

# COMING OUT OF DARKNESS

## CHAPTER 11

### God's Concept of Reconciliation

I have heard it asked by many recently why no one has done a message on the basics of reconciliation. I was surprised to find out that there has not much been much spoken about it that I could find, even among the Kingdom speakers. It is woven all through their messages, but there is no single message that covers the basic concept. I do not want to reinvent the wheel in sharing this, especially in book format, because there have been a lot of deep writings about the subject already, but I feel that a simple explanation of the topic would be helpful to many people who are genuinely seeking the heart of God on this matter. This chapter came from a spoken message that was given in Colville, Washington, in July of 1998.

#### The Present Day Religious System

Before I get into the subject of reconciliation, I want to share a few things about the condition of the present day religious system. It is very hard for some to hear about the magnificent all-inclusive love of Father towards His creation, because of what we have been taught in the past. I beg of you to prayerfully consider what is here presented as God's eternal plan and purpose for all of creation. If you are steeped in the "traditions of the elders", you *must* look deep into your heart and spirit to sense the utter joy of God's wonderful love. Your mind may tell you, because of what you have learned in the past, "No way could

this be true," but your spirit will bear witness with His Spirit. Listen with your heart and not your head.

The religious system of today is mostly one of performance and entertainment. We go to a building that we call a "church" and sit down and get entertained, both by music and preaching. Some of it touches our emotions somewhat, but there is almost no impartation of the Spirit to bring change to our lives.

If there is anything that we need today, it is to be ushered into the presence of our God. We need the power of the Spirit in our gatherings that will carry us into His presence. And you know, where that takes place you really see church meetings.

We have been attending meetings in the Seattle area for about four or five years and I have never given a message in one of those meetings. It is not necessary. Those who have been there know why—because we as believers enter into the presence of God for ourselves. We do not need anything but a heart to fellowship with God and enter His presence to fellowship with Him and obtain that which we need to sustain our spiritual life. We also enter into the presence of God for one another. This is the basis for having a normal healthy church life. Then when we come together, we are full of the riches of Christ which we have experienced while in His presence.

The Old Testament type of this is the working of the good land. Are we not the precious land of Christ, in which His seed has been planted? In our land grow all of the beautiful aspects of the Spirit of God. We must enter into His presence on a daily basis and learn to feast at His table. Then when we come together we bring that which we have worked in our land and we present it to one another.

David said many years ago, ***"My heart overflows with a goodly matter; I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer"*** (Ps. 45:1). When we practice the presence of God in our daily lives, this verse becomes our experience. When we come together, our tongues become the pen of a ready writer. Oh, that we could get the people of God to understand these concepts!

Religious meetings, as most people know them today, are absolutely unscriptural. There is no place in the Bible where you can find a senior pastor or an associate pastor. We recently visited a church where they had a senior pastor, an associate senior pastor, and then some associate pastors. It's so sad! After two thousand years of going to religious meetings, look at what we have produced. I've seen large religious organizations of five and ten thousand people that have been built upon a personality. When that personality, for one reason or another, resigns or goes somewhere else, after ten or fifteen years they have not reproduced themselves in someone else who can step into their shoes and continue the ministry.

The very fact that someone can sit under your ministry for years and you not reproduce Christ in them is an indictment

against your ministry. We as ministers are responsible to minister life to the saints and cause the seed of Christ in them to reproduce sons of God.

The concept of God that has been given to us through the system of Christianity and other religions of the world is very sad indeed. In their teaching is a God who unconditionally loves His creation and desires to save them but eventually will lose the majority of them to endless suffering in eternal torment.

A lot of people ask me, "What are you?" I'm not a Baptist. I'm not a Catholic. I'm not a Lutheran or Pentecostal, and I'm definitely not a Christian, according to their understanding of what a Christian is. *I am simply a member of the Body of Christ.* I know that's confusing to a lot of people, but I don't want to be associated with a false image of what God is. Don't tell me about the love of God and then display to me what I see in religion. Don't tell me that God teaches, "Love your enemies, do good to them who despitefully use you. Bless them who curse you," and then tell me that He is going to leave endless numbers of people in agony for eternity in hell. I don't know that kind of a God.

I know a God who reaches down into the very depths of my despair. I know a Father who loves me so deeply that I can turn my back on Him—and I've done it. I can look at Him and say, "Enough, I can't take it any more! I can't take the pressures! I can't take the rejection! I can't take it!" and I can turn and walk away and He just says, "Gary, it's too late. I'm looking for an inheritance. And, to be honest with you Gary, it really doesn't matter how you feel. I have an

investment in you. I have placed the very seed of My Life within you."

