

#106 FORUM POST ON HOW THE WOMAN IS SAVED IN CHILDBEARING

Dear All,

1 Timothy 2:11-15 Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. [12] I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. [13] For Adam was formed first, then Eve; [14] and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. [15] **Yet she will be saved through childbearing**-if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

How is the woman saved through childbearing?

Dear V _____,

I believe I have tried to explain this analogy to you before. I will try again. I know it is a difficult subject.

To understand what Paul says in 1Tim 2:11-15, a person must have a spiritual understanding of scripture.

To understand why the woman is saved during child birth, we must start with what scripture teaches about mankind's spiritual makeup.

Mankind's spiritual makeup is this:

MIND + SPIRIT = A LIVING SOUL

Because mankind's spirit is "marred" (Jer 18:4) and "subject to vanity" (Rom 8:20), it became carnal. In turn, the carnal spirit made the mind of mankind carnal, as well. Because mankind has a carnal mind, mankind frequently sins.

Now the formula looks like this:

CARNAL MIND + CARNAL SPIRIT = A SPIRITUALLY DEAD SOUL (after sin)

So how does the "woman" relate to mankind's spiritual makeup?

Here how:

Adam and Eve are "types" for mankind's spiritual makeup. Adam (the man/husband) represents the head/mind and Eve (the woman/wife) represents the carnal spirit.

Along these same lines, the spirit word "bone" also represents the spirit of a person just as Eve does. For that reason, scripture shows that Eve was created from one of Adam's ribs (bone).

And because the spirit word "bone" represents a person's spirit, scripture says this about Christ's bones:

John 19:36 For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.

Since Christ was spiritually perfect, Christ's spirit (bone) never become carnal and sinful (broken). As a result, none of Christ bones were broken.

So why was Eve the one who Satan tempted and deceived?

It was because Satan tempts mankind through the carnal nature of mankind's spirit (Eve). And since the spirit (also called the "heart") is what governs the mind, the mind will do what the carnal spirit desires.

This is why Paul says this:

1Cor 7:33 But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.

And why Paul says this:

1Tim 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman (carnal spirit/heart) being deceived was in the transgression (guilty of sin).

The verse above is a very profound statement when it is properly understood. It is mankind's carnal spirit that is guilty of sin and that is why mankind's carnal spirit will suffer the penalty of sin (death).

This takes us to the spirit word "harlot".

Remember, in the "type", Adam and Eve represent one flesh. From the beginning, this "one flesh" (Adam/Eve) was spiritually married to Christ. But when Adam/Eve sinned and tried to cover their sin by their own "works" (apron of fig leaves), Eve (the carnal spirit of the one flesh) became an adulteress/harlot.

Because of Eve's spiritual fornication with Satan (believing Satan over Christ), Christ divorced Adam/Eve and the marriage relationship ended. Christ then cast Adam/Eve out of His house (the Garden of Eden). Since that day, Christ has been working to restore His marriage relationship with Adam/Eve and all their offspring.

So how does Christ restore His marriage relationship with mankind?

He does it by holding the woman/harlot/Eve responsible for the sin of adultery and destroys her by His judgment (the penalty of sin is death).

During a person's time of judgment, the harlot (woman) will have become "worse than the first" (Mat 12:43-45) by the indwelling of the spirit of anti-Christ. In this condition, the harlot is now called the "great harlot". Her judgment is shown in Revelation chapter 18.

Notice what this verse says about her:

Rev 18:2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great (harlot) is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils (spirit of anti-Christ), and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird (false and carnal beliefs of Satan).

This judgment occurs during the conversion process.

Conversion begins when Christ gives an Elect person the Latter Rain of the Spirit. This gift of the Spirit is what creates a "new heart" within the person.

Eze 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

Judgment will then follow and "take away the stony heart". This judgment is the same judgment of the Great Harlot shown in Rev 18.

Now, to what Paul says here:

1Tim 2:15 Yet she will be saved through childbearing-if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

The woman is saved when a person is "born again" as a child of God. This happens when the Holy Spirit (Latter Rain) indwells a person. With the Holy Spirit, the carnal and weak spirit is destroyed. The person's spirit is then born again and is governed by the Holy Spirit. This makes the person's spirit new, strong and holy (just like Christ's spirit which could not be broken/made sinful).

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Thank you for sharing. That is a lot to take in. I've chosen two comments ...change that to three comments you shared that stand out. I've been talking on another thread about how the "harlot" includes men and women. Same as a whorish woman she goes astray after another.

The spirit word "harlot" ...The spirit of the world

1 Corinthians 2:12 Now we have received, **not the spirit of the world**, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

2 Timothy 1:7 For God **has not given us the spirit of fear**; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

It sounds like “the spirit of the world” is outside of religion ...or “the world” religion hates but is that the spirit of the world. Here is clarification on “the spirit of the world”

Colossians 2:20-23 If with Christ you died **to the elemental spirits of the world**, why, **as if you were still alive in the world**, do **you submit to regulations**- [21] "Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch" [22] (referring to things that all perish as they are used)-**according to human precepts and teachings?** These **have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion** and asceticism and severity to the body, **but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.**

If we pull that out: still alive in the world, having not died to the elemental spirits in the world ...you (men and women) submit to regulations. According to human precepts and teachings. They have an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion. (Should be obvious by now)

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My thought: is they have you submit to their regulations, but do the same things they forbid.

This explains the below. Of submitting to please these elemental spirits who have no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh...having an appearance of wisdom(but this wisdom is from below and devilish) promoting self-made religion.

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Likewise

1 Corinthians 7:34 **There is difference also between a wife and a virgin.** The unmarried woman cares for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: **but she that is married cares for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.**

We want to make that about our significant other instead of are we married to the spirit of the

world? A wife or husband doesn't control your trying to please the world. You own your double-minded ways which are unstable. Spouses don't get to point at their spouse and claim they (their spouse) makes them live in the world and submit to the elements spirits, or make them have an appearance of (devilish) wisdom but does nothing towards the (putting off) indulgence of the flesh.

Mark 4:18-19 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, [19] **And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.**

This stands out as true because you can never please a Pharisee. Death is never satisfied. You can never please all the man-made regulations and religions. Yet he warns:

Romans 2:23-29 Thou that make your boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonor you God? [24] For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written. [25] For circumcision verily profits, if you keep the law: but if you be a breaker of the law, your circumcision is made uncircumcision. [26] Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? [27] And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision do transgress the law? [28] For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: [29] But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

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The Woman is saved through childbearing by the body of Christ.

V _____

Dear V _____,

You said:

This explains the below. Of submitting to please these elemental spirits who have no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh...having an appearance of wisdom(but this wisdom is from below and devilish) promoting self-made religion.

I agree. The spirit of the world is the spirit of anti-Christ. It teaches "babes" (Early Rain only, unconverted) to mix works with faith. This is the crooked way and is why Satan is called the crooked serpent. This is the false gospel that that apostate believers follow and teach.

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This verse is in reference to the marriage analogy used in scripture.

A virgin is a "babe" who has only been given the Early Rain of the Spirit. She remains unconverted and is waiting to marry Christ when He returns to her. When Christ returns, He will pour out the Latter Rain and the marriage will take place. The virgin will then be the bride (wife) of Christ and will be converted. During Paul's lifetime, the virgins in the church were remaining faithful while they waited for Christ to return. This is what Paul was referencing in the verse below:

2Cor 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present *you as a chaste virgin to Christ.*

However, shortly after Paul's death, the spirit of anti-Christ came into the world and devoured the virgins (babes) in the churches. After a virgin has been indwelt with the spirit of anti-Christ, she becomes married to Satan and will care for the things of this world - the things that are pleasing to her husband (Satan).

Most of the church (the "many") will remain in this apostate condition until they die. They will continue to follow the ways of Satan which includes following Satan's false gospel of mixing works with faith. For the "few" unfaithful virgins who have been chosen, Christ will come to them a second time and give them the Latter Rain of the Spirit. With the Latter Rain, the unfaithful virgin will be restored. Christ will then appear to her and the marriage will take place. Judgment will then fall on the believer. This judgment will remove and destroy the spirit of anti-Christ (cast into the Lake of Fire).

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The marriage analogy, which I briefly explained above, teaches the pathway to salvation. Salvation occurs when a believer has both the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit, followed by judgment. This is also called conversion. After a person is converted, they become the bride (wife) of Christ. This is how Christ is now restoring the marriage relationship with mankind - the one that Adam and Eve lost in the Garden of Eden when they fornicated with Satan (believing Satan over Christ).

This scripture below applies to the marriage analogy:

Isa 54:5 For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called. 6 For the LORD hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God. 7 For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.

The "great mercies" are shown to mankind by the New Covenant of Grace through Faith.

Also, the story of the woman taken in adultery in John 8:3-10 is based on the marriage analogy.

The woman represents mankind who has fornicated with Satan. She was caught in adultery. To restore the marriage relationship, Christ writes in the earth (writes the law of the spirit in the woman). The first time He writes in the earth represents the Early Rain of the Spirit. The second time Christ writes in the earth represents the Latter Rain of the Spirit. After the woman has received both the Early and Latter Rain, she is no longer condemned by the law. The Pharisees then drop the stones and leave because the law can no longer accuse her. The woman is now converted and restored to her former husband (Christ).

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

I'm going to have to think about what you said in your whole reply back. It's confusing. Concerning the wife and the virgin. I thought it was the opposite of what you said. For it's the married wife who cares for the things of the world. the **unmarried woman cares for the things of the Lord**, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit:

not the same “married” as the marriage of the Lamb spoken of in Romans 7:4 Wherefore, my brethren, you also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; **that you should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.**

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V_____

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I’ll try to explain it again in a shorter and more direct way.

One important point before I start: Christ must come to a person TWO times to make His future wife acceptable to Him (a chaste virgin) so that the marriage can occur. If you can't accept this point, the marriage analogy will not make sense.

The marriage analogy begins with Adam and Eve when they were married to Christ in the Garden. But because Adam and Eve were carnally minded, they fell for Satan's deceptions and believed him over what Christ had told them. This resulted in them spiritually fornicating with Satan and sinning. Since the sin of adultery is the only legal grounds for divorce, Christ divorced Adam & Eve and cast them out of His home (the Garden of Eden).

To restore the marriage, Christ will come to a person and give them the Early Rain of the Spirit. This small amount of the Spirit will make the person into a "chaste virgin" who is suitable for marriage. But while the chaste virgin waits for the Bridegroom to return for the marriage, she remains carnally minded, spiritually blind and sinful. In this condition, Satan will plant the spirit of anti-Christ within the virgin and deceive her. Since the virgin is spiritually blind, Satan has no trouble causing the virgin to start following his ways instead of the ways of Christ - same as he did with Adam and Eve. With the spirit of anti-Christ indwelling the person, Satan becomes the virgin's husband who she wants to please. This is what Paul is stating below:

1Cor 7:34 There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

If the unfaithful virgin is one of the Elect, Christ will come to her a second time and give her the Latter Rain of the Spirit. This will kill her husband (Satan) and make her into a chaste virgin again. She has now made herself ready for the marriage to commence:

Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

This time the Holy Spirit is given in great measure and comes in strength. It will also heal the virgin's spiritual blindness so that she can receive the truth of Christ (Mark 8:15-25). Christ will then be able to feed His new bride His bread and New Wine. This event is called the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. From the knowledge of the truth the new bride receives, judgment will fall on the wife and remove the chaff from within her. The chaff is everything that has made her carnally minded and sinful. This includes the spirit of anti-Christ and the person's carnal spirit (called the Great harlot). After they are both removed and destroyed, Christ's new bride will be "converted" and empowered by the Holy Spirit to remain faithful to Christ - unlike the time when Adam and Eve were not able to remain faithful.

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I'm sorry I am confusing. When I think of virgin I think of the proof she is a virgin. It reminds me of numbers five when I woman has gone aside after another and lain with another man. If she is found not guilty, **she is pronounced clean(not having lain with another)**, free, under the law of jealousies of her husband when he suspects her of adultery. It is this woman who is clean that conceives, and bears fruit.(unto God)

I'm getting confused myself. I do acknowledge the Marriage analogy. I do see it as Spiritual otherwise 1 Corinthians 7:29 stands out as an odd things to say, "But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remains, **that both they that have wives be as though they had none;**"

FaithWillDo said:

I'll try to explain it again in a shorter and more direct way.

You make sense to me. But it's all scrambled around because of how you've interpreted it, contradicts what I thought it says. That is what confuses me. Not your words. For example ...thinking you have the puzzle pieces in the right order where the picture is becoming clear. Then someone rearranges the pieces and you question the picture that was taking shape because now all the pieces are in different places. Does that make sense? point is no matter how many

times you come back to say let me make it clearer. It is not the clarity that doesn't make sense, it's things like (still) the early and latter rain that I still haven't seen where it seems central to how you see things. Because then the early and latter rain leads to why this virgin is this, and why this virgin is that...because of the early and latter rain. Everything you say based off if He has come the first time or returned the second time unto salvation.

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When I think of "newness of Spirit" I think of "a chaste Virgin" in "newness" she is free-pronounced **clean**— and can marry another, even Him who raised from the dead. "If her husband be dead" which "by the body of Christ" ...Her husband is dead. She is free from being bond to the law of her husband...

I see the married woman as trying to please that law of her husband and failing, she cares for the things of the world and how **she must please her husband**. It does nothing.

It's the virgin ---free by the body of Christ who has been made free from the law of her husband to serve in "**newness of Spirit**" ...when I think of virgin I think of an inspection of whether she is a virgin...she is pronounced "clean" and presented to Christ. What I hear you say is the married in the above does well? I don't think so, but it's the married woman please the world, still being in bondage, caring for the things of the world and how she must please what has not been buried and crucified by the body of Christ.

The virgin in newness of Spirit, also called "the unmarried" : The unmarried woman **cares for the things of the Lord**, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit. Paul spoke of only having Timothy to send to them, only Timothy naturally cared for their state, all other men cares **not for things of the Lord, but went after their own things**.

V _____

Dear V _____,

Thanks for your good response.

You said:

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What you said above is correct but I don't think you understand what you have stated.

When a person sins and follows the ways of Satan, they are married to him and will do what pleases him. This is the state of all the unbelieving world.

Now consider how Paul addresses his letter to the Romans. Paul addresses many of his letters to the churches in this same fashion.

