this happened before ever the world came into being. Let us read once again John 17:5.

"And now, Father, glorify Me along with Yourself and restore Me to such majesty and honour in Your presence as I had with You before the world existed." Jn 17:5. Amp.

Now in the light of what we are reading we need to remember that Jesus told us that I and My Father **are one**. We have a clue to this seeming contradiction in Jn 7:39. *"But He was speaking here of the Spirit, Whom those who believed (trusted, had faith) in Him were afterward to receive. For the [Holy] Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified (raised to honour)." Jn 7:39. Amp*

We now ask the question. When was Jesus glorified, when was He made both Lord & Christ? The answer is found in the following verse. In Eph 4:8-10, we read that when *"He ascended on high He led captivity captive & gave gifts to men. Now what can this ascension mean but that He had previously descended into the lower parts of the earth. He who descended is the same as He who ascended high above all the heavens that His presence might fill all things, the whole universe, from the lowest to the highest."* This is when Christ's prayer *"restore Me to such majesty and honour in Your presence as I had with You before the world existed."* was answered. Acts 2:36b, would also verify this, *"that God has made Him both Lord and Christ."* When Jesus said to Mary *"Touch me not for I am not yet ascended to My Father. But go and tell My brothers that I am ascending to My Father and your Father and to My God and your God."* Jn 20: 17. This is also attesting to the fact that there was a time of the **re-glorification** of Jesus.

Our Standard Of Perfection Is Not The Un-glorified Christ!

The Jesus that came to earth over two millenniums ago was a wonderful, wonderful example to us, but we must keep in mind that He was not the glorified Christ. He on behalf of us had left His glory. Some of the wonderful words of the hymn written by William Booth Clibborn would help us understand.

Down from His Glory
Ever living story,
My God and Saviour came,
And Jesus was His Name.
Born in a manger,
To His own a stranger,
A Man of sorrows, tears and agony.

What condescension,
Bringing us redemption;
That in the dead of night,
Not one faint hope in sight,
God, gracious, tender,
Laid aside His splendour,
Stooping to woo, to win, to save my soul

Without reluctance,
Flesh and blood His substance,
He took the form of man,
Revealed the hidden plan,
O glorious myst'ry
Sacrifice of Calv'ry,
And now I know Thou art the great 'I Am' William Booth Clibborn.

And I know that you are **now** the great I Am. The un-glorified man Jesus Christ, great & wonderful as He was, could not ever bring any of us into our place of glorification. Unfortunately many have made Jesus the un-glorified man their **bench mark**, those that have are in for a great surprise. As we have read there would never have been the wonderful outpouring of the Spirit as in Acts 2 if Jesus had not been glorified & regained His **first estate** which He had with the Father before the world existed. None of the wonderful gifts that He has given to men would have been possible & most important of all the access into the Most Holy Place within our very own being would never have become a reality to any of us!

"which we have as an anchor of the soul, both secure and confirmed, and entering into the interior beyond the curtain, where the Forerunner, Jesus, entered for our sakes, becoming Chief Priest according to the order of Melchizedek for the eon." Heb 6:19-20. CLV. We must keep in mind that the tabernacle plan was a type or analogy of His true tabernacle 'MAN' & so when He entered into the interior beyond the

curtain or beyond the veil or into heaven itself; *if we are able to receive it* He entered into the true spiritual part of man as he is the **true tabernacle of God**. The delusive veil or curtain has been in the flesh man all along & since the glorification of Christ, the veil has been rent & in truth this has revealed the delusion. The **secret place** of the Most High is in God's true temple **MAN**. **Heaven is wherever God is dwelling** & man in his **true Christ identity** is the one God indwelling & sharing Himself with us; he man is the corporate many member-ed body of Christ. Let us not dismiss ourselves too lightly & sell ourselves short when realising that it is God within you who is fulfilling His own good will & pleasure & is raising up the Christ man within to realise that he is a partaker of the Father's divinity & glory in the **fullness** of Christ.

Our Now Standard Of Perfection Is The Glorified Christ!

"He takes away the old to establish the new" "When God speaks of a new [covenant or agreement], He makes the first one obsolete (out of use). And what is obsolete (out of use and annulled because of age) is ripe for disappearance and to be dispensed with altogether." Heb 8:13. Amp.

"God, having of old time spoken unto the fathers in the prophets by divers portions and in divers manners, has at the end of these days spoken unto us IN HIS SON, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the worlds; who being the effulgence of his glory, and the very image of his substance, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; having become by so much better than the angels, as he has inherited a more excellent name than they." Heb 1:1-4. ASV.