*"Listen to this My people, I have placed the very seed of My Life within you. Everything that I AM, everything that you desire in your heart of hearts, everything that you could possibly imagine that I can do through you, is in the Seed of Life that I AM—hidden deep within the consciousness of who you are.*

*"Can I forsake Myself? Can I forsake that of Myself that I have placed within you? Think not that I have come to destroy you. Oh yes, I have come to destroy that false concept of yourself. I've come to destroy that Adamic nature—that false sense of a self life that causes you to feel separated from my presence. That was destroyed at Calvary. Some of the sweetest words in the universe are that death produces life. That which dies brings forth life. There is a very hard shell around the seed of My Life that's within you. That hard shell is simply the Adamic life. Oh, I speak to the seed. Can you not hear? Can you not sit in the quiet and listen and hear Me speak to you?"*

## **We Will All Experience Death to Adam**

I guarantee you that all of us will experience death—death to the Adamic life. You may not want it. You may fight it. You may have given up, as I have in the past, saying that it's too hard and I can't make it; however, I know a God who is big enough and loves you enough that He will perfect that which concerns you. I don't know a God who is not able to finish that which He has started.

Too long have our Christian leaders and teachers taught us our responsibility as believers. I have no responsibility as a

believer to perform. *He* is responsible to perfect that which concerns me. It is not my responsibility to make Gary godly. I tried.

I often say to people now when they come to me in such despair and despondency, "You don't have to worry about it." I know that it's hard. Death is not an easy process. Death is horrible, but death produces life. You see, what makes it so horrible is when you feel like you have to perfect that which God is trying to kill. You try to keep it alive. You try to make it holy. You're reading ten chapters of Scripture a day. You're praying for an hour or more each day. You're doing everything possible to make that ungodly thing holy, and you can't. Give it up! Adam will never be holy. He was crucified at the Cross.

We've had 2,000 years of performance-based Christianity. If you believe right—run to an altar—say it right—do it right—you're going to go to heaven when you die.

In the consciousness of most Christians is the idea that heaven is a place to go to when you die. There is not one verse anywhere that says that when you die you're going to heaven. Heaven is not out there somewhere on a planet waiting for you to die to get there. Saints, if you die right now, you'll simply cross over from one dimension to another, and you'll be no different. Don't think that dying perfects you and that when you die everything is okay. Don't be deceived.

Our concept of death is wrong. Death is not when your body falls down and is put into a grave. Death is being separated in your awareness and consciousness from the presence of God. Millions of people

are walking around in bodies, but they are dead. When your body dies, it is simply a crossing over from one realm of life to another. Whether you're a Christian today or not, if you're full of lust, resentment, hatefulness, bitterness, and division, death is not going to change that. That's why the Apostle John said, "***And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming***" (1 John 2:28).

Death has absolutely no power to change you. All the Christian teachings and principles in the world have no power to change you. There is only one thing that will change you and it's called impartation. Only God, through His Spirit, can impart Himself unto you. You can be a Christian for 90 years, and without the impartation, without the transforming power of His Spirit, you'll be no different when your body falls over than you are today. Again, look at the situation after two thousand years of religious teaching.

### **Christianity, The Jewish Religion with a Face Lift**

When I heard about the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, I thought that it was the answer. I was told that if you receive the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues, it gives you the power to live the Christian life. I ran to find someone who could help me receive the baptism. Again, I was disappointed. Not in the experience—I had a wonderful, marvelous revelation of God when I was baptized in the Holy Spirit. And, indeed, imparted into me *was* the power to live the life—but, *I didn't come out of religion*. Religion began to tell me that now you have the Holy Spirit you can't do this and you can't do that, you

have to walk like this. So, I never learned to rely on and tap into that resource of His Spirit that was within me. All that was given were concepts of what I (Adam) must do, and how I must perform so that I can be blessed.

Christianity has only taken the Jewish religion of the Law and the prophets and put a new face on it. It is still for the most part a Jewish religion that has been made to look a little bit better. We have never been given a true concept of a God who loves us and will live His life in us, instead of our trying to make our Adamic life godlier.

You can try to put the responsibility on Adam (the carnal nature) to live godly, but he can't do it! You say, "But Jesus said that He came to fulfill the Law." Indeed He did, and today I am living by the grace of God. I am experiencing the fulfilling of that Law flowing from the very essence of my being that has absolutely nothing to do with my natural character, the Adamic life.

There is such a clear division between the spirit and the flesh in my consciousness in these days. Why is that? I quit performing. There came a day when I said, "God, I can't perform any more. I can't do it." I quit listening to preachers and I quit going to religious meetings where my ears were polluted and I began to listen to God.

### **Christianity's False Image of God**

Most Christians worship a false image of God given to them by the religious systems of our day.

