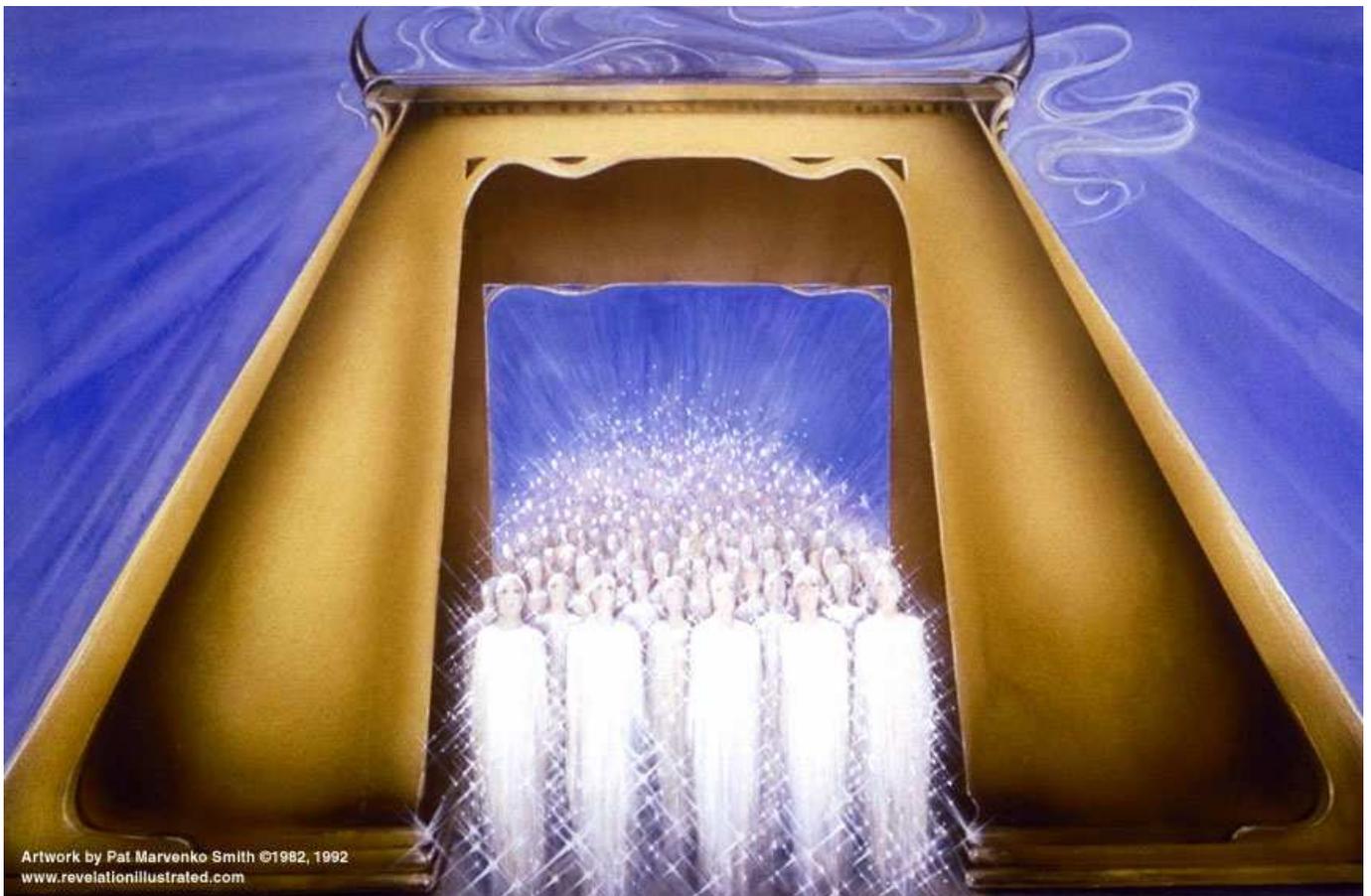


What God has prepared for those, who love Him



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A study of the blessed Word of God

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What God has prepared and will prepare in this earthly life for those, who love Him.

1 Cor. 2:6-10 *Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: 7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: 8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But as it is written, **Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.** 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.*

Destined for the eternal, most holy sanctuary of God in the Holy Spirit.

