

It is important at this point to realize that everything we are presenting with respect to redemption is something that is offered as a gift, but it must be received. If you don't receive it by faith, then it will not manifest in your life and benefit you from in experiential way.

Next week we will begin to show how God began to put His great plan into action and eternally secured man's rightful place in God's kingdom and, once and for all, destroyed Satan's hold on mankind. Man is free to live! All we need to do is go and tell men what God is offering. Preach the Word--The Word will do the rest!

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### **Scripture Meditation for this Week:**

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. **1 Corinthians 15:22 NKJ**

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I am convinced that the full impact of all which God has made available to man through the sacrifice of Jesus at Calvary has never been fully realized. No one has yet to dare believe God for the total inheritance which now belongs to us through Jesus. There are things which are said in the New Testament which have yet to be preached.

**It is now time to begin to preach and reach for everything which God has wanted His people to enjoy.** There are anointings and demonstrations of God's power and glory which this earth must have in operation to bring the full harvest into the Kingdom. It is time for the redeemed of the Lord to declare their redemption-boldly and unashamedly - for it is the power of God unto salvation for everyone who will believe!

This material requires you to meditate and feed on the scriptures and allow the Holy Spirit to develop it in you in a deep and powerful way. **Pastor Bill Dennington**

## **Good News... You're Redeemed! Part 1**

The story of the Bible is the story of how God redeemed the family of man after man fell into Satan's control through the sin in the garden. It is the greatest love story which could ever be told. God loved man so much He was unwilling to just leave His greatest creation in a fallen state. In this study we will explore the wonderful truths of the story of redemption.

The foundation scripture for this study is found in **1 Corinthians 1:30**: But of Him are you in Christ Jesus, Who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. Jesus has been made unto us redemption! **As a child of God you are redeemed.** What does this mean? Can we ever plunge the depths of all that redemption covers for us?

To begin to get an understanding of redemption we must return to the garden of Eden and investigate the reason redemption was even necessary. That is where it all began. **Genesis 1:26-28** gives us the words God used to create man. Words of dominion. Words of authority. Words which when spoken, created a spirit-being inside a flesh body whose appearance was like unto God Himself.

Let's look at other scriptures which describe who this new being is and what place he held with God. All is not readily seen just by what we find in the Genesis account.

The book of Psalms gives us more details on man and his standing with God before the fall. Look at **Psalm 8:4-6**, this rendering is from the Knox Translation of the Bible:

4. ...What is man that Thou shouldst remember him?  
What is Adam's breed, that it should claim Thy care?
5. **Thou hast placed him only a little below God**,  
crowning him with glory and honor.
6. And bidding him rule over the works of Thy hands.  
Thou hast put them all under his dominion...

Notice Adam was created in a class of being which was only a little below God, in God's image and in His likeness. **Adam was in the same spiritual class of being as God, having a will and the right to choose his own destiny by the words of his mouth.**

Adam was clothed in the glory of God; God having made him with the ability to clothe himself from the inside out. He basically would have looked like God with a physical body. Jesus took on the same appearance of Adam before the fall when He was transfigured on the mountain as described in **Matthew 17:1-5**. In fact, Jesus is called the last Adam in **1 Corinthians 15:45**.

God had created the earth, all of the universe, the animals, everything in the five-physical sense realm was created for man. Man was placed in the garden and then given instructions to walk in the dominion which he had by the creation process.

Adam lived in an inconceivably prosperous environment, had the very life of God as his life's source, possessed authority and dominion over all of God's creation and had been given the anointing of God with which to carry out everything God desired for him to do. Above and beyond all of that, he fellowshiped with God every day!

God and man had an enemy who saw all that had been done. Satan, once an angelic being known as a cherubim, but now fallen and an enemy to the anointing of God; was in the earth looking for a way to destroy God's creation.

Read the first three chapters of the book of Genesis and you will see how Satan deceived man and through sin gained control of the earth and its inhabitants. With the sin of Adam, man lost all of the wonderful things given to him by God. The authority and glory, the dominion and the fellowship with God was all lost through that one act of treason in the Garden.

Now let's look at **Romans 5**. Notice what the next few verses describe:

12. Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned...
17. For if by one man's offense death reigned through the one...
19. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners.

Do you see how Adam's failure threw mankind into a spiritual mess? Death, sin, sickness and disease, poverty and fear were now man's inheritance. **This was not the will or desire of God for His man.**

God, in His great love for man, had a plan to redeem His creation out from under the tyranny of the devil. It is called in the Bible "the mystery". **Hidden in God, walked out and enacted by Jesus, and now made known unto us; the great plan of redemption is an eternal fact which cannot and will not be altered by anyone or anything.** The only thing left to be done is for God's man to receive this great work as a reality into his life, by faith.