What is an idol? An idol is a false image of God, whether it's something you carve

out of wood or stone or whether you carve it out of your imagination. An idol is something that you worship that is not really God. You may think it is. You may be convinced that it is. You will worship God as you perceive Him, even if it is a false image. That's why I don't want to be called a Christian. I cannot accept the false image of the God of today's Christianity, yet Christ lives in me. I experience the love of God for all of His creation. I don't have to try, in order to love you. Nobody has to teach me to love you. God is love, and when we experience His life in us, we love as He loves.

Religion tells people that God is love, and then begins to teach them that they have to love one another, yet inside they may be full of rage. We've never been taught how to deal with these feelings. All we know is what we're supposed to do, but when we can't do it, we come under condemnation.

There are multitudes of Christians on the scrap heap because they have never understood the love of God which surpasses all. They've never understood the simple basic concepts of the teachings of godliness, one of these being, "**Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith**" (Heb. 12:2). Do you believe that? You may say, "Well, yes I believe that He's the author, but I have certain responsibilities . . ." With that concept, you do not have the assurance that Jesus can perfect in you that which He designed to do.

If you take on the false responsibility of making Adam perform in the likeness of God, you have just replaced godliness with the serpent's lie. Whenever the serpent nature—the Adamic nature—tries

to perform and tries to make himself godly, he causes you to walk into the abomination of desolation, which is self trying to become like God—the Adamic nature sitting in the temple of God trying to make himself God. For the most part, the teachings I hear in Christianity are on how to make Adam more like Christ. Now, they're not said in that way, but that is the message we receive. Whenever you listen to teachings that make you feel responsible to perfect that in you which God began, you are making a big mistake. You're in for a lot of hurt, a lot of disappointment, and a lot of condemnation. Adam cannot make himself like God. *This is the abomination of desolation.*

### **The Seed of God Needs Nourishment**

You don't have to make yourself like God. When you begin to see as God sees, you can look into the eyes of all humanity and see the treasure in the earthen vessel. As Watchman Nee said many years ago, "*There is no vessel that is so earthy that it does not contain the Treasure.*" You have the Treasure. However, when you try to walk out the Christian life by performance, you miss the Treasure. You bury it under the Adamic consciousness.

Do you think you have to teach Christ how to grow? Yet, that's what we do! If you take a seed of corn and plant it into the ground and water it, then do you need to get the book out and try to teach that seed how to grow? No, yet that is exactly what we've done. We take baby Christians as soon as they are regenerated and we start getting them into works, saying, "Now, if you really want to grow in Christ, you need to go out into the streets and witness. You need to read ten chapters a day in the Bible, and

you need to pray an hour a day." We get them into works, never allowing them time to rest, never allowing them time to just soak in the presence of God. You see, most teachers do not trust the Spirit of God in their followers. If they did, they wouldn't have to try to teach them about all of the things that *they* have to do.

A seed does not need teaching. A seed needs water. What causes the seed in you to grow? There are several things. One is teaching, of course, but not just intellectual knowledge. A true minister can impart to you the very words of the Living God. The word of God, flowing from their lips, coming from the Spirit and Presence of God, can transfuse into the hearer and make those words come alive. We need teachers who can speak to the seed and *cause* it to grow—not just teach it *how* to grow!

I am so tired of religious teachings. I don't want to just teach—what I want to do is worship. When we worship, or are with folks who worship, and we get into that atmosphere and are drawn into the presence of God, we then begin to share one to another, and our church meetings come alive. God has jewels everywhere, all around us. You don't need someone who is a "preacher" to drive for hours to teach you something. God has treasures right among us. Because we have the concept of a one-man ministry, we miss hearing from those around us who have much to share concerning their fellowship with the Lord.

## **The Ministry of Reconciliation**

I believe that the price that Jesus paid on the cross of Calvary is big enough and all-inclusive enough to bring all of creation to their knees—not by force, but to bring all

of creation to the place where they voluntarily give glory to God for who He is. I believe that with all my heart.

The Bible starts in the very beginning to teach reconciliation. You know how it is, when you see a truth in the Scriptures, you can find it everywhere from Genesis to Revelation. This revelation on the reconciliation of all of humanity you can find in both the Old and New Testaments. In fact, we have a book that lists over 600 verses that have to do with God restoring all of creation back to Himself. The Scriptures are absolutely full of it.

Let's begin at Colossians 1:19-20, "***For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell; and, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they are things in earth, or things in heaven.***" Notice the two words "all things", not just "some things". Not just the things on the earth, but all things—both in heaven and on earth.

