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What is God Up To?

In the Beginning God created

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved (hovered) upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. (Genesis 1:1-3)

One God in three persons - Father, Son, Holy Spirit

God said . . . and it was done

- *The creative power of the Word of God*

His word was applied to the baroness and there was light

- Father Son and Holy Spirit at creation - cooperation

The universe was created and is sustained by the power of the Word of God.

THE WORD . . . Jesus Christ

God is passionate about communication because He is passionate about relationship with man:

- His crowning creation

God has called me into an eternal adventure of intimacy with Christ.

- We are not just created, we are begotten... we are *sons and daughters of the Most High God* through Christ!

The Great commission:

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. (Matthew 28:19, 20)

But more than this 'task' of the great commission, is the relationship with God.

He chose us!

God speaks through Christ today!

And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? 8 And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest. 9 And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me. 10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do. (Acts 22:7-10)

God has spoken to us through His Son (Hebrews 2)

A new covenant is in place - a *relational* covenant through Christ!

We live, not by bread (natural sustenance) alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

Jesus spoke to the woman at the well:

7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. 8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) 9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. 10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. 11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? 12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? 13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall

thirst again: 14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. 15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. 16 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. 17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: 18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly. 19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. 21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. 25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. 26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he. 27 And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her? 28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, 29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? (John 4:7-29)

Jesus said: “The Spirit gives life, the flesh profits nothing, the words I speak, they are spirit and life.” (John 6:63)

Our Father creates by His Words

- We are His children through Christ
- We are made in His image
- We *also* create by our words

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof. (Proverbs 18:21)

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he. (Proverbs 23:7)

By faith we understand that the heavens were created by the Word of God and His Word (Jesus) sustains creation even now!

“You are more than you’ve become- more than you know!”

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. (Romans 8:14)

*We have not received the spirit of bondage to fear but the spirit of adoption whereby we cry “Abba, Father” **Papa!** (Romans 8:15)*

We *See* the invisible

Hear the inaudible

Hold the intangible

Declare the unspeakable

Explore the unsearchable

Believe the unbelievable

_____!

Religion is man’s way of reaching to God... religion always falls short, otherwise we wouldn’t need a Redeemer, a Saviour.

God is passionate about ... **Relationship!**

Jesus died and rose again and ascended . . .

. . . to save us **from** sin and death,

. . . and also **to** ... Himself!

Jesus _____ *to be the real me*; the person I was originally created by God to be, not the lies I have believed about who I am, but the ... truth that makes me free!

He *sets us free* to have a _____ with God!

This relationship incorporates the initial responsibility God gave to Adam and Eve - to tend the garden and extend it. (Genesis 1)

When God placed Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, He **blessed** them and said to them: *“Be fruitful and increase in number, fill the earth and subdue it!”*

Eden - a spot for the moment where there is an open door to the delightful Heavenly Presence of God

God told Adam and Eve *“you are to carry my presence to the world.”*
- everywhere they went, they were to take God with them.

God calls us to the Feast of Tabernacles - we live in God and God lives in us,
- everywhere we go we carry God with us.

The Ark of Covenant contained

- Aarons rod that budded (_____)
- Manna (_____)
- Tablet of the Law

Old Testament Priest was the mediator from God to people to God.

Jesus is King of kings (Ruler of rulers)

The mandate continues today through Christ. (Matthew 28:18-20)

“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.” Habakkuk 2:14

The knowledge of who God is to cover the earth through his people - We ARE the ark of the covenant

God told Adam and Eve to freely eat of every tree except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Even then, man was not able to live by his own wits, lean to his own understanding, but to live by faith in the Word of God.

No veils:

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. (Romans 12:2)

But we, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord are transformed into the same image from glory to glory even as by the Spirit of the Lord. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

We become like what we behold

Veils:

- Lies (about Who God is, about who we are)
His truth will set us free
 - Religion
 - Traditions of men (make the word of God of none effect)
Need old and new
 - Unbelief
- Lean not to your own understanding**
- Fear
 - Self-sufficiency
 - Fear of man
 - Sin
 - Demonic interference - ...*casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God*
 - Pride
 - False humility (The Lamb is a Lion)

In Christ the veil is taken away!!