

Program notes 04-11-10 'Yes shall be as gods' Part 6

Let me begin by doing a brief recap of the topics we have covered so far in the past 5 programs. The goal of this series titled '**Ye shall be as gods**' is to come to a clear understanding of the purpose and existence of mankind. We will do this by studying, from a Biblical perspective, three aspects of creation:

1. **The Purpose of all Creation**
2. **The Plan of Creation**
3. **The Process of Creation**

Each of the topics we discussed in the previous five segments of this series touched upon one or more of these categories.

In previous programs we determined that the Purpose of all creation according to [Revelation 4:11](#) is to bring God pleasure. In our last two programs we did a comparison between flesh and blood man, the first Adam and the last Adam, the Lord from Heaven, the only Begotten Son Jesus. We concluded that the reason that God was well pleased in Jesus whereas Adam and his children have caused untold grief to God is because Jesus and God are equal; they are the same **KIND**, the same species. We also concluded that Adam and God are not the same species; therefore they can never have a mutually satisfactory relationship. Psalm 8 details the blessings that have been promised to man, and we have mistakenly believed that these promises belonged to the first man Adam but in reality they belong to the last Adam. I want to discuss [Psalm 8](#) in a little bit more detail in this program for these scriptures further confirm the fact that Adam and Jesus are qualitatively different types of beings.

[Psalm 8:4](#) / What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
[Psalm 8:5](#) / For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

[Psalm 8:6](#) / Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

We take the above scriptures to apply to the first man Adam but in reality they apply to Jesus. In verse 4 we read that God's mind is full of the thoughts of man, of flesh and blood man but he **VISITS**, that is He looks with favour upon **the Son of man**, who we know is Jesus not upon flesh and blood man.

Verse 5 tells us that us God has crowned Him with glory and honour, and we have been taught that this applies to Adam, Man was made for the purpose of being crowned with glory and honour but it was not the first man to whom this honour belonged, it would belong to the Son who would come from that first man and therefore be called, 'the Son of man'.

[Hebrews 2:9](#) / But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, **crowned with glory and honour**. Adam was never crowned with glory and honour, it is true that he was given dominion over the beasts but that simply means he was made superior in intellect to them, not that he was appointed sovereign of the earth. God did not say to Adam that he would lose his crown if he ate the forbidden fruit; he never had a crown to begin with, and was never intended to be the heir of God's Kingdom, that honour was always reserved for Jesus, and was given to Him after His resurrection as confirmed by the preceding scripture.

Verse 6 tells us that God has put all things under his feet but under whose feet? [Hebrews 2:8](#) confirms that all things had not been put under flesh and blood man's feet till the time of Jesus. But we read in [Ephesians 1:22](#) that all things have been put under his feet, that is under the feet of Jesus: **And hath put all things under his feet**, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church...

Once again the promises of Psalm 8 were fulfilled in Jesus not in Adam but flesh and blood man has played an integral part in the plan of creation which we will study in some detail now. By now I believe we have provided sufficient proof that there flesh and blood man and Jesus are two different kinds, they are not the same species. It was not until an offspring was begotten that was equal to God, was His own species that God could appoint Him His heir. Jesus was not given this position by default, as a result of Adam's transgression; rather Adam's transgression was an integral part of the plan in begetting the Son of God, for whom all things were made. We will turn our attention now to the Plan of Creation.

We began this series by expounding on the serpent's claim in [Genesis 3:5](#) For **God doth know** that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and **ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil**.

Knowing good and evil, literally experiencing good and evil is an integral part of the Plan of Creation. I will introduce this very important subject of good and evil, of pain and sorrow at this point but will elaborate upon it in greater detail as the series progresses. Without the experience of pain, it is not possible to become a sentient being. The principle of **SENTIENCE** is never discussed in mainstream Christianity although it is much debated in scientific circles as relating to the concept of Artificial Intelligence. In the Matrix movies the machines were supposedly '**Sentient**'. This was a major flaw in that series for they never explained how the machines became sentient, became conscious, feeling, emotional entities without having experienced any pain. Sentience is not merely intelligence, so Artificial Intelligence does not necessarily imply sentience.

- **SENTIENCE means to be conscious, to be aware, to be cognizant of one's own existence, it also means to be a sensory being with feelings and emotions.** Sentience is a product of experience, particularly that of pain without which one can only be a robot no matter how much intelligence one has.

[In Genesis 2:7](#) we read: And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became **a living soul**. As a rule we read this scripture and understand it to mean that Adam's body came alive, he became a living breathing creature but it means much more than that. **A living soul is a being that is aware of his existence, is a conscious being**. This idea in itself is quite awe inspiring, that God created a being that is conscious and aware of his own existence not a mere robot. This scripture deals with the very complex subject of **CONSCIOUSNESS**, and how man came to be a conscious being, such subjects have not been addressed by the church.

Even a conscious being is not necessarily a fully sentient being until he has experienced pain.