***"Wherefore remember, that you being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called uncircumcision, by that which is called the circumcision in the flesh made by hands, that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world. But now, in Christ Jesus, you who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For He is our peace who has made both one*** (the context of this is the Jew and the Gentile, the saved and the unsaved), ***and have broken down the middle wall of partition between us; having abolished in His flesh the***

**enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in Himself of two one new man, so making peace; and that He might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby"** (Eph. 2:11-16).

So he took two classes of people, the Jew and the Gentile, the Christian and the non-Christian, the saved and the lost, and through the Cross He took all of humanity and reconciled them into one body in Christ, having slain all the enmity. There is absolutely no enmity between man and God, and we will see this as we go on. There is no enmity between you and Christ. There is no enmity between any man or woman on the earth today and God—there is nothing standing between them that can stop their accessibility to walk boldly into the presence of God to receive grace to help in time of need. There is no barrier between man and God.

### **Saved By His Life**

**"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His son, much more being reconciled we shall be saved by His life"** (Rom. 5:10). This verse is a key to what I've said previously and to what I've already written in the *Coming Out of Darkness* series. How are we supposed to live this (so-called) Christian life? Either we have to find out how to make Adam walk this road or we have to discover that Christ within us is more than sufficient and will enable us to walk this way.

This reminds me of what Jesus said, **"I am come that you might have life"** (John 10:10), not that you would discover

the teachings of Christianity and then try to live according to this Christian concept. The word "life" in this scripture is the Greek word *zoe*, which, in essence, was telling them that He was come that we may have His life *within* us. Not our Adamic lives made over. Not Adam being born again, but there is a brand new creation life birthed within you.

*If you come away from all the religious concepts and all the teachings and just come into His presence, you will discover the life that is really Life.* You'll discover a love that knows no bounds and no limitations. You'll experience the well of living water that will unceasingly flow from the very innermost depths of your being, and that will produce life everywhere that it goes.

**"Much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His Life."** Now do you understand why He is the author and finisher of our faith? *It is His Life.* It is His operation by the power of His spirit *in* you, **"for it is God who works in you both to will and to do His good pleasure"** (Phil. 2:13). In a little plainer English, that verse says, "It is God working in you who both wills and does His good pleasure." It has nothing to do with Gary Sigler trying to make himself godly. *I am saved by His Life.*

So, what happens when my flesh rises up? What happens when I get angry? What happens when I find all of the works of the flesh rising within me? I turn to the Life. I don't reach out to a God way up there somewhere and cry for Him to come and touch me. I simply turn to His Life that is in my innermost being and I say, *"I'm so thankful that Your Life floods my consciousness. Father, I'm so thankful that in the very presence of the enemy*

*called anger that I can feast at your table. Lord, I'm so thankful that I have the flowing of your Life within the very center of my being."* You know what? When I do that, my anger just dissipates. You can't stay angry and talk to God for very long.

## **All Things Are of God**

**"And all things are of God"** (2 Cor. 5:18). The great majority of Christians do not believe that all things are of God. I hear all the time that the devil beat me up, and the devil did this and the devil did that. The reason we experience those things is that our teachers have given us a devil consciousness. Our teachers have built into our consciousness this awareness of satanic powers. For instance, they say, "There are principalities and powers in the airwaves, and over the cities there are demonic principalities who keep all of God's creation in that city in darkness. These powers are so powerful that we can just barely get people to understand the Gospel. And, your enemy, the devil, is so strong that you have to be on guard every moment of your life or you're going to be deceived. Don't ever let your children go out of the house in the morning without putting your hands on them and praying for them or the devil might get them."

We have built a devil consciousness into God's people. *God help us and forgive us!* All things are of God. Anything that the devil does is only done by the permission of God. Now, until you begin to understand that, you'll always fear the devil. And until you understand the perfect, complete, love of God, you will always have some fear in you—fear of failing, fear of living the Christian life, fear of backsliding, fear of being deceived. Until you understand and can rely fully on

God's ability to bring you through all things, you'll always have some fear. Fear is the exact opposite of what God desires, which is faith. Perfect love casts out all fear (1 John 4:18). God is able. Gary isn't able, you aren't able—GOD IS ABLE!

**All things are of God.** We need a revelation to understand this. What do you think God means when He says "all things"? Does He mean some things? Just those things that have received Christ? Just those who walk a certain way? Can you see that absolutely all things are of God? The more you have the revelation of this understanding, the less problems you're going to have. What causes us problems is the darkness and deception.

## **The Gospel of Reconciliation**

What do you think the Apostle Paul meant when he wrote, **"To know, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation"** (2 Cor. 5:19)? Do you think he meant that God was in Christ, reconciling a few people to Himself, or God was in Christ reconciling those who went to an altar and received Him, or reconciling all those who believe certain things and who adhere to certain doctrines and fundamental teachings? Of course not!

