

GET RID OF HIM

We don't have to be rocket scientists to look around our world and see a movement that is accelerating and getting stronger to try and eliminate God from our lives.

It has tried to eliminate any reference to God from government, business, education, and the media.

The goal of that movement is that if they can eliminate the creator who created and designed us, there would be no design for our lives. Then they can do whatever they want, whenever they want, to whomever they want, and have complete and total freedom without any conscience or consequences.

It reminds me of the last verse in the book of judges. That says, in those days there was no king in Israel, everyone did what was right in his own eyes. That verse pretty much sums up what we see going on in our world today.

The proponents of this idea believe that the absence of God's design would create an incredible freedom for them. If there is no design, everyone would be absolutely free from any restraints on their flesh and they could happily express their desires anyway they wish.

One problem with this idea, is that if there is no design, there is also no destiny for us. The result of that is that we'd have a whole world full of created beings who have no idea why they were created.

I heard a quote a few years back that said, the two most important days in a person's life are the day that he's born, and the day that he figures out why.

Unfortunately, there are an awful lot of people on this planet who have absolutely no idea why they are on it. They wander aimlessly through life, not knowing what they were created to be or why. They experiment with every crazy idea that this very confused culture suggests to them. The result is a real sense of hopelessness and futility.

This agenda is being pushed very hard in these days, by people who believe the deception that if there is no designer and there is no design then they don't have to answer to anyone but themselves.

Many people take pride in living self-motivated, and self-directed lives in this world. The self-made man is highly praised in our society, but the problem is that he is not self-created or self-sustaining.

I often hear people say, this is my life and I can do what I want with it. It's completely under my control and I can do what I wish.

They have conveniently forgotten that the majority of the functions of their natural life are controlled by involuntary body functions. Everything from blinking, blood clotting, their lungs pumping air, and their heart pumping blood. If they were in control of every one of these functions, they would die the first time they fell asleep.

The deception from Satan is, that if they don't submit to God, they won't have to submit to anyone.

Ephesians 2.1 amp declares the reality of living a life without God,

You were following the course *and* fashion of this world and [were under the sway of the tendency of this present age], following the prince of the power of the air. [You were obedient to and under the control of] the [demon] spirit that still constantly works in the sons of disobedience [the careless, the rebellious, and the unbelieving, who go against the purposes of God].

I remember Bob Dylan's song from the seventies that said, you're gonna have to serve somebody. It might be the devil, or it might be the Lord, but you're gonna have to serve somebody.

This brings up another dilemma. If we are self-made we only have to answer to ourselves but, if we are created beings we are accountable to the Creator and not ourselves.

I've spent a little time on the deception. Now let's look into the scriptures to reveal the reality.

Man was created in the image of God. Genesis 1.26

He was created to walk and talk with God and God supplied everything for his life. Genesis 1.29

He was created to have God's life in abundance.

John 10.10

Satan convinced Eve that if she disobeyed God and ate the fruit, she would be wise and be like God. It didn't work out quite that way.

Adam and Eve's spirits died and they found themselves living apart from God, separated from God's life, and scratching out a cursed existence in this world system by their own sweat and their own efforts.

Because of this, Satan usurped their God-given authority over the Earth and became the ruler of this world. Genesis 3

This world and all of its systems came under Satan's authority. Many people, Christians included, don't like the idea that Satan is the ruler of this world, but the scriptures confirm that it is so.

1 John 5.19 states that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

When Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness, He showed Him all the kingdoms of this world and said I will give you all of this domain and its glory because it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whoever I wish.

Luke 4

God's plan to redeem man back into His family and restore man's original oneness with him is like no other. He did what only God can do.

He sent Jesus to Earth as a man, born of a woman, to pay man's penalty for sin. He placed all of mankind in Christ, crucified Him, buried Him, raised Him from the dead to the right hand of the Father.

This restored man back to his originally created image because,

whatever happened to Christ, also happened to man, because he was in Christ. Romans 6

Christ's incredible sacrifice and God's supernatural work on our behalf re-created man to an amazing life and destiny.

God gave us His eternal life. 1 John 5.11

He blessed us with every blessing in the heavenly places. Ephesians 1.3

He granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness and gave us His divine promises that we would be partakers of His divine nature. 2 Peter 1.3+4

Christ's perfect sacrifice purchased for us eternal redemption, eternal inheritance, complete sanctification, and total perfection. Hebrews 9.12+15, 10.10+14

Jesus gave us the glory that the Father gave Him so that we would be completely one with them. John 17.22

Jesus sent His Holy Spirit to give us everything that He has. John 16.15

God has given us His Holy Spirit to guarantee our possession of our inheritance. Ephesians 1.15

He delivered us out of the dominion and authority of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of His Son.
Colossians 1.13

He has asked us to inherit the kingdom that He is prepared for us before the foundation of the world. Matthew 25.34

Time prevents sharing everything that God has committed to His children as their inheritance.

But if all this wasn't enough, God has prepared for us things which our eyes have never seen, our ears have never heard, and have never ever entered into our hearts.

We don't receive this kind of an inheritance because we're great children. We receive it because we have an awesome Father who loves us more than we can even comprehend.

Jesus came preaching everywhere, repent, for the kingdom of God is here. He was asking men to repent of the fallen nature that they inherited from Adam and Eve, because the one that they were originally created for is available to them now.

The eternal life of God is available to us now by faith in God's incredible work on our behalf. Because of our death and resurrection with Christ, we can put off our old sinful nature and put on the eternal life of God as our reality now.

We need to repent of our old sinful nature and the authority our senses have had over our lives, and surrender to Lordship of God by His Holy Spirit. So that we can become His children, His heirs, and joint heirs with Christ of everything that He possesses from God. Romans 8.16

It's an exchange, our short-lived natural lives that can produce only death, to become life-giving spirits like Christ to manifest His eternal life to every nation on this planet.

I think we get the better end of this exchange.

In America we call this a "no brainer". A simple decision that is obvious to everyone.

God bless you.

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