

God is good! Latest news on Mariah is progressive improvement. Having lost over 20 lbs of wt., fluid remains only in Mariah's feet.

And, we thank God for bringing Tatiana is out of surgery with a new heart. Continue to remember these two, Mariah and Tatiana, daily.

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MAN'S SPIRIT IS LIFE

FIRST, THERE'S THE MAKE-UP OF MAN BY CREATION

I don't know why, but early writers thought of man as being only a dual being; that of body and soul. They seldom mention the spirit of man but when they do, it is equated with his soul or, life.

Reading the Bible for ourselves shows that man is created in God's image. Man is the "**crowned glory and majesty**" of God's creation (Ps 8:5). Thus, "**Let us make man in our image**" (Ge. 1:26), means that God created man to mirror Himself; to be TRIUNE and exist as one being while experiencing life within all his make-up. In the creation of man, life was in spirit and body and soul.

When God breathed into man the breath of life, He created a spirit that took up residence within man's body. Then life, itself, emanated from man's spirit and was manifested through the body and "**man became a living soul**" Genesis 2:7.

Jesus said in John 4:24, "**God is Spirit.**" That is, God is a Person because He exists as Spirit. Likewise, man is also a person because he exists by his spirit that God gave him. Like God, the existence of man is eternal because spirit never ceases to exist. Animals, on the other hand, are not persons. They have no spirits and their life ends when physical death occurs.

UNTIL JESUS ARRIVES, MAN HOPE IS UNFULFILLED

As long as man was in a created state, he was subject to disobedience. And, we all know that when Adam partook of the forbidden fruit of knowledge of good and evil, he disobeyed and, eventually died.

The first understanding of death is spiritual. Man is no longer controlled by God. In this separated state, away from God and life, man cannot maintain and dies. Life, that comes from God, has been taken away from man. Man can no longer enjoy joy, peace and love, anymore. Separation from God means gloom and doom! Hatred and death!

And, it is only a period of time before man succumbs to physical death of the body. Since, the Fall, man has been powered by the his fleshly appetites, not by an Eternal Spirit.

In a nut shell: When man was alive to God, his spirit received life from God. When He disobeyed and sinned and died, man's life became controlled by Satan's influence. From then on, its a "looky, touchy, feely" creation that man's body likes. Clearly, man could not handle "truth-options" during the Edenic period. Today, it much worse. There is no option, at all.

Therefore, man's eternal condition, after the Fall, isn't glorious. He is lost and the condition that awaits every person born of the a natural creation; that is, of woman is **ETERNAL DEATH**.

JESUS IS THE DIFFERENCE

In retrospect, Colossians tells us of our condition before we came to trust in the Savior, Jesus Christ. "**And you, being dead in your sins,**" V 14. Dead is not good.

Further, in the Book of 2nd Corinthians 5:14, we are given the magnitude of sins separation. "**...that is one died for all then all were dead.**" Sin effected every person born - YOU & ME and THAT OTHER GUY.

To this, Romans explains that all of us come from Adam, and "**...by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned,**" v 12.

When the **FALL** came, Satan took control over man; even controlling man's spirit after he died. Therefore, if man was to be released from continued captivity, a power stronger than creation had to employed to gain man's release. The stronger power was God, Himself.

BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD

Knowing what would occur, the Omniscient God took all necessary action, "**Before the foundation of the world.**"

God's plan was established. The coming NEW CREATION was upon His Son, Jesus. Hebrews 4:3b, "**...although the works were finished before the foundation of the world.**" (This means before God laid down the foundation)

Matthew 13:35b, "**...I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.**"

Matthew 25:34, "**Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:**"

Ephesians 1:4, "**According as He hath chosen us in Him, before the foundation of the world...**"

And so, the Creator God, stronger than what He had previously created, entered the fallen creation and took upon Himself the nature of man. "**Christ hath**

redeemed us from the curse of the law...that the blessings of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the Spirit through faith," Galatians 3:13 & 14.

Hallelujah! Our spirits receive life from the dead in the work of God's Son. Jesus entered the creation, repaired the Law and then, died in our place, paying sin's debt.

HIS WORK IS FINAL

Paul writes of the glorious truth of freedom in his letter to the Ephesians. "Wherefore he saith, when he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?" (Vs 8 &9).

This means the greater went to the lower parts of the earth, and took away the keys of death, hell and the grave from the enemy, Satan.

MAN'S SPIRIT HAS LIFE AGAIN, SOON TO BE MANIFESTED IN THE GLORIFIED BODY. LIFE IS GOOD SINCE JESUS!