

FULL HOUSE

Hello I'm Jim Fuller. I'd like to share a few thoughts and some scriptures with you.

Have you ever heard the term squatter's rights? The correct legal term is adverse possession.

It's when someone enters a home that they do not own and begins to live there as though it belongs to them. In many states, if they remain in the home unchallenged by the real owner, for a specific number of years, they actually become the rightful owner of the property.

Let's look at one of God's statements of reality in His word.

It's in Psalms 24.1

The Earth is the Lord's, and all that it contains, the world and everyone in it

Satan usurped man's Authority over the entire Earth that was given to man by God. He lied to Adam and Eve and they submitted to it. Satan became the ruler of this world by adverse possession.

Many people, including Christians, don't like the idea that Satan is the ruler of this world.

In Luke 4.6, when Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness, he said, the kingdoms of this world have been handed over to me

In Romans 6, Paul stated that, whoever you submit yourself to that's whose servant you are.

Have you ever heard anyone say, this is my life, and I can do whatever I want with it?

People who say things like this are deceived. They assume that they have complete freedom in themselves and are not subject to anyone or anything. We see a lot of that going on in the world today.

Ephesians 2.1 says,

You were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the Prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. That spirit is Satan.

God's plan of redemption, the Gospel, was to evict the previous tenant, take ownership of His creation, move in and make it His permanent dwelling place and fill them with His glory.

Let's look at a few more statements of reality from God that He has made available to His children.

You are the temple of the Living God. You are not your own, you've been bought with a price. 1 Corinthians 6.19

Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bond slaves of God. 1 Peter 2.16

The natural man cannot even comprehend these things of the spirit, for they are foolish to him.

The natural man does not know that he is living in a world that he was never created to live in. He is assuming ownership of a life that he did not create. He is attempting to be and do in this world, things that he was never created to be and do.

Man is living in a world ruled by Satan. He's expressing a life, ruled by his fallen nature that can only produce death. He is continually trying to accomplish things that are completely temporary and won't even outlive his short life on this Earth.

The Father sent Jesus to redeem mankind back to himself and out of Satan's control and influence. To redeem, means to buy back or reclaim that which was lost.

Let's look at a few more statements of reality that reveal God's plan to redeem man back into oneness with God.

BY HIS DOING we are in Christ Jesus WHO BECAME TO US, wisdom from God, righteousness, sanctification, and Redemption. 1 Corinthians 1.30

Colossians 3.1- 3

If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind and keep it set on the things above, not the things on the earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. WHEN CHRIST WHO IS YOUR LIFE is revealed, then you will be revealed with Him in glory.

Jesus said in John 14.19, because I live, you shall live also

Paul states in several places the result of God's supernatural work of redeeming him back into oneness with God and him allowing the Holy Spirit to be Lord of the house.

Beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord we are changed into the same image from glory to glory from the Lord, the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3.18

For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Philipians 1.21

I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me..... Galatians 2.20

John also states in 1 John 4.17 that,

By this union and communion we are perfected in love, so that we have confidence in the Day of Judgment, because as He is, so are we in this world.

This transformation is supernatural. It's something that only God Himself can do.

The Prophet Jeremiah asked in chapter 13, can a leopard change his spots or an Ethiopian change his skin? Neither can you do good who are accustomed to do evil.

John 6.63

It's the spirit who gives life. Your flesh profits absolutely nothing.

The gospel is supernatural, perfect and eternal just like God. It's done by God and for God to accomplish His purposes.

Religion, Christian religion included, is done by men and for men and is completely unable to accomplish this transformation.

Christian religion teaches the gospel of salvation. It teaches people to feel bad about their sins and pray the sinner's prayer so that they can go to heaven when they die.

It teaches people to spend the rest of their life doing their very best to amend their most egregious habits and sins. Then because it's a completely natural effort without the Holy Spirit's empowerment, they live the rest of their lives ruled by their own senses. They live ruled by their opinions, judgments, and offences, trying to serve God with the very nature He has delivered them from.

In contrast, Jesus preached the gospel of the Kingdom. Saying, repent, because the kingdom of God is here. In other words the very thing that you were originally created for is actually available to you now.

Repentance is not feeling bad about our sins and praying a prayer to have them forgiven. It's absolutely rejecting the nature that creates those sins and submitting ourselves to God as obedient children who have been born of His spirit.

Let me state for clarification the main points of the Gospel of the Kingdom.

Repent of your old nature that you inherited from Adam and Eve.

Be baptized into Christ's death and resurrection.

Receive by faith His eternal life in exchange for your old one.

Accept that you have been risen with Christ to the right hand of the Father and have been given the power of attorney to use His name to enforce His victory over Satan.

Receive by faith that He has made you a new creation and allowed you to be born of His imperishable seed and made a member of God's family.

As His sons, He has made us heirs, and joint heirs with Christ of everything that Christ has in His oneness with God.

The gospel of the kingdom is accepting God's supernatural work on our behalf like little kids. Saying, thank you Daddy.

God has made everything that He is and everything that He has available to His children by inheritance. We don't receive it by being great children, only by having an awesome Father.

Our heavenly Father is so determined that we lay hold of His eternal life, that He gave us His Holy Spirit to guarantee our possession of our inheritance.

Religious effort without the Holy Spirit, only produces more religion.

If we try to serve God without the Holy Spirit as Lord of our lives, we are effectively telling God, no thank you, I don't want your supernatural empowering to make me like you. I'll just do the best I can with this old one that I got from Adam and Eve.

This kind of natural application of an academic gospel of salvation can fill churches with religious converts. It can produce lots of good Baptists, Pentecostals, Presbyterians, and Methodists, and all of the other ones.

Only the Holy Spirit's lordship in our lives can transform us, and conform us to the image of Christ, to make us one of the many sons that God plans to bring to Glory.

God wants children not converts.

He wants sons who love like Him, who speak like Him, and who demonstrate His eternal life to this entire world, so that all men can become members of His family and citizens of His kingdom.

When Jesus knocks on the door of our hearts to come in and have fellowship with us, let's not tell him, sorry the house that you made is already full.

God bless you.

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