Eph. 2:19-22 *Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth **unto an holy temple in the Lord: 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.***

We read here that God will make us participators of His **Divine** Israel (all pardoned souls out of the whole of mankind). There is a Divine Israel and a natural Israel. The Divine Israel consists out of people, that He has been able to save out of the descendants of Jacob, the natural Israel, **and** the by God saved ones out of the heathen world. He makes them His children. This participation of the Divine Israel, which will become **an eternal sanctuary of God** – by the Scripture also called **the New Jerusalem**, or **the mountain of Zion** – is an **eternal proposal** of God. He will make us an **eternal temple of Him**, a house, in which He – **in all eternity and in all His glory** – is able to live in. Through His recreated children He is then able to **work, create and rule in all His power and glory**, in all His creation, and in all eternity.

We serve an invisible God, an eternal, wonderful God. We call Him **Father** and His Name is **JHWH** (read: **Yahweh**).

Ex. 3:13-15 *And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? 14 And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM:** and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you. 15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.***

“I am, Who I am” is His eternal Name. The Hebrew Name of our almighty God is **JHWH** (read: **Yahweh**), in essence this Name reproduces the same; namely: **“I consist eternally”**.

He is invisible, omnipresent, omnipotent, wonderful, and amiable for us, great and almighty. He reveals Himself through Jesus Christ, His eternal Son and through us, if He has been able to make us His sanctuary, after we have to come unto Him in repentance and in surrender. Nobody is able to come to God, but through Jesus Christ, His eternal Son, and **only Mediator** between God and men. For this reason He died for you and me on Golgotha in the intercession of times. There He paid the debt of sin **for all men of all times**.

Jn. 3:14-18 *And **as** Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: 15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

Jn. 3:36 *He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*

Jn. 14:6 *Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.***

1 Tim. 2:5 *For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;*

The grace of God, which brings salvation, has appeared to **all men**.

Tit. 2:11 *For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,*

Driven by His love, our God will give participation of His salvation bringing grace to **the whole of mankind, which is fallen in sin**. He wants to save them for a **certain, eternal perdition, which will happen, if man will remain in sin**. To **get** part of this Divine salvation man **personally** has to **take** part of it.

This personal participation will happen by:

1. A serious repentance to our God.

2 Ch. 7:13-14 *If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; 14 **If My people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.***

2. Believe in the Word of God, the whole Scripture, the Bible and all its promises.

2 Cor. 1:20 *For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.*

3. Confession of debt of our sin.

1 Jn. 1:8-9 *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we **confess** our sins, He is faithful and just to **forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.***

Isa. 59:1-2 *Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: 2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that **He will not hear.***

4. Total surrender of body, soul and spirit to our Redeemer and Saviour, Jesus Christ, so that He is able to build His redeeming and blessing work in whole our being.

Rom. 12: 1-3 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. 3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man **the measure of faith.***

Verse 1 speaks of the surrender of our body, verse 2 of our soul, and verse 3 of our spirit.

5. Opening of body, soul and spirit, for the Saviour, so that our King of honour freely can enter in our inner and outer man, to build in us His redemptive and blissful work.

Ps. 24:7-10 *Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. 8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. 9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. 10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.*

Our hearing is the gate to our **body**, our will is the gate to our **soul**, and our heart is the gate to our **spirit**. These are the **eternal gates**, which we have to keep open for our King and Saviour. So He is able to build in, His saving and blissful work, which He had performed for us at Golgotha.

Rev. 3:20 *Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*

Jn. 1:12 *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to **become** the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

Isa. 40:3-5 *The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: 5 And the glory (the Divine life) of the LORD shall be revealed, and **all flesh shall see it together:** for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.*

God's voice, through His true servants, cries in the wilderness (read: the sinful wilderness of human hearts) to open that heart for Him, to prepare for Him the way, a straight highway, in order that He may recreate that sinful heart into a paradise.

6. **Our spiritual hunger and thirst** to all, what God has promised in His Word, all what God, according to His Word, pushed by His love, gracefully will give to the repentant sinner, and by **hunting** after the realising of His Divine promises.

Ps. 42:2-3 *My soul **thirsteth for God**, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God? 3 My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?*

Php. 3:10-14 *That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; 11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. 12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 **I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.***

Let us now, led by Gods Word, follow the developments and the progresses of this Divine resolution to share **God's blessed mercy to the repentant sinner, up to its eternal perfection.**

The preliminary work, that the Saviour Himself had to do for us, and has to do in us.