"God was in Christ, **reconciling the world** unto Himself, **not imputing** their trespasses unto them." There is nothing in here talking about saved people, He is talking about the *world*. The word "impute" means to hold accountable. Not holding them (the world) accountable for their sins. You're hearing the Gospel of Good News! God is not holding anyone

accountable for their sin, because sin was inherited from Adam. ***"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned"*** (Rom. 5:12).

The only gospel the Apostle Paul told us to preach was the gospel of reconciliation. Not telling people how bad they are—they already know that. Not telling them that they have to change and God will bless them, but telling them that God is not holding them accountable for their sin, so they can instantly enter into His presence and begin to fellowship with and get to know Him. This so far surpasses the religious mindset of the modern day Pharisees.

Do you know that if you are a prostitute, a homosexual, a pervert, that God is not holding you accountable for that? Why is that? Because that is the Adamic life. Adam was the one who introduced the Fall to humanity. So death, through Adam, was passed to all of creation. If you are a homosexual, lesbian or prostitute, it is simply the fruit of the Adamic life—or, you could say, the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

## **The Adamic Nature**

The Adamic life produces either good or evil, or a combination of both, and that's what we are. The human consciousness is basically a mixture of good and evil. If I am a Christian and I'm taught certain principles, I try to be like that. So, at times I can be very lovely and just love you. However, when you do something that's not right or you abuse me, I immediately cry out to God asking how this can be. Then instead of loving you, I become

filled with resentment, because I was good to you and you hurt me. I hear this from the lips of Christians all over—resentment, bitterness and divisiveness. That is Adam.

God, more than anyone else in the universe, understands the Adamic nature. He knows that you are not responsible for that which you inherited through your father Adam. Jesus understands you can't help it, so He provided the Cross. By His death on the Cross, He has brought all of creation back into fellowship, reconciliation with Him. He is not holding us accountable for our sin, because He realizes that we inherited that nature from our father Adam. If you understand that you are not responsible for displaying the Adamic life, you will walk in freedom.

Now, you may think that this gospel going to give you liberty to sin, you think your flesh is going to go wild. But not if you understand Romans 7, where Paul was saying that if he did things that he didn't want, it was the sin principle that was dwelling in him. We don't try to make that thing better, we get into the presence of God. Now, I'm going to make a statement, and as hard as it's going to be for some to accept this, you'll find out later on that it's the truth. *God will never bring you before His throne and remind you of your Adamic nature and your sin.* I know that's hard to accept. I'm not saying you won't be judged. (Chapter Eight in *Coming Out of Darkness* dealt with "Understanding Judgment".)

God will never bring you before the presence of His glory and remind you of your Adamic life. He's not holding you accountable for that. If He is, we've got to tear a lot of verses out of the Bible. He has made it so easy for you to enter into

His presence, and His presence will deal with that Adamic life. As you're in His presence, He transfuses His very nature into you, and you cannot remain the same.

When God first began to reveal some of these truths to me, I was a mess. I didn't change overnight, but I understood the concept that God was not holding me accountable, and then I read in Romans 4:3 where it said that Abraham believed God, who justifies the ungodly.

### **You Are Not Adam**

God very specifically said to me, "You don't believe the Scriptures. You say it is my Word, you confess it's my Word, but you don't believe it. Why? Because you're looking at Adam. In Adam you'll never understand these truths. They're not found in Adam. They're found in Christ. You are not Adam, you are Christ. The Word is living and operative, even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit. You need to look at Adam only to recognize that he is not you.

You are the new creation. "**Whosoever is born of God does not commit sin,**" indeed "**he cannot sin, because he is born of God**" (1 John 3:9). Every one of us needs to realize that in the deepest part of your being there is that substance of His life that is incapable of sin. That's who you are. You are not Adam, you are Christ manifested in the flesh.

### **God Took Away the Sin of the Whole World**

It's good to ask ourselves questions. It's good to ask God questions. Did He or did He not take away the sin of the world? We have been taught to put everything off

into the future. For instance, most people are looking only for a future judgment, not realizing that we're in judgment now. There are multitudes of Christians who have been cast into outer darkness. They can't see revelation. They can't hear revelation. All they have is the old religious things, and you can't put the new wine into the old wineskins. If you do, they are going to burst—and that's okay too. Some of those wineskins need to get burst.

I'm not saying that if you have old concepts we can't help you and feed you, but it's hard to grasp the love of God with the religious mindset. In many areas, we've been taught just the opposite of what the Scriptures say.