We take it for granted that we all have the ability to experience the full spectrum of emotion and

feeling, of pain and pleasure. This however is not correct; our ability to experience pleasure is directly proportional to the amount of pain we have suffered. We will discuss what I have termed **The Pain – Pleasure Principle** in greater detail but what the significance of this principle is that in order for God to enjoy the full spectrum of pleasure, he had to expose himself to the full spectrum of pain, up to the pain of death.

[Revelation 4:11](#) tells us that the purpose of all creation is to bring God pleasure but without the experience of pain this purpose could never have been fulfilled. How God experiences pain, and what role flesh and blood man plays in this experience is the meat of this study, and those who understand it as I understand it will endure pain with a great deal more patience as a result of this understanding.

In previous shows we talked about the **process of creation** with special focus on ‘**The Seed Principle**’, which is a Biblical principle of the origin of all things as seeds, which grow to maturity in the process of time. Adam’s journey to becoming a fully sentient being began after he ate the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and began to understand the meaning of suffering. Without understanding the purpose for the existence of pain and suffering, of the reason for the existence of evil, it is impossible to understand the plan of God, His plan of creation, and how perfectly everything that has happened has served his purposes. So as we move along we will study in much greater detail the purpose of pain and suffering, especially the **sufferings of Jesus** and the meaning of scriptures such as [Hebrews 2:10](#), 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**. We need to understand what it means to **BE MADE PERFECT** and why it must happen through **SUFFERINGS** and pain.

We concluded our last program by stating that Jesus Himself underwent a process to bring Him to perfection. Now it stands to reason that if He was God in the flesh, He was already perfect. What then does it mean that **Captain of their salvation was to made perfect through sufferings**, or by the scripture that **being made perfect** He became the author of eternal salvation...

What do scriptures such as **Hebrews 5:8** mean? 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;...

We have hinted at the answer as the **Pain – Pleasure Principle** which is a very deep subject and never taught, at least I have never encountered any worthwhile teaching on this subject. The term ‘**Sufferings of Christ**’ is a much misunderstood one; it does not mean that we should endure suffering because Christ endured suffering. It literally means that Christ suffers in us, that God uses us, flesh and blood beings, to experience suffering Himself. This will be a new revelation to almost all listeners but God has divided humanity into two camps:

1. Those who suffer pain – these are the wheat
2. Those who inflict pain – these are the tares

God **IS IN ALL** of those who suffer pain, Christ is in all of them, that is the very purpose of their existence, to endure pain, extreme, unbearable pain in many cases but God allows it to go on, for that pain is not being inflicted on the person independent of God but God Himself is suffering that pain. It is not possible for one body to endure all possible pain, therefore Jesus suffered the Pain of Death in His body but it is through the bodies of all of His children that the rest of the experience of pain is suffered by Him. This is the true meaning of the expression, **The sufferings of Christ**, He will continue to suffer until He has endured every possible form of pain. In [Matthew 25:40](#) Jesus explains that whatever good or evil is done to His body, that is to those who believe in Him, is done to Him, not symbolically but in reality. And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, **Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.**

Paul said in [Colossians 1:24](#) / Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of **the afflictions of Christ in my flesh** for his body's sake, which is the church... People who believe in the name it and claim it gospel would have us believe that life in this body is supposed to be just a glorious one, they would have us believe that life is supposed to be Club Med, first class all the way but that is not what scripture teaches; Paul taught that he had to endure extra suffering because the believers were living a Club Med life, they did not want to suffer, to be afflicted. Paul did not say that they needed to suffer or be afflicted for their own sake, but rather he identified these sufferings as the **afflictions of Christ, that it was Christ in them that suffered.**

I understand that this is a new concept for most listeners so I would urge that they continue to study and pray for themselves so that God will reveal to them the truth of these difficult but essential teaching that will help them become firmly rooted and grounded in the Word so that they do not get blown about with every wind of doctrine. As I stated previously I have just introduced this topic that I am well aware is new to most of the audience so some of the truths will not be readily apparent but as we continue week after week, the understanding will grow.

This scripture will help us better understand what is happening to us as believers, why it is that we don't have victorious lives as many preachers teach us we should be experiencing. [Galatians 2:20](#) I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet **not I, but Christ liveth in me:** and the **life** which I **now live** in the **flesh I live** by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

The new birth signals the death of the old man and the birth of Christ in us. Paul said that although his flesh continued to live, the person that lived inside that flesh, inside that body was not Paul any longer but rather Jesus Christ. As Christ would grow, Paul would die as confirmed by [2 Corinthians 4:16](#) / For which cause we faint not; but **though our outward man perish**, yet the inward man is **renewed** day by day.

This is a vital understanding that from the very moment of our new birth, the old man that was Paul or Randy or Keith or Gordon or Peter or John, all ceased to exist. From that time onwards Christ began to grow in them. And just as the first begotten Son was a man of sorrows, so too would this Christ that is the second begotten, and the third begotten and so and so forth would be a man of sorrows, man of pain and suffering. It is Christ that suffers inside our bodies, not Paul or Randy. Why does He need to suffer? Because His sufferings are not yet complete, the moment they are, He will terminate this world and take us into the age of glory, the age of pleasure where all this pain and suffering will be forgotten. We will discuss this **Pain – Pleasure Principle** in

much greater detail as we go along but before we do that we need to answer the question as to what is man, more precisely what is flesh and blood man?

