

Hello I'm Jim Fuller. I'd like to share a few thoughts and lots of scriptures with you from the Amplified Bible.

Genesis 1.26

God said, let us, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, make mankind in our image, after our likeness, and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the beasts of the fields, and over all the Earth and over everything that creeps on the earth. So God created man in His own image, in the image and likeness of God He created him, male and female He created them.

In Genesis chapter 3, is the story of Satan lying to Eve about the fruit of the tree of life. He borrowed the body serpent and deceived her.

Satan formerly lived God's presence. When he exalted himself against God and was cast out of heaven, he was only a spirit, without a body. Ephesians 2.2 calls him, the Prince of the power of the air. The spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. To function in this natural world a body is required. Satan functions in the lives of people who will submit to him.

The only reason that we have these bodies, and are walking around on this planet, is because God created us to be one with Him and express His life in this natural realm through our bodies.

Psalms 24.1

The Earth is the Lord's, and the fullness of it, the world and those who dwell in it.

Colossians 1:16 states that, all things were created by Him and for him. That includes us and everyone on the planet.

The deception that Satan has propagated since the fall, is that this natural world is all there is for us. Just live your life for yourself, and make it as comfortable and entertaining as you can. The goal of life is to feather your nest under this curse until the very end, completely ignoring our eternal destiny from God.

God's plan for our lives is considerably different than the one we inherited from Adam and Eve.

1 Corinthians 6.13

The body is not intended for sexual immorality, but is intended for the Lord and the Lord is intended for the body to save, sanctify and raise it again and God both raised the Lord to life and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not see and know that your bodies are members and bodily parts of Christ the Messiah?

God's plan from the beginning, was to completely restore us to oneness with Him and our likeness with Him, that He originally created for us. So that He could make us the expression of His life in this natural realm.

Because He put us in Christ, buried us, and raised us from the dead with Christ and seated us with Him in the Heavenly places, we have become members of His family and members of Christ's body in the Earth.

1 Corinthians 12.27

Now you collectively are Christ body and individually you are members of it, each part severally and distinct each with his own place and function.

It's only by God's miraculous work on our behalf, through Christ's death and resurrection that this is even possible for us.

So how did he make it happen for us?

Hebrews 10.5

When He, Christ entered into the world, He said, sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but instead you've made ready a body for Me to offer. In burnt offerings and sin offerings you take no delight. Then I said, behold here I am, coming to do your will, O God, to fulfill what is written of Me in the volume of the book.

Verse 10

And in accordance with this will of God, we have been made holy, consecrated, and sanctified through the offering made once for all of the body of Jesus Christ, the Anointed One.

Verse 14

For by a single offering, He has forever completely cleansed and perfected those who are consecrated and made holy.

Religious activity could never make this happen. There's not one of us by our own religious effort, the exercise of our will, or any effort of our flesh could make this our reality.

1 Corinthians 15.45

It is written, the first man Adam became a living being, an individual personality, the last Adam, Christ, became a life-giving spirit, restoring the dead to life. But it is not the spiritual life which came first, but the physical and then the spiritual. The first man was from out of the earth, made of dust, Earthly minded, the second man is the Lord from out of Heaven. Now those who are made of the dust are like him who was first made of the dust, Earthly minded, and as is the man from heaven, so are those who are of Heaven, Heavenly minded. And just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, so shall we and so let us also bear the image of the man of Heaven.

By God putting us in Christ, we have been recreated into completely new creations. You can read about this in 1 Corinthians 1.30 and 2 Corinthians 5.17.

As members of God's family and parts of the many membered body of Christ, we can now fulfil the purpose that God redeemed us for.

Colossians 1.18

He is also the head [the life-source and leader] of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will occupy the first place [He will stand supreme and be preeminent] in everything. For it pleased the *Father* for all the fullness [of deity--the sum total of His essence, all His perfection, powers, and attributes] to dwell [permanently] in Him (the Son), and through [the intervention of] the Son to reconcile all things to Himself, making peace [with believers] through the blood of His cross; through Him, [I say,] whether things on earth or things in heaven.

Ephesians 1.22

And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme head of the church, a headship exercised throughout the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in in all, for in that body lives the full measure of Him who makes everything complete, and who fills everything, everywhere with Himself.

The scriptures make it pretty clear what God's original plan was. The question is now, what shall we do with this revelation?

The Apostle Paul gives us the directions, as he did the Roman believers in chapter 6, verse 6.

We know that our old, unrenewed self was nailed to the cross with Him in order that our body, which is the instrument of sin might be made ineffective and inactive for evil, that we might no longer be slaves of sin. For when a man dies. he's freed, loosed and delivered from the power of sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, because we know that Christ, the Anointed One, being once raised from the dead, will never die again, death no longer has power over him. For by the death He died, He died to sin, ending His relation to it, once for all of us, and the life that He lives, He is living to God in unbroken fellowship with Him. Even so, consider yourselves also dead to sin and your relation to it broken, but alive to God, living in unbroken fellowship with Him, in Christ. Let not sin therefore rule as King in your mortal, short-lived, perishable bodies, to make you yield to its cravings and be subject to its lusts and evil passions. Do not continue offering or yielding your bodily members and faculties to sin as instruments, tools of wickedness. But offering yourselves to God as though you have been raised from the dead to perpetual life, and your bodily members and faculties to God presenting them as implements of righteousness.

What is the result of us doing this?

Verse 22

But now since you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, you have your present reward in Holiness and its end is eternal life, for the wages which sin pays is death, but the bountiful free gift of God is eternal life through and in union with Jesus Christ our lord.

God has made every provision available to us, His children, by inheritance. He's asking us to trust His perfect work on our behalf, accept our death and resurrection with Christ, and lay hold of the eternal life that He's made available to us, by His Holy Spirit dwelling within us.

I pray for everyone listening to this video, as Paul prayed for the Ephesian believers in chapter 3, "that you may be filled, throughout all your being, unto all the fullness of God, that you may have the richest measure of the divine presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself."

Let's allow the Holy Spirit to make that our reality.

God bless you.

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