***"The next day John sees Jesus coming to him and says, 'Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world!'"*** (John 1:29). Did He take away the sin of the world or didn't He? Even in the Old Testament there are verses like, "*As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us*" (Ps. 103:12). "*God so loved the world that He gave*" (John 3:16), and He didn't give a new set of principles, He didn't raise the law to a higher standard, He simply gave what He is—and that is Love. That love is committed to itself to bring all of creation back into harmony with Him. That's how much He loves. His love will never stop until every knee bows—not forcefully, but in adoration and love, confessing Him as Lord.

Most preachers read Romans 3:23 and stop there. "***For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.***" They can take that verse and preach you right under condemnation with it. But, the next

verse, ***"Being justified freely through the redemption that is in Christ,"*** puts a totally different light on that Scripture.

We've all sinned and come short of the glory. What is the glory? The glory of God is the expression of God—His beauty, His loveliness, His longsuffering, His joy. We've all come short of the glory of God, but we have been justified freely through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

You don't have to feel bad again because of Adam, you just have to realize that Adam will always be Adam. God is authoring His work in you, and Adam is going to die. That is what judgment is for—to put Adam to death. So God will throw you into the fire and raise up any kind of circumstances that He needs to raise up to cause you to know that He is Lord. He's not angry and He's not vindictive; He loves you enough to do anything that it takes for you to bow the knee and recognize that everything that's ever happened to you—from your very inception until right now—has been designed by the hand of God to bring you into reconciliation and experience His love.

The devil has no power over your life except that which you believe and submit to. People are all the time trying to pull down these strongholds instead of dealing with what's inside of them. The only power that Adam has is those concepts which are between your ears. The devil has his power through the Adamic mindset, through the carnal mind. That's why the Scripture says that the natural man, the carnal man, is at enmity with God.

The Adamic nature will never be reconciled to God. You see, God didn't

reconcile Adam to Himself, He reconciled the Seed that He has planted in you. That's why it is called re-generation. That seed of God in you has been regenerated. That seed is incapable of doing anything except pleasing God. So, we need to discover His life within us and learn how to abide in His presence within us and stop being religious.

God took away the sin of the world, and in Hebrews 9:26 it says, ***"But now once in the end of the world has he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself."*** This is powerful! Did He put away sin, or didn't He? You may say, "Well, I know that the Scriptures say He did, but I'm still sinning and I'm still displaying all the works of the flesh." All you need to do is turn to the Christ within.

You say you don't know how to do that? Then, just talk to God. Turning to Christ is simply talking to God. I used to say things like, "Lord, I'm so full of this junk and I'm not anything like I know a Christian should be, but I'm so thankful that I know I've been regenerated. Lord, I'm so thankful that deep in the recesses of my being I have experienced the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Therefore, I must not look at Adam, I must turn and look at Christ. I must fellowship with Him who is able to save me to the uttermost." Sin is no more. He put it away and when we come into a revelation and understanding of that, it will be put away in our lives.

### **All Creation Will Bow the Knee**

***"Wherefore God also has highly exalted Him and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in***

**earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father"** (Phil. 2:9-11).

Another verse that we need to read along with this one is 1 Corinthians 12:3, **"Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost."** We see in these verses that every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and then it says that no man can say that except by the Spirit of God.

There's going to come a day when all of creation will bow the knee and say that Jesus Christ is Lord. What happens at that point? Everyone will have been brought back into harmony with God. **"No man can come to me, except the Father which has sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day"** (John 6:44). Do we really believe that? Do we really believe that no man can come to Jesus, except the Father, who has sent Him, draw him?

We go out sometimes and preach condemnation and hellfire and brimstone to the whole world and condemn them for not coming to God. We say that God loves you, but if you don't accept what He has provided for you, then as much as He loves you, He is going to allow you to spend eternity in an unending agony and torment. We have to know God better than that! There's something wrong with that concept. **"No man can come to me except the Father, which has sent me, draw him."**

John 1:11-13 says, **"He came unto His own, and His own received Him not."**

**But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."** Do you understand what that simple verse is saying? You see, if you're not born by the Spirit of God, if you have not been regenerated, you can forget the Christian life. Forget it—it's not for you (yet). These were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Another verse is, **"Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out"** (John 6:37). The door is open for everyone. This is why you have to see that God's plan is for all of creation. It's not just for you because you ran to an altar. It's not just for you because you said, "Jesus I receive you," it's not because you believe everything right intellectually. It has nothing to do with that. *This is God's idea. This is God's plan.* This is God's purpose, and it includes you. It includes all of creation. All creation will be brought back into harmony—that was the reason for Calvary.

**"For therefore we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those that believe"** (1 Tim. 4:10). You sure will suffer reproach if you pick up *this* gospel. We don't trust in our flesh. We don't trust in Adam, we trust in the Living God who is *the Savior of all men.* We need to think on these things.