Rom 1:7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

This verse applies to it:

Mat 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

Many people are called to be saints but only a few of them will actually become saints. For the "many" who are only called to be saints (the foolish virgins), they will only be given the Early Rain of the Spirit. They will not be given the extra flask of oil (Latter Rain) that the wise virgins will be given so that the Bridegroom can spiritually appear to them.

This is a key point as it applies to 1Cor 7:34: The people who are "called to be saints" are now no longer married to Satan but have become chaste virgins because they have received the Early Rain of the Spirit. With the Spirit (even just a small amount like the Early Rain), a person is "called to be a saint" and is now engaged to Christ. They are NOT converted yet nor are they married to Christ yet. Scripture also calls them "babes" who can only draw milk (Christ and Him crucified). When Christ comes back with the Latter Rain of the Spirit to one of the "few" who are actually chosen to be a saint, the "called to be a saint" virgin will have their elect status confirmed. They will then be converted and become a saint. This is when a "babe" will withdraw from the breasts and become a child of God who is ready to start eating strong meat so that they can grow to maturity. After a believer is converted, nothing can take their salvation away. In this converted state, the virgin is now married to Christ and has become His bride.

Another key point: After a person is given the (correction) EARLY Rain of the Spirit and becomes a virgin, they will "fall away" because of Satan's deceptions (just like Adam and Eve did). This is the apostasy of the church that Paul knew was coming after his death (Acts 20:29-31). No virgin (wise or foolish) can avoid becoming apostate because all virgins remain carnally minded and spiritually blind. This is a hard truth for most virgins to accept. In fact, it is impossible for them to accept unless Christ has given them the Latter Rain of the Spirit which has healed their spiritual blindness. After the virgin can "see" spiritually, they will realize that they have been under Satan deceptions all along.

These scriptures apply:

Mat 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) **16** Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

2Thes 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

After a virgin is given the Latter Rain, they will see the Abomination of Desolation that previously occurred within themselves. When they "see" that they have been deceived, judgment will then fall and remove & destroy the spirit of anti-Christ from within them. This is how Christ converts His bride so that she will walk by Spirit.

Since you are having trouble with the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit concept, take a look at these verses - maybe they will help you see more clearly.

Hos 6:3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he (Christ) shall come unto us as the RAIN, as the latter and former (Early) RAIN unto the earth.

Psa 68:9 Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful RAIN (Latter Rain), whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance (elect status), when it was weary (in an apostate condition).

Job 37:6 For he saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth; likewise to the small rain (Early Rain), and to the great rain (Latter Rain) of his strength.

1Sam 12:17 Is it not wheat harvest to day? (the day of salvation for the Elect virgin) I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and RAIN (Latter Rain); that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness is great (have become "worse than the first"/a man of sin), which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king.

Jer 3:3 Therefore the showers (Latter Rain) have been withholden, and there hath been no Latter Rain; and thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed (this is talking about the apostate church).

Last point: The time of Elijah's 3 1/2 years of drought is a "type" for the time a chosen virgin spends in between receiving the Early and Latter Rains. It is also when the last 3 1/2 years of Daniel's Seventy Weeks prophecy occurs for a chosen virgin. It is a time of "great tribulation" (Mat 24:21) because the person has been made "worse than the first" and has the indwelling of the spirit of anti-Christ.

I hope this helps.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

FaithWillDo said:

In this converted state, the virgin is now married to Christ and has become His bride.

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This is only questions. Former and latter rain...I think of that former conversation we all have had in the world, In the lust of the flesh. Where it says God's perfection is **Matthew 5:45 That you may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he makes his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.**

Again former rain you translated as "early" rain...to me the former rain is on the unjust(while they have their conversation in the world), the latter rain on the just(their conversation being in Christ?)

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A little season?

Revelation 6:11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet **for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.**

1 Peter 1:5-7 Who are kept by the power of God through faith **unto salvation ready to be revealed** in the last time. [6] Wherein you greatly rejoice, **though now for a season, if need be, you are in heaviness** through manifold temptations: [7] That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

Philemon 1:15-16 For perhaps he therefore **departed for a season, that you should receive him for ever;** [16] **Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved,** specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord?

Matthew 16:2-3 He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, you say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. [3] And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O you hypocrites, you can discern the face of the sky; but can you not discern the signs of the times?

Point is ...I see a departing for a season ...hopefully... if need be...in heaviness...to return not now as a servant, but **above a servant, a brother beloved.**

V _____

Dear V _____,

You said:

Random thoughts. Bride or wife? Doesn't there have to be a consumption for there to be children? His seed remains?

Being a bride or wife is the same thing. However, the marriage analogy is separate from the birthing analogy. You should not try to combine them - it won't work.

The birthing analogy consists of Satan and the bondwoman (man's carnal spirit) who produces children of the devil AND Christ and the freewoman (the Holy Spirit) who produces the children of God.

Paul teaches the birthing analogy in Gal 4:21-31. The story of Abraham and Hagar is a "type" for birthing the children of the devil and Abraham and Sarah is a type for birthing the children of God.

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1John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and

he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

You said:

Again former rain you translated as "early" rain...to me the former rain is on the unjust(while they have their conversation in the world), the latter rain on the just(their conversation being in Christ?)

Yes, the Early Rain falls on an unbeliever who is "unjust". The Latter Rain can fall on the "just" as it did with the early Jewish Elect. But since the apostasy of the church, the Latter Rain now falls on the "unjust" because the believer has fallen away from faith (become unchaste).

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Joe

Dear V _____,

To help prevent further confusion, I thought it best to make another post on a third analogy used in scripture. It is the "maturing" analogy.

This analogy can easily be confused with the birthing analogy because it uses the terms "babe", child, and perfect man".

Here is the maturing analogy:

After a person receives the Early Rain of the Spirit, they are at the maturity level of a "babe". When the "babe" is given the Latter Rain and is converted, they withdraw from the breasts and become like a "little child".

Mat 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

After a believer has been converted and has become a little child, Christ will continue maturing

the believer by feeding them his truth of bread, strong meat and New Wine. This nourishment is coupled with Christ's chastisement. This maturing process will take the little child to adulthood until they become a perfect man of full age.

John the Baptist is a "type" for the Old Man (carnal mind/head). John made this statement below and it relates to the maturing analogy:

John 3:30 He must increase, but I must decrease.

The scriptures below also relate to the maturing analogy:

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more babes, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

James 3:2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

Heb 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Psa 37:37 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.

I wanted to make some additional comments on the birthing analogy.

The "woman" used in this analogy represents the either the Old Covenant of Law (bondwoman) or the New Covenant of Grace through Faith (freewoman).

The bondwoman answers to earthly Jerusalem (man's carnal spirit) and the freewoman answers to the Jerusalem from above (Holy Spirit).

It is through the bondwoman (the Law) that Satan produces a child of the Devil when he causes their carnal spirit to sin.

It is through the freewoman (faith) that Christ produces a child of God when He gives them a new spirit which is governed by the Holy Spirit.

It is very important to keep the analogies used in scripture separate from each other and to

identify which analogy is being used in the verses that you are studying. If you do this, the analogies will make more sense.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

I'll take a closer look.

V

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First I am glad I can talk to you about these things. You said Satan and the bondwoman (man's carnal spirit) who produces children of the devil —I question if the bondwoman is in bondage to Jerusalem which now is.

free woman (the Holy Spirit) who produces the children of God. -New Jerusalem above.

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numbers 5 also begins with God speaking to Israel ... 'speak to the sons of Israel and say to them 'if any man's wife goes astray and is unfaithful to him, and a man has intercourse (a sowing, seed, off spring) with her and it is hidden from the eyes of her husband and she is undetected, although she has defiled herself, and there is no witness against her and she has not been caught in the act...'

yes it makes me think of the woman caught in adultery where Jesus said John 8:10-11 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? Has no man condemned you? [11] She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

i do see the birthing analogy in Numbers 5, where the woman drinks the bitter water and her thigh rots and her belly swells... (the bondwoman) yet Numbers 5:28-29 And if **the woman be not defiled (by the body of Christ), but be clean; then she shall be free, and shall conceive seed (or some translations, she bears Fruit.)**. (Can also see what you say regarding "virgins", to me I think "clean" "undefiled" "no other man lain with her" as virgin.) [29] **This is the law of jealousies**, when a wife goes aside to another instead of her husband, and is defiled;

Another member once brought up Mary when Joseph was told not to be afraid to marry her, for the seed of God was in her.

But ultimately I think God is speaking to Jerusalem. Including those **men** in her, which I have found on threads here ... it is really hard for men to hear they are included in the bondwoman, and the freewoman. And it's really not gender picking. Because they say it only speaks to females. Nothing for them in a teaching "of a woman". I'm not trying to offend men, or women... I just wish they would consider it but often they shut it down.

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Good news though, I think is:

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 Wherefore let him that thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. [13] There has no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able; **but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that you may be able to bear it.**

Jesus Christ told them (His disciples) they could **not yet** bear it, but when the Spirit comes a way would be made where they were able to bear it.

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Nothing to say. Will look into it more.

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I still think they're being killed as their brothers were, is their brothers going away for a season, going after the flesh world, so that **when it fails**, they rerun above a servant, received as a dearly beloved, brother. For example: hand them over to satan that the flesh may be destroyed, and the spirit saved. "not now as a servant, but **above a servant, a brother beloved.**" If I wrote that on paper:

Above a servant

Servant

I do think it shows a birth from above:

New Jerusalem: the Freewoman

servant: the bondwoman

What goes up, must first come down. Which to me speaks of "need be" you are in heaviness. (Still the birth analogy, because it all points to born of God) James 4:7-10 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. [8] Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, **you double minded.** [9] Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, **and your joy to heaviness.** [10] Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, **and he shall lift you up.**

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I don't know about the seals.

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Agree, but individual sounds lonely. a seed must go into the ground and die, or it abides alone. If a seed goes into the ground and dies, it bears much fruit being no more alone.

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Agree Jesus was speaking to them that they should have known His time of visitation.

Yet, I still also think it speaks of seasons that we are in and the signs, just like Paul seeing if need be they were in a season of heaviness. Again James 4:7-10 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. [8] Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, **you double minded.** [9] Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, **and your joy to heaviness.** [10] Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, **and he shall lift you up.**

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V _____

Dear V _____,

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I went back to my last post and made a correction to it. Sorry for my error, I just wasn't remembering right.

I will use this correct understanding of the bondwoman and the freewoman in my response to you below.

You said:

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Scripture does not say that the bondwoman is in bondage to Jerusalem, it says she answers to Jerusalem and is in bondage to sin.

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Numbers 5 and Romans 7 are using the marriage analogy which shows the relationship between a husband and wife. No children are born in this analogy.

Here is the verse in Romans chapter 7:

Rom 7:2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. 3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man. 4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

Now that I have correctly explained the birthing analogy and have shown that the bondwoman is the Old Covenant and the freewoman is the New Covenant, you should be able to see that Paul is not using the birthing analogy in Romans. Paul is using the marriage analogy which I have correctly explained in my earlier posts.

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unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

The woman caught in adultery applies to the marriage analogy. The woman represents mankind who was divorced by Christ at the beginning when Adam and Eve fornicated with Satan. To restore the woman (mankind), Christ writes the Law of the Spirit in the earth (the woman's heart) TWO times. The first time is the Early Rain of the Spirit and the second time is the Latter Rain of the Spirit. After the Latter Rain is received, the Pharisees, who administer the Law, drop their stones (represents the law) and leave. This teaches that the Law can no longer accuse the woman of sin because she is now under the blood of Christ and is converted. In the birthing analogy, this is when the freewoman (New Covenant) and Christ produce the new child of God who is free from the Law.

I hope my correction on the birthing analogy will help straighten out some of the confusion.

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I like it! No argument. I'm sorry for the mistake of in bondage to Jerusalem that now is. Yes, that is the verse I was speaking of. I do notice "which genders unto bondage" maybe that is where I got the bondage from. **the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Hagar. 25 For this Hagar is mount Sinai in Arabia (Old Covenant of Law), and answereth to Jerusalem (man's carnal spirit) which now is,**

When I think of answers to, I think of subject to, which I do like if I understand you correctly...is subject to, answers to man's carnal spirit, which again to me speaks of "sin unto death" which is bondage to sin in my mind.

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Romans 7:4 Wherefore, my brethren, you also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that you should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, **that we should bring forth fruit unto God.**

I don't know how you see that but to me that is "childbearing" "we should bring forth fruit" for Paul spoke of "until Christ be formed in you". Paul spoke of "My little children". If you are saying it's Christ being formed and not children in the analogy, I don't understand because even Christ being formed "in you" is a child growing up in Him in all things, unto maturity.

Where Paul spoke of when I was a child...

But when I became "a Man" "Christ living in me." "I put away childish things."

Numbers 5:28 And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then she shall be free, and **shall conceive seed.(bear fruit)**

Again ..the woman who is free conceives and bears fruit...how is that No children are born in numbers 5? I might even go as far as to say it is Christ born of the free woman. His being the first fruits among many brethren.

In Romans 7 and Numbers 5 both is about bearing Fruit unto God. Is Fruit not to bring forth Life? How can no children be born in Romans 7 and Numbers 5? The whole point of the marriage analogy as you said, is the fruit it bears. how can that be when there are no children?

V

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I believe Paul is only saying the slave was not profitable to them because he was with Paul in the ministry and was no longer working for them. Since Paul sent the slave back to the owners, Paul tells them that he will now be profitable in body (like he was before) and Spirit (work of the ministry). I don't see much else is being taught here.

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The signs of the times under the Old Covenant are outward and apply to everyone who saw Christ in the flesh. Under the New Covenant, the signs of the times are spiritual (inward) and only apply to the individual where the signs are occurring.

Here is a key point to remember about rightly dividing the Word by the Old Covenant and the New Covenant:

The Old Covenant is physical and the works of the Old Covenant are performed by mankind. The works required under the Old Covenant are physical, outward works which can be seen with human eyes. Also, the law itself was written for carnally minded mankind to be able to understand. It was not written in Christ's spiritual language as the New Covenant teachings are. For that reason, "babes" (who remain carnally minded) have no trouble understanding Christ's physical works that He performed under the Old Covenant (Christ and Him crucified). However, they do have a great deal of trouble understanding the spiritual teachings of the New Covenant. In fact, they are "blind" to them.

The New Covenant is very different from the Old Covenant. It is a spiritual covenant. Mankind has no works to perform in it because all the works are performed by Christ ("by promise" and because of grace/not contingent upon mankind's works). The works are spiritual works which Christ does within an individual. Spiritual works cannot be seen with human eyes.

