

# GOODNEWS LETTER

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## "HARMONIOUS CREATION"

**"The little hills skipped like lambs," Psalms 114:4.**

When we notice that hills skip and wolves lay down with lambs, we know that a change of enormous proportions has taken place. At the coming Kingdom and the presence of God on this earth (Mt. 6:9), there is a happy setting for all to enjoy. In the coming age, as peace fills the skipping hills, only eternal response of love is heard, everywhere.

**"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb" Isaiah 11:6. 14:4.**

The Prophet Isaiah records that wolves and lambs lay side by side when the Kingdom comes to the earth. This peaceful scene continues, even after Jesus turns the Kingdom back to the Father (I Cor. 15:24). Until then, the Bible says all creation becomes subservient to the King of the earth, Jesus. He rules as a man. He has earned it. We shall rule with Him. He earned it for us.

**DANIEL RECORDS THE PROCESS "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever" Daniel 2:44.**

With the kingdom set up forever, the earth knows no other rulers or kingdoms.

**THE FIRST ADVENT** saw a lot of changes on the earth when Jesus walked it. He taught that the Kingdom was coming; but, until then, He wrought changes mostly within the spiritual realm.

Don't let this confuse us. We cannot forget that Jesus bought the entire creation back to God through His sacrificial offering. In the process, He not only denied Satan, snatching away his authority, but he did many miracles, as well. Jesus calmed the storm, fed the hungry and, most importantly, raised the dead, during His earthly ministry.

Yet, the major work was to bring freedom within the spiritual world. And, in the release, we may notice a preview of what shall be accomplished in the physical world.

Clearly, Satan shall lose all control over the earth, just as he has in the spiritual world. His first defeat was in Christ's raising. "He led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men" (Eph 4:8). He took all those in Abraham's bosom to the throne of God. And, because Jesus is coming again, Satan is short on time.

Scripture records that: Jesus removed Satan's lock-down hold on mankind, setting man spiritually free. Scripture, further informs us that, Jesus bought back the entire fallen creation.

We believe in the New Covenant (Testament), of course. And, nothing better reveals a **HARMONIOUS CREATION** than seeing the New Covenant applied in its entirety; to all phases of Christ's work.

But, the New could not come to man until a sacrifice was made. Until then, the "Old" controlled man. This is one reason why the blood that initiated the Covenant is so important to all of us. Only by the blood can redemptive power operate on man's behalf.

While, it our contention that the blood comes to man at first faith, we have learned that there's more than one application to the blood offering. We learned that, as we began in faith and walk in faith, the same blood continues to "**cleanse us as we walk in the light**" (I Jn 1:9).

John says we were and are being cleansed. Perhaps, we can understand how these statements harmonize if we study Abraham's walk of faith.

Abraham was reckoned for righteousness; "**in uncircumcision,**" according to Romans 4:19. Faith, not works (4:4,5) is the answer.

However, Abraham also obeyed, walking in faith "**that he might be the father of them that believe**" (Ro. 4:11). As children of faith, we have to look at our faith and see if it matches father Abraham's faith.

And, like Abraham, New Covenant blood must be accepted by faith. Once applied, the power unleashes the believer from the control that Satan has over his spirit. Now, that's salvation!

Here, after the cross, faith must continue; for, as we noted, there is more than one application of the blood. First, on the cross, Jesus made an eternal transfer that takes man from death (He experienced death for us). Then, by the same blood, man is set free and comes under control of Jesus.

Thus, after redemption, our life of faith isn't just a cake-walk. It requires that we listen (heed) and follow all of the New Covenant teachings. This is the New Covenant order that gives daily power that overcomes Satan and his hold on the flesh.

The Bible may be confusing if we fail to see different applications of blood and different times of faith. By faith, we **were** washed in the blood at Calvary and, by

the same faith, we **are being** washed in the same blood. This is the New Covenant walk of obedient faith.

Now, someone will scream: "What if we fail in obedience!" Well, God's word has a remedy for sinning; which, utilizes the same blood. John, the Beloved states, "But if we walk in the light...the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I Jn 1:7).

It is in John's teaching that aids us further in understanding how the New Covenant blood operates. We learn that all sanctifying power lies in the New Covenant laws that were unleashed. By these laws, we are brought under the authority and Headship of the Second Adam.

It is prudent to ask, "What are the laws that were unleashed." The reply is, 'All the laws within the New Covenant.' That's because man could not have salvation without sin removed. And, sin cannot be removed until it is fully paid. Salvation requires a complete and finished work.

Are we getting the idea of salvation's truth, here? If we learn that God did not offer a portion of His Son; but, gave all of Him, even turning His back on Jesus, we see a complete salvation.

Therefore, when we trusted in Jesus, we trusted in **all that He was; all that He did;** and, **all that was needed** to change this creation into a harmonious one. Jesus was a perfect sacrifice. There is not; nor, shall there be, another sacrifice.

Clearly, we may avow, 'Man is saved forever.' "But these things have been written, that ye might believe...and that believing ye might have life through His name," John 20:31.

Believing then, is when we walk by faith. Faith is what is written. Thus, by faith, we honor our New Head and come under His control. Consequently, in all the above, faith has to be found. Faith has a place to learn and, faith has a place to serve. In faith, we learn that both statements define the New Testament Church.

We'll need a place to set our "**glorified**" foot on when we return to earth with Jesus. And, won't it be sweet when our faith is made sight. Then, we will walk on this earth, just like Adam, Abraham and the Church has, but harmoniously.

Therefore, man's spirit, in the coming resurrected body, will find a home on the earth. When we see the child pick up the asp by the tail, then the words of Jesus shall come to pass, "**The meek shall inherit the earth,**" Matthew 5:5.