God revealed this gospel to me over 25 years ago. I was such a horrible person in Adam. There was no hope for me if God didn't give me some revelation of His

ability and His power to deliver me. He is the Savior of all men, but especially of those that believe. Our relationship with Him is so wonderful because it's not based on our performance.

We know we were hopeless. We know we can't be that little goodie Christian. We know our flesh rises up from time to time. However, there is the most precious essence of His being within us. I know that and I love it, but I hate the Adamic side of me. Thank God, it is being put to death. Nevertheless, we are all in the same boat! Some of us a little better, some of us a little worse, speaking of Adam. However, we're being transformed every day from one degree of glory to another, into the essence and presence of what God is. In Adam, we're dying. In fact, Adam is dead, and we're just finding out about it.

### **All Men Will Be Saved**

***"For this good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; who will have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth"*** (1 Tim. 2:3-4). Well, the gospel I heard in church is directly, diametrically opposed to this truth. Oh yes, God wants all men to be saved—but He's not able to deliver them, because some choose not to serve Him. Therefore, He wills that they would be saved, but He can't help them because of their choice. What does that do? That produces the modern day Pharisee. If God's desires me to be saved, I can guarantee you that His Will will prevail over my will.

The teaching in Christianity (you'll need to investigate it for yourself) regarding free will is absolutely unscriptural. There is no such thing taught in Scripture as you

having a free will. It isn't there. You can challenge me on it, and if you find it, write me and I'll publicly repent. In fact, I can prove to you through Scripture that you don't have a free will, and I'll give you one illustration.

God came to a man by the name of Jonah. He said, "Jonah, I want you to go to Nineveh and preach the gospel." What did Jonah do? He jumped on a boat and went in the wrong direction. He said, "No, God." What did God do? Did God go against Jonah's free will? Did God have a desire for Jonah to go to Nineveh? Did He let Jonah's will interfere with His desire for Nineveh?

Well, God desires that you will be saved. God desires that you will display, from the very essence of your being, everything that He is. He has a desire in His heart that you display His love, His joy, His peace, His longsuffering, His goodness, His temperance, His meekness and His self control to all of creation. Do you think that your will can stand against that?

***"This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who will have all men to be saved and come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time"*** (1 Tim. 2:3-6). There will come a day in your life and mine, when every word of God will come to pass and be fulfilled. ". . . *who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.*" This is a very powerful verse.

***"For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive, but***

**every man in his own order**" (1 Cor. 15:21-23). It can't be any clearer than this. *"As in Adam all die."* You see, you were born into death. Death isn't when your body falls into the ground. Death is being born into this natural realm and feeling separated and alienated in your consciousness from the Living God. That's death.

## **We All Experience Death**

In Adam, we all experience death. We all experience the knowledge of good and evil, some to one extreme and some to the other, but, it's all death—it's a death realm. Carnal man lives in a realm of death—an illusion. However, *"in Christ shall all be made alive."* I've heard teachers say that the "all" in Christ is not the same "all" that is in Adam. They say that those in Christ are only those who have said the words, "Jesus, I receive you," or they've run to an altar, or they live a certain way. But these verses do not say that. *All that died in Adam will be made alive in Christ.* Everyone, without exception, and without fail.

Do you have loved ones who have died without ever knowing Christ? There is still great hope. I can't imagine the agonies of a mother or a father who has a teenager who dies, thinking that they're going to be eternally separated from God, suffering in an endless agonizing hell. Jesus said hell was created for the devil and his angels. (There is more about this in the next chapter.)

We are not saying there is no hell. However, if you believe that God created a place where there is unending, agonizing torment for ever and ever without any hope of release, you are wrong. If he created a place like that,

knowing that billions of people would suffer in unending agonizing torment, then He's not God, he's a devil. I don't know a God like that. I know a God who is able to save me to the uttermost.

I have been in some of the most awful places as a Christian, because in my Adamic life I couldn't make it. And because of the revelation God gave to me, I've always known that the prodigal can simply turn and say, "Jesus, help me." Every trial that comes to my life is to cause me to realize that in the midst of the trial, in the midst of the storm, in the midst of the suffering, God is saying, ***"Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"*** (Matt. 11:28).

## **Grace Never Ends**

The following question always comes up when teaching reconciliation: If this is really true, that God will save everyone, what about the people who have died without accepting Christ or died with unconfessed sin in their life? We all know from our Christian teachers that as long as you have breath in your lungs, you can repent. But once you die, they say there's no more hope for you. God loves you—but you have to have breath in your lungs, because once you die His love for you is gone, it's over, you're hopelessly lost eternally. This isn't the kind of God we have. Grace does not end when the body falls over. God's mercy and grace never end.