One more point. You mentioned the sun and moon being darkened. This is a New Covenant teaching and is spiritual. It happens within an individual believer while they are going through the conversion process. The physical sun and moon are not literally darkened as some believe. The meaning of the sun and moon being darkened relates to the birthing analogy. The natural sun represents Satan and the Moon represents the Old Covenant of Law (the bondwoman). It is from these parents that mankind receives their light (truth) and why mankind uses religion (based on the works of man) to make themselves acceptable to God. When a believer is being converted, their spiritual blindness will be healed and they will no longer receive their light (truth) from the natural sun and moon. They will start receiving their truth from the spiritual Sun (Christ) and the

spiritual moon (freewoman/New Covenant of Grace through faith).

Joe

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Agree it's not literally darkened.

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I'm not sure "to rightly divide" the word of truth is what we say it is. I've heard it is being able to understand what is literal and what is Spirit. I have thought also dividing the Word by the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. I guess I can see that in "to rightly divided" meaning to "break in two" or "to break bread" maybe it is diving the Old Testament and and New. But if I think of Jesus Christ who said 1 Corinthians 11:24 And when he had given thanks, **he brake it**, and said, **Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you:** this do in remembrance of me. I like Isaiah 58: 6 concerning breaking bread and dealing(dividing) your bread out to feed the poor

Isaiah 58:6 Lexicon: "Is this not the fast which I choose, To loosen the bonds of wickedness, To undo the bands of the yoke, And to let the oppressed go free And break every yoke?"

Isaiah 58:7 Lexicon: "Is it not to divide your bread with the hungry And bring the homeless poor into the house; When you see the naked, to cover him; And not to hide yourself from your own flesh?"

Psalm 112:9 He has dispersed, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

2 Corinthians 9:9 KJV

(As it is written, He has dispersed abroad; he has given to the poor: his righteousness remains for ever.

His rightly dividing (dealing the word of truth put to the poor.

I'm not saying you are wrong about all you posted. Maybe it is exactly as you said concerning the marriage analogy (no children), and the birthing analogy(children). If I'm wrong I want to see it and stop confusing it. I'll keep what you said in mind.

one question that will help. If “to bear fruit” written in Numbers 5 and Romans 7 is not bringing forth children unto God ...then what does bringing forth fruit mean to you in the marriage analogies of Numbers 5 and Romans 7?

What does it mean to you in Numbers 5 the woman is clean, conceives, and bears fruit?

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The fruit that is produced by the wife (the converted believer) is the "fruit of the Spirit" (love, joy, peace, etc.). It is not referring to children.

This same fruit is what Christ mentions below:

John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Luke 8:15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

Mat 7:17 Even so every good tree (a person) bringeth forth good fruit (love, joy, peace, etc.); but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit (hate, anger, jealous, etc.).

You said:

I don't know how you see that but to me that is “childbearing” “we should bring forth fruit” for Paul spoke of “until Christ be formed in you”. Paul spoke of “My little children”. If you are saying it's Christ being formed and not children in the analogy, I don't understand because even Christ being formed “in you” is a child growing up in Him in all things, unto maturity.

Yes, Paul talks of him birthing children in the faith but that is not a part of the marriage analogy or even the birthing analogy. I guess you could say that it is another analogy - there are many of them used in the spiritual teachings of Christ. Thanks for pointing that out.

You said:

If you are saying it's Christ being formed and not children in the analogy, I don't understand because even Christ being formed "in you" is a child growing up in Him in all things, unto maturity.

Now you are switching to the maturing analogy. You must keep the analogies separate. Christ is being formed in us. We start as a "babe" who is carnal and unconverted. After we are converted, we mature to a "little child" who no longer draws milk (Christ and Him crucified). As a little child we can start understanding the spiritual teachings of Christ (bread, meat and New Wine). As we mature by consuming this spiritual food and by Christ's chastening judgment, we will learn righteousness and become a perfect man of full age.

This verse below applies to the maturing process of a converted believer:

Isa 26:9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the (New) earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

The New Earth is a symbol for our new spirit that is governed by the Holy Spirit. It is from this new spirit that we are judged and chastised by Christ so that we learn righteousness (this is what transforms a converted believer's carnal mind into the mind of Christ).

When a person is converted, they will receive the New Earth (new spirit that is governed by the Holy Spirit). The Old Earth (carnal spirit) is then destroyed by judgment. This judgment is shown here:

Mat 24:41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

A "woman" represents the spirit of a person. Eve represents the carnal spirit as does the Great Harlot. It is through the woman (mankind's carnal spirit) that Satan deceives mankind. After a person receives the Latter Rain of the Spirit, they will have two women within them; one is carnal and one is holy. The carnal spirit is "taken" and cast into the Lake of Fire (judgment) for destruction. The other woman (Holy Spirit) is left within the believer. This is why judgment is a necessary part of the conversion process. The old vessel must be destroyed so that the new vessel can be created.

Jer 18:4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

You said:

Where Paul spoke of when I was a child...

But when I became "a Man" "Christ living in me." "I put away childish things."

This verse is using the maturing analogy and should be translated to say "when I was a babe". Here it is properly translated:

1Cor 13:11 When I was a babe, as a babe I was speaking, as a babe I was thinking, as a babe I was reasoning, and when I have become a man, I have made useless the things of the babe; (YLT)

And this one, too:

Eph 4:14 that we may no more be babes, tossed and borne about by every wind of the teaching, in the sleight of men, in craftiness, unto the artifice of leading astray, (YLT)

Christ said this:

Mat 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children (no longer a babe who draws milk), ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

A person will enter the Kingdom of Heaven when they receive the Latter Rain of the Spirit and are converted. This is when they go from being a "babe" who is blown around by every wind of doctrine (because they are spiritually blind) to being a little child who can start being nourished by the bread, meat and New Wine of the New Covenant teachings.

This scripture teaches the same thing:

Isa 28:9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts (converted little children). 10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: 11 For with stammering lips and another language (spiritual language) will he speak to this people. 12 But the word of the LORD was unto them (babes who draw milk) precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken (by Satan).

This is why babes are no match for the deceptions of Satan and is why the apostasy of the church occurred after the deaths of the apostles. No person can avoid becoming apostate shortly after they are given the Early Rain of the Spirit and have become a babe in Christ. Satan feasts on the carnality of all new believers.

Christ even said this about the coming apostasy:

Mat 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Christ even described how it happens to a new believer (a babe):

Mat 12:43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. 44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. 45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself SEVEN other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

The spiritual symbol of an unclean spirit represents a spirit which teaches Satan's false truth through lies and deceptions.

Since a new believer remains spiritually blind (**Mark 8:21-25**) after receiving the Early Rain of the Spirit, they cannot replace their worldly false beliefs with the truth of Christ. ONE unclean spirit leaves but comes back with SEVEN more. The number "seven" represents perfection. In this case, the number seven represents the perfection of Satan's lies/deceptions which come to a believer by the indwelling of the spirit of anti-Christ. Now, instead of ONE unclean spirit within the believer, they now have EIGHT. The number eight is a spiritual symbol which represents a new spiritual condition. In this case, the new spiritual condition is worse than the first.

This "worse than the first" spiritual condition causes the believer to become a False Prophet, a Man of Sin, a Minister of Satan and a Seven Headed Beast with Ten Horns & Crowns.

Joe

Dear V _____,

You said:

One question that will help. If "to bear fruit" written in Numbers 5 and Romans 7 is not bringing forth children unto God ...then what does bringing forth fruit mean to you in the marriage analogies of Numbers 5 and Romans 7?

I believe I answered that question the the post I just made (you haven't read it yet).

You said:

What does it mean to you in Numbers 5 the woman is clean, conceives, and bears fruit?

I have considered it carefully and I still believe that the fruit that is conceived by the undefiled woman (a converted believer) is spiritual fruit. When I have time tomorrow, I will look for more supporting scripture.

Consider verse 27 in your scripture from Numbers 5. It helps see what is being actually being taught in verse 28:

Num 5:27 And when he hath made her to drink the water, then it shall come to pass, that, if she be defiled, and have done trespass against her husband, that the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, and become bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall rot: and the woman shall be a curse among her people. 28 And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then she shall be free, and shall conceive seed.

Water is a symbol for the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit. The water that the woman drinks is the Early Rain of the Spirit after which she becomes "defiled" (apostate). The water that a woman drinks that makes her clean is the Latter Rain of the Spirit. This water converts the woman into a child of God and makes her free so that she can produce spiritual fruit.

I'm out of time for today. It's been a good discussion.

Joe

Dear V _____,

I am seriously considering what you stated about the marriage analogy and that it includes the bride giving birth to children of God. Though it is not taught in the major teachings on the marriage analogy (like the parable of the Ten Virgins and Rev chapter 19), what Paul says below cannot be ignored (as you stated to me):

Gal 4:19 My little children (babes), of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

Since Paul is saying that he is in "travail in birth until Christ be formed in you" (Latter Rain and conversion), Paul must be referring to the marriage analogy where he is the wife of Christ and together, they are the parents who are producing a new child of God.

Please keep in mind that if the marriage analogy does include the wife giving birth to children of God, it is a separate analogy from the birthing analogy that uses the bondwoman and the freewoman. Each analogy stands alone.

Now let's look at how "fruit" is used:

In the verse below, Paul equates his giving birth to children of God as being like his harvesting of fruit (children of God) from the world:

Rom 1:13 Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit (children of God) among you also, even as among other Gentiles.

James uses fruit as meaning a child of God, too:

James 5:7 Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth (child of God), waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain.

And this verse, too:

1Sam 12:17 Is it not wheat (child of God) harvest to day? I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and RAIN (Latter Rain); that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness is great, which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king.

Now consider how Paul uses the word "fruit" differently in Romans 7:

Rom 7:4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, *even* to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. 5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

Above, Paul is referring to fruit as the "fruit of the Spirit".

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Christ uses fruit in the same way that Paul does above (as fruit of the Spirit):

Mat 7:18 A good tree (converted believer) cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree (apostate believer) bring forth good fruit (fruit of the Spirit).

Like many spirit words used in scripture, they can carry multiple meanings. In the case of "fruit", it can mean a child of God or it can mean fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, etc.)

This is also true for birthing children of God. In one analogy, the birth of the child of God is said to come from the parents of Christ and the freewoman. In the marriage analogy (if we are right, I still need to study it further), the parents are Christ and His bride (the Elect).

If I find anything helpful on the marriage analogy which can act as a second or third witness to it including giving birth to children, I will make another post.

Joe

Dear V _____,

I found a second witness to what Paul said about his birthing children of God.

3John 1:4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

It seems that John also understood that he is Christ's wife who is birthing children.

I'll keep studying; there should be other witnesses of scripture which can be found.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

FaithWillDo said:

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You said ,” In the case of “fruit”, it can mean a child of God or it can mean fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, etc.)”

I'm only telling you how my mind works. I don't see “a child of God” and “fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, etc.” as different meanings but the same. For there has to be children born of God for there to be Fruit of the Spirit(love, joy, peace, etc.

John 3:6-7 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and **that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.** [7] Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

V

Dear FaithWillDo,

FaithWillDo said:

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Above, Paul is referring to fruit as the "fruit of the Spirit".

Thankfully not to bring forth fruit unto death, to work in our members.

Agree Paul is referring to the fruit as the “fruit of the Spirit”. I didn't think otherwise. again The Spirit is born of Spirit. For there to be Fruit of the Spirit there has to be children born of the Spirit(God)...instead there are no children. You will know them by their fruit? >

FaithWillDo said:

I believe Paul is only saying the slave was not profitable to them because he was with Paul in the ministry and was no longer working for them. Since Paul sent the slave back to the owners, Paul

tells them that he will now be profitable in body (like he was before) and Spirit (work of the ministry). I don't see much else is being taught here.

I am reading this morning closer the early and latter rain. To be honest I thought at first you were so rigid that you didn't want to hear anything any one else has to share but only want to be right. But that is not true, you may be one of the few I've met that will go study to see if there is something to what others share. You taught me that it's me that is rigid and that I should look closer into the things you have shared. I will also go back and pay closer attention to the differences in marriage, birthing children, and maturity. It will take some time.

Regarding the below. Maybe there is not much to it. But these are four reasons why I love and find hope in the exchange between Paul bringing in a servant who was not profitable, now saying he is no longer a servant, above a servant, a dearly beloved brother profitable now in body and spirit.

1) Luke 16:9 And I tell you, **make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.**

To me this is a hopeful verse. Others may say hell and torment is the eternal habitations...but I see the opposite that it's reviving a dearly beloved brother back into the body, after the unrighteous wealth fails.

2) that regarding the servant being unprofitable unto you, now becoming profitable in body and spirit, receive him above a servant, as a dearly beloved brother...reminds me of

1 Corinthians 7:34-35 There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. **The unmarried woman cares for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit:** but she that is married cares for the things of the world, how she may please her husband. [35] **And this I speak for your own profit;** not that I may cast a snare upon you, **but for that which is comely,** and that you may attend upon the Lord without distraction.

The man Paul returns to the master reminds me of the unmarried woman who cares for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy in body and spirit. Because Paul says the servant was not profitable to you or me...but receive him as a dearly beloved brother now profitable in body and spirit unto you and me.

3) it reminds me of marriage also. I do see there was a time I was **an unprofitable servant ...**I find Hope in my marriage there could be a time when I am profitable in body and spirit, above a servant, a dearly beloved brother (Christ) returned ...or at least an heir of grace together with my husband. We have struggle with "servant" ...and "heirs together" "of Grace" that your prayers not be hindered.

the exchange of Paul with the servant, now restored above a servant as a dearly beloved brother sounds like Grace, and now Paul asks Grace from the master of the slave (servant)owner to release the servant to inherit better than "a servant" instead "a dearly beloved brother above a servant, profitable in all things body and spirit."

4) also it reminds me of the slave who was set free and forgiven by the Lord, but then he goes to his master and his master says “pay me the last mite you owe me” and cast him into prison until he pays every last thing owed. What will God do to that master? Paul is urging the master to receive the freed slave, above a slave, as a dearly beloved brother.

Maybe I am making too much out of it. But I do see some steps in it that I can’t deny in the difference between “a servant” unprofitable and “a dearly beloved brother” profitable in (both)body and spirit.

