

HEAVENLY THINGS

Numbers 6:24-26 "The Lord bless you and keep you! May the LORD make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! May the Lord turn his face upon you and give you peace!"

Jesus said:

Joh 3:12 "If I have spoken to you about earthly things, and you do not believe, how will you believe if I speak to you about heavenly things?"

GOD THE ETERNAL

God has existed from eternity.

Ps 93:2 Thy throne is established from of old, and thou hast existed from eternity.

1 Corinthians 8:6 ... there is one God, the Father, from whom all things are, and we in him, and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom all things are, and through whom we also are.

Cl 1:15-16 (The Son) He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him were created all things that are in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible: thrones, lordships, principalities, powers; all things were created through him and for him.

CREATION OF ALL SPIRITS

Before the creation of the earth, God the Father of Spirits (Heb 12:9) in view of and through His Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, also called the Bright Morning Star (Rev 22:16), had created the myriads of angels (Rev 5:11) an army (Neh 9:6)(From 18:10-12), among them are the Seraphim (Is 6:1), the protective Cherubim (Ge 3:24) (Is 37:16), the Thrones, the Lordships, the Principalities of Nations, the Powers, the Dominators, the Powers, (Eph 6:12) (1 Corinthians 15:24) the Archangels (Jude 1:9), the stones of fire, (Eze 28:14) the angels or stars (Jas 5:20; Rev 9:1-2), the Ministers

(Heb 1:13-14) (Heb 1:7), the morning stars, the children of God (Job 38:7) and God's stars (Is 14:13).

THE PROOF OF LOVE OF HIS CREATURES

From the scriptures we understand that God tests his creatures, having given them free will, allowing them to love and obey him freely. Then we will see later in the Scriptures how God tested all spirits to examine their love, obedience and faithfulness, because He wanted them to go from being creatures to becoming His children and to live eternity with Him as a great family (Eph 2:19 ... members of God's family). In fact, the Scriptures reveal to us that among those who did not pass the test in heaven was Lucifer, a cherub who sinned with his pride in wanting to be like God and to follow his angels. Being God Love and Justice, some say that Lucifer in addition to knowing God's love, also knew God's justice and despite this he went against God. But this is not correct because any creature, even in spirit, can never fully know the Eternal and infinite God and we can see this from some Scriptures:

Rom 11:33-34 "Oh, the depth of God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable are his ways! In fact, "who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who was his advisor?

Is 40:13-14 "Who took the dimensions of the Spirit of the Lord, or who was his counselor to teach him anything? Whom hath he consulted to instruct him and teach him the path of righteousness, to impart wisdom to him, and to acquaint him with the way of discernment?

Job 11:5-7 "But if only God would speak, and open His mouth, and answer thee, and reveal unto thee the secrets of His wisdom, for His understanding is infinite! You would then see how God forgets some of your guilt. Can you perhaps fathom the depths of God, come to know the Almighty fully?

1 Corinthians 2:9-11 "But as it is written, 'The things which eye has not seen, nor ear heard, and which never ascended into the heart of man, are those which God has prepared for those who love him.' God has revealed them to us through the Spirit, because the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who among men knows the things of man but

the spirit of man that is in him? So no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

Mk 13:1-4,31-32 1 As he was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Master, look at the stones and the buildings." Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not a stone will be left upon a stone that is not ruined." Then, as he was sitting on the Mount of Olives in front of the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him aside, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of the time when all these things are about to be fulfilled?" Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. As for that day and hour, no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, not even the Son, but only the Father.

Eph 3:8-11 "To me (Paul), I say, who am the least of all the saints, this grace has been given to proclaim to strangers the unfathomable riches of Christ, and to make known to all what is the plan followed by God concerning the mystery which has been hidden from the earliest ages in God, the Creator of all things; that the principalities and powers in the heavenly places may know today, through the Church, the infinitely varied wisdom of God, according to the eternal plan which he has accomplished through our Lord, Christ Jesus.

As we have read, no one can know the infinite wisdom of God and the depths of the Spirit of God, not even Lucifer first, and not even Satan later, because if it were so, he would have known the time of Jesus' birth and who Jesus was when he was born and would have killed him, but no one can know God's great plan. If God puts to the test there is always a reason or a purpose, which God does not always reveal, in the case of lucifer as in the case of Adam the reason for the test was not revealed, but from the consequences we can understand the real reason. In the case of lucifer, as with all created spirits or angels and men, the purpose of the test was to enable them to live eternally in the presence of God. Lucifer was practically the first created spirit to abuse free will by going against God's will and authority, and in his rebellion, from his privileged position in God's sanctuaries, he lost the opportunity to live eternally with God and so did all those who followed him.

Lucifer's sin was blasphemy against the Holy Spirit through pride and pride:

Mr 3:29 ... whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit has no forgiveness forever, but is guilty of an eternal sin.

Eye lust:

Eze 28:17 Thy heart hath been haughty because of thy beauty; thou hast corrupted thy wisdom because of thy splendor.

Lust of the flesh:

Eze 28:5 By thy great wisdom and by thy commerce thou hast increased the your riches, and because of your riches your heart has become haughty.

Pride of life:

Eze 31:10 "Therefore thus says God the Lord: Because he had risen to such a height, and protruded his summit among the thicket of the branches, and because his heart was proud of his height.

Jn 8:44 (Jesus said) you who have the devil for your father, and want to fulfill the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and did not persevere in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks falsely, he speaks of his own, because he is a liar and the father of lies.

Why did Jesus say that the devil was a murderer from the beginning? In my opinion, through his sin in heaven, he did not allow other spirits to gain the immortality and eternity that was granted by passing the test of obedience and faithfulness and receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost. And he did the same with Adam and Eve, who represent mankind, the opportunity given to defiled spirits to be readmitted back into God's presence. Once sin entered the heavenly sanctuaries, how could God purify the heavens, the spirits and restore the sanctuaries abandoned by the rebellion of Lucifer and his angels? For satan, the rebellious angels and demons it was an eternal and irreversible sin that cannot be forgiven forever, in the same way as those who will reject or deny Jesus Christ and commit the unforgivable sin against the Holy Spirit. (Mark 3:29)

CREATION OF THE EARTH

God had created the earth, and wanted to use it as a place of exile for men, but Lucifer upset this project with his rebellion. (Ge 1:1-2) The first thing God did was to cast Lucifer and his angels out of heaven and cast them down to earth in hell.

