

## **GOD DID IT**

God sent Jesus into this world to reveal the Father by manifesting His eternal life, and inviting all men to enter His kingdom. Jesus paid man's penalty for sin to redeem all men back into God's family. God did this because of His unchanging love for all men.

This restoration back into oneness with God, who is the creator of all things, was made available to anyone and everyone who would accept Christ's perfect sacrifice for themselves. God accepted everyone just as they are, but He had no intention of leaving them that way.

Jesus called all people to make a choice. He said;  
"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. "For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it. Matthew 7.13

I asked the Holy Spirit one day, why it was so easy for so many to go the way of destruction. He explained to me that it's because it's the way of natural men who are living apart from God. They don't have to do anything different. Just live their natural life, do whatever their senses tell them to do, and live the self-loving, self-directed, self-serving life that they inherited from Adam and Eve.

Jesus didn't tell people to pray a prayer, do the best they can to straighten up their sinful lives, and I'll take you to heaven when you die.  
He told people this parable to show them how to receive His Eternal Life now.

And Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.  
"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. "He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. John 12.24

He was asking us to follow His example.  
Jesus made it very clear that the Gospel was not about praying a prayer and then living our own independent life anyway we want to. He spelled out for His disciples the narrow path that leads to His Eternal Life.

Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone desires to be My disciple, let him deny himself [disregard, lose sight of, and forget himself and his own interests] and take up his cross and follow Me [cleave steadfastly to Me, conform wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying, also].  
For whoever is bent on saving his [temporal] life [his comfort and security here] shall lose [eternal life]; and whoever loses his life [his comfort and security here] for My sake shall find [life everlasting]. Matthew 16.24amp

Jesus preached everywhere, "Repent, because the Kingdom of God is here.  
He didn't say, you liars stop lying. You murderers quit killing people. You thieves stop stealing. He gave everyone the same word. Repent.  
He was saying repent of your self loving, self directed, and self preserving life that you inherited from Adam and Eve that causes all of these sins.  
Because the life that God originally created for you is available to you now.

Jesus said in John 6.63, that it's His Spirit that gives Life. Your flesh profits absolutely nothing.

The Greek word translated as "flesh" in the New Testament is "sarx." Here is its definition: It's unaided human effort. *It's* decisions and actions that originate from self or are empowered by self.

Jesus' requirements for being His disciple and entering that narrow path to eternal life are very strict and require the total death of our old nature.

Over the generations many have turned to religion to try to solve this insurmountable problem. But as Jesus said, our flesh's efforts, religious or otherwise produce absolutely nothing.

So, how can we ever get free from the influence of our old adamic nature and die to ourselves? God knew that we didn't have the ability to die to ourselves and put on His supernatural life. SO HE DID IT FOR US! His plan to accomplish this is called the Gospel of the Kingdom.

Let me share a few statements of reality from God that explain His supernatural plan that only He could do.

By His own doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption... 1 Corinthians 1.30

Here's another.

Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of His life. Romans 6.3

And another.

For the law of the Spirit of life [which is] in Christ Jesus [the law of our new being] has freed me from the law of sin and of death. FOR GOD HAS DONE what the Law could not do, [its power] being weakened by the flesh [the entire nature of man without the Holy Spirit]. Sending His own Son in the guise of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, [God] condemned sin in the flesh [subdued, overcame, deprived it of its power over all who accept that sacrifice], So that the righteous *and* just requirement of the Law might be fully met in us who live *and* move not in the ways of the flesh but in the ways of the Spirit [our lives governed not by the standards and according to the dictates of the flesh, but controlled by the Holy Spirit. Romans 8.1amp

God supernaturally put all of Mankind in Christ, then in God's mind whatever happened to Christ also happened to Man. We were crucified with Christ, buried with Him, and raised from the dead with Him to walk in the newness of His life.

God did everything necessary to make these our reality. Here's another statement of reality from Him.

But God—so rich is He in His mercy! Because of *and* in order to satisfy the great *and* wonderful *and* intense love with which He loved us, Even when we were dead (slain) by [our own] shortcomings *and* trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship *and* in union with Christ; [He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him], for it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation). And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [giving us joint seating with Him] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

It should be obvious to us after reading these statements of reality from God, that none of our natural efforts could ever produce any of these results that God has made available to us.

Jesus said, I thank you, Father that you've hidden these things from the wise and have revealed them to babes. Luke 10.21

Jesus called a child to Himself and set him before them, and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 18.2

In conclusion, people have natural abilities that range from very capable to totally helpless and their educations range from brilliant to completely illiterate.

Because all these things are done for us by God's authority and power, and not Man's natural effort, He has leveled the playing field. It's not obtained by the rich and powerful, nor the intelligent and gifted.

He did it for everyone that He created and has made it available to everyone strictly by faith in Christ's perfect sacrifice for ALL men.

Now for one final statement of reality by God.

But to as many as did receive *and* welcome Him, He gave the right [the authority, the privilege] to become children of God, *that is*, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name— who were born, not of blood [natural conception], nor of the will of the flesh [physical impulse], nor of the will of man [that of a natural father], but of God [that is, a divine and supernatural birth—they are born of God—spiritually transformed, renewed, sanctified].  
John 1.12amp

Being redeemed back into His family and becoming a citizen of His Kingdom has been made available to every breathing person on this planet by faith in God's amazing work.

We don't receive this inheritance because we are great children. We receive it because we have an awesome Father.

This mind-boggling inheritance becomes ours by a simple child-like faith that says, "Thank you Daddy". "I receive it".

God bless you.

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