Please notice that the original would tell that He has in these last days that is since Christ instituted the last & present covenant that God has spoken to us not BY His Son but **IN HIS SON!** We ask where is this Son? Answer in every man! If we will but take a little time to open our spiritual ears I can assure you that we will receive an answer & hear what He is now saying **IN HIS SON** which is really our true spiritual identity! One of the things we will hear loud & clear is that we all now have **everlasting righteousness** Daniel 9:24 & **no more consciousness of sins** Heb 9:14. *"So surely the blood sacrifice of Christ can do much more. Christ offered himself through the eternal Spirit as a perfect sacrifice to God. His blood will make us completely clean from the evil - sin - we have done. It will give us clear consciences so that we can worship the living God."* ERV. One of the most wonderful gifts which has been given to all men is **everlasting righteousness**. Our great God now sees every man through the sacrifice of His Son, we are not now being judged for our actions in the flesh. We are now the righteousness of Christ. Why? He tasted death for **EVERY MAN**. Once we have truly tasted of this truth & you begin to truly understand the love of God it will change you & all things will become new & old things will pass away! All of this is now available to our understanding in this wonderful **Glorified Christ**.

Referring Again To Our Pre-existence!

We are now quoting from Dale Luttrell, publisher of '**Love Of The Truth Bible Studies**' *"The "Lamb" of God (our Lord Jesus Christ) was slain long before the sin question ever became an issue in the human race, for He was "slain" from before the foundation of the world. Before there was ever a need for mankind to be redeemed by the shed blood of Jesus Christ, we read that He was already "slain." His cross and sacrifice was ever in the heart of God long before He (God) subjected the human race and creation to the realm of vanity and emptiness" (Romans 8:20). ----- "For of (ek - out of) Him, and through (dia - through) Him, and to (eis - into) Him, are **all things**: to whom be glory forever. Amen. Rom 11:36. KJV."* End quote.

" I pray that God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ will be kind to you and will bless you with peace! Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for the spiritual blessings that Christ has brought us from heaven! Before the world was created, God had Christ choose us to live with him and to be his holy and innocent and loving people. God was kind and decided that Christ would choose us to be God's own adopted children. God was very kind to us because of the Son he dearly loves, and so we should praise God." Eph 1:2-6. CEV.

This I believe is saying more than what is generally understood of just being lowered from the Gen 1:27 creation into this present tangible world but it is once again referring to the time **"When the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy."** The above word **before** is well explained in, STRONGS. # **G2602** καταβολή *katabolē kat-ab-ol-ay'* From **G2598**; a deposition, that is, founding; figuratively **conception: - conceive, foundation.** To support this we cite the below texts.

"He chose us in him ere the world was founded, to be consecrated and unblemished in his sight," Eph 1:4. Moffatt.

"Just as from the beginning he has chosen us through him, before the foundation of the world, that we may become holy and without blemish before him." Eph. 1:4. Lamsa NT.

"according as he had previously chosen us in him, BEFORE THE FOUNDATION of the world, that we might be holy and without blame before him; and, in love," Eph 1:4. Murdock.

This what we are sharing today is I feel very close to the heart of God & the following has been quickened to our spirit. The wall which has kept us away & out of the realisation of our former glory in pristine times is now being dealt with by many.

"Thus will I accomplish My wrath upon the wall and upon those who have daubed it with whitewash, and I will say to you, The wall is no more, neither are they who daubed it," Eze 13:15. Amp.

Those powers who in the past have hidden these things from us because of religiosity are now being exposed, *"And say, Thus says the Lord God: Woe to the women who sew pillows to all armholes - elbows - and fasten magic, protective charms to all wrists, and deceptive veils upon the heads of those of every stature to hunt and capture human lives! Will you snare the lives of My people to keep your own selves alive?"* Eze 13:18. Amp.

Will you snare the spiritual lives my people that are now in the in vogue truths even my people that have been starved for so long that you may keep your own errors & deceptions alive?

that sew: Rather, "that fasten cushions;" by which they intimated that they might indulge and repose themselves in security, for no enemy would disturb them. The apartments of the eastern-s are well supplied with cushions, on which they sit, lean, rest their heads, and prop up their arms.

The above short passage is an explanatory footnote on the above two verses. Amazingly I was given a vision in a dream many years ago which this passage partly quite graphically explains. In this most vivid dream I was in a room with a very attractive woman who I would say was in her forties lying on cushions exactly as described in the above footnote. She with her seeming wisdom & spiritually counterfeited carnal beauty tried to seduce me & induce me into her way of thinking, such was the power of this woman in this most realistic dream that I had to call on the Lord Jesus to release me from this most delusive circumstance to save me from being immersed in the situation. I can tell you it shook me up for some time & gave me much to consider. The power of the counterfeit can be very, very persuasive as it looks so real especially if we are in any way judging any spiritual situation from any other place than the Most Holy Place within ourselves. Now please do not be alarmed as I believe that the dream was given to me by God Himself for He knowing the future needed to forewarn me. The very amazing thing which I have just recalled is that all through this dream even in the very worst part of the circumstance the presence of God was so powerful that to me at the time was quite perplexing, but then are we not told I will never leave you or forsake you. We can never plumb the depths concerning the grace of God, plus there is no situation that we need to be afraid of, for, *"No temptation has taken you but what is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted above what you are able, but with the temptation also will make a way to escape, so that you may be able to bear it."* 1Co 10:13. MKJV.

"Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me; Thou wilt stretch forth thy hand against

the wrath of mine enemies, And thy right hand will save me. Jehovah will perfect that which concerneth me: Thy loving-kindness, O Jehovah, endureth for ever; Forsake not the works of thine own hands." Psa 138:7-8. ASV.

