

From Bondage Of Fear To Partakers Of All Of Christ

Scripture Text:

The following scriptures we will read together today, show a similarity in thought of what state the world was in when God intervened and brought it to where Adam was created, and what state Israel was in when God made them His people.

And these are the only two parts of the Pentateuch that read of the Hebrew term WITHOUT FORM together with God's Spirit MOVING as a result.

Genesis 1:1-3 KJV In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. (2) And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. (3) And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Deuteronomy 32:9-14 KJV For the LORD'S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. (10) He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. (11) As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: (12) So the LORD alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him. (13) He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock; (14) Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape. Deuteronomy 32:15 KJV But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.

Message:

Genesis reads the earth was without form.

- And God moved by His Spirit to do something about it.
- The Hebrew word for MOVED here is actually FLUTTERED or BROODED.
- And the Hebrew word for WITHOUT FORM also means WASTE.

So we find that When God made Israel His people, or His portion, He found them in a WASTE howling wilderness.

- Comparing the Hebrew definition with Genesis, He found them in a WITHOUT FORM wilderness.
- And just as His Spirit FLUTTERED over the WASTE wilderness in Gen 1:2, God led them alone, as an eagle stirs her nest and FLUTTERS over her young.
- Hence, we have the two aspects of fluttering over that which was in the waste and formless, and taking care of the situation.

This is describing GENESIS and EXODUS.

- Of course we know the creation account is in GENESIS.
- But the account of when God took them in the wilderness and made them His people by giving them his laws at Mount Sinai, speaks of the EXODUS OF ISRAEL.

And so, because we see the same pattern of God's work in creation to be found in His dealing with Israel in EXODUS, we can see that EXODUS is the sort of GENESIS God performs UPON PEOPLE.

- And the same thing occurred on the day of Pentecost.
- God's SPIRIT came down and MOVED UPON the people.

Acts 2:1-4 KJV And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. (2) And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. (3) And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. (4) And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

In fact there is a pillar of fire over each of their heads just as the SPIRIT of God came down in the wilderness to lead Israel and later stand above Israel's tabernacle.

The first time we read of the pillar was here, after Israel already came out of Egypt.

Exodus 13:21-22 KJV And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: (22) He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

Speaking of the Holy Ghost baptism like the pillar of fire that came to Israel, we read;

John 1:29-33 KJV The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. (30) This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. (31) And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. (32) And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. (33) And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

Matthew 3:16 KJV And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto

him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

In fact, John 1 shows IN THE BEGINNING, LIGHT and a series of Days, just like Genesis 1.

We see the same thing found in Genesis as we study NEW BIRTH.

Genesis 1:2 KJV And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

John 3:5 KJV Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Water, Spirit, and a kingdom.

- Adam would rule the kingdom created in Genesis.

And after God's Spirit moved upon the earth, He proceeded to CONFORM THE EARTH until He finished with ADAM IN HIS IMAGE.

- The crowning conclusion was A MAN IN HIS IMAGE.

Israel's Exodus would likewise conclude, for the process of Genesis was a JOURNEY OF PEOPLE in Exodus.

- Both had a destination.
- That of Exodus was a PEOPLE RULING IN CANAAN IN A CITY JERUSALEM.
- Isn't it blessed to read of the conclusion of the Bible having a NEW JERUSALEM with rivers of living water flowing to all that are athirst?

It's like the BROODING of God's Spirit on the waters winds up with God's Spirit BEING THE RIVERS OF LIFE for all the world to drink.

- Did you know the waters were all saline (SALT WATER) in Genesis 1:2?
- There was no fresh water until the third day when dry land appeared, or resurrected up from beneath the water.
- Without dry land there will be no fresh water, albeit it came by MIST before Noah's day.

Thank God for the third day WATERS OF LIFE!

- Jesus arose the third day, and provided the HOLY GHOST BAPTISM

John 7:37-39 KJV In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. (38) He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (39) (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Revelation 22:17 KJV And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Look at how the DESTINATION OF THE EXODUS IS COMPARED WITH OUR DESTINATION in Hebrews:

Hebrews 3:6-14 KJV But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. (7) Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, (8) Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: (9) When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. (10) Wherefore I was grieved

with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. (11) So I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.) (12) Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. (13) But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. (14) **For we are made partakers of Christ**, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;

The journey was not completed by many Hebrews because of unbelief.

- There was to be an END of the journey.
- But most never made it to the end.
- They lose their confidence before the end.
- So we are told to not lose confidence unto the end.