We read in [1 Thessalonians 5:23](#): And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole **spirit and soul and body** be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Man is a three part being: **SPIRIT, SOUL and BODY**. The following comparison will give us an understanding of the difference between and the functions of the three.

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SPPIRT

Heart – seat of conscience

Fruits of the Spirit: [Galatians 5:22](#)
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23. Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

SOUL

Mind – seat of consciousness

Soul is more than just a mind, it is the person inside the body. The soul has personality that is patterned after the flesh or the spirit. The mind is an information accumulation and processing centre, the soul incorporates the mind but also feeling and emotion.

BODY

Flesh – seat of experiences

Works of the Flesh: [Galatians 5:19](#)
Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20. Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21. Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, and I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

The Soul is our consciousness, it gives us the knowledge of things we are cognizant of, things we are aware of, gives us the knowledge of our own existence. It also feels and emotes, both positive and negative emotions, love and hate.

The Body and the Spirit dominate the soul, and either defile the soul or make it holy. Being in the middle, the soul has these opposite forces acting upon it and depending on which force is the dominant one, the person will either be **spiritual or carnal**. If the spirit man, the higher being, the inner man is the dominant one, then it will change and renew the very mind of the person, and make it pure and holy. This in turn will make the body holy and a fit temple for The Lord.

If on the other hand the body is the dominant force upon the soul it will pollute the mind and defile the conscience, defile the spirit of the person. When the body is the master, which is the case for the majority of the people in this world, then that person will live a carnal, fleshly, earthly life. His life would be classified as a **Body – Centred** life. His existence is defined by the dictates of his body.

I recently wrote an article for my blog titled [Money, Money, Money](#)... which addresses the evil of a Body – Centric life and how it makes people slaves to money, makes them lovers of money and incites in them all manner of evil since the love of money is the root of all evil. The article is on my blog at [apocalypse2010.blogspot.com](#). A Body – Centred person is a fleshly, carnal

person and therefore one or more of the works of the flesh as listed in [Galatians 5:19 – 21](#) are manifest in his life. We need not dig very far to see evidence of jealousy, envy, strife, hatred, and all manner of carnality running rampant in this world. This is a direct result of man's belief that the **Life means Body** and nothing more.

Paul observed this power of the flesh as enthroned in the body in Romans, chapter 7. He said that even though he could understand with his mind and soul that the law of God was good, he was powerless to overcome that flesh in his own strength but Thanks be to God that Jesus Christ is stronger than the flesh and He can make us free from the bonds of the flesh or the body. [Romans 7:25](#) *I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.* It is only if the Son makes us free that we can be **transformed from Body – Centred people to Spirit – Centred people**. So the body works from the bottom up, it spreads its poison upwards to pollute the soul and the mind, which in turn contaminate and defile the spirit of the person making their conscience evil. This happens to almost all of us; at one time or another we were all **Body – Centred** people and to a greater or lesser extent even most 'Christians' are still **Body – centred**. Therefore to a lesser or greater extent all of us have had our consciences defiled. The very process of transformation that takes place in us once we come to believe is the process of the purging of our conscience according to [Hebrews 9:14](#). That is a major doctrine that needs to be studied in great detail and we will do so over the course of these programs.

A person that is led by the Spirit is an ongoing miracle of transformation from flesh to spirit, from **Natural to Spiritual**. Such a person's thinking is controlled not by his carnal desires but by his spiritual needs. Such a person is not a **Body – Centred** person but rather a **Spirit – centred** person, and understands that life is more than the body. He is compelled by his belief in life beyond the body and his affections are not on earthly material things, he cares not if he has a portfolio or enough in his retirement accounts, if his clothes are designer or not, if he eats at 5 star restaurants or not, even if he has a bank account or not. His food is the Word of God and prayer. The spirit or conscience of a Spirit – centred person is attuned to the Spirit of God, in such a person God works from the top down. As his spirit or his conscience is purged, his mind is renewed and transformed, his very thought processes are changed so that he is no longer driven by the lusts of his body, as a matter of fact his body becomes subject to his mind not the other way around. Such a person is holy and a fit temple for God to dwell in, he finds his delights in the law of the Lord not in the pleasures of sin.

[Psalm 94:19](#) In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my **soul**.

We should evaluate all our desires, all our cares and concerns, we should ponder the path of our feet to see if we are being driven by the body or by our spirit. According to God's Word our body only has two needs, food and clothing, that's it. If we have physical concerns beyond these simple needs, such as a big mortgage, not enough money for kids college tuition or for retirement or for a holiday and such, then we really need to take inventory and make some changes. We really need to make decisions to cut down our lifestyle in half or a quarter or whatever amount necessary so that we can make time, time to study, time to worship, time to pray, and time to help others rather than selfishly worrying about our own worldly needs. If the values we hold dear are not from the Bible, then they are worldly values, and we need to not value such things anymore. This is a severe time of separation, of coming out from among them, of not touching unclean things, then and only then will we enjoy the fruits of the spirit, otherwise the works of the flesh will lead us all the days of our life and we know where that road ends.