Also to me there is truth in “when it fails” Luke 16:9 And I tell you, **make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.**

Galatians 6:1-3 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, **you which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit** of meekness; considering thyself, lest you also be tempted. [2] Bear you one another's burdens, and **so fulfil the law of Christ.** [3] For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

There is an angst in this world where masters do not want to set their servants free because they fear the loss of profit their slaves build for their masters...to me I hear that is unprofitable to both, servants and masters. That is better for the masters to set the slaves(servants)free, to inherit better things —better promises—the True Riches of God—gaining back Children born of God; a dearly beloved brother, profitable in (both) body and spirit.

V _____

Dear FaithWillDo,

My husband wants me to share with you

Philemon 1:10-11 **I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds:** [11] Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me:

My husband wanted me to share it with you because I was telling him about the conversation, and that one stands out to my husband. He has been going around for days talking about “I beseech you for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten ..” restore (receive) him as a dearly beloved Son!

V _____

Dear V _____,

Take a look again at what Paul said below:

Philemon 1:10 I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds:

Paul is again stating that he has birthed a child of God. I didn't notice this verse earlier. It is more conformation that Paul, as the bride of Christ, does produce offspring. Even though this aspect of the marriage analogy is not directly taught in its main teachings, Paul (and John) obviously understand that it does.

Also, thanks for your kind comments in your first paragraph.

This verse applies to finding the truth of Christ:

Prov 2:1 My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, 2 making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; 3 yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, 4 if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, 5 then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.

Truth is a hidden treasure and it is a painstaking task to find it. It is only revealed by Christ to His converted Elect whose spiritual blindness has been healed. In addition to needing "eyes that can see", finding truth also requires that Christ give a person a "love for the truth", so much so, that they will remain steadfast in their search of the scriptures for it. Truth is not easy to find, even with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

For babes in Christ who remain carnally minded and spiritually blind, they do not have a love for the truth nor the spiritual ability to find it. They will generally eat anything that is fed to them if it is carnally pleasing.

This scripture applies to babes:

Isa 28:12 12 But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

This is why the church (the babes, not the converted Elect) after the death of the Apostles became apostate and is why it remains apostate even to this day. The apostasy of the church has happened all in accordance with the plan of God of saving mankind.

Since you mentioned the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit in your post, I wanted to make a couple of key points about them.

1Cor 12:3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Spirit.

The apostles (when they walked with Christ) were able to understand that Jesus was the Christ

and have faith in Him. How was this possible in light of what the verse above teaches? The Apostles were not baptized by the Spirit until the Day of Pentecost. So is this verse above wrong? Does anyone, at any time, have the ability to accept Christ by their supposed free will ability? Not according to the verse above. For a person to have faith in Christ, they MUST be given the Holy Spirit. The reason the Apostles were able to accept Christ before they received the baptism of the Spirit was because they were given the Early Rain of the Spirit. It is a small amount and will not convert the person.

Consider what Christ said to Peter as to why he was able to understand:

Mat 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

Peter and the others were only able to accept Christ because they had previously been given the Early Rain of the Spirit. Though the scripture above does not directly state this truth, other scriptures do. It is in this manner of teaching ("here a little, and there a little") that a person learns the truth of Christ. Truth must be assembled from various scriptures.

If the Apostles had not been given the Early Rain of the Spirit to become babes, they would not have been able to recognize who Jesus actually was or to have any faith in Him.

After the Apostles began following Christ as babes, they still were spiritually blind and could not understand His spiritual teachings. This is true of all babes. Mark 8:15-25 is where Christ teaches this truth to the Apostles. The first healing of the blind man represents the man receiving the Early Rain of the Spirit. This healing gives the man his ability to have faith and the ability to "see" the physical work that Christ did at the cross. But this first healing did not give the blind man the ability to understand the spiritual teachings of Christ. It was only after Christ healed the man a second time (the Latter Rain) that the blind man could see clearly.

Because babes remain spiritually blind, Paul said to the Corinthians babes that he could only teach them "Christ and Him crucified" (Christ's physical work). All the spiritual truths that Paul was trying to teach them was only falling on deaf ears.

Christ confirms this concept when He talked with the Apostles below:

John 16:12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now (no ability to understand). 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth (the Latter Rain), is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

The Early and Latter Rain concept is a part of the "great mystery of Christ and His church". It is one of the most concealed teachings in scripture. The apostate churches of the world have no

understanding of it. In fact, they deny the Early Rain as John says below:

1John 4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

When Christ first comes to an unbeliever and gives them the Early Rain of the Spirit, Christ appears to them "in the flesh" because the new believer can only understand Christ in a carnal way. They have the ability to see "Christ and Him crucified" but cannot see Christ spiritually. In other words, the apostate believer denies that Christ ever came to them in the flesh when He gave them the Early Rain of the Spirit. They only believe that Christ came to them with the Latter Rain as He did to the Apostles on the Day of Pentecost. They don't realize that they are spiritually blind and are not seeing the true Christ. They are seeing Satan who is masquerading as Christ. It is quite a powerful deception that no babe can avoid experiencing.

Thanks for the discussion.

Joe

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Finding truth also requires that Christ gives a person a "love for the truth" reminds me of "them also who love His appearing" (I do think Paul for sure loved the appearance of Christ...otherwise Paul wouldn't have kept saying "until Christ be formed in you")
2 Timothy 4:7-8 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: [8] Henceforth **there is laid up for me a crown** of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, **shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.**

Love that Paul told them 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? [20] **For you are our glory and joy.**

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*I can't find the verse now but it reminds me of a deposit...I've heard this as a small amount given early—a deposit or down payment of the Holy Spirit...yet **I have never heard** any speak on what comes after the deposit. 1 Timothy 6:20-21 O Timothy, **guard the deposit entrusted to you**. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called "knowledge," [21] for by professing it some have swerved from the faith. Grace be with you.*

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Reminds me of most that encountered Jesus. Like the woman who the disciples were angry saying the ointment could have been sold to feed the poor. and Jesus Christ told them to leave her alone for this she did—anointing him for his burial—would be spoken of as a memorial. (Going off memory, so that isn't word for word.) I've always wondered how she recognized Jesus. Even legion in the cave cutting himself with stones...how he came running to Jesus. Is this what you mean by early rain?

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He will guide you into all truth, for he shall not speak of himself

Reminds me of:

John 14:10 Believe you not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwells in me, he does the works.

And: John 7:14-18 But when it was now the middle of the feast, Jesus went up into the temple area, and began to teach. [15] The Jews then were astonished, saying, "How has this Man become learned, not having been educated?" [16] So Jesus answered them and said, "My teaching is not My own, but His who sent Me. [17] If anyone is willing to do His will, **he will know about the teaching, whether it is of God, or I am speaking of myself.** [18] **The one who speaks from himself seeks his own glory;** but He who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

^that has always stood out to me as a warning to listen to the voice ...is it a voice speaking of "himself" or of God? Usually voices are speaking of "himself"

Which to me fits with where Paul said he had no other than Timothy to send that would naturally care for their state(attending to the things of the Lord), but all men had gone after their own things.

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Agree. Jesus is come in the flesh.

FaithWillDo said:

When Christ first comes to an unbeliever and gives them the Early Rain of the Spirit, Christ appears to them "in the flesh" because the new believer can only understand Christ in a carnal way. They have the ability to see "Christ and Him crucified" but cannot see Christ spiritually. In other words, the apostate believer denies that Christ ever came to them in the flesh when He gave them the Early Rain of the Spirit. They only believe that Christ came to them with the Latter Rain as He did to the Apostles on the Day of Pentecost. They don't realize that they are spiritually blind and are not seeing the true Christ. They are seeing Satan who is masquerading as Christ. It is quite a powerful deception that no babe can avoid experiencing.

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V_____

Dear V_____,

You said:

Reminds me of most that encountered Jesus. Like the woman who the disciples were angry saying the ointment could have been sold to feed the poor. and Jesus Christ told them to leave her alone for this she did—anointing him for his burial—would be spoken of as a memorial. (Going off memory, so that isn't word for word.) I've always wondered how she recognized Jesus. Even legion in the cave cutting himself with stones...how he came running to Jesus. Is this what you mean by early rain?

Yes, the woman with the ointment received the Early Rain of the Spirit. That is the only way she could have known Christ and be guided by the Spirit to do what she did.

As for the man who dwelt among the tombs and who had "legion" indwelling him, this is a different teaching. The story is a type which teaches a spiritual truth.

Mar 5:2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, 3 Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: 4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. 5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones. 6 But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, 7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, what have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. 8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. 9 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, my name is LEGION; for we are many. 10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. 11 Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. 12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. 13 And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they

were about two thousand and were choked in the sea.

The "man" who is possessed by the many unclean spirits represents an Elect believer who has been fully made into a Man of Sin. In this "worse than the first" spiritual condition, he is ready for the "end" to come (conversion).

This verse applies to the possessed man:

Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

In this verse above, the "gospel of the kingdom" is the "another gospel" mentioned in 2Cor 11:4 and the "kingdom" is Satan's kingdom.

2Cor 11:4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus (Satan**), whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit (spirit of anti-Christ), which ye have not received, or another gospel (works mixed with faith), which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.**

The phrase "preached in all the world" represents that Satan's lies and deceptions have been fully taught to the believer by the spirit of anti-Christ. The "nations" represent the ruling thoughts and beliefs of the believer. The "end" comes to the believer when Christ "comes again" and pours out the Latter Rain; followed by the judgment of the Day of the Lord. This is the conversion event when the Man of Sin is destroyed.

Back to the story of the possessed man: the stones the man uses to cut himself represent the Old Covenant of Law which is based on man's works. The unclean spirit (Legion, who are many) represents the spirit of anti-Christ who has spiritually killed the man (he dwells among the tombs). Through the deceptions of Satan's spirit is how Satan kills the saints (**Mat 24:9, Rev 11:7**).

When Christ comes to the possessed man with the Latter Rain of the Spirit, Christ drives out the spirit of anti-Christ by the brightness of His appearing (**2Thes 2:8**). Before this judgment happens though, Legion asks to go into the great herd of Swine feeding upon the hill.

The spiritual symbol "swine" represents babes who only have the Early Rain of the Spirit. In the story, their number is said to be about "2000". This number is also a spiritual symbol and is understood as 2x10x10x10.

The number two represents the witness of God who are the Elect. The number ten represents "completeness". When it is repeated three times, the meaning of the number three is added to the equation. The number three represents a spiritual process.

With these meanings, we can now discern what the herd of 2,000 swine represents. It represents Elect believers who have only received the Early Rain and who are now going through a spiritual process. When it is complete, they will be made “worse than the first” and will become a Man of Sin. When Legion (spirit of anti-Christ) enters the Swine, they run into the sea and are spiritually killed just as the possessed man was killed earlier.

As for why the spirit of anti-Christ (legion) was able to recognize who Jesus was, it is because the spirit of anti-Christ is Satan's spirit and Satan certainly knows who Jesus is (as testified by other scripture).

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I don't think it's weird. Before I was converted in 2005, I went through a period of time that when I prayed, I would grieve for Christ as He carried this cross to be sacrificed. I'm sure it was the Early Rain of the Spirit that was causing me to grieve for Him - and knowing what He went through for me made my love for Him grow.

I want to make my point clearer to you about seeing Christ in the flesh and seeing Christ spiritually just in case you are not understanding me correctly.

When I say that a person "sees" Christ in the flesh, it means that they can understand the work and teachings of Christ from scripture that pertain to His physical work that He did under the Old Covenant. The Old Covenant is written for carnally minded believers to understand. That is why Paul told the Corinthian babes that he could only teach them "Christ and Him crucified".

When I say that a person "sees" Christ spiritually, it means that they can understand the work and teachings of Christ from scripture that pertain to His spiritual work that He is now doing under the New Covenant. The New Covenant is written for converted believers (the spiritual man) to understand. It's teachings are written in Christ's spiritual language and the teachings apply within a person.

Remember, Christ is the Word of God. We don't see Christ with human eyes, we see Him through God's Word with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This is how He appears to His Elect when they are being converted. It is in this spiritual way that a believer sees Christ at His second coming to

them when He brings salvation:

Heb 9:28 So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him (the Elect who only have been given the Early Rain).

The second coming event (when Christ brings salvation to a person) is what this scripture below is referring to:

Rev 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him (all mankind), and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

The clouds are understood from this scripture:

Heb 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

The OT fathers who witness to us from scripture are the clouds that come with Christ. The clouds of witnesses now include the NT witnesses like Paul, John, James, etc.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

I didn't mean literally seeing Jesus. Thanks for clarifying. I do think I've seen Him in scripture. Like the Woman saved through childbearing. It means something to me. Not many agree. But even in Numbers 5 where the Woman is clean, conceives, and bears fruit. I see Christ in it. Same as Romans 7 there is fruit unto God, by the body of Christ. I do see Him all over the word, speaking of Hope and good news. But I can read where Paul endures and bears fruit unto God. I can read these things about others, but what I read about I haven't seen in my life. I hope for it. I desire it. But I haven't seen fruit. I haven't seen what I read about in my life.

My husband asked me earlier to give you these verses. The conversation has moved on now. But he asked me again this evening when he called from work, if I had shared it with you. It's important to him for me to share it with you.

Acts 13:32-33 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, [33] **God has fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he has raised up Jesus again**; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten you.

I highlighted the part he keeps saying...

V

Dear V _____,

I didn't think that you were literally seeing Jesus.

From your comments in the first paragraph, I'm still not sure you are understanding what I meant when I said that when Christ heals a person's spiritual blindness, Christ will appear to that person. What I am saying is that Christ is the Word of God and since scripture is the recorded witness of the Word of God, all scripture is Christ, not just certain scriptures. When the truth of God's Word opens up to a person, Christ is appearing to that person and that appearance is a continuous appearing that never ends.

Here is the verse your husband wanted me to read:

Acts 13:32-33 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, [33] God has fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he has raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten you.

The verse below applies to the "promise" made to the OT faithful:

Heb 11:39 And these all (OT faithful), having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: 40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

The promise of salvation was made to the OT faithful/fathers but it was not fulfilled for them before they died. Paul then says that the promise of salvation has now been fulfilled for their children (the Elect/spiritual seed of Abraham). Paul then equates the Elect's new birth as Christ being raised up again. In other words, the Elect share in Christ's resurrection from the grave and when they do, they are begotten as a son of God.