Eze 28:12-19 ... "Thus says God, the Lord: You sealed perfection, you were full of wisdom, of perfect beauty; you were in Eden, the garden of God; you were covered with all kinds of precious stones: rubies, topazes, diamonds, chrysolites, onyxes, jaspers, sapphires, carbuncles, emeralds, gold; drums and flutes, they were at your service, prepared on the day you were created. You were a cherub with outstretched wings, a protector. I had established you, you were standing on the holy mountain of God, walking among stones of fire. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, until perversity was found in you. By the abundance of your commerce, everything in you has been filled with violence, and you have sinned; therefore I will cast you away, like a profane, from the mountain of God, and I will make you disappear, O protective cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Your heart is proud of your beauty; you have corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I give you a spectacle to kings. By the multitude of your iniquities, by the dishonesty of your business, you have profaned your sanctuaries; therefore I am sending forth a fire among you that will devour you and reduce you to ashes on the earth, in the presence of all who look at you. All those who knew you among the peoples are amazed to see you; you have become an object of terror and will never exist again."

Ezek 31:3,5,7-11,15 ... it was a cedar of Lebanon, with beautiful branches, thick shade, slender trunk, protruding from the top protruding from the thick of branches. Therefore its height was greater than that of all the trees in the country, its branches had multiplied, its twigs had lengthened by the abundance of the waters that made it develop. It was beautiful because of its size, because of the length of its branches, because its root was near abundant waters. The cedars did not surpass him in the garden of God; the cypresses did not equal his twigs, and the plane trees were not even like his branches; no tree in the garden of God equaled him in beauty. I had made it beautiful by the abundance of its branches, and all the trees of Eden, which are in the garden of God, brought him envy. Therefore this is what God the Lord says: Because he had risen to such a height, and protruded his summit among the thicket branches, and because his heart

was proud of his height, I gave him into the hand of the strongest of the nations, that he might treat him as he pleased; for his wickedness I cast him out. Thus says God the Lord: On the day that he descended into hell I proclaimed mourning; because of him I veiled the deep, stopped the rivers and the great waters were stopped; because of him I had Lebanon clothed in mourning, and all the trees of the field fainted because of him. From 8:10-12 He grew until he reached the army of heaven; he caused a part of that army and the stars to fall to the ground, and trampled them underfoot. He rose up to the head of that army, took away his daily sacrifice, and upset the place of his sanctuary. An army was abandoned, as well as daily sacrifice, because of iniquity; the truth was thrown to the ground; but it prospered in its undertakings.

Rev 12:7-9 "And there was a battle in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and its angels fought, but they did not win, and there was no longer room for them in heaven. The great dragon, the ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world, was cast down; He was cast down to the earth, and his angels were also cast down with him.

Is 14:11-14 ... Thy pomp and the sound of thy psalters have been brought down into hell; Below you is a bed of worms, and the worms are your blanket. How is it that you fell from heaven, Lucifer, son of the dawn? How come you landed, you who trampled on the nations? You said in your heart: "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit on the mountain of the assembly in the far north; I will climb on the top of the clouds, I will be like the Most High."

Eze 31:16-17 At the sound of his fall I made the nations tremble, when he sent down into hell with those who go down into the pit; in the depths of the earth all the trees of Eden were comforted, the choicest and most beautiful in Lebanon, all those who quenched their thirst by the waters. And they also went down with him into hell, to those whom the sword has slain, to those who were his arm, and who stood in his shadow in the midst of the nations.

Rev 12:12,17 "Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to you,

O land, o sea! For the devil has come down to you in great fury, knowing that he has little time." ... Then the dragon was furious with the woman and she went to make war with those who remain of her descendants who keep the commandments of God and keep the testimony of Jesus.

It makes us wonder why God did not immediately condemn lucifer, his angels and demons directly into the lake of fire, but cast them down to the earth? There could be at least three possible answers:

1 - God wanted to manifest His Glory and His Power, as He did with the Pharaoh of Egypt when He wanted to free the people of Israel. (Ex 14:4; Rom 9:22-24)

2 - God granted a delay on eternal condemnation to test man as He did with Job. (Job 1:8-11; Mt 25:41)

3 - It is probable that having entrusted sanctuaries and angels subject to the guidance, praise and custody of lucifer the protector cherub, once he rebelled he claimed the same condemnation from those angels whom he himself had involved (not the rebellious angels who followed him) or made him participate in his sin. Instead, God judged him to be awaiting condemnation, but to give a chance of salvation to those unintentionally involved in his sin, He gave the possibility of restitution through the sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ on earth. (Le 5:15-18)

Jesus said referring to the man:

Mt 26:24 "The Son of Man certainly goes away according to what is written about him; but woe to that man through whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would have been better for him to have never been born."

This is because not being born does not entail anything, but once born there are only two ways of destination: either eternal life or eternal perdition in fire.

CREATION OF MAN - ADAM AND EVE

The creation of man began in the spirit before arriving on earth with a human body:

Eph 1:3-6 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heaven in Christ." In him (Christ) chose us before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before him in love, predestining us in his love to be his adopted

children through Jesus Christ, according to the benevolent plan of his will, and this to the praise and glory of his grace, which he has granted us in his beloved Son. (C.E.I. version)

As can be seen from these Scriptures, God had created us in spirit and had chosen us; if we didn't exist, how could he choose us?

When God created the first man Adam, he said:

Ge 1:26-27 And God said, let us make man in our image, according to our likeness. ... God created man in his image.

What image? image and likeness of God! what is God like? God is Spirit. In fact, we see that at a later time God puts the spirit of man in a body that becomes a living being with a visible physical nature.

Ge 2:7 "God the Lord formed man out of the dust of the earth, and breathed into his nostrils a breath of life (spirit of man), and man became a living soul."

Heb 12:9 "And we have had our fathers as correctors, according to the And we have respected them; shall we not submit much more to the Father of spirits in order to have life?

What spirits? Only angels? No! even human spirits before they became men of flesh and blood. In the book of Job, Scripture states that Job's spirit was first created in heaven during creation:

Job 38:4,7,21 "Where were you when I founded the earth? Say it, if you have so much intelligence, when the morning stars sang all together and all the children of God raised shouts of joy? You know for sure! For you were then already born, and the number of your days is great...

Job 1:6 "One day the children of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. (Job 2:1)

Many say that in these Scriptures the sons of God were men on the earth but this does not correspond because the Lord clearly says that on earth the only one who was whole and righteous at that time on the whole earth was only Job, as Noah was with his family at the time of the flood. So here the children of God are just spirits like angels. Among them are those who fell and exiled to earth receiving a mortal human body await

ing Christ's redemption.