1. His death on the cross to pay the debt of our sin on Golgotha.

All mankind is fallen in sin. We can't help, that we are sinners. But God wants us to be saved out of all sins. For this purpose Jesus, the God-Man, God had given to us. In fact, through Jesus Christ, God Himself came on earth. He put on a human body, belonging to the family of David. Doing this He made Himself **vulnerable** for all temptations of sin. So He became a **Son of David**, who, as every human, was a sinner. So Jesus received hereby **bodily** the sinful, hereditary characteristics of David (see Mt. 22:41-46; Rom. 1:3; Rom. 8:3), although He **spiritually** was **the eternal Son of God**. Jesus Christ had therefore also an **own human will** (Jn. 5:30). **He took an absolute equal position as we have. He came under the selfsame temptations as we are, but He remained without sin** (see Hebr. 4:15). He always overcame this human will of Him, because He always said "Not My will, but Thine, My Father's) will has to be done". When the time came, that He had to fulfil His sacrifice as **the Lamb of God**, He paid off, on the cross, the debt of human sin. After His **resurrection, three nights and days after His death, an eternal deliverance for all men was accomplished.**

Heb. 9:11-14 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect (heavenly) tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; 12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained **eternal redemption for us.** 13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: 14 How much more shall **the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

2. And now...

Now, after nearly 2000 years, He wants to make **in us** this eternal deliverance – that He had accomplished for us – to reality in our body, our soul and our spirit, after we, in total repentance, have delivered ourselves to Him. Then He personally shares with us His blessing giving mercy. Not only He wants **to forgive us**, but also **deliver us from all the powers of sin**. Further He wants to give us His Spirit as **an indwelling power**. So He wants, now and in all eternity – indwelling in us – work through us, create through us, and rule through us in His Divine love. God wants to work so in and through us in all His **boundlessness**. But first He has to perform us as **His sanctuary**, as His holy temple of transparent, heavenly gold (see Rev. 21:10-18). Not until then He will have recreated us according to His Divine resolution, which we can read in Genesis 1, verse 26.

Gen 1:26a And God said, Let us make man in Our image, after Our likeness:

Our personal further participation in God's redemption and perfection.

The further preparation of the sinner in order to be made the eternal sanctuary of our almighty God.

This redemption and perfection of our being is effective, not before we personally and willingly in faith take part in it, and have opened body, soul and spirit for our almighty Redeemer and Saviour. So He is able to share with us His redemptive work, and build in us His perfect blessings.

The 10-fold gift of His salvation bringing grace.

1. Reconciliation with God.

If we, being repented, have faith in our salvation by the shed Blood of the Lamb of God on Golgotha, then we are reconciled with God.

Rom. 5:10-11 For if, when we were enemies, we were **reconciled to God by the death of his Son**, much more, being reconciled, we shall be **saved by His life.** 11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

2. Forgiveness of sin, after repentant confession of our sins.

1 Jn. 1:8-9 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we **confess our sins**, he is faithful and just **to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Isa. 59:1-2 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: 2 But your iniquities have **separated** between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, **that He will not hear.**

Pr. 28:13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso **confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.**

3. Redemption of the power of sin by our personal and willing washing in and by the blood of the Lamb and in the Fire of His purifying Word and Spirit.

For this we have to come to God **as we are, and willingly have to bring ourselves under His washing and purification, thereby washing ourselves in His Blood too.**

Ex. 20:24-25 *An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee. 25 And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it.*

Earth points to sin in fallen man, also unhewn **stones**. If we with a pickaxe hew the sharp parts of the stones to **fashion** them – spiritually seen: Then we stand before God **holier than we are** – we in fact **profane** our sacrifices, given to Him. **A sacrifice of fire** pictures **the surrender of our sinful heart and being**. This is a sacrifice, which has to be burnt into ashes. In other words: our sinful being **has to die totally** by the spiritual fire of God's Word and Spirit. **A sacrifice of peace** is a sacrifice given to God, which speaks of the Sabbath-rest, which our heart tastes, if we have come to God, cleansed by Him.

Isa. 1:18 *Come now, and let us **reason together**, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.*

Jn. 8:36 *If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be **free indeed**.*

Tit. 2:11-14 *For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared **to all men**, 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; 13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; 14 Who gave himself for us, that he might **redeem us from all iniquity**, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.*

1 Petr. 2:24a *Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, **being dead to sins**, should live unto righteousness*

Rev. 7:14b *These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

Rev. 1:5 *And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and **washed us from our sins in His own blood**,*

Our redemption of the powers of sins has not yet been completed, before – by the gracefully workings of our Saviour – we, spiritually, are **completely dead** of the old, sinful man within us. This old, sinful man we have inherited from our own forefathers. Then we developed this sinful nature by our own fault. This old man we have to break down in the cleansing power of the Holy Spirit, down **to the very foundations of it**.

