

BEING HIS

I'd like to share a bunch of scriptures with you about our relationship with God.

God told Moses,

“Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the sons of Israel: ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I bore you on eagles’ wings, and BROUGHT YOU TO MYSELF. ‘Now then, if you will indeed OBEY MY VOICE and KEEP MY COVENANT, then you shall be MY OWN POSSESSION among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ Exodus 19.3

God, who is the Creator of all things, proclaimed His ownership of His creations, not to dominate them like robots, but by His covenant relationship enable and empower them to fulfill His original intended purpose for creating them.

He re-affirmed His ownership of His creations in the New Testament.

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body. 1 Corinthians 6.19

He (Christ) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—ALL THINGS (and that includes us) HAVE BEEN CREATED BY HIM AND FOR HIM. Colossians 1.15

God also spelled out His original intention for re-creating Man.

For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn AMONG MANY BRETHREN; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. Romans 8.29

The Apostle Paul explained God's supernatural plan to accomplish this.

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. For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, knowing this, that OUR OLD SELF WAS CRUCIFIED WITH HIM, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin. Romans 6.3

He also explained the result of God's supernatural work in his own life.

“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but CHRIST LIVES IN ME;

and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. Galatians 2.20

He also explained his complete and total rejection of everything about his former life before his encounter with Christ on the road to Damascus.

But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I COUNT ALL THINGS TO BE LOSS in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith, THAT I MAY KNOW HIM and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Philippians 3.7

Jesus spelled out what knowing Him actually is.

“THIS IS ETERNAL LIFE, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. John 17.3

And the Apostle John explained how anyone and everyone can receive the result of His supernatural plan and the reality of His Eternal life.

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name, WHO WERE BORN OF GOD, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1.12

These next two scriptures explain what all men can be re-created into because of Christ's perfect sacrifice on the cross and our death and resurrection WITH HIM.

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creation; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ.... 2 Corinthians 5.17

Peter added,

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to His life and His godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that BY THEM YOU MAY BECOME PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. 2 Peter 1.2

It should be pretty obvious from these scriptures that these actions and their mind boggling results are completely supernatural. There's not a natural man on this planet who can make these things available to himself, by his own effort.

The Apostle Paul shares our next steps as recipients of this miraculous work by God.

Therefore if 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 on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and YOUR LIFE IS HIDDEN WITH CHRIST IN GOD. When CHRIST, WHO IS YOUR LIFE, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. Colossians 3.1

For you were called to freedom, brethren; only *do* not *turn* your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. Galatians 5.13

And God believes that His plan was the perfect provision for all of these things to become our reality in this world.

Here is His testimony.

And the testimony is this, that GOD HAS GIVEN US HIS ETERNAL LIFE, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. 1 John 5.11

Because of His covenant, love for His creation, God is constantly working to draw all of His creations into this amazing covenant relationship with Him.

“For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His. 2 Chronicles 16.9

I've said before that if people had any idea what God has already done for ALL of His creations and continues to do for them, no one on this planet would ever ignore Him or reject Him.

God bless you.

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