Job 1:8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou noticed my servant Job? There is no other on earth who is upright, upright, fears God and shuns evil like him."

And in Jeremiah it is written that God knew Jeremiah before he was born with the physical body:

Grub 1:5 Before I formed thee in thy mother's womb, I knew thee; before thou wast born out of her womb I consecrated thee, and made thee a prophet to the nations.

Is 57:16 "For I will not contend forever, nor keep anger forever, that the spirits, the souls that I have created, may not fail before me.

Zech 12:1 The word of the LORD who stretched out the heavens and founded the earth, and formed the spirit of man within him...

Is 26:9 With my soul I desire thee during the night; with the spirit that is within me, I seek you...

Ec 12:7 "Before the dust returns to the earth as it was before, and the spirit returns to God who gave it."

Eph 1:4 "In him (Christ) chose us before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him, having predestined us in his love to be adopted through Jesus Christ as his children, according to the gracious purpose of his will."

Ps 82:6 "I said, 'You are gods, you are children of the Most High.'

Gods does not only mean children of God but also angels. Remembering also what Jesus said:

Mt 22:29 ... the resurrected are like angels in heaven. (Mark 12:25)

The first time that we speak of God's children as men in the Old Testament is in the psalm of David.

Ps 29:1 Give unto the LORD, O children of God, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

Jn 17:14-16 "I have given them your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world." I do not

pray that you will take them out of the world, but that you will preserve them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

Jn 11:23-27 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that she will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, even if he dies, will live; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God who was to come into the world."

Acts 7:59 "And they stoned Stephen, who called on Jesus, saying, 'Lord Jesus, welcome my spirit.'"

Phil 1:23-24 (The Apostle Paul) I am pressed in on two sides: on the one hand, I have the desire to depart and be with Christ, for it is much better; but, on the other, my abiding in the body is more necessary for you.

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 "We are therefore always full of confidence, and we know that while we dwell in the body we are absent from the Lord (for we walk by faith and not by sight); but we are full of trust and prefer to start from the body and dwell with the Lord. That is why we strive to be pleasing to Him, whether we live in the body or leave it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive the recompense for what he did when he was in the body, whether good or evil.

From the Holy Scriptures we understand that angels sometimes with God's permission take physical human form such as those two angels who brought Lot out of Sodom (Ge 19:1) while for us the body represents a temporary prison. When the first man Adam was created his spirit was breathed by God into a physical body on earth, (Ge 2:7) this shows that there had already been a temporary separation from God, first the spirit was in the presence of God, then it found itself in a physical body on earth and this represents the fall of the heavenly spirit caused by lucifer, while since then myriads of spirits or angels have been in the presence of God. The other angels who fell or were taken captive by satan (men in the way of salvation 2 Corinthians 2:15) not out of rebellion, but evidently out of unintentional sin, God has provided so that Satan's fate would not fall by that eternal willful sin, but by giving them a period of time in which they could receive forgiveness through the sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ

and then return home to the Father. So like the angels, God tested **man by** starting with our first parents. Even in the case of Adam and Eve as for Lucifer, they did not know the reason for the trial, which was to receive the Holy Spirit within them out of obedience and obtain immortality, eternal life in His presence. Unfortunately, even they could not pass the test by abusing their free will, they gave in to temptation, sinning against God's will and authority.

1 Corinthians 6:17 ... he who unites himself to the Lord is one spirit with him.

If the Holy Spirit had dwelt in Adam, his human spirit would have dominated the soul and the body, without being overcome, but the soul took over his spirit and body, just like a sinner who lets himself be led by the flesh instead of the Spirit by sinning against God.

Rom 8:9,13-14 "But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if the Spirit of God truly dwells in you. If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to him, for if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the works of the body, you will live; for all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

In fact, Adam at that time was as sinless as Jesus before he fell, but that temptation had been given to him to obtain the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 5:32 "We are witnesses of these things, and also the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."

Eze 36:27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and I will cause You will walk according to My statutes, and you will keep and do My ordinances.

From the Scriptures we understand that God's purpose is to dwell or dwell in the heart of man, this dwelling of God which is our body is however temporary, because after physical death, we will be the ones in spirit to dwell with Him in heaven, for this reason we read that we have the deposit of the Spirit.

Jn 14:23 Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word; and the My Father will love him, and we will come to him and dwell with him.

Eph 2:22 In him ye also become part of the building which he is to serve.
as a dwelling place for God through the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 1:22 "He also marked us with his own seal, and put the token
of the Spirit in our hearts."

We see that Adam could not overcome temptation precisely because he did not have the Holy Spirit within him even though he was born without sin. We can see this from the example of Jesus born without sin but when he received the Holy Spirit at his baptism, immediately afterwards the Holy Spirit took him into the desert to be tempted by the devil, fasting for forty days, and we know that he overcame the first temptation and all the others to the end. (Mt 3:16; Mt 4:1-11) But after Adam sinned, he lost the opportunity to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and everlasting life. The event of the fall of man:

Ge 2:16-17 "God the Lord commanded the man, 'You may eat from every tree of the garden, but you shall not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; for in the day that you eat of it, you will surely die.'"

Hos 6:7 "But they (i.e., Israel, Judah, and Ephraim), like Adam, have transgressed the covenant, they have behaved treacherously toward me.

Ge 3:1-6 "The serpent was the most cunning of all the beasts of the field that God the Lord had made." He said to the woman, "What! Did God tell you not to eat from any tree in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden God said: 'Do not eat of it or touch it, otherwise you will die'". The serpent said to the woman, "No, you will not die at all; but God knows that in the day that you eat of it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, having the knowledge of good and evil." The woman observed that the tree was good for food, that it was beautiful to look at, and that the tree was desirable for acquiring knowledge; and she took some fruit, ate of it, and gave it to her husband, who was with her, and he ate of it.

During temptation we see that man yielded to the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life. The same sins as lucifer in heaven. These are the sins of the soul and certainly not of the spirit, because as Scripture says, what the Spirit craves is life, what the flesh craves is death. The soul, unfortunately, has abused free will, the weakest point attacked by the evil one through doubt and disbelief. Eve therefore received the

seed of that fruit of the family tree of satan, so when God punished the serpent he spoke of the two progeny, that is, that of satan and that of God.

Joh 1:14-15 But each one is tempted by his own lust, which attracts and deceives him. Then concupiscence, when it has conceived, gives birth to the

sin; and sin, when it is done, produces death.