Here is the full scripture from Psalms:

Psa 2:7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son (the Elect); this day have I begotten thee (day of conversion). 8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. 10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings (the Elect): be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

Here is a supporting scripture for being raised up with Christ:

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: 7 That in the age to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace

in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

In the final age, the Elect will reign with Christ and judge the "lost" (the heathen). At that time, Christ will also display the Elect to the "lost" to show "His grace in his kindness". Christ and the Elect will then have mercy upon the "lost" and convert them. This is how Christ loves and blesses His enemies.

Mat 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

In the end, every man, woman and child will be saved.

Rom 5:18 so then as it was by one offence towards all men to condemnation, so by one righteousness towards all men for justification of life. 19 For as indeed by the disobedience of the one man the many have been constituted sinners, so also by the obedience of the one the many will be constituted righteous.

Joel 2:1-27 shows how Christ will use His Elect (shown as His army) during the final age. Before the "lost" perish from their judgment (the penalty of sin), Christ will have mercy upon the "lost" (v. 18) and give them "faith" by giving them the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit (v.23). But unlike it is now for the Elect, there will not be much separation of time between the two Rains - both Rains will fall in the "first month".

Joel 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

The verse below also applies to the judgment of the "lost" in the final age:

Mat 23:23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law: justice, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

Thank your husband for having you show me Acts 13:32-33.

One more comment:

I found another verse that talks about Paul birthing other Elect believers. However, in this verse, Paul identifies himself as their "father" and not as the wife of Christ who produces offspring.

1Cor 4:15 For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

It looks like the marriage analogy doesn't apply to the birthing of children after all since Paul says He is a father instead of being a mother (wife of Christ). I'll keep searching the scriptures.

Joe

Dear V _____,

I wanted to do a follow up post on the verse that I recently discovered.

1Cor 4:15 For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

You know that truth is taught "here a little, and there a little". Well...this scripture was the missing piece that I needed to come to a fuller understanding of the birthing analogy.

When I found this verse last night, I was a little confused by it at first because it was saying that Paul was a father who gave birth to new children of God. I didn't think it fit into either the marriage analogy or the birthing analogy. But during the night (I couldn't sleep well for thinking about it) the Lord showed me the truth about what Paul said - and the scripture your husband showed me played a big part in it.

Here is the "hidden treasure" the Lord showed me:

The statement made by Paul in 1Cor 4:15 is part of the birthing analogy. The birthing analogy uses Christ (the Father) and the New Covenant of Grace through Faith (the Freewoman) to teach certain aspects of how God produces His offspring.

In Paul's verse, instead of Paul saying "through the New Covenant of Grace through Faith, Paul shortens it by just saying "through the Gospel". The Gospel is the freewoman and it includes all the spiritual things which produce a new child of God. Those "things" include the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit which is the free gift from Christ. It is the Holy Spirit that gives a person their faith & repentance from works. And it is their faith and repentance that makes Christ's pathway "straight" for Him to "come again" and convert them.

The New Covenant of Grace through Faith is the "promise" that Christ made to Abraham and since it is by promise, salvation is not conditional - it does not require the works of man (Old Covenant of Law) for man to receive the promise.

Gal 3:17 And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. 18 For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise. 19 Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. 20 Now a mediator is not a mediator of

one, but God is one. **21 Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.** **22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.**

Paul confirms this truth in the scripture below:

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God (made by promise): 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Back to what Paul said about him being a "father" and not a mother.

Since Paul says he is a father, I couldn't get it to fit into the marriage analogy because, in that analogy, an Elect believer is the wife (bride) of Christ. All that was left for it to fit into was the birthing analogy - but in that analogy, Christ is the Father. But then I remembered the scripture your husband showed me:

Acts 13:32-33 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, [33] God has fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he has raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten you.

Since a converted Elect believer is "in Christ", Christ is the one who causes the person to "will and do of His good pleasure".

Phil 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

So when Paul says that he is the father, it is only because Paul is in Christ and it is Christ who is the one who is doing the works of birthing the new child of God with the freewoman.

This verse applies:

Isa 26:12 O Jehovah, thou appointest peace to us (a converted Elect believer), for, all our works also thou hast wrought for us.

So when Paul says he is the father of the new children of God, he is not stealing from Christ because he is "in Christ" and it is Christ who is doing the work of birthing a new child of God.

Does this make sense to you?

I plan on doing a second post later that will compare Satan & the bondwoman with Christ and

the freewoman. When a person can understand the pathway to salvation, it is easy to see how Satan masquerades as Christ and mimics Him on producing children.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

FaithWillDo said:

From your comments in the first paragraph, I'm still not sure you are understanding what I meant when I said that when Christ heals a person's spiritual blindness, Christ will appear to that person. What I am saying is that Christ is the Word of God and since scripture is the recorded witness of the Word of God, all scripture is Christ, not just certain scriptures. When the truth of God's Word opens up to a person, Christ is appearing to that person and that appearance is a continuous appearing that never ends.

I get your saying it's not just a verse. But then you said, "when the truth of God's Word opens up to a person, Christ is appearing to that person and that appearance is a continuous appearing that never ends." Does it start with a verse, or verses? I'll probably miss again. What **I think** you are saying reminds of Malachi 3:10 **Bring the whole tithe** into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and put Me to the test now in this," says the Lord of armies, "if I do not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.

Before you try to tell me what it really means. Please stay focused on "whole" not a tenth...not sick ...but "whole". To me that speaks of where Paul told the Corinthians "we will be weak, that you be made strong. This we pray, even your perfection. **Be you made complete.**" To me it speaks of why God said not to bring the diseased to Him in the Old Testament. Although they did bring the diseased to Christ. Right? Do you see a connection to what you are saying regarding when "Christ heals a person's spiritual blindness, Christ will appear to that person." And you're pointing out the whole Word? This is what I hear when you keep saying He is the whole Word. Not a tenth. The Whole. To me it is what we desire. To bring a tenth, or the whole. Paul's desire was always towards the perfecting of the saints that they be presented Whole with him in the presence of God. Most want to take the blemished to God as a way to cover themselves saying "thank God I am not like this blemished one." That is beautiful to me that God hates their bringing their tithes to Him, for boasting in the flesh. (Imo). Instead God desires wholeness. Maybe I don't get what you say...but still it begins with a verse, or verses, because it starts there and builds from there.

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You have missed the point. Whether Paul refers to himself as a father or a mother or a brother ...it doesn't change that what you first said concerning **there are no children born** in the marriage analogy ...which is not true. The children are Spiritual children. Going back to Numbers 5 where the woman is clean, conceives and bears fruit. It's Spiritual Children born of God, for no other way is the Woman saved except through child birth (unto us a Son is given!) (this is My Son in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!) except first she be clean, conceives and bears fruit, which fruit is by and through Christ. If the Spirit has no children, if there be no children, then Christ is not yet born. If Christ is not yet born, then the Woman is not yet clean, but remains dead in her sin. 2 Peter 1:3-8 [[8] For if these things be in you, and abound, **they make you that you shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

it is children born of God. It is a New birth given from above that makes the woman clean, conceive and bear fruit unto God. We all claim this every single day, not even knowing what we claim saying "yes I'm born of God, born ANEW" it goes on in churches everywhere "those saved" yet even on this thread is being debated "how the Woman is saved through childbirth".

Which Paul speaks of in Romans 7. "Brothers, that you bear fruit unto God!" Both ministrations are present in Numbers 5 and Romans 7. The ministration (curse) of sin unto death ...a curse among her people ...the bitter water...called an adulterous Woman. Her husband not dead. "She is No Widow! Oh how she glories herself!" (Revelation) Colossians 2:20-23 Wherefore **if you be dead with Christ** from the rudiments of the world, **why, as though living in the world, are you subject to ordinances,** [21] (Touch not; taste not; handle not; [22] Which all are to perish with the using;) **after the commandments and doctrines of men?(how the wife must please her husband)** [23] Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

But the ministration of Spirit is also in Numbers 5 and Romans 7 **if** the Woman is clean, she conceives and bear fruit unto God. To neglect and say there are not children born in numbers 5 and Romans 7 is to say the Woman is not saved through childbirth...yet it is is God's Will that He is the first among many brethren. For there to be brethren...a birth must have taken place. Again otherwise the Woman is not clean, can not conceive, and cannot bear fruit unto God...only bearing sin unto death. is the Free Woman above barren? Forgive me if I'm wrong but doesn't the word keep saying who is the First to be born of the Free Woman, where through His birth the Woman is saved. Doesn't that highlight "the Woman is saved through childbirth" Her first child born of God?

FaithWillDo said:

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Sometimes Paul speaks of
1 Thessalonians 2:5-11 KJV

For neither at any time used we flattering words, as you know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness: [6] Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ. [7] **But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherishes her children:** [8] So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because you were dear unto us. [9] **For you remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.** [10] You are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe: [11] **As you know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children,**

Regards as fathers, as a nurse cherishes her children, as brothers...none removes there be children, fruit brought forth of God. All points to God desires children. Even one sows, one waters, it is God who gives the increase.

My husband just tried to lay down for a nap and got back up saying he can't stop thinking about Numbers 5. This is what he came out unable to sleep saying "can you imagine in Numbers 5 where this woman is taken before the high priest and put on her knees made to drink of the bitter water? She is accused of being caught in adultery. Taken before the high priest and given the cup. I consider if I was this woman I would be shaking and trembling begging please, "Father, let this cup pass from me.""

It's heartbreakingly beautiful ...what my husband just come out teary eyed over, is the same as I've seen in Numbers 5. Christ present ...going before the high priest ...His being clean...they're accusing Him as unclean ...and His labour pains, sweating blood to drink of the cup, pleading unto the father to let this cup pass. Yet "Your Will be done" that there be children born unto God. He said "I am the good Shepherd. I give My Life for the sheep! I have the power to lay it down and take it up again. A heirling flees. A heirling cares not for the sheep speaks volumes. Especially in light of Paul turning up the volume in "I have no other to send to you but Timothy who will naturally care for your state. For all men have gone after their own things and not after the things that belong unto God."

V

Dear V _____,

Below is my comparison on Christ & the freewoman/Satan & the bondwoman. I will present it in a simple narrative way without much scripture so that it will be easier to understand. I'm confident that you know the scriptures from which my statements are founded upon.

Here goes:

Christ is the father and the New Covenant is the freewoman. From this union, children of God are produced.

In contrast:

Satan is the father and the Old Covenant of Law is the bondwoman. From this union, children of the devil are produced.

In the Garden of Eden, Christ gave Adam and Eve one law (the bondwoman) and that was to not eat the fruit of the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Satan then came to Adam & Eve and deceived them (through Eve, the woman/carnal spirit). Because of their sin, they became children of the Devil, as have all their offspring.

When Christ came and confirmed the "promise", Satan knew that he was about to lose all his children so he did something about it.

Here is what happened and continues to happen:

Christ will call "many" people to be saints and He will give them the Early Rain of the Spirit. A "few" of these people are chosen to be the heirs to the promise made to Abraham. With the Early Rain of the Spirit, a child of God will be produced within the person. But since the Early Rain of the Spirit is given in "measure", the person remains spiritually blind and is not converted. As a result, the child of the devil still remains within the believer alongside the new child of God. It is at this time that the believer will try and serve two masters. As they do, a spiritual war will develop within them between the child of God and the child of the devil. The fight is for who will govern the person. As the spiritual war develops, the child of God starts winning. Satan sees this happening and comes to the aid of the child of the devil by indwelling the person with the spirit of anti-Christ (his spirit). Since the Early Rain of the Spirit leaves the believer spiritually blind, the reinforced child of the devil quickly wins the spiritual war and begins governing the believer. This is when the believer is spiritually killed and loses their salvation. The child of God within the believer is still there but cannot govern the believer's mind. Their mind remains carnal and cannot be transformed into the mind of Christ.

The spiritual war is won by Satan because of his deceptions. Satan masquerades as Christ to the spiritually blind believer. Since the believer remains carnally minded, Satan uses lies that are pleasing to the carnal mind of the person. They easily accept those lies as the truth of Christ. After the believer has been fully deceived by Satan and has accepted his false gospel (mixes works with faith), the child of the devil will become "worse than the first" and will become a "man of sin".

In this deceived condition, the person thinks that they are following Christ and following his teachings - but this is not true. They are following Satan who is masquerading as Christ (another Jesus), and who has given them "another spirit" and has caused them to follow "another gospel".

As they follow Satan believing him to be Christ, they are experiencing their Day of Evil when Satan governs them from within. The person will remain in this worsened and lost condition until they die if they are not one of the few who have been chosen as an heir to the promise.

For the chosen heirs, Christ will "come again" to them and pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit. This time the Spirit comes as the "great Rain of His strength" and has no problem defeating the child of the devil within the person. To do this, the Spirit heals the person's spiritual blindness so that they can know the truth. When they know it, they will see the Abomination of Desolation that previously occurred within themselves when the spirit of anti-Christ indwelt them. Christ (the Word of God) will then appear and commence the Day of the Lord when He governs the person. This is when the Day of Evil ends. During the Day of the Lord, Christ will remove and destroy the spirit of anti-Christ and the Great Harlot (carnal spirit of the person) from within the person. After they are destroyed, the Holy Spirit will begin governing the person. They are now converted into a child of God. The child of the devil is now destroyed. This is when Christ and the freewoman birth a new child of God.

I would like to expand on what I presented above but I am out of time for now. If you have any questions or want to see any supporting scripture, please ask.

Joe

Dear V _____,

You said:

But still it begins with a verse, or verses, because it starts there and builds from there.

Yes, truth is built "line upon line" and "precept upon precept". Truth's foundation is Christ and Him crucified, which is the milk of the word. After a believer is converted, they will build on that foundational truth with the spiritual teachings of Christ. This "appearing" of Christ is continuous as they grow to be a perfect man of full age.

For example: when I discovered the verse about Paul being a father and begetting children and how it applies to the birthing analogy, I was adding to my building of truth which makes the brightness of Christ's appearing to me that much brighter.

You said:

You have missed the point. Whether Paul refers to himself as a father or a mother or a brother ...it doesn't change that what you first said concerning **there are no children born in the marriage analogy ...which is not true.**

No, I am not missing the point. But I do require a double witness of scripture before I can add to my building of truth. In the major teachings on the marriage analogy, they always end at conversion (marriage and supper followed by judgment) and do not teach about the new wife birthing children. I first thought that when Paul and John said that they beget children, that they

were confirming that the bride produces children. But that was not true in light of Paul saying that he was their "father". As I explained in my post from this morning, that statement fits into the birthing analogy and not the marriage analogy.