"O Daughter of Babylon [you devastator, you!], who [ought to be and] shall be destroyed, happy and blessed shall he be who requites you as you have served us. Happy and blessed shall he be who takes and dashes your little ones against the rock!" Psa 137:8-9. Amp.

These Old Testament prophecies are types or analogies, & in the knowledge of the mercy & the grace of God that has come to us through & by the cross He is not holding any of us guilty in any way as to the sin question. The now understanding of the dashing of the little ones against the rock is found in the exposure of the identity of the Daughter of Babylon who is not any particular person but a deceptive system of religiosity that would draw us away from the wonderful freeing liberty of end time truth, which is that, by which we are now being **Consumed By His Glory**.

If only all men could right now understand the love, the mercy & the non condemnation of our loving God towards His creation which is His true man!.... I am fully persuaded that the fast approaching END OF ALL FLESH, is a little closer than we think; as found in the following. *"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.

This prophecy is both for then & also for today. This verse may seem to lack mercy but I wish to tell you that the exact opposite is true. The land mentioned here is **today** none other than the land where we dwell spiritually which is actually within our thinking & understanding & God is soon going to rid men of all their hindrances which are found in their flesh & their fleshly way of thinking. We are **now** being released to understand our true pristine heritage as the **sons of God who shouted for joy** before the lowering of Christ Jn 17:5 which of course must implicate ourselves; For were we not originally created in Christ Jesus?

Please allow me now to re-cite the following text this time from Young's. *"Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who did bless us in every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, according as He did choose us in him BEFORE THE FOUNDATION of the world, for our being holy and unblemished before Him, in love having foreordained us to the ADOPTION of sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, in which He did make us accepted in the beloved,"* Eph 1:3-6. Young's.

"For even as the Father has life in Himself and is self existent, so has He given to the Son to have life in Himself and be self existent." Jn 5: 26 Amp. We have quoted this verse many times & I believe that it needs to be considered again & again so as to realise that the Son is not one man but a many member-d Son & this very self existent life is a very real part of ourselves when we consider that we did not originate from our father & mother but we originated **before the foundation of the world**, that is before this now known world, not only the understanding of it but even the reality of what we have accepted to be religiously true; In truth we are each of us in our Christ self, **SELF EXISTENT**. This is why one has so beautifully written.

"What I have done all men can do, and what I am all men shall be.....The will of man makes possible the action of the Holy Spirit. When the will of man and the will of God are one, the resurrection is a fact..... So Christ will lift the sons and daughters of the human race, yea, every one of them, from darkness and from graves of carnal things, to light and everlasting life."

The Reason For The Lowering Is Found Only In The Love, Foreknowledge And Mercy Of God!

"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." Rom 8:20. AMP.

*"For to **vanity** was the **creation subjected**, not voluntarily, **but because of Him Who subjects it, in expectation**" Rom 8:20. CLV.*

*"because the creation has become **subject to futility**, though not by anything it did. **The one who subjected it did so in the certainty.**" Rom 8:20. ISV.*

*"For the creature was made **subject to vanity**, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope," Rom 8:20. KJV.*

What wonderful **hope, expectation & certainty** is ours as we begin to realise our full heritage of what & who we are in our pristine heritage. I am sure that many will & are rejoicing as God is gradually revealing His to date hidden plan. Hear the following illuminating & exciting prophetic word of Isaiah.

*"BEHOLD, A **King** will reign in righteousness, and **princes will rule** with justice. And **each one of them shall be like a hiding place** from the wind and a shelter from the storm, like streams of water in a dry place, like the shade of a great rock in a weary land [to those who turn to them]." Isa 32:1-2. Amp.*

In verse 2 the KJV would tell us a MAN instead of **each one of them** which clarifies the meaning even further. A man, a corporate man, each one of them, a corporate man-child, shall be like a hiding place. This King is described as **each one** of them. Just who are we? Not only sons of the King, but born from out of the Great Being of our Creative Saviour. "I am the First and I am the Last; besides Me there is no God.... Besides Me there is no other Rock; I know not any." Isa 44:6&8. "Understand that I Am He. Before Me there was not God formed, neither shall there be after Me. I, even I, am the Lord, and besides Me there is no Saviour." Isa 43:10b-11." Can we receive & accept the fact that in our true selves, our true identity that He the King is our true identity? No wonder the morning stars sang together and the sons of God shouted for Joy. Keeping also in mind that the Son Himself - *that is the full corporate son* - will also be subject to the Father **who put all things under Him** that God may be **ALL IN ALL**.

*"For **from Him and through Him and to Him are all things**. [For all things **originate** with Him and come from Him; **all things live through Him**, and all things center in **and tend to consummate** and to end in Him.] To Him be glory forever! Amen (so be it)." Rom 11:36. Amplified Bible*

Tend to consummate, when we are fully **consumed by His glory** then all God has promised will be completely consummated in us, for as we are told that all things **tend to consummate** & end in Him & *if we can receive it* this is also referring to ourselves. For is He not our true identity the one in whom we were created.

God's richest to you all.

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