Rom: 8:13 *For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do **mortify the deeds of the body**, ye shall live.*

Col. 3:5 ***Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth**; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry*

2 Petr. 2:9a *The Lord knoweth how to **deliver the godly out of temptations***

4. **Born again out of God, growing up spiritually to the maturity of the fullness of the Divine nature.**

Jn. 1:12-13 *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to **become** the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, **but of God**.*

Jn. 3:5 *Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water (the baptism in water) and of the Spirit (of God), he cannot **enter** into the Kingdom of God.*

1 Petr 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath **begotten us again** unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

2 Petr. 1:3-4 *According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of **the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

5. **The baptism in the Holy Spirit.**

The dwelling of the Spirit in us is needed for our real cleansing by the Spirit of God from all sins of our body, soul and spirit and to protect us for further attacks of satan. Further to build in the Divine life of God. This baptism has to grow in us up to the baptism in Divine cleansing, sanctifying Fire.

Mt. 3:11-12 *I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you **with the Holy Ghost, and with fire**: 12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.*

Gal. 4:6 *And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.*

Eph. 3:16 *That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit **in the inner man**;*

6. Sanctification by the Spirit of sanctification.

Rom. 1: 4 *And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:*

1 Cor. 1:30 *But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and **sanctification**, and redemption:*

Eph. 5:26-27 *That He might sanctify and cleanse it (the Church) with the washing of water by the word, 27 That He might present it to Himself a glorious Church, **not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.***

1 Th. 4:3 *For this is the will of God, even **your sanctification**, that ye should abstain from fornication:*

Heb. 12:14 *Follow **peace with all men, and holiness**, without which no man shall see the Lord:*

Mal. 3:1-3 *Behold, I will send my messenger (the servant of the Lord, labouring in the full power of the Spirit), and he shall prepare the way before Me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall **suddenly** come to his temple, even the Messenger of the (Blood)covenant (our Lord Jesus Christ, invisibly coming in and through the Holy Spirit), Whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. 2 But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: 3 And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi (the servants of the temple, also of the spiritual temple, the Church), and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.*

7. Growth of the fruit of the Spirit up to maturity.

By the Spirit we have to grow up to natural and Divine righteousness, up to the maturity of the full Divine Nature.

Gal. 5:22-25 *But the fruit of the Spirit¹ is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

Mt. 5:48 *Be ye therefore **perfect**, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.*

Php. 3:10-15 *That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; 11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. 12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 **I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.** 15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.*

2 Cor. 5:21 *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

2 Petr. 1:3-4 *According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of **the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

8. As He has predestined and called us to be His co-workers.

As He then has anointed us with His Spirit, He will, as His co-workers, gird us with **Divine power, wisdom and knowledge**, so that we then are able to serve Him in building the body of Christ, the Church, and to wage war against all the powers of darkness, who always seeks to damage this Divine labour.

1 Cor. 1:30 *But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption*

1 Cor. 12:4-11 *Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.*

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¹ These 9 fruits of the Spirit **always** points to the indwelling and nature of God in our heart and life. Here is no question of human love, which stops, if the other hurts or brings us sorrow. This is unconditional, Divine love that only looks at the blessing of the other's soul. This is also no human joy, peace, etc., that stops, if circumstances are against, but this joy, peace, etc., that never stops, if it is all right with us, comes from God in our heart and life.

Isa. 54:17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment **thou shalt condemn**. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

Lk. 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Rom. 16:20 And the God of peace shall **bruise Satan** under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Eph. 6:10-12 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole (inward and outward) armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, **against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places**.

2 Cor. 10:3-5 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but **mighty through God** to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

These gifts or manifestations of the Spirit have to grow in us, up to the full strength of them.

Mt. 25:16-17 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. 17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

9. Inward and outward clothed with Divine glory.

Ps. 45:11-15 So shall the King greatly desire thy beauty: for He is thy Lord; and worship thou Him. 12 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; even the rich among the people shall intreat thy favour. 13 The king's daughter is all glorious within (her inward glory): her clothing is of wrought gold. 14 She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needlework (her outward glory): the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee. 15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace.