As for what Romans 7:4-5 says:

Rom 7:4-5 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. 5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

The fruit that the bride of Christ brings forth is fruit of the Spirit. Paul is not talking about bringing forth additional children to God. In the marriage analogy, the wife is the new child of God. In the birthing analogy as Paul and John apply it to themselves, this is where a converted believer births new children.

The "fruit" that Paul says that a converted believer brings forth is the same fruit that he mentions below:

1Col 1:7 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

and here:

Phi 4: 15 Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. 16 For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity. 17 Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit (their good work of supporting Paul in the ministry) that may abound to your account.

and here by James:

Jam 3:18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

I do believe that "fruit" can and does apply to being a child of God. Scripture says that the Elect are called "wheat" and when the wheat is ready for harvest, Christ will convert the person and gather them into the Kingdom of Heaven. But this usage of "fruit" applies to the farming analogy and not the marriage analogy.

Now concerning Numbers 5:

Num 5:28 And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then she shall be free, and shall conceive seed.

This verse applies to the marriage analogy and it does say that the wife will produce offspring. From this scripture, I agree with your contention that the bride of Christ will produce children of God. But as I have said, I need to see this truth presented by other scripture because for any truth to be proven to be true, there must be two or three witnesses that support it. Num 5:28 is only one witness and that is why I have been searching for additional scriptures which teach this truth. At first, I thought what Paul said about him giving birth to children supported it. But after finding 1Cor 4:15 where Paul says he is a father instead of mother, I lost my supporting scripture.

I do believe that there is a second or third witness to what Num 5:28 says, but until I find it, I cannot accept that the bride of Christ produces children. It makes sense to me that she does but I need scriptural support before I can accept it as truth.

Making assumptions can lead a person to make errors, just like the error I made about John and Paul being "mothers" when they said that they begat children. Those two scriptures were silent on whether they were fathers or mothers. But I assumed they were mothers because I wanted it to apply to the marriage analogy - but 1Cor 4:15 proved me wrong. It is very important not to add to scripture but to let scripture teach us. To do that, we must look elsewhere in scripture for our answers since truth is taught "here a little, and there a little".

Do you have any supporting scriptures other than Rom 7:4?

I plan to keep searching for additional support because I feel certain that it is there.

You said:

[Forgive me if I'm wrong but doesn't the word keep saying who is the First to be born of the Freewoman, where through His birth the Woman is saved. Doesn't that highlight "the Woman is saved through childbirth" Her first child born of God?](#)

I don't believe that Christ was born of the freewoman when He was physically born or when He was resurrected.

The freewoman is the New Covenant of Grace through faith. Since Christ was the son of God when Mary physically birthed him, Mary did not represent the freewoman. Mary also did not represent the bondwoman (Old Covenant). So who did Mary represent? I believe Mary represented exactly who she was; carnal mankind who is sinful and therefore, spiritually dead. In this way, Christ was legally related to mankind but since He was spiritually perfect, He was also the son of God.

2Tim 2:8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:

And since Christ was legally the offspring of Adam and Eve, when Christ was resurrected, He became the "firstfruits of them (mankind) that sleep".

1Cor 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that sleep.

So how is the woman saved in childbearing?

1Tim 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. 15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

I like your answer that the woman is saved in childbearing because the woman birthed Christ. It seems to make sense in a carnal way. But is this really what Paul meant? I don't believe so.

In the scripture where Paul makes his statement, the woman that he is referring to represents the carnal spirit of mankind. Adam is the head (mind) and Eve is the spirit. Together they make a living soul ("one flesh").

When Paul says that the woman is saved in childbearing, I believe Paul is making reference to the birthing analogy. When Christ and the freewoman give birth to a new child of God, only the carnal nature of the person's spirit (the woman) is destroyed. The spirit itself continues to live but it lives on as a new spirit which is governed by the Holy Spirit. In this way, the woman (a person's spirit) is saved by the birth of the new child of God.

More on the woman: The flaw in man's spirit is that it is weak. Since it is weak, the flesh easily governs it and makes the spirit have a carnal nature. It is the carnal nature of man's spirit that gives mankind have a carnal mind. After a person is given the Holy Spirit (both Early and Latter Rains), the Holy Spirit will govern the person's spirit and make it strong. Judgment will destroy the spirit's carnal nature. In this way, the woman (the person's spirit) is saved in childbearing when the person is "born again" as a child of God.

Consider this: When Christ came into the world, he came with the Holy Spirit which never allowed His spirit to become carnal. As a result, Christ never became carnally minded and sinned. Christ always put the needs of God ahead of the needs of his flesh, even to the point of death. After mankind is converted and fully matured into a perfect man of full age, we will be like Christ and will always put the needs of God over our own needs. The Holy Spirit within us will cause this to happen. This is how Christ gives mankind a "more abundant life" which will be free from sin and will have a restored relationship with God (John 10:10).

Joe

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Even above this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel ...speaks of a spiritual birth in the rising up again. I hear the resurrection of many in Christ. For a sign which will be spoken against. Galatians 5:11-15 **But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed.** [12] I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves! [13] **For you were called to freedom, brothers.** Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. [14] For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." [15] But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

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I have been busy on another thread. My responses may be slower than normal.

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The verse really does not make sense to me as it is translated. The verse is talking about the Elect who are conformed to the image of the Son (that means converted/born again). The Elect and their conversion is the subject of the verse. But then the verse suddenly switches the subject to Christ and it uses the Elect's conversion as the reason for why Christ was first born. That doesn't make sense. Also, Christ was never spiritually "born" as the Elect were because He never spiritually died.

Here is how I believe the scripture should be translated (my own translation):

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One thing to keep in mind. All the translations of scripture were translated by apostate believers. And because they were, they sometimes make their translation conform to what they believe is true. In the case above, the translators did not believe that Christ is going to save all mankind. As a result, they translated the Greek word "autos" to mean "He" and not "they".

Here is how "autos" is translated elsewhere in scripture:

The KJV translates Strong's G846 in the following manner: [him](#) (1,952x), [his](#) (1,084x), [their](#) (318x), [he](#) (252x), [her](#) (242x), [they](#) (121x), [same](#) (80x)

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What Paul said in the verse below only makes sense when the spirit word "woman" is properly understood.

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In the verse above, the "woman" represents the marred and carnal spirit of mankind. It is through this carnal spirit that Satan deceives mankind. And it is this carnal spirit that the mind of mankind wants to please. And to please the carnal spirit, the person will sin - just as Adam did to please Eve.

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Regarding a reason for why Christ was first born. Maybe I'm wrong but I see it as His showing the way through His flesh. And His being first so that He has preeminence.

A few verses that would have to be reconciled for me with what you said.

Hebrews 5:7-9 **Who in the days of his flesh,** when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; [8] **Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he**

suffered; [9] And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a high priest **who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses**, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, **yet without sin**. (I'm not forgetting Hebrews 7:28 For the law makes men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, **makes the Son, who is consecrated** for evermore." For "they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue **by reason of death**: [24] But this man, because he continues ever(having overcome death), has an unchangeable priesthood.

Hebrews 2:8-12 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. [9] But we see **Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man**. [10] For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, **in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings**. [11] For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: **for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren**, [12] Saying, I will declare **thy name unto my brethren**, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

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Jeremiah 18:4 NASB

But the vessel that he was making of clay was spoiled in the hand of the potter; **so he remade it into another vessel**, as it pleased the potter to make.

Romans 9:20-22 Nay but, O man, who are you that replies against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why have you made me thus? [21] Has not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? [22] What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

Romans 9:23 And that he might **make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy**, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

Point is Christ not seeing corruption to me is His transformation(a New lump), His not being held by death but passed from death unto Life. Still see Him as the First brother born of the New. 1 Corinthians 5:5-8 To deliver such a one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. [6] Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? [7] Purge out therefore the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, as you are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: [8] Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

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Christ formed in you...again is Christ formed in you of the freewoman, or the bondwoman, or neither?

You mentioned the difference between “fruit” where fruit can refer to “fruit of the Spirit” or “Children born of God.” I still say they are the same. When Christ is formed, the words He speaks are Spirit, they are Life. When this transformation takes place in a person as Paul showed there are children born from “Christ in you”.

consider what the flesh sows it’s a spirit and it does produce little children speaking the same falsehoods. I don’t mean literal children. I mean men’s doctrines on repeat. They keep sowing and producing another Jesus, another spirit (as you pointed out) that repeats the same men’s doctrines handed down to them. Paul and the others are an example of sowing Christ, sowing truth...where the fruit of the Spirit (Truth), is profitable and bears children unto God. No?

V_____

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Here is how to understand the spirit word "New Jerusalem":

New Jerusalem is the opposite of earthly Jerusalem. They both represent the spirit of a person. The New Jerusalem is the new spirit of the Bride which is governed by the Holy Spirit. It is also the new heart. The earthly Jerusalem is the carnal spirit of mankind and is the wicked heart.

Here is how to understand the spirit word "seed" which is used in the farming analogy:

The seed is the Word of God, who is Christ, who is the child of God, who is being formed within a person who is the ground/field in which the seed is planted. The good ground is an Elect person. The Early Rain of the Spirit is how Christ plants His seed (Word of God). The Latter Rain of the Spirit is what causes the child of God (wheat) to grow to maturity within a person.

Satan’s seed is his lies and deceptions which he plants by indwelling the person with the spirit of anti-Christ. The tares which are produced is a “worse than the first” child of the Devil.

The time of the harvest occurs just after the child of God has received the Latter Rain of the Spirit. The time of the harvest is the same as the "end of the age" which is used in the end-time prophecies.

At the time of the harvest (time of conversion), judgment will fall on the person and burn the tares (child of the devil) out of the person. The child of God, who is Christ, who is the wheat, will then be gathered into the barn (Kingdom of Heaven). This completes a person's conversion.

Here is how to understand the freewoman and bondwoman:

The freewoman is the New Covenant and the bondwoman is the Old Covenant. Christ and the freewoman birth the child of God. Satan and the bondwoman birth the child of the devil.

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Yes, Paul was born by Christ (father) and the freewoman (mother). And since Christ is formed in Paul, Paul is the father of the children he birthed with the freewoman (Gospel).

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Jeremiah 18:4 And the vessel that he made of clay **was marred in the hand** of the potter: **so he made it again another vessel**, as seemed good (pleased) to the potter to make it.

The bondwoman is "put off" when we approach Christ by faith and not by our works of the Law.

And as the story of the woman taken in adultery teaches, the bondwoman is "put off" after we receive the Latter Rain of the Spirit.

The vessel represents mankind. The original vessel is destroyed during the conversion process in order for Christ (the Potter) to make the new vessel (a child of God). The original vessel is destroyed because mankind is "condemned already" (John 18:3) because all mankind has sinned. After Christ has saved the world in the final age, mankind will cease to exist - but the Kingdom of Heaven will be that much fuller.

So when you read verses like this one...

Isa 66:16 For by fire (judgment) and by his sword (Word of God) will the LORD plead with all flesh (all mankind): and the slain of the LORD shall be many.

...know that this is describing the destruction of the original vessel which happens during the

conversion process.

What is happening in this scripture below is no different:

2Thes 1:8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them (child of the devil within the person) that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

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The "woman" that is saved in childbearing is not the freewoman (New Covenant) or the bondwoman (Old Covenant).

The woman who is saved in childbearing (when Christ is formed in the person) is the spirit of a person. Before conversion, the person's spirit is marred & carnal and can easily be deceived by Satan.

When this "woman" (who is within a "babe" who only has the Early Rain) is indwelt with the spirit of anti-Christ, she becomes the Great Harlot shown in Revelation 17 & 18. She is called the Great Harlot because she spiritually fornicates (does what Satan tells her instead of what Christ tells her) with Satan - just as Eve did in the Garden. However, Eve only became a harlot when she fornicated with Satan because she did not have the spirit of anti-Christ indwelling her (as all apostate Elect believers have when they are being converted).

Rev 18:2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great (harlot) is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit (spirit of anti-Christ), and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. 3 For all nations (beliefs of the person) have drunk of the (old) wine (Old Covenant/man's works) of the wrath of her fornication (with Satan), and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

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Spirit words can carry different meanings depending on how they are used. A "woman" can mean 1), the spirit of a person 2). the Bride of Christ or 3). the freewoman or bondwoman.

The word "fruit" can carry different meanings, too. (fruit of the womb or fruit of the Spirit).

Consider this:

The fruit of the womb of the freewoman is a child of God who produces fruit of the Spirit.

Thanks for this discussion. I love digging deep into God's Word to find knowledge of Him.

Joe

You said:

To prove YOUR point, you'll have to post some verses that state what you believe:

That God CHOSE EVERYONE from the foundation of the world.

I find no such scripture and I don't believe you will either.

No, God does not choose everyone to be saved in this age. Scripture says that most of mankind is not even "called to be saints" but "many" are. Then, from that group of many, a "few" have been chosen to actually become saints. These people are the Elect who will be the "heirs" of Abraham and who will receive the inheritance. They are blessed solely because it was God's "will" to bless them and He blesses them to suit His own purposes.

Rom 9:11 (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth.

Here are more verses concerning the Elect:

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Eph 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

2Tim 1:9 who did save us, and did call with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, that was given to us in Christ Jesus, before the times of the ages...

The balance of mankind who were not chosen to be one of the Elect will still be saved in the final age, but they will not receive the rewards that the Elect received.

1Cor 3:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he (the Elect) shall receive a reward (inheritance). 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

The inheritance that the heirs will receive is "life during the ages" rather than receiving "life" at the end of the final age when most of mankind will receive it. They heirs who have this early "life" will then reign with Christ over the earth (the balance of mankind) during the final age to help Christ bring in the final harvest of mankind. This is the purpose for saving the Elect in this age.

You said:

You believe works is a satanic false gospel?

Yes, it is. Satan's way is the crooked way which is based upon the works of man. The works of man are filthy rags. The Old Covenant of Law (based on man's works) is the crooked way. It is the same way that seems right to mankind but it leads to death.

Christ's way is the straight way and it is based on faith. This faith is what gives a person the ability to trust Christ to do all the necessary works of our salvation. When a person is clothed in the works of Christ, they are wearing clothes of righteousness (white robes). Nothing of a person's salvation is left for a person to perform. When a person make a confession of faith, or repents of their works, or does good works, it is Christ who is doing them through the person. He is the cause and is who gives the person their "will" to do of His good pleasure.

After Christ gives a person the Early Rain of the Spirit, they will remain a babe who is carnally minded. The carnal mind of the person will prefer the crooked way of works because it seems right to them. Christ teaches this truth in the verse below:

Luke 5:39 No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better.