If there is no hope for us after we die, please explain these verses. ***"For Christ also has once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh; but made alive by the Spirit: by***

**which also He went and preached to the spirits in prison; which were disobedient, when the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was preparing, wherein a few, that is, eight souls were saved by water"** (1 Peter 3:18-20). No hope after death? Do these verses not say that Jesus went to those who were disobedient, those who rejected the gospel in the days of Noah, those who were shut up in prison?

When Jesus died on the Cross, one of the things He did was go to where the spirits were in prison, those who were disobedient in the days of Noah, and to bring them the message of their deliverance. Can you imagine Jesus walking into this realm of the dead and saying, "Look here, folks, look at my hands and look at my feet, you dirty rascals you! You rejected the preaching of Noah, so I can't help you." We have to rewrite the Bible to fit what our teachers have told us.

Paul made the statement, **"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable"** (1 Cor. 15:19). That might be taking that verse out of context, but nevertheless, it's true. It's not just in this life that we have hope in Christ, but He is going to perfect that which concerns us. And yes, we might enter into His presence, fall at His feet and be ashamed, but restoration will come. The foolish virgins will still have the opportunity to buy the oil and be perfected in the glory of their Lord. This is the good news of the gospel.

Ephesians 4:8 says that when Jesus ascended on high He led captivity captive and gave gifts to men. (This is a direct quote from Psalm 68:18, which adds,

**"Yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them.")** Who were the captives he led? Could it have been those spirits in prison that He went to preach to? When he ascended, it says that He took a host of captives with Him. At the end of that statement, it says, **"He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that He might fill all things"** (Eph. 4:10).

If any of you have a computer with a Bible program on it, just key in the words "all things", "all men", and "reconciliation", and see what you come up with. It's fun!

Now that you've heard all of this, you will have to go to God and get a revelation on it, because information alone will not help you. Truth doesn't help you unless you get into the presence of God and see it for yourself.

### **God's Purpose**

**"Having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself"** (Eph. 1:9). He purposed His will within Himself. What that means to me is that it doesn't depend on me to fulfill His purpose. He purposed something in Himself.

The next verse tells us what He purposed: **"That in the dispensation of the fullness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him."** That's the divine mystery of His Will—that in the fullness of times He would gather together *in one all things in Christ*.

**"And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ" (there's those words "all things" again): to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord"** (Eph. 3:9-11). This is the message, this is the mystery, this is the word that the Church of the Living God should be bringing to the peoples of our world—the message of God's love, not the message of God's vindictiveness, of His hatefulness.

One of the most horrible doctrines ever perpetrated by the church is the idea that there is going to come a day when those who have said the proper words and tried to do the best they can are going to be suspended in the air while God pours out His anger and wrath and His horrible judgments upon creation. Again, that's a false God.

Am I saying that judgment is not coming? Of course not! Even God's anger toward you is His love perfecting you. He raises up circumstances in your life to purify you. There will come a day when you'll come before Him and you will be judged according to whether or not you have built with wood, hay, and stubble, or gold, silver, and precious stones. It says that some of us will have everything burned up, yet we will be saved so as by fire.

No one is totally lost, although you may lose all that you've worked for in this life. You may have had a church of 10,000 people. You may have had accomplishments beyond measure in the

realm of religion in the natural life. On that day, you'll stand bare, and everything you've done will be burned up. There's only one thing in judgment that God is looking for and that's Christ. Christ in you is the hope of glory. Adam hasn't a snowball of a chance. He will be melted in the fires of tribulation. You may lose everything, but you shall be saved, yet so as by fire.

**"Who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began"** (2 Tim. 1:9). I like this verse because it shows us when and where we received what we have. When you realize how big and how wonderful God is, it will destroy all of the idols that have been built up in your consciousness—all of the fear of missing God.

I can guarantee you that you're going to miss God. That's not to be feared. I miss God every day of my life. I miss God in Adam. But, every day of my life, I turn to the seed of His life, to the presence of His life, to the substance of who He is. I've discovered that within the essence of my being. That is what I look at, not Adam.

Is God big enough to perfect His will in your life? I'm not saying that your will does not come into play here, because we know we're certainly not puppets on a string. People hear this message, and because they're not much into God anyway, they say, "If this is true, if God is going to save me anyway, then I'm just going to go do what I want to do." Well, then that's what you need to do. Because then you're being honest, and God is able to raise up the fires and the trials that will cause you to bow the knee. However, as

long as you're pretending and suppressing those desires in you and being religious with it, you're just becoming a Pharisee.

No one is hopeless in God's plan of the ages. He will bring all of creation into a marvelous expression of His life. No one loses anything except their old Adamic life. God will be "All in all".