1 Jn 2:16 "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but from the world.

The spirit of man has been powerless to dominate the soul as if it were already in a state of impediment. The sinful soul, together with the action of the human body, constituted what is known as "the body of sin" or the "flesh."

Rom 6:6 ... our old man was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be annulled and we would no longer serve sin;

Gal 5:24 "Those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Rom 8:6-8 "But that which lusts after the flesh is death, but that which lusts after the Spirit is life and peace; for that which lusts after the flesh is enmity against God, because it is not subject to the law of God, nor can it be; and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

The inclination and desire of the soul to use the body in this way is also described as "fleshly mind" (Cl 2:18)

2 Corinthians 11:2-3 For I am jealous of you because of the jealousy of God, because I have engaged to a single spouse, to present yourselves as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear that, as the serpent seduced Eve by his cunning, so your minds will be corrupted and led astray by simplicity and wisdom purity with regard to Christ.

We know that in the Garden of Eden there was also the tree of Life, which represents the Grace and Word of the Lord Jesus, but Adam no longer fed on it, why? Because eternal life, a divine gift for his creatures, was conditioned by obedience, in fact afterwards he was forbidden to

approach so as not to receive eternal sin. We also know that flesh and blood, that is, soul and physical body, cannot inherit the kingdom of God.

Ge 3:22 And God the Lord said, Behold, man has become as one of us as to the knowledge of good and evil. Let us see that he does not stretch out his hand and take also of the fruit of the tree of life, eat of it and live forever."

1 Corinthians 15:50 "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither can decay bodies inherit incorruption.

Another element about the fact that Adam and Eve could not resist temptation and sin, apart from the absence of the Holy Spirit in them, could be that as a physical body they were already adults, but in the soul they could still be spiritual children. Who does not know the naivety and fragility of a child? Let's take some examples on the natural level: A child has no discernment of evil and good and even when he is told not to do something, not really understanding why, he naively sooner or later does it and makes mistakes, and does not realize it until he has hurt himself or has been severely reprimanded. And this is what may have happened. We will be able to better understand the concept from these Scriptures:

Deut 1:39 "Your children, of whom you said, 'They will become a prey,' your children, who know neither good nor evil today, are the ones who will enter into it; (in the promised land) to them I will give the land and they will possess it.

1 Corinthians 3:1-2 Brethren, I could not speak to you as spirituals, but I had to speak to you as carnal, as babes in Christ. I fed you milk, not solid food, because you were not able to bear it; indeed, you are not even now, because you are still carnal.

Heb 5:13-14 "Now everyone who uses milk has no experience of the word of righteousness, because he is a child; but solid food is for adults, that is, for those who by use have their faculties trained to discern the word, good and evil.

It is also written of Jesus:

Is 7:14-16 "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: Behold, the young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and she shall call his name Immanuel. He will eat cream and honey until he knows how to reject evil and

choose good. But before the child knows how to reject evil and choose good, the land whose two kings you fear will be devastated.

Here we see that Jesus, born and lived without sin, needed to grow up to discern good from evil.

Lk 2:40 And the child grew and grew strong; he was full of wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

Lk 2:42,52 "When he came to the age of twelve, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast; And Jesus grew in wisdom, stature and grace before God and men.

Heb 5:7-10 "In the days of his flesh, with loud cries and tears he offered prayers and supplications to him who could save him from death, and was heard for his piety. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered; and, made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being proclaimed by God high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

While of John the Baptist it is written:

Lk 1:13-17 "But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your And your wife Elizabeth shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. You will have joy and exultation, and many will rejoice at his birth. Because he will be great before the Lord. He shall drink neither wine nor spirits, and shall be filled with the Holy Spirit from his mother's womb; he shall convert many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God; he shall go before him with the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the rebellious to the wisdom of the righteous, to prepare for the Lord a people well disposed."

Lk 1:80 "And the child grew and grew strong in spirit; and he remained in the wilderness until the day that he should manifest himself to Israel."

Of the apostle Paul it is written:

1 Corinthians 13:11 "When I was a babe, I spoke like a babe, I thought like a babe, I reasoned like a babe; but when I became a man, I stopped things as a babe.

Paul to Timothy writes:

2 Tim 3:14-15 "But you continue in the things which you have learned and of which you have acquired certainty, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have had knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, which can give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

1 Peter 2:2 "As newborn babes, you desire pure spiritual milk, that you may grow up with it for salvation."

Eph 4:13-14 ... until we all come to the unity of faith and full knowledge of the Son of God, in the state of full-grown men, equal to the perfect stature of Christ; that we may no longer be like children tossed about and carried hither and thither by every wind of doctrine by the deceit of men, by their cunning in the seductive arts of error;

THE JEWISH PEOPLE

After our first parents, others were tested: If we consider the Jewish people who came out of Egypt, we know that they received salvation through the waters that represent their adherence to the Word of God and were baptized in the cloud that represents the Holy Spirit (1Co 10:2) temporarily their sin was covered with the blood of animals, but he was tested in the desert:

Ex 16:4 "Then the Lord said to Moses, ... I will test him and see whether he walks according to my law or not.

All those who died before Jesus' death and resurrection did not go to heaven but to hell on the side of the righteous, why? Because they had to wait for Jesus' sacrifice so that His blood would be applied to them for the atonement of their sins and go with Him to heaven. (Lk 16:23-26)

1 Pt 4:6 "For this is why the gospel was preached even to the dead, so that, after they had undergone the judgment common to all men in the body, they might live by the Spirit according to the will of God.

Eph 4:8 "That is why it is said, 'When he went up on high, he took captives with him, and gave gifts to men.'

So in a sense they were saved in hope until the fulfillment of Christ's sacrifice.

Ge 22:1 After these things, God put Abraham to the test (Abraham obeyed)

Heb 11:17-19 "By faith Abraham, when he was put to the test, offered up Isaac; He, who had received the promises, offered up his only begotten son. Yet God had said to him, "It is in Isaac that you shall be given descendants." Abraham was convinced that God is powerful enough to resurrect even the dead; and he got Isaac back as if by a kind of resurrection.

Heb 11:36-37 others were tested with ridicule, whipping, even chains, and imprisonment. They were stoned, sawn, killed by the sword; they went around covered with sheepskins and goatskins; needy, afflicted, mistreated.

Ps 66:10-12 "Because you have tried us, O God, you have put us to the crucible like silver. You have made us fall into the net, you have placed a heavy weight on our sides. You have made men ride on our heads; We went through fire and water, but then you pulled us out to a place of refreshment.

Mk 9:49 "For everyone will be salted with fire."