The old wine represents the Old Covenant which is based on the works of man. This is what all unconverted babes who only have the Early Rain of the Spirit prefer. Only after Christ gives a babe the Latter Rain of the Spirit will they prefer the New Wine of the New Covenant which is based solely on the works of Christ. In this age though, only the chosen Elect will receive the Latter Rain of the Spirit. Those who are called to be saints but who are not chosen to be saints, will die in their sins and be told by Christ that He never knew them. This happens by no fault of their own - they simply were not chosen to be saved in the early harvest of mankind. They will have to wait for the main harvest which happens at year's end (final age).

Exo 34:22 And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

FaithWillDo said:

Here is how to understand the spirit word "New Jerusalem":

New Jerusalem is the opposite of earthly Jerusalem. They both represent the spirit of a person. The New Jerusalem is the new spirit of the Bride which is governed by the Holy Spirit. It is also the new heart. The earthly Jerusalem is the carnal spirit of mankind and is the wicked heart.

I've quoted the parts of your post that I want to comment on. Some parts I left out because they confused me and they need more consideration, i just wanted you to know I'm not ignoring them.

You said above New Jerusalem is the new spirit of the Bride governed by the Holy Spirit. It is also the new heart. I agree yet, stay with me because to me you contradict yourself later.

FaithWillDo said:

Here is how to understand the spirit word "seed" which is used in the farming analogy:

The seed is the Word of God, who is Christ, who is the child of God, who is being formed within a person, who is the ground/field in which the seed is planted. The good ground is an Elect person. The Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit is what causes the child of God (wheat) to grow to maturity within a person.

here ...I agree...the ground/field in which the seed is planted is the heart. You wrote, 'The seed is the Word of God, who is Christ, who is the child of God, who is being formed within a person, who is the ground/field in which the seed is planted.' But I also see this new heart given of God, where God puts His Spirit to govern IS New Jerusalem. 'The **New Jerusalem is the new spirit** of the Bride which is governed by the Holy Spirit. **It is also the new heart.**'

Why does it matter? I think it will matter towards the end of your post. When you speak on the woman whom is clean, conceives and bears fruit. She is called "New Jerusalem" above. 'The **New Jerusalem** is the new spirit of the Bride which is governed by the Holy Spirit. **It is also the new heart.**' She is called no more an adulterous woman. A New heart(mind sometimes interchangeable with the heart) given of God. By the body of Jesus Christ, being washed in His blood (the New Covenant, the gospel), she clean, conceives and bears fruit. Hold up before you say New Jerusalem doesn't need washing. Hold up before you say New Jerusalem doesn't need perfecting. Below you speak of the transformation of the heart. Is transformation the right word? for God removing the stone and giving you a Heart of flesh? you said of "New Jerusalem" as being the New heart given of God. You said New Jerusalem doesn't need to be saved through childbirth, but it is through childbirth New Jerusalem is saved. That is why she is called New Jerusalem being governed by the Holy Spirit, through the Son of God given, His Spirit crying Abba Father sent into the hearts.

Don't misunderstand, I am not calling New Jerusalem, the new heart given of God, the New Spirit God places in you ...as unclean. Or the good ground where the word is sown ...as unclean. I get what you are saying in she doesn't need to be saved though childbirth, for New Jerusalem is clean, saved through childbirth.. more easily put, the woman saved through child birth...not found guilty of going aside after another IS New Jerusalem. For it is for the Glory of God, She is made Clean for evermore. Same with a new heart given of God. it is the result of a work of God to which she is called clean.

FaithWillDo said:

Here is how to understand the freewoman and bondwoman:

The freewoman is the New Covenant and the bondwoman is the Old Covenant. Christ and the freewoman birth the child of God. Satan and the bondwoman birth the child of the devil.

I don't disagree. I think of where Paul said "I have begotten you through the gospel." You have most likely already quoted it. But if the good ground is the New Heart, if the New Heart is New

Jerusalem, then He also referred to New Jerusalem as the Freewoman, who you refer to as the New Covenant, which bears offspring unto God.

FaithWillDo said:

Yes, Paul was born by Christ (father) and the freewoman (mother). And since Christ is formed in Paul, Paul is the father of the children he birthed with the freewoman (Gospel).

Makes my head spin.

Paul was born of Christ (Father) and the freewoman (New Jerusalem above)(New Covenant) (Mother). And since Christ (Father?) is formed in Paul, Paul is the father of the children he birthed with the freewoman (Gospel) (which freewoman Paul refers to as New Jerusalem above).

Where is the Spirit of Son? Who testifies of the Father (God)?

FaithWillDo said:

The vessel represents mankind. The original vessel is destroyed during the conversion process in order for Christ (the Potter) to make the new vessel (a child of God). The original vessel is destroyed because mankind is "condemned already" (John 18:3) because all mankind has sinned.

Love ...to make a new vessel.

FaithWillDo said:

Thanks for this discussion. I love digging deep into God's Word to find knowledge of Him.

Thank you too.

V _____

Dear V _____,

You said:

The New Jerusalem is the new spirit of the Bride which is governed by the Holy Spirit. It is also the new heart.

Yes, I agree.

You said:

Why does it matter? I think it will matter towards the end of your post. When you speak on the woman whom is clean, conceives and bears fruit. She is called "New Jerusalem" above.

No, the woman who becomes the bride of Christ is not the same woman who is represented by New Jerusalem.

Remember, the "woman" can represent THREE different things in scripture:

- 1). The spirit of a person (earthly Jerusalem/New Jerusalem). There are also many other terms that represent the spirit of a person.
- 2). The converted Elect who become the bride of Christ. Same thing here, there are many other terms which represent the converted Elect.
- 3). The bondwoman (Old Covenant) and freewoman (New Covenant) who both give birth to children.

You said:

You said New Jerusalem doesn't need to be saved through childbirth, but it is through childbirth New Jerusalem is saved. That is why she is called New Jerusalem being governed by the Holy Spirit, through the Son of God given, His Spirit crying Abba Father sent into the hearts.

When a believer is converted, their carnal spirit (earthly Jerusalem/Great Harlot/wicked heart) is destroyed (transformed if you like). This is the woman who is saved in childbirth when a person is converted. After the person is converted, the carnal spirit/earthly Jerusalem of the person becomes the New Jerusalem. The New Jerusalem doesn't need to be saved because she is the person's salvation. She is what makes a person into a "new creation". In other words, our new birth is caused by being changed spiritually (the new spirit/New Jerusalem) and this new spirit is what transforms our carnal mind into the mind of Christ.

You said:

But if the good ground is the New Heart, if the New Heart is New Jerusalem, then He also referred to New Jerusalem as the Freewoman, who you refer to as the New Covenant, which bears offspring unto God.

I'll try to explain the Parable of the Wheat and the Tares again. It can be confusing. It took me a few years before I could fully understand it. Even now, I have difficulty explaining it to others.

A clue to understanding this parable is that it begins with the phrase "the Kingdom of Heaven is like". When a parable starts in this manner, it is teaching on certain aspects of the pathway to salvation that the Elect travel to their conversion.

The "good ground" represents an Elect person before they are converted. The seed is the Word of God which is planted in a person when Christ gives them the Early Rain of the Spirit. After the person hears the Gospel, they will make a confession of faith and will enter the church. Later, the seed within them (Christ/Word of God) will grow to maturity after it receives the Latter Rain of the Spirit (baptism of the Holy Spirit). The wheat is Christ/child of God.

Shortly after Christ plants His seed in the person (good ground), Satan will come to the same person and plant His seed of lies and deception via the spirit of anti-Christ. When the indwelling of the spirit of anti-Christ, the believer will try to serve two masters (Christ/Wheat and Satan/Tares). This will cause their house (the person) to be divided and fall (loss of salvation). The person will no longer be governed by Christ/Wheat, but will now be governed by

Satan/Tares. This is when the Elect believer becomes "worse than the first" and become apostate (a man of sin).

Next, Christ will pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit on the ground/person. This will cause the wheat to grow to maturity and be ready for harvest. But before it is harvested, Christ (the farmer) will burn (judge) the tares from within the person. This will remove all the things that has made the person carnally minded. With the judgment of the tares, the believer's conversion will be complete. Christ will then gather the wheat (new child of God) into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Note: In this parable, the Elect believer becomes whatever governs them from within. When the person is governed by Satan from "within" (spiritually), they are an even worse child of the devil than before. When a person is governed by Christ from "within", they become a child of God. That is how you have to understand it.

You said:

Makes my head spin.

Paul was born of Christ (Father) and the freewoman (New Jerusalem above)(New Covenant) (Mother). And since Christ (Father?)is formed in Paul, Paul is the father of the children he birthed with the freewoman (Gospel) (which freewoman Paul refers to as New Jerusalem above).

The freewoman is not the same woman who represents New Jerusalem. That error is causing you confusion. Your other comments are correct.

The freewoman (the Gospel/New Covenant) ANSWERS to the New Jerusalem. This is implied and not directly stated in Gal 21-31.

I think this means the new spirit (New Jerusalem) is why the person will follow the Gospel (making oneself acceptable by faith).

In contrast, the carnal spirit (earthly Jerusalem) is why a person follows the Old Covenant of Law (making oneself acceptable by works).

Remember, the freewoman and the New Jerusalem do not represent the same thing.

You asked:

Where is the Spirit of Son? Who testifies of the Father (God)?

Christ comes to us as the Holy Spirit (the Rain). And it is Christ who testifies of the Father to us. If you believe in the Trinity Doctrine, this might be causing you some confusion. I believe the Trinity Doctrine is false just like all the doctrines of the apostate church are false.

I hope what I stated helps. The numerous analogies, parables, symbols do make it confusing. That is why finding the truth is difficult. But Christ teaches this way so that only His converted Elect will be able to understand. They understand because the Holy Spirit guides their

understanding.

The thing that helps a lot is to know what symbols are synonymous with the other symbols. When you can do this, you will see that there are not very many different things to know.

Here is an easy example: A saved person can be called Elect, heir, First Fruit, overcomer, saint, faithful, bride, wheat, and probably some more names that I am not thinking of right now.

The spirit of a person also has many names. Some symbols represent the carnal spirit (the natural) and some represent the new spirit that is governed by the Holy Spirit (the spiritual).

This concept applies to most terms:

1Cor 15:46 Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

The mind of a person is the same. The mind can be the carnal mind (the natural) or the mind of Christ (the spiritual).

If you go through the list of all the different symbols used in scripture, you will find that there are not that many of them which mean something different. In other words, there are a lot of synonymous symbols, you just have to know how to match them up.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

FaithWillDo said:

The freewoman is not the same woman who represents New Jerusalem.

Galatians 4:26,31

But **Jerusalem which is above** (New Jerusalem) is free, which is the mother of us all.

....

So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, **but of the free.**

How else am I to receive this? I'm sorry, I'll read closer later. I have to get up leaves today.

V _____

Dear V _____,

You are really making me pray, study and think on this one.

I have not noticed that last portion of the verse before. Thanks for pointing it out.

Here is a better translation:

Gal 4:26 and the Jerusalem above is the free-woman, which is mother of us all,

This is confusing to me because Paul says that the bondwoman answers to the earthly Jerusalem. Paul clearly says that the bondwoman is the Old Covenant. But if the earthly Jerusalem is the bondwoman like the New Jerusalem is the freewoman, how can the bondwoman answer to earthly Jerusalem if they are one and the same?

And since the New Jerusalem (the one above) is the freewoman and the freewoman is the New Covenant, how does the freewoman answer to the New Jerusalem if they are one and the same?

This doesn't seem to make sense.

I went back and studied the earthly Jerusalem (the one below) again. Earthly Jerusalem is synonymous with Babylon the Great City, the Great Harlot, Sodom and Egypt. I am certain that these symbols all represent mankind's carnal spirit which gives mankind their carnal nature. This carnal spirit is why mankind sins and why mankind is in bondage to sin. She is also the one who is judged and destroyed when judgement falls to convert a person.

Since the earthly Jerusalem represents the "natural", then the New Jerusalem has to represent the "spiritual" that comes second. The spiritual Jerusalem then has to be the new spirit that is governed by the Holy Spirit.

This may be the solution: Remember I just said that the "woman" in scripture represents THREE things:

- 1). The spirit of a person (earthly Jerusalem/New Jerusalem).
- 2). The converted Elect who become the bride of Christ.
- 3). The bondwoman (Old Covenant) and freewoman (New Covenant) who both give birth to children.

I now think that is wrong. The "woman" must only represent TWO things. The "woman" in number 1 and 3 must be the same woman.

Let's see how this works:

The carnal spirit of a person is represented by the bondwoman, the Old Covenant, earthly Jerusalem, Sodom, Egypt, the Great Harlot and Babylon the great city.

If that is true, why does Paul say that the Old Covenant/bondwoman answers to earthly Jerusalem if they are the same?

The new spirit (Holy Spirit) is represented by the freewoman who is the New Covenant which answers to the New Jerusalem.

If that is true, why does Paul imply that the New Covenant/Free woman answers to New Jerusalem if they are the same?

I think I found the answer:

Here is the correct translation of where Paul says the bondwoman/Old Covenant answers to the earthly Jerusalem:

Gal 4:25 for this Hagar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and doth correspond to the Jerusalem that now is, and is in servitude with her children,

With this translation, it all works.

The bondwoman/Old Covenant/earthly Jerusalem represents the carnal spirit. It is this carnal spirit that is the mother who births children of the devil. Satan is the father.

The freewoman/New Covenant/New Jerusalem represents the new spirit (Holy Spirit). It is this new spirit that is the mother who births children of God. Christ is the father.

What do you think? Do you see any conflicts now?

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

FaithWillDo said:

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It is confusing to me too. How can it not be! Consider:

Genesis 3:16 ...your desire will be to your husband, and he shall rule over you.

And, Genesis 4:6-7 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why are you wroth? and why is your countenance fallen? [7] If you do well, shalt you not be accepted? and if you do not well, **sin** lies at the door. And unto you will be his desire, and you will rule over him.

^Maybe you will see something that helps in the above. I keep thinking about those verses with our discussion, but at this point I don't know why. You said, "how can the bondwoman answer to earthly Jerusalem if they are one and the same?" I do see this with *husband and wife* being of one body...and I think there is something there in Cain and Abel too.

Let's keep going...

