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THE NEW CREATION

"Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a **NEW CREATION**:
old things have past away; behold, all things are become new,"
2 Corinthians 5:17.

Chill bumps! They come every time I think of **God, the Son** leaving heaven; taking upon flesh and saving mankind.

The *chilling* effect is not that He left His Father - then returning, after His work on earth was finished. While, that is a wonderful thought on God's love - going beyond what I can perceive, the Incarnation of Christ is only the beginning of God's love. By faith, there's much more love to be discovered.

We must go further in the understanding of the "Doctrine of Incarnation." Soon, we find out that the Incarnation wasn't limited just to the time that Jesus was on the earth. While, redemption begins with the man Christ, Jesus, it ends with man's salvation.

We have to notice the attitude of Christ. His kind of love is a Godly love, a spiritual caring that accomplishes the will of the Father. Before the Incarnation, Christ existed in the form of God but, "**did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped**" (Phil. 2:5). The Son was willing to give up all the glory that, He alone, shared with His Father.

Next, in the Incarnation doctrine comes an amazing spiritual concept for man to behold. The chill bumps commence when I realize that, in His redemptive work, Christ left His heavenly position; not just for 33 years, but **forever!**

Upon entering (being born) the flesh of Jesus, a New Creation came to mankind. Although the New Creation would not arrive as a benefit for man - even spiritually, until the Resurrection took place, it will give man a place to live, without sin, when the New Creation comes on earth.

The **Incarnation of Christ** is explained in Philippians 2:7-8. (He) "**emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men...He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.**"

Then, on that glorious morning, the **Resurrection** occurred. "Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name" (Phil. 2:9).

It is clear that Jesus did not come to earth, simply to suffer and die that we may be saved from hell. There's more to God's redemptive plan. Christ entered the flesh of man to establish a New Order of Creation.

Thus, when we carefully consider the New Creation, we understand that Jesus Christ shall be in a body, always. He will always be man; albeit, a new gloried man. But, He gave up His unique spiritual relation to the Father, forever. He will always be God, of course. However, "In bringing many sons to glory" (He 2:10), we shall enjoy, in some way, the Father's glory. He is God and man and, by lifting us up, He is "not ashamed to call us brethren" (He 2:11).

In the glorious position that the Son has been given, His name is above every name, right now, in the present. But, not all men appreciate the Son's love nor work. However, in the judgment, EVERYONE WILL HAVE A KNEE REPLACEMENT. "...at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth," Philippians 2:10.

Appreciation - that holy understanding of God's love, ought to calm the heart of every believer (it will, if we believe). When the New Creation comes to earth and Jesus Heads it up during the Millennium, believers will sing the song of Moses...and the song of the LAMB, saying, "Great and marvelous are Thy works, 'O LORD GOD, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Thy ways, Thou King of the nations. For Thou alone art holy; Revelation 15:3-4a.

During the Millennium, "...all nations will come and worship before Thee, for thy righteous acts have been revealed (vs. 4b). But then, the goose bumps come, once again. We can't help it because we get a glimpse of how eternal the love of Jesus is. His love is mainly for His Father; but, He loves you and me, too.

Proof of His love for us was at Calvary's cross. Yet, we see, perhaps deeper into that love, when He gives up His position after the 1000 years are ended. Jesus steps down from the ruling throne and turns the Kingdom over to His Father. Man wants to accumulate and keep what he has. Not Jesus!

"For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be abolished is death...And when all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, that God may be all in all"

1st Corinthians 15:25, 26, 28.

His love becomes stronger - within in my heart, when I see His stepping down from the throne and taking an equal stance with all those men; those He delivered from the snare of Satan. Is that **Agape**, or what?!

Thus, God's love was there before He died for our sins. He really cares for the well being of us. He, really came to save us. He doesn't need any of our acceptance or rejection. He, simply, came to save all who call on the name of the Lord.

To repeat: Before the creation; even, all that Jesus did - giving His life for the sin of mankind; as well as when He rules as King of the earth during the 1000 year reign, is to be seen and received in the Love of God. Christ came to save us because He loved us.

God's Agape love, though always the same, in all times, finds its best definition at the time Jesus steps down to be with us.

I trust that we understand His love in the present. But, how many are waiting? One point is for sure, man will get a full revelation when Jesus comes to earth in body; when He becomes like us - or, better said, when we become like Him.