

EARTHBOUND

Have you ever heard anyone say, "life is hard". In Ecclesiasties 1.2 King Solomon gives his appraisal of life on this planet. He said;
"Futility of futilities," says the Preacher, "Futility of futilities! All is futility".
And God actually designed it that way.

When Adam left the garden, God declared a curse because of his disobedience. He said;
Cursed is the ground because of you; with hard labor you shall eat *from* it all the days of your life .
"Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; yet you shall eat the plants of the field; by the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, until you return to the ground, because from it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Genesis 3.17

The Apostle Paul explains God's intentions about this curse in his letter to the Romans.

For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. Romans 8.20

We were not created to live in this natural world apart from God.
Natural life on this planet is the result of Man's fall from God's presence and natural life in this world produces only death.

Lets look at a couple scriptures for confirmation.

Romans 5.12

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned.

And Romans 8.6 adds, the mind set on the flesh is death.

Many people may not like these facts and even take offense at what I'm saying.
Unfortunately, these facts are real, but they are subject to change.

Jesus declared, "you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free." John 8.32

He also said, "I am the way, I am the truth, and I am the life." John 14.6

So Jesus is God's answer to this separation from God.

God did not send Man out of the garden for judgment. He sent him from the garden with the expectation of him receiving God's perfect provision to redeem him back into His family and into His kingdom.

Jesus told Nicodemus in John chapter 3;

"Unless you are born again, you cannot see the kingdom, and, unless you are born of the Spirit, you cannot enter the kingdom.

So in the only place in the scriptures, that being born again is even mentioned, Jesus makes it very clear that the purpose of being born again is to be redeemed back into God's family as citizens of His kingdom.

Because of Adam's sin, Mankind was relegated to life on this planet, apart from God, living under the curse of separation from God.

But God had no intention of leaving His greatest creation to live apart from Him.

His plan to restore man back into his family and into his kingdom is called the gospel of the kingdom.

Jesus preached;

Repent, for the kingdom of God is here. In other words, what you were originally created for is available to you now.

But for God to be completely just in forgiving man, someone had to pay the penalty for Adam's sin.

So God's supernatural master plan of the gospel was to put all of Mankind in Christ, by His own doing. Then whatever happened to Christ also happened to us. 1 Corinthians 1.30

In God's plan, we were crucified with Christ, we were buried with Him, and raised from the dead with Him to live His resurrection life. You can read that in Romans chapter 6.

Most Christians, accept this world as their permanent residence and occasionally visit the spirit realm when circumstances get too hard or desperate. We continually petition God to get off his throne and fix our circumstances.

The majority of us function in this world as sons of Adam living under the curse and living apart from God, unaware that God has done everything necessary for us to be adopted into His family as citizens of His kingdom.

We spend our entire life managing our circumstances and our experiences with our natural logic and reason. As Christians we continually try to wrestle our old man into acting more like Jesus.

We view the Holy Spirit as a specialist that we call in to help in dire circumstances.

We visit the spirit realm as a resource when we encounter something beyond our natural ability to handle instead of a dwelling place that we live from in this natural world.

God's supernatural remedy, the gospel of the kingdom, made full time access into His presence available to us as His children.

The scriptures state that when Christ was resurrected, the veil of the temple, which separated us from God's presence in the Holy of Holies, was torn from the top to the bottom by God. It opened the way into His presence eternally for His children. Matthew 27.51

Let's look at some scriptures that confirm this.

Hebrews 10.19 states;

Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and since we *have* a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Ephesians 3.12 explains that;

This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.

And Colossians 1.13 reveals that;

He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The natural facts that we see in this world are real, but they are completely temporary and subject to change. God and His word are not going to change.

The scriptures read;

We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Corinthians 4.18

Hosea 4.6 declares that "my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

God wasn't saying that my people aren't educated enough. He was saying they lack the revelation knowledge of what I've done to redeem them back into my family.

Over the centuries, we have focused so much on our Adamic nature's inability to change, that we've lost faith in God's, supernatural transformation of our spirits, that only He could accomplish for us in Christ.

Peter declares how God intended to overrule this problem.

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 life and 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. 2 Peter 1.2

And Paul added, He that is joined to the lord, is one spirit with him. 1 Corinthians 6.17

and Galatians 4.6 reads, because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God

Romans 8.15

For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ..

Now I've shared with you a bunch of statements of reality from God about what He has already spoken, what He has already done, and what He has committed His Holy Spirit to make our reality.

So now we have a choice. We can continue to try to serve God with a sense of constant condemnation, inferiority, and futility with our old nature or we can accept Gods supernatural work to redeem us back into His family to experience His eternal love and His eternal life.

God's work on our behalf is just like God. It's supernatural it's perfect, and it's eternal.

I'll close with several more statements of reality from our Father. They are from the amplified bible.

Therefore if anyone is in Christ [that is, grafted in, joined to Him by faith in Him as Savior], *he is* a new creature [reborn and renewed by the Holy Spirit]; the old things [the previous moral and spiritual condition] have passed away.

He made Christ who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that in Him we would become the righteousness of God [that is, we would be made acceptable to Him and placed in a right relationship with Him by His gracious lovingkindness]. 2 Corinthians 5.17 +21amp

And although you were at one time estranged *and* alienated and hostile-minded [toward Him], *participating* in evil things, yet Christ has now reconciled you [to God] in His physical body through death, in order to present you before the Father holy and blameless and beyond reproach... Colossians 1.21

Ephesians 2.6 explains that;

He raised us up together with Him [when we believed], and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places*, [because we are] in Christ Jesus, [and He did this] so that in the ages to come He might [clearly] show the immeasurable *and* unsurpassed riches of His grace in [His] kindness toward us in Christ Jesus [by providing for our redemption].

So what is the creator of the universe trying to tell us? We have a choice to make.

We can receive by faith the reality that because of Christ's perfect sacrifice and God's love for us we have been redeemed into God's family as His children, His heirs, and joint heirs with Christ, sharing His inheritance with Him.

Or

we have the choice to remain earthbound, and believe Satan's lie that we are only the sum total of everything we've been through, and this world is all there is for us.

In America, we call this a "no brainer". A simple choice that should be obvious to everyone.

God bless you.

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