(Paraphrasing off memory) A new commandment I give unto you, not a new command I give unto you but the commandment you had from the beginning. But we know the law is spiritual, but I am carnal sold under sin.

^still considering ...how can the bondwoman answer to the earthly Jerusalem if **they are one in the same**? **One and the same** "carnal sold under sin.": sin unto death. As in one man...

How can the freewoman answer or be in servitude to New Jerusalem if they are in the same? "obedience unto Righteousness": **Life**. As in one Man...

One last thought is:

How the bond woman *answer* or be *in servitude* unto "sin unto death"; same as earthly Jerusalem? This appears apparent in how much Paul urged them, saying "why do **you desire to go into bondage again?**" There is a constant spiritual battle of those being pulled back in by men who want them to answer or be in servitude unto men, and not in service unto God. See...those are of the same body. Within the body of earthly Jerusalem of slaves and masters, but the bondwoman in service to pleasing the flesh and men's man-made doctrines of earthly Jerusalem, all are under sin unto death, being one of the same. Both the bondwoman and earthly Jerusalem in servitude unto sin unto death. Paul warned they have no liberty themselves but promise you Liberty, Liberty they do not know.

Reminds me of: the bondwoman "*Answers* or is *in servitude*" to men who have an infirmity, not able to continue by reason of death.

Where the Freewoman answers and is in servitude of "obedience unto righteousness" which is through Christ. If you take away at least one thing from these points let it be how the bondwoman can answer and be in service to earthly Jerusalem and at the same time be one in the same. As much as those she answers to and is servitude to, they themselves are after the flesh making them also of the bondwoman. Where **those having others in servitude unto them** and **those in servitude unto them**, being of the same body; the *bondwoman* desire to please men, and not God.

FaithWillDo said:

*I went back and studied the earthly Jerusalem (the one below) again. Earthly Jerusalem is synonymous with Babylon the Great City, the Great Harlot, Sodom and Egypt. I am certain that these symbols **all represent mankind's carnal spirit which gives mankind their carnal nature. This carnal spirit is why mankind sins and why mankind is in bondage to sin.** She is also the one who is judged and destroyed when judgement falls to convert a person.*

Makes me think of Jeremiah 5:26-31 For among my people are found wicked men: they lay wait, as he that set snares; they set a trap, they catch men. [27] As a cage is full of birds, so are their

houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxen rich. [28] They are waxen fat, they shine: yea, they overpass the deeds of the wicked: they judge not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge. [29] Shall I not visit for these things? says the LORD (Jesus Christ told them they should have known this, the time of His visitation, saying “woe unto you, you hypocrites” : shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? [30] A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; [31] The prophets prophesy falsely, and **the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so:** (consider the desire of the bondwoman, and you desire (love to have it so) that the priest—having infirmity not able to continue by reason of death—bear rule by their own means) and **what will you do in the end thereof?** (When those priest who bear rule over you, are they themselves not able to continue by reason of death?)

FaithWillDo said:

*Since the earthly Jerusalem represents the "natural", then the New Jerusalem has to represent the "spiritual" that comes second. **The spiritual Jerusalem then has to be the new spirit that is governed by the Holy Spirit.***

Love: The spiritual Jerusalem then has to be the new spirit that is governed by the Holy Spirit.

I love the Proverbs and think of the “wisdom” (this wisdom being devilish) handed down by men. And the “Wisdom” which comes from God—this “Wisdom” that comes from God has the nature of the Fruit of Spirit ... first peaceable... Also this “Wisdom” governs, Proverbs 31 speaks of the Woman which has the law of kindness on her tongue, *who can find a good wife?* Christ? I don't try to make it too complicated, it is beautiful really. Christ ruling... the Freewoman obedience unto His Governing Spirit (Government) and this shared agreement “Wisdom” like in Proverbs where the Woman honours her husband (the law of kindness on her tongue) and in her, her husband's heart does trust. which all comes from God and is far different governing than that of earthly Jerusalem. Maybe I mixed that up, but to me what matters is how the heavenly Jerusalem where Christ governs, is Hope filled.

FaithWillDo said:

The bondwoman/Old Covenant/earthly Jerusalem represents the carnal spirit. It is this carnal spirit that is the mother who births children of the devil. Satan is the father.

The freewoman/New Covenant/New Jerusalem represents the new spirit (Holy Spirit). It is this new spirit that is the mother who births children of God. Christ is the father.

What do you think? Do you see any conflicts now?

No I don't see any conflicts except I'm still not sure Jesus Christ is the Son or the Father. Only because He always pointed to the Father. And His Father to the Son. If I had one of those brain-exploding emoji's right now, I would use it. I try not to say for certain on the topic of Father and

Son because I don't know. All I know is they are in agreement as One. That is enough for me right now.

I just thought of something that helps.

Romans 7:23 But I see another law in my members, **warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin** which is in my members.

Consider all you've shared concerning Paul and what Paul is saying here in ...warring against Christ (the law of my mind), and bringing me into the captivity (of the bondwoman) to the law of sin which is in my members ...and how Paul kept saying "We are of the Freewoman"

*when Paul says there is a **warring** in "My members" does Paul mean his literal body, or within the body of Christ (Many members, One Body) among brothers against brothers? "My Members" has differing meanings as well. Considering the warring among brothers within the body taking others captive to the bondage of sin, I think Paul was speaking on the "My members" being lead captive unto the bondage of sin were his brothers(My members). —

Philippians 3:21 Who shall change **our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.**

Galatians 2:4-5 And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, **that they might bring us into bondage:** [5] To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; **that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.**

2 Peter 2:19-20 While they promise them liberty, **they themselves are the servants of corruption:** for of **whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.** [20] For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, **they are again entangled therein, and overcome,** the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. <I do realize you have been speaking on the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

Dear FaithWillDo,

I wanted to make some additional comments on Romans 7:23.

When Paul says there is a **warring** in "My members" (Rom 7:23), does Paul mean his literal body, or within the body of Christ (Many members, One Body) among brothers against brothers? "My Members" has differing meanings as well. Considering the warring among brothers within the body taking others captive to the bondage of sin, I think Paul was speaking on the "My members" being lead captive unto the bondage of sin were his brothers(My members).

James 4:1-3 From whence **come wars and fightings among you?** come they not hence, even of your lusts **that war in your members?** [2] You lust, and have not: you kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: **you fight and war,** yet you have not, because you ask not. [3] You ask, and receive not, because you ask amiss, that you may consume it upon your lusts.

Philippians 3:21 Who shall change **our vile body**, that **it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body**, according to the working whereby **he is able even to subdue all things unto himself**.

That it may be fashioned like unto **his glorious body**. 1 Corinthians 12:18-26 But now has God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. [19] And if they were all one member, where were the body? [20] But now are they many members, yet but one body. [21] And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. [22] Nay, **much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary**: [23] And those members of the body, **which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness**. [24] For our comely parts have no need: but God hath **tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked**: [25] That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. [26] And whether one member suffer, **all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it**.

Philippians 3:18-21 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: [19] Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, **who mind earthly things**.) [20] For **our conversation is in heaven**; from where also **we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ**(Hebrews 5:7-9 Who in the days of his flesh, **when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard** in that he feared; [8] Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; [9] And being made perfect, he became **the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him**;

...also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ...

: [21] Who **shall change our vile body**, (the bondwoman in servitude to earthly Jerusalem?) that **it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body**(the freewoman, New Jerusalem, where there is no more bond or free...), according to the working whereby **he is able even to subdue all things unto himself**.

V _____

Dear V _____,

I believe that when Gal 4:25 is translated as saying "corresponds" rather than "answers to", the problem I saw goes away. This change also agrees what Paul said later about the New Jerusalem being the freewoman.

So just as Paul said, the bondwoman & earthly Jerusalem are synonymous terms, just as the freewoman and the New Jerusalem are synonymous terms. Both produce children.

As for what Paul says in Romans 7:23, he is talking about man's carnal spirit that wars against the "law of my mind". In verse 24, Paul asks who can deliver us from this sin problem. In verse

25, Paul gives us the answer: Jesus Christ.

After Christ converts a person into a child of God, the warring ends and the person is at peace.

Psa 29:11 The LORD will give strength (the Holy Spirit) unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

This is when a believer also enters into the "rest" of Christ. This is the spiritual fulfillment of the physical Sabbath Day Law.

Also from our discussion, I am now seeing something else differently on what happens during the conversion process. I now believe that when a person is converted, their carnal spirit (Great Harlot/bondwoman and other names) is removed and destroyed and not just transformed. The carnal mind of man is transformed but the carnal spirit is destroyed and replaced by the Holy Spirit.

Here's my reasoning: The issue with mankind's spirit is that it is "weak". In this weak condition, man's spirit allows the flesh to control it, whereby making man's spirit "carnal". Before our discussion, I used to believe that it was only the "carnality" of our spirit that was removed and destroyed during the conversion process. But I don't believe that anymore. I believe now that when a person is converted, their carnal spirit is fully destroyed and replaced with the Holy Spirit.

The reason I used to believe as I did was because I thought that our "individual identity" was contained in both our spirit and our mind. But after studying the New Jerusalem during our discussion, I now believe I was wrong. I believe that a person's self-identity is only contained in the mind. The "spirit" is what governs the mind but does not contain a person's self-consciousness (identity).

All the scriptures which teach about the New Jerusalem can only be understood properly when the New Jerusalem is understood representing the Holy Spirit/Christ. It is within the walls of New Jerusalem that the converted Elect dwell. Once a person is converted, the new spirit which governs their mind (individual consciousness) is the Holy Spirit.

Eze 11:19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:

A little more on this: After a person receives the Early Rain of the Spirit, a spiritual war develops between the carnal spirit of the person and the Holy Spirit. But since the Early Rain of the Spirit (given in measure) does not heal a person's spiritual blindness, the Early Rain of the Spirit cannot win the war and destroy the carnal spirit of the person. Why? Because "truth" (Sword/Word of God) is the weapon that Christ uses in this war. Since the believer is not able to understand the truth, the Early Rain of the Spirit cannot win the war and convert the person. Then, to make

matters worse for the new believer (a babe in Christ), Satan plants is seed (lies/deceptions) within the believer and waters it with the spirit of anti-Christ. The spirit of anti-Christ then makes the carnal spirit 'worse than the first" which also makes the believer's carnal mind "worse than the first". This is when a "babe" becomes an apostate believer (a man of sin).

When the Latter Rain of the Spirit is given to the apostate believer, it will come with strength and power. It will heal the believer's spiritual blindness so that the believer can come out of Satan's deceptions and receive Christ's nourishment of truth. With this truth, the "worse than the first" carnal spirit/man of sin will be destroyed by the brightness of Christ's appearing (Christ/Light is truth).

2Thes 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

Anyway, I am going to make that change in my teachings on my website. I will also be changing my teaching on the birthing analogy to include the New Jerusalem "as the mother of us all".

I really appreciate this discussion that we've had. It has helped to remove some error in my understanding.

Joe

You also said:

No I don't see any conflicts except I'm still not sure Jesus Christ is the Son or the Father. Only because He always pointed to the Father. And His Father to the Son. If I had one of those brain-exploding emoji's right now, I would use it.

I'm not sure if you believe in the Doctrine of the Trinity or not, but it might be causing you some confusion here.

I do not believe the Doctrine of the Trinity is true, nor do I believe that any of the doctrines taught by the apostate church are true.

Here is my understanding - maybe it will help remove some of your confusion.

God the Father is the one supreme God from which everything comes into existence. For that reason, Jesus Christ is called the "Son" of God. At some point before this creation began, God the Father created Jesus as His son. And then later, Jesus' Father blessed Jesus by making Him to be mankind's God, Creator and Savior.

Isa 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Everything about this creation is about Christ. He is the first and the last. And because Christ created mankind, it is correct to say that Jesus is mankind's God and Father. But at the same time, we must understand that Jesus also has a God and Father.

These verses apply:

1Cor 8:6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

Eph 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

The creation event is how God the Father produces His offspring. Through this birthing process, all mankind will be born as children of God. The birth occurs when God the Father's Spirit indwells a person just as it indwells Jesus Christ making Jesus God's son. The spiritual process that causes the birth of a new child of God is called conversion.

It is God the Father's Spirit that makes God and Christ "one". And it is this same Spirit that will make all mankind "one" with God the Father and Christ.

John 17:21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

By the end of the final age, God the Father (through Jesus Christ) will have a much larger family.

I hope this helps.

Joe

V_____ never responded again.

Here a final post to a member who strongly disagreed with my understanding of how a person is saved. He believes in mixing in "works" with faith. He accused me of being a Calvinist and then later accused me of being a universalist.

Dear G_____,

I have never said that I was a Calvinist or a Universalist. I am neither.

Are you a Catholic just because you believe in free will? Or maybe you are a Mormon or a JW for the same reason.

All I am is the product of Christ's workmanship and nothing more.

The truth that I teach comes solely from God's Word. The Gospel that I teach proclaims that Jesus Christ is the Savior of mankind.

Furthermore, salvation is not an "offer" that needs to be received as you suppose. Salvation is a gift that Christ freely gives to mankind because of His love and grace. And because Christ loves all mankind, He will give His free gift of salvation to everyone. However, Christ only gives His free gift to a person at a time of His choosing. In this age, Christ is only giving His free gift of salvation to the people who have been chosen by the Father to receive it early. They are said to be blessed; and they are. I know because I am one of them. The balance of mankind will receive their free gift in the final age. After Christ has saved the last person of mankind, He will deliver up the Kingdom of Heaven (now containing all mankind) to His Father. The Father will then be "all in all" (1Cor 15:20-28). No one will be left out. All who have died "in Adam" will be made alive "in Christ". God's Word has spoken it and it will be done.

One final point: mankind's works play no part in a person's salvation because Christ provides all the works. His works are spiritual and He performs them within a person. It is the spiritual works of Christ that causes a person to believe and have faith in Him. Christ does His work by freely giving a person the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit. Without the Spirit, they would not be able to believe and have faith in Christ. After Christ gives a person the Spirit, He will judge the person and destroy all the things within them that have made them carnally minded. When Christ finishes His work, the person will be converted from being a child of the Devil to being a child of God. This is mankind's salvation and is it is for this purpose that the Father sent Christ into the world. Mankind could not have a more loving and merciful Creator than the one we have.

Since there is nothing I can do at this time to help you understand God's Word, I am moving onto another thread unless another member posts to me here. Someday, my words will have great value to you. But for now, Christ has not made you ready to receive them. It is just not your time.

Joe

G_____ did not respond.