Rev 3:10 "Because you have kept my exhortation to constancy, I also have you i will preserve from the hour of temptation that is about to come upon the whole world,

to test the inhabitants of the earth.

1 Corinthians 3:13 "The work of every man will be brought to light, because the day of Christ will make it visible; for that day he will appear as a fire; and the fire will prove what the work of each one is.

GOD'S PLAN OF REDEMPTION

When Lucifer rebelled against God (Is 14:12) he was still in heaven, together with his angels, thus contaminating the heavens, some of God's spirits who were part of his rank and his sanctuaries and finally the earth where he was thrown (Jesus 1:2 the earth was formless and empty and darkness covered the face of the abyss), he was not condemned immediately, but now, thanks to the sacrifice of Christ, he has been judged awaiting condemnation.

Jn 16:11 ... The prince of this world has been judged.

In my opinion there are three categories of spirits or angels fallen from heaven but only one has the possibility of redemption, while the others await condemnation in the lake of fire.

1 - Satan and his rebellious angels (Rev 12:9) - cast to the earth and set free for a time until the restoration of all things, after which he will be thrown together with his angels into the lake of fire. Along with them, the fallen angels (Jude 1:6) who did not retain their dignity and left their home, sinning against God, joining the women from whom children were born, are now bound in the subterranean places of the abyss awaiting judgment (2 Peter 2:4) and will be cast into the lake of fire.

2 - demons (Ge 6:4) - are the spirits of the children of fallen angels born of women who were "giants" in life and who wander through arid places on earth (Lk 11:24) in search of a body as a dwelling place to find rest.

3 - The children of God (Job 38:7) - the stars of God (Rev 12:4) (Is 14:13) - a army (Da 8:10-12) who will be redeemed by the blood of Jesus.

Zech 13:8-9 ... says the Lord, "that two-thirds will be cut off and perish, but the other third will be left. I will put that third in the fire, I will refine it as silver is refined, I will test it as gold is tested; they will call on my name, and I will hear them; I will say, 'They are my people!' and they will say, 'The Lord is my God!'"

The latter category probably represents the hierarchy under the protection of lucifer the protective cherub. Let's see some references:

Rev 12:3-4 ... a great red dragon, which had seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads seven diadems. Its tail dragged the third part of the stars in the sky and hurled them to the earth.

From 8:10-12 He grew to reach the army of heaven; He knocked down a part of that army and the stars, and trampled them underfoot. He rose up to the head of that army, took away his daily sacrifice, and upset the place of his sanctuary. An army was abandoned, as well as daily sacrifice, because of iniquity; the truth was thrown to the ground; but it prospered in its undertakings.

Rev 12:7-9 "And there was a battle in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and its angels fought, but they did

not win, and there was no longer room for them in heaven. The great dragon, the ancient serpent, who is called the devil and satan, the deceiver of all the

was thrown down; He was cast down to the earth, and his angels were also cast down with him.

From these verses it is well understood that, first Satan makes an army and the stars fall on earth then fallen spirits because of him, after the lost fight he too is thrown to earth together with his angels. So we can clearly see that after satan's rebellion there are three groups of angels:

1 - The angels who have always remained faithful to God since they were created and are immortal (first part)

2 - The rebellious angels who followed satan will end up in the lake of fire (second part)

3 - The angels that satan has caused to fall (third part)

The latter who have been defiled, are the spirits who are born on earth as men, somehow had to receive their temporary punishment and in order to return to their original positions in heaven, they needed to be purified and sanctified by the blood of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Rom 9:22-24 "What is to be disputed whether God, wishing to manifest his wrath and make his power known, endured with great patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, and this in order to make known the riches of his glory to vessels of mercy which he had previously prepared for glory, that is, to us, whom he has called not only from among the Jews but also from among the foreigners?

1 Jn 3:10 "In this the children of God are distinguished from the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, as well as he who does not love his brother."

Cl 1:19-20 "For it pleased the Father to make all fullness dwell in him, and to reconcile all things to himself through him, having made peace through the blood of his cross; through him, I say, both the things on earth and those in heaven.

Heb 9:22-24 "According to the law, almost everything is cleansed with blood; and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. It was therefore necessary that the symbols of heavenly realities should be

purified by these means. But heavenly things themselves had to be cleansed by sacrifices more excellent than these. For Christ did not enter a most holy place made by human hands, a figure of the truth; but in heaven itself, to appear now in the presence of God for us;

2 Tim 1:9-10 "He saved us and gave us a holy calling, not because of our works, but according to his purpose and the grace that is ours. It has been made in Christ Jesus from all eternity, but which has now been manifested by the appearance of our Savior Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and brought forth life and immortality through the gospel.

Mt 25:34 ... inherit the kingdom that has been prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

As a reference to the temporary punishment of these angels that God wants to redeem, we can take from the Scriptures of how God still protects the sinner who commits an unintentional sin.

Involuntary sin

Ex 21:12-13 "Whoever strikes a man to death must be put to death. If he has not ambushed him, but kills him involuntarily, I will establish a place where he can take refuge.

Deut 19:4 "Behold, in which case the murderer who takes refuge in it will have his life saved, that is, he who kills his neighbor unintentionally, without hating him first.

Lev 5:15-17 "When anyone commits unfaithfulness and sins unintentionally concerning what is to be consecrated to the Lord, he shall bring to the Lord as a trespass offering a ram without blemish, taken from the flock, according to your valuation in silver shekels according to the shekel of the sanctuary, as a trespass offering. He will make good the damage done to the sanctuary, adding an extra fifth, and give it to the priest. The priest will make atonement for him with the ram offered as a sacrifice for guilt and it will be forgiven him. When anyone sins by doing, without knowing it, any of the things that the Lord has forbidden to do, he will be guilty and bear the penalty of his iniquity.

Eze 45:18-20 "Thus says God the Lord: The first month, the first day of the month, you will take a bull without blemish and cleanse the sanctuary. The priest shall take blood of the atoning sacrifice and put it on the

doorposts of the house, on the four corners of the steps of the altar, and on the doorposts of the inner courtyard. You shall do the same on the seventh day of the month **for those who have sinned by error or ignorance**; Thus you will purify the house.

Similar to our situation before conversion, who can deny that before knowing Christ each of us served the devil without knowing it by being slaves to sin and its machinations?