Isa. 60:1-3 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. 2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and **His glory shall be seen upon thee**. 3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the **brightness of thy rising**.

Isa. 61:10 And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee.

Rev. 12:1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven (the Kingdom of heaven on earth, the Church); a woman (the Bride of the Lamb) clothed with the sun (image of the Father), and the moon (image of the Son) under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars (image of the Holy Spirit):

10. At last filled with the fullness and power of all the 7 Spirits of God almighty.

Eph. 3:18-19 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

1 Jn. 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.

Col. 1:24-29 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: 25 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; 26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: 27 To whom God would make known what is **the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you**, the hope of glory: 28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man **perfect in Christ Jesus**: 29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

Rev. 4:5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which **are the seven Spirits of God**.

Rev. 5:6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are **the seven Spirits of God** sent forth into all the earth.

The building of the temple of God in the Spirit. The eternal sanctuary of God.

Now we have mentioned the spiritual building stones of God's temple, which we have in the Divine promises of His grace, we can begin with the construction of it.

The foundation of the spiritual temple.

We have read in Eph. 2:19, that the **foundation** of the spiritual temple, which has to be build in us, is **Jesus Christ**. But not only the foundation of this spiritual building has to radiate His Being, the **total** spiritual building has to do this as well. Yea, even the **utmost cornerstone!** The cornerstone, referred to in the quotation of Gods Word is a **single one**. Such a cornerstone or top-stone is only present, according to my opinion, in one building, namely in a **pyramid**, which points to mount Zion. That cornerstone, or top-stone forms the finishing touch. Jesus Christ, as to the spiritual temple, has to be the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the Foundation and the Cornerstone. So, as to the new Life, which has to be present in us, this life has totally be created in us by Jesus Himself. That new life forms **His Body**. We as individuals, form **members** of His Body. The eternal Son of God is the Divine spiritual **Head of us all**. In the eternity of the new heaven, that Body of Christ will be of **transparent heavenly gold** (Rev. 21:11, 18), in which the fullness of God, in all His glory and power will inhabit **for ever**.

*1 Cor. 3:9-11 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. 10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is **Jesus Christ**.*

Somewhere in the creation of the world the Almighty also established such a finishing touch, after which the angels praise Him and sang cheerfully.

*Job 38:4-7 Where wast thou (Job) when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. 5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? 6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the **corner stone** thereof; 7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*

The further construction of the spiritual temple.

*2 Cor. 4:16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed **day by day**.*

For this further construction by the Lord Himself, our heart always has to remain open for Him. For this sake we have to keep cordial, spiritual fellowship with Him, so that He is able to work out and finish His spiritual work in our inner man. Together with all born again Christians of all times we then form **this Body of Christ, also called the holy mountain of Zion, or the New Jerusalem**.

*1 Cor. 12:13-14 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to **drink into one Spirit**. 14 For the body is not one member, but many.*

Hebr. 12:22-24 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, 23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

This Body of Christ has to grow spiritually, up to all holiness, righteousness, charity, love, meekness, humbleness and glory; in short: up to all the **perfection of Christ**.

*Eph. 4:13-16 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 children, 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.*

His temple is **eternal. Dwelling in us in all eternity** God almighty then wants to speak, work, create and rule in love through us – body, soul and spirit – as His eternal Body, as His sanctuary, as He does so through the **Head of Christ, His eternal Son**.

*2 Cor. 6:16b I will dwell **in** them, and walk **in** them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

*Eze. 36:27 And I will put my spirit **within** you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.*

Christ, Head and Body, is a mighty, spiritual Body, which once by God will be used in His **love-rule** in the new heaven and over the new earth. On this new earth a new mankind will live, over which Christ – Head and body – will rule in Divine love.

*Isa. 65:17-24 For, behold, I create **new heavens and a new earth**: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. 18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. 19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. 20 There shall be no more thence*

*an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die **an hundred years old**; but the sinner being **an hundred years old** shall be accursed. 21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. 22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. 23 They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. 24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.*

The Body of Christ then will form, as **the New Jerusalem**, the true ladder of Jacob (see Gen. 28:10-13) that in all eternity descends from the new heaven dawn to the new earth.

*Rev. 21:1-7 And I saw **a new heaven and a new earth**: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. 5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. 6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. 7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.*

Amen.

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