And then he says something powerful.

- He calls the DESTINATION of OUR journey as us BEING PARTAKERS OF CHRIST.

(14) For **we are made partakers of Christ**, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;

What is partaking of Christ?

We know that Christ died on the cross so we can get baptized into that death.

- We know He was crucified so we can be crucified with Him and be freed from sin.

Romans 6:4 KJV **Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father,**

even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:5 KJV For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

Romans 6:6-7 KJV Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. (7) For he that is dead is freed from sin.

Partaking of Christ is to experience the same experiences He did!

- Jesus died and we partook of Him in dying WITH HIM.
- And we also were buried and resurrected with Him.
- That is having partaken of Christ.

So we need to come to LIVES that are FREED FROM SIN.

- He whom the Son sets free is free indeed!
- God set Israel free from bondage in Egypt to RULE THEIR OWN LAND!
- That is FREE INDEED!
- That is ULTIMATE FREEDOM!

After we read we are freed from sin, we then read:

Romans 6:12 KJV Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

DO NOT LET SIN RULE YOU!

- Sin is in our flesh, but it does not have to rule while it is in our flesh.

To partake of ALL of Christ is to not allow sin to rule in your life.

Romans 6:14 KJV For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

But the problem is THAT PEOPLE ARE LETTING SIN RULE IN THEIR FLESH AND DO NOT EVEN KNOW THEY DO NOT HAVE TO LET IT RULE.

Why do people backslide?

- Sin in their flesh takes dominance.

Why do people struggle in living for Jesus?

- Sin in their flesh rises to dominance.

DO NOT LET SIN RULE IN YOUR FLESH.

Back up a bit into Romans 5.

Romans 5:20 KJV **Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:**

Paul said where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.

- Sin was in this world and it did awful things.
- One man brought sin upon every soul.
- BUT GRACE was far more powerful.
- ONE MAN, JESUS, allowed for MANY PEOPLE to be made righteous instead of sinful!

But Paul knew people were so uneducated as to how to rule over sin, he predicted a question people might give in response to hearing grace abounds where sin is.

Romans 6:1 KJV **What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?**

Think about it.

- People are so accustomed to SIN -CONSCIOUSNESS and how powerful SIN is, that the only victory they think they can have is by hearing "grace abounds where sin is", so they think they should continue in SIN for grace to abound.
- But Paul shows them Jesus gave us far more power than that!

Romans 6:2 KJV **God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?**

WE ARE DEAD TO SIN, PAUL?

YES!

Hallelujah!

And then Paul explains their deaths with Christ occurred at baptism.

FOLKS, we have far more victory over sin than to see God step in out of mercy for us and show his grace every time sin messes mankind up!

- YOU ARE DEAD TO IT, SO DO NOT LET IT RULE IN YOUR FLESH ANY MORE!
- But why do Christians sin if they're dead to it?
- Common question.
- THEY DO NOT KNOW THEY ARE DEAD TO IT.
- And because they do not know, THEY LET sin rule them.
- If you think you have no power over something, you will not ATTEMPT to dominate it.

We were in BONDAGE, like Israel was in BONDAGE.

- We're talking about a SPIRITUAL EXODUS HERE.
- A GENESIS IN PEOPLE!

Hebrews 2:14-15 KJV Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; (15) And **deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.**

FEAR OF DEATH, made them SUBJECT TO BONDAGE!!!

Romans 8:8-15 KJV So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. (9) But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. (10) And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. (11) But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. (12) Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. (13) For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. (14) For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. (15) For **ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear;** but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Whether you know it or not, YOUR BODY IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE DIED AND YOU ARE JUST AS GOOD AS DEAD regarding sin.

- *(10) And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin*

But you are ALIVE in a power driven glory of God when you have the SPIRIT OF GOD IN YOU.

- *...but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.*

And instead of SIN RULING YOUR MORTAL BODIES, THE SPIRIT CAN QUICKEN YOUR MORTAL BODIES.

COMPARE:

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And SOME PEOPLE ARE STILL IN EGYPTIAN-TYPE BONDAGE!

Rom 8 (15) For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

They gave the emancipation declaration in Lincoln's day to free slaves.

- But some slaves had lived so long as slaves they walked out of the slavery and turned around and went right back in it because it.
- I declare so many Christians have never walked out of their slavery and are still whipped and tormented because they lived so long like slaves in sin they do not TRY TO LEARN TO LIVE DIFFERENTLY.