

REALITY

We've all grown up under this world system which is separated from God and ruled by Satan. All of this world's systems continually reinforce to us that we are only human and this is all there is for us in this life.

It tells us what's real and what's not real. What we should invest our money in and what's in a total waste of resources. What's worthy of our time and what's an absolute waste of our time.

It continually encourages us to be logical, practical, and reasonable. Declaring over and over that only what is visible is real, everything else is fantasy and fable.

This world continually accumulates and rehearses the facts of our current existence, with its limited natural point of view, thinking that they now have grasped reality.

But God has a completely different point of view and a vastly different perception of what is real.

A quick read of Genesis chapter 1 would reveal that we were created in God's image, endued with God's Life, and living in God's presence in the garden. God gave man His authority to expand God's Kingdom over the entire earth.

We were never created to live in this world system under Satan's authority.

But, Adam and Eve submitted to Satan's lie, that the forbidden fruit would give them complete independence from God, make them wise, and make them like God. This allowed Satan to usurp man's God given authority over the Earth.

God sent man out of the garden so that He would not eat the fruit of the tree of life and be spiritually dead and separated from God forever and so God could redeem him back into oneness with Him. Genesis chapter 3.

This world has been rolling along for generations, trying to ignore God's original purpose for creating man and His supernatural plan to redeem all of mankind back into oneness with Him. It has been continually trying to eliminate any reference to God from our society and trying to create a truly godless society apart from Him.

Romans chapter one declares that people have suppressed the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes, that is*, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, being understood by what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their reasonings, and their senseless hearts were darkened.

It goes on in verse 25 that, they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever.

Man under the influence of Satan, has followed Satan's lie that the sum total of everything that he experiences in this world is all that there is to life. And that the most rational thing for him to do is to work hard to feather his nest under the curse of living under Satan's control.

Let's look at some scriptures, which are God's statements of reality.

1 Corinthians 2.14 states that, the natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and He cannot understand them because they are spiritually appraised.

Fortunately, God had a plan to overcome man's spiritually blind, and helpless situation.

Although man was incapable of comprehending spiritual things, God revealed them to us through His Holy Spirit, for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

For we have received, not the spirit of this world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God. 1 Corinthians 2.12

The Apostle Paul understood man's need for the Holy Spirit to be able to comprehend spiritual things when he prayed for the Ephesian believers in Ephesians 1.15.

It reads,

For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which *exists* among you and your love for all the saints, do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention *of you* in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND REVELATION IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM. *I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the boundless greatness of His power toward us who believe.

Modern man's concept of reality has evolved over the generations. It has gone from absolutes like, the Earth is flat and the Sun revolves around the Earth to one of it's most current perceptions. When some disagrees with you, they say, that might be your reality, but it's not my reality, showing that reality has become almost totally arbitrary among men.

In contrast, God makes a few statements of reality about Himself.

For I am God, and there is no other; *I am* God, and there is no one like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My plan will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure';

And

Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned *it*, I will certainly do it. Isaiah 46

Eight times in Genesis chapter 1, God said, "let there be" and all of creation came into being.

Moses asked God when He called him to deliver God's people from Egypt, "who shall I say sent me? God replied, tell them I AM sent you.

I AM the Lord, I do not change. Malachi 3

God makes it clear that He is the originator and creator of all things. He has no beginning and no end no end. He is not subject to time and the laws of this natural realm as we are.

He is the authority of the universe and creates reality with His words.

He says, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD.

And

So shall My word be which goes out of My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding *in the purpose* for which I sent it. Isaiah 55

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of mankind. John 1.1

When God wanted to speak to the whole world and accomplish His original purpose for mankind, He sent Jesus to manifest and express His word to man. He was God's Word that became flesh and dwelt among us. He was God's living Word.

Jesus came preaching repent, for the kingdom of God is here. His sacrifice on the cross created the way for men to be restored to their original oneness with God. He invited all men to become members of God's family with all of it's rights and privileges by faith. To become not only His children born of His supernatural nature, but also His heirs and joint heirs with Christ of all things.

In spite of man's fall from God's presence because of sin and the resulting death and separation that came from it, God never lost sight of His original purpose for creating man. It was to expand God's kingdom so that His glory would cover the Earth as the waters cover the sea. So that everyone and everything in this world would be filled with God's glory.

Christ died on the cross to pay man's penalty for sin and make him holy and blameless in God's sight. Colossians 1.22

When Christ was raised, He sent the Holy Spirit to be the agent to renew men's minds and transform them into what God predestined man to become in Christ. John 16.14

The Holy Spirit has the ability to transform us into the same image as Christ. 2 Corinthians 3.17

Christ sent Him in His stead to lead us into all truth. The Greek word translated as truth in this scripture meant reality.

Jesus said, I AM the way, I AM the REALITY, and I AM the life. John 14.6

His Holy Spirit was sent to lead us into the reality of our oneness with Christ, as God's sons, His heirs, and joint heirs with Christ of all things. Romans 8.16

Jesus said, just as the Father has sent me, I have sent you also. I was sent to manifest the kingdom of God among men, and speak God's statements of reality to enable men to become members of His family and citizens of His kingdom.

Just as the Father sent me, for the same purpose and to accomplish the same thing I have sent you into this world.

I left you here on this Earth to continue to preach the gospel of the Kingdom, that I empowered you to manifest in Matthew 10.1

I gave you authority to cast out demons, to heal the sick, raise the dead, and tell them that the kingdom of God is here.

In Jesus' last directive to them He commanded them to continue manifesting the reality of His victory over Satan.

So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with *them*, and confirmed the word by the signs that followed. Mark 16.20

God has never rescinded His command.

Let's accept the reality of our oneness with Christ, the empowering of His Holy Spirit, and His command to speak the gospel of the Kingdom to every nation on this planet.

God bless you.

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