Ed 7:25-26 "And you, Ezra, according to the wisdom with which your God has endowed you, appoint magistrates and judges to administer justice to all the people beyond the river, to all those who know the laws of your God; and you make them known to those who do not know them. Without hesitation you will do justice to **those who do not keep the law of your God and the law of the king, and you will punish him with death or exile, with a fine or with imprisonment.**

So it could be that to remedy this situation and redeem these children of His in spirit (Eph 1:4-5,7,9) God punished by creating for them first the earth as a city of refuge to be in exile and then... The **first prison of the children of God, a human body.**

Ps 142:7 **Deliver my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name...**

Rom 7:24 Unhappy me! (Paul) **Who will deliver me from this body of death?**

Heb 11:13 **"All these died in the faith, not receiving the things promised, but they saw them and greeted them from afar, confessing that they were strangers and pilgrims on earth."**

In a certain sense, a temporal punishment.

Isaiah 14:16-17 (Satan) Those who see you fix their gaze on you, examine you carefully, and say, **"Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who stirred the kingdoms, who made the world a wilderness, destroyed its cities, and never sent his captives home free?"**

Is 49:24-25 **"Can the spoils be snatched from the strong? Will the righteous, once prisoners, be able to escape? "Yes," says the Lord: "Even the prisoners of the fort will be freed, and the booty of the tyrant will flee; I will fight against those who fight you and I will save your children.**

Mk 3:27 ... No one can enter the house of the strong man and steal his household goods unless he has first bound the strong man; only then will he plunder his house.

Ps 102:18-22 "This will be written for the generation to come, and the people who are created will praise the Lord, because he looks down from his sanctuary; from heaven the Lord observes the earth to hear the groaning of the captives, to free those condemned to death, so that they may proclaim the name of the Lord in Zion, his praise in Jerusalem, when peoples and kingdoms will gather together to serve the Lord.

Heb 10:5 "That is why Christ, entering into the world, said, 'You did not want sacrifice or offering, but prepared a body for me; Then I said: 'Behold, I have come' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me) 'to do, O God, your will'". By virtue of this "will" we have been sanctified, through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ made once for all.

Heb 2:14 "Since, therefore, the children share blood and flesh, he (Jesus) also likewise partook of them, that by his death he might destroy him who had power over death, that is, the devil.

God's purpose was to give a chance for redemption (Heb 9:11-12) through the blood (Eph 1:4-7) of His Son Jesus Christ (Rom 3:24) and the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:11).

The second prison was the hell, divided into two compartments (place of the righteous or Abraham's bosom)

Job 3:11-19 Why did I not die from my mother's womb? Why did I not expire as soon as I came out of her womb? Why did I find knees to receive me and breasts to suckle? Now I would lie quietly, sleep, and thus rest with the kings and councilors of the earth who built mausoleums for themselves, with the princes who possessed gold and who filled their houses with silver; or, like hidden abortion, I would not exist, I would be like the fetuses that did not see the light. There the wicked cease to torment others. There the weary rest, there the prisoners have peace all together, without hearing the voice of the torturer (demon). Small and large are there together, the slave is free from his master.

Is 42:6-7 "I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness, and I will take you by the hand; I will keep you and make you the covenant of the people, the light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring the prisoners out of prison, and those who dwell in darkness out of prisons.

Is 61:1-2 "The spirit of the Lord of God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the humble; he has sent me to bind up those who are brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to those who are slaves, the opening of prison to prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, the day of vengeance of our God.

Lk 16:22-26 " It came to pass that the poor man died, and was carried by angels into Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died, and was buried. And in Hades, being in torments, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar, and Lazarus in his bosom; and he exclaimed: "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water to cool my tongue, because I am tormented in this flame." But Abraham said: "Son, remember that you received your possessions in your life and that Lazarus likewise received evils; but now here he is comforted, and you are tormented. In addition to all this, there is a great chasm between us and you, so that those who would like to pass through here to you cannot and cannot pass through us."

In Abraham's bosom dwelt the righteous of the Old Testament until the end of the after the death of Jesus Christ and that He took with Him to paradise after His resurrection, now that place of the righteous or the bosom of Abraham is reserved only for those who have not had the opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ and who will be judged according to their works on the day of judgment. The dead in Christ, on the other hand, go directly to heaven with the Lord. This is why the Lord said the gates of Hades will not be able to overcome My Church, because it is He who has the keys, that is, the Authority over death and Hades (hell), only He can bring back from hell.

1 Sa 2:6 "The Lord causes to die and to live; he sends down to hell and brings them up."

Mt 16:18 "And I also say to you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not be able to overcome it."

Rev 1:18.... I was dead, but behold, I am alive forever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of Hades.

1 Peter 3:18-20 Christ also suffered once for sins, he was righteous for the unjust, to lead us to God. He was put to death as to the flesh, but made alive as to the spirit. And in it he also went to preach to the spirits held in prison, who were once rebellious, when the patience of God waited,

in the time of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few souls, that is, eight, were saved through the water.

1 Pet 4:5-6 "They will give an account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. For **this is why the gospel was preached even to the dead**, so that, after having undergone in the body the judgment common to all men, they might live by the Spirit according to the will of God.

Ps 68:18 **Thou hast gone up on high, bearing captives**, and hast received gifts from men, even from the rebellious, to make thy dwelling here, O LORD God.

Eph 4:8 "That is why it is said, '**When he went up on high, he took captives with him**, and gave gifts to men.'

Rev 12:7-12 And there was a battle in heaven, and Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and its angels fought, but they did not win, and there was no longer room for them in heaven. The great dragon, the ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world, was cast down; He was cast down to the earth, and his angels were also cast down with him. Then I heard **a loud voice in heaven saying**, "Now has come salvation and power, the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ, because **the accuser of our brethren has been cast down**, he who accused them day and night before our God. But they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they did not love their life, but rather exposed it to death. Therefore **rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them!** Woe to you, O land, O sea! For the devil has come down to you in great fury, knowing that he has little time."

Heb 12:22-24 But you **have drawn near to Mount Zion, to the** city of the living God, the **heavenly Jerusalem**, to the rejoicing gathering of the myriads of angels, **to the assembly of the firstborn** who are written in heaven, to God, the judge of all, **to the spirits of the righteous made perfect**, to Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.

Eph 3:14-15 "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom **every family in heaven and on earth is named...**

Rev 13:6 "It (the beast that comes up out of the sea) opened its mouth to blaspheme against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and **those who dwell in heaven."**

Rev 6:9-11 "When the Lamb opened the fifth seal, I saw **under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony they had borne to him.** They cried out with a loud voice, "How long will you wait, O holy and true Lord, to do justice and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" And each of them was given a white robe and told to rest a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers, who were to be killed like them, was complete.

Rev 20:1-6 "Then I saw an angel come down from heaven with the key of the abyss, and a great chain in his hand. He seized the dragon, the old serpent, that is, the devil, Satan, bound him for a thousand years, and threw him into the abyss, which he shut up and sealed over him, that he might deceive the nations no more until the thousand years were completed; after which it will have to be dissolved for some time. Then I saw thrones. Those who sat there were given to judge. And **I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and of those who had not worshipped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads and on their hands. They came back to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.**

Mt 24:30-31 "Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven; So what all the tribes of the earth will mourn and see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with great power and glory. And **he will send his angels with a great trumpet sound to gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.**

Mr 13:26-27 "Then the Son of Man will be seen coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then he **will send angels to gather his elect from the four winds, from the extremity of the earth (living) to the extremity of heaven.** (died in Christ)

For the children of the devil (Jude 1:11-13 Woe to them! wandering stars, to whom the darkness of darkness is reserved forever.) but it is always hell (place of the wicked) (Is 24:21-22 On that day the Lord will punish the army from above in the lofty places, and the kings of the earth down on earth; they will be gathered together, as captives are done in the dungeon; **they will be locked up in the prison** and after many days they will be punished.) (Ac 7:42-43) and the chasm or abyss for fallen angels and demons. All those who do not accept redemption in Christ Jesus go to hell and after judgment to the lake of fire. God has given man the opportunity

to live for a fixed time on earth and then return with Him as angels, otherwise what would be the point of all this?

1 Peter 1:17 "And if you call on him as Father who judges without favoritism, according to the work of each one, **behave with fear during the time of the your earthly stay;**

Phil 3:20 As for us, **our citizenship is in heaven**, from which we wait, also the Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:1 For we know that if this tent which is our earthly dwelling place is torn apart, **we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal, in heaven.**

Psalms 137:1-4 "There, by the rivers of Babylon, we sat and wept, remembering Zion. We had hung our harps from the willows on the banks. There those who had deported us asked for songs, and songs of joy for those who oppressed us, saying, "Sing to us songs of Zion!" **How could we sing the Lord's songs in a strange land?**

Psalms 126:1-6 "When the Lord brought back the veterans of Zion, it seemed to us that we were dream. Then smiles sprang up on our lips and songs of joy sprang up on our tongues. Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we are in joy. **Lord, bring back our deportees**, like torrents in the desert of the Negev. Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. He who brings the seed to be sown goes away weeping, but he will return with songs of joy when he brings his sheaves.

Hebrews 12:22 But **ye have come near to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to the rejoicing gathering of the myriads angelic.**

Why would God create man with a **physical body** (1Cor 15:50) if the physical body cannot inherit the Kingdom of God and then after physical death we will still be spirits like angels? What is the meaning if not that of a purification to be transformed into glorious beings?

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

John 3:3,7 Jesus said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Don't be surprised if I told you, **"You must be born again."**

2 Corinthians 5:17 "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old things have passed away; behold, they have become new."

This new creature is the soul that together with the human spirit is regenerated by the Holy Spirit, with the aim of inheriting the Kingdom of God. We could also think that the angels who have remained with God have been privileged over us because they are and will always be in his presence, instead although we have been created in the image of God therefore from this point of view "perhaps" superior to the angels, we have the possibility of losing our lives and ending up like the rebellious angels, Why? The Lord Jesus in the book of Revelation reminds us again that we too must overcome our trial: **to him who overcomes, I will give the tree of life to eat (Ge 3:22; Rev 2:7)**, which is **in the paradise of God**, he who overcomes will not be struck by the second death, I will give hidden manna and a white stone, on which is written a new name that no one knows, except he who receives it, I will give power over the nations, and **I will give him the morning star, therefore he who overcomes will be clothed in white robes**, and I will not blot out his name from the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels: **he who overcomes I will set as a pillar in the temple of my God**, and **he will never go out again**; I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, and of the new Jerusalem that comes down from heaven from my God, and my new name, **he that overcomes I will make to sit with me on my throne**, just as I also overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. We see in Revelation 3:12 it is written, **"In the temple of my God he shall never go out again.**

Doesn't he imply that he had already been there and has come out?

PURIFICATION

God has locked up the sin that had contaminated the spirits corrupted by lucifer, in a time space of 7000 years of creation, precisely to grant the redemption and salvation of these children of His, through the sacrifice of Christ. Let us now see the various stages of purification that God had to carry out both in heaven and on earth after the rebellion of lucifer and man's disobedience. After sin, man was cast out of God's presence.

Ge 3:23 "Therefore God the Lord sent the man out of the garden of Eden to work the land from which he had been taken.

After driving away Lucifer, his angels, and man, God through His Son Jesus Christ began the work of redemption, reconciling and purifying the heavens, the earth, His children, and His stars. The heavens were defiled during the Lucifer rebellion (Ezek 28:12-19) The **cleansing of the heavens** came **with the sacrifice** and ascension **of Jesus Christ** into heaven (Mk 16:6) (Ac 1:9-11)

The earth was cursed (Ge 3:17) because of man's sin.

The **first cleansing of the earth** (Ge 7:12) was through the **preaching of Noah** and the **water of the flood**. (Ge 7:21)

The **second purification of the earth** through **the blood of Jesus**. (Mk 16:6)

The **third purification of the earth** will take place through **fire**. (2 Pet 3:7)
To cover the sin of Adam and Eve, God first used **animal blood** (Ge 3:21) and later with the law of Moses every sin was covered by animal blood.

Heb 9:22 "According to the law, almost everything is cleansed with blood; and

Without bloodshed, there is no forgiveness.

Our purification also took place as for the earth through **the Word of God, the water of baptism, the blood of Jesus and the fire of the Holy Spirit** that will transform our mortal bodies into glorious bodies. While Jesus was alive his disciples had not yet been regenerated, but after his death and resurrection, Jesus' blood and the baptism of the Holy Spirit completed the process of regeneration. Our being, therefore, spirit, soul and body has been regenerated into an incorruptible spiritual body, thanks to the love of God, to the grace of the redemptive work of our beloved Lord Jesus Christ and to the work of the Holy Spirit who will transform our mortal bodies into glorious bodies.

Eph 5:25-27 ... **Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, to sanctify her after purifying her by washing her with the water of the word, to make her appear before him, glorious, without spot, without wrinkle or other such defects, but holy and blameless.**

Cl 2:12 You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God who raised him from the dead.
3:5 He saved us ... through the bath of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.

1 Peter 1:18-20 "Knowing that you were not redeemed from the vain way of life handed down to you by your fathers, not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or blemish. Already designated before the creation of the world, he has been manifested in the last times for you.

Mt 3:11 ... he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

1 Corinthians 12:13 "For we were all baptized into one Spirit, Jews and Greeks, slaves and freemen; and we were all baptized into one body. drunk with one Spirit.

Those who live in sin will always have a spiritual battle between the spirit and soul, and since it is not regenerated by the work of God, the soul has dominion over the spirit and the body. On the other hand, in the regenerated body the spirit dominates over the soul and the body, provided that it always remains in communion with the Holy Spirit. (Ga 6:8)

Rom 8:2 "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has delivered me from the law of sin and death."

Rom 6:22 "But now, having been freed from sin and made servants of God, you have your sanctification for your fruit, and eternal life for your end;
Difference Between Natural Man and Spiritual Man:

The natural man has a soul that always sins using the physical body

1 John 3:8 "He who persists in committing sin is from the devil, because the devil sins from the beginning. This is why the Son of God was revealed: to destroy the works of the devil.

Sin arises from the heart and the carnal mind that is in the soul

Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?

Cl 2:18 "Let no one rob you of your prize at will, under a pretext of humility and worship of angels, relying on his own visions, puffed up with vanity in his carnal mind."

Rom 1:28-31 "Because they did not care to know God, God gave them up to the mercy of their **perverse minds**, so that they could do what is unseemly; filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, covetousness, malice; full of envy, murder, strife, fraud, malice; slanderers, backbiters, abominable to God, insolent, haughty, boastful, ingenious in evil, rebellious to their parents, **senseless, disloyal, without natural affections, ruthless.**

The weakest point of the carnal mind and heart in the soul is the free will that the evil one uses at will, making man do all kinds of evil. The spiritual man has a spirit that does not sin because united to the Holy Spirit, it subdues the soul and the body. The spiritual man does not persist in sin because he has been freed from the bondage of sin.

1 Jn 3:9 "**Everyone born of God** does not persist in committing sin, because the divine seed remains in him, and **he cannot persist in sinning** because he is born of God."

1 Jn 5:18 "We know that everyone born of God does not persist in sinning; but **he who is born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.**"

The spiritual man also has a spiritual heart and mind whose desire is to do God's will.

Pr 4:23 "Guard **your heart** above all things, for **from it come the springs of life.**"

Rom 2:29 "But he is a Jew who is a Jew inwardly; and **circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit**, not in the letter; of such a Jew the praise comes, not from men, but from God."

1Co 2:16 For he who knew the mind of the Lord that he could instruct?" Now **we have the mind of Christ.**

THE TRIAL OF JESUS CHRIST

When Jesus was tempted by the devil in the desert, he overcame the sin that touched three dimensions:

The body

Mt 4:1-11 "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, to be tempted by the devil. And, after fasting forty days and forty nights, he

was finally **hungry**. And the tempter came to him and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves." But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

The soul

Then the devil took him with him to the holy city, placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, **throw yourself down**; (commit suicide) for it is written, 'He will give orders to his angels concerning you, and they will carry you on their hands, so that you do not strike a stone with your foot.'" Jesus answered him, "It is also written, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'"

The spirit

Again the devil took him with him to a very high mountain and showed him **all the kingdoms of the world and their glory**, saying to him, "All these things **I will give you if you bow down and worship me**." Then Jesus said to him, "Go away, Satan, for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and worship him alone.'" Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came to him and ministered to him.

The Lord Jesus has given healing and life to our bodies through His suffering, His sacrifice, and His Spirit:

Lk 22:44 "And being in agony, he prayed even more earnestly; and **his sweat became like great drops of blood** falling to the ground.

1 Pt 2:24 "He bore our sins in his body on the wood of the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness, and **by his stripes you were healed**."

Is 53:3-4 "Despised and forsaken by men, a **man of sorrows, familiar with suffering**, like him from whom every man hides his face, he was despised, and we did not esteem him at all. Yet **it was our sicknesses that he carried, our sorrows that he had borne himself**; but we thought him smitten, struck by God, and humiliated!

Rom 8:11 "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, **he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies** by means of his Spirit who dwells in you."

Rom 8:23 ... we, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

1Co 15:42 ... The body is sown corruptible and rises incorruptible;

The Lord Jesus has given healing and life to our souls through His sufferings, His sacrifice, and His Spirit:

Rom 3:23-24 All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, but they are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

2 Tim 1:9-10 "He saved us and made a holy call to us, not because of our works, but according to his purpose and the grace that was given to us in Christ Jesus from all time, but which has now been manifested by the appearance of our Savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

3:5 "He saved us, not by righteous works done by us, but by his mercy, through the bath of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit."

The Lord Jesus has given healing and life to our spirits through His suffering, His sacrifice, and His Spirit:

Eph 2:1,4-6 "God has quickened you also, you who were dead in your sins and in your sins... But God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in sins,

he made us alive with Christ (it is by grace that you were saved), and he raised us up with him and made us sit in heaven in Christ Jesus with him

Cl 1:22 "Now God has reconciled you in the body of his flesh through his death, that you may present before him holy, without blemish, and blameless

1 Jn 5:11 "And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."

And lastly, the Lord condemned sin and destroyed death

Rom 8:3 For what was impossible for the law, because the flesh made it impotent, God has made; sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and, because of sin, condemned sin in the flesh.

Rev 20:14 "Then death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death, that is, the lake of fire.

Jesus' discourses with Pilate, with the Father, and with his disciples:

Jn 18:36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be given into the hands of the Jews; but now my kingdom is not from here."

Joh 17:14,16,18,24 "I have given them your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world." They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. As you sent me into the world, I also sent them into the world. Father, I want where I am, I want them to be with me also those whom you have given me, that they may see my glory which you have given me, for you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Jn 15:19 "If you were of the world, the world would love what is its own; for you are not of the world, but I have chosen you from the midst of the world, therefore the world hates you.

To most of the Jews, scribes, and Pharisees, who had not believed in Him, Jesus said:

Jn 8:44 "You are children of the devil who is your father, and you want to do the desires of your father.

Jn 6:70 Jesus answered them, "Have I not chosen you twelve? Yet, one of you is a devil!

Among the redeemed are the called, the faithful, and the elect (Rev 17:14)

THE REVELATION

Dan 2:28 But there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries...

Deut 29:29 "Hidden things belong to the LORD our God, but revealed things are for us and for our children forever, because we put in Practice all the words of this law.

Ps 25:14 "The secret of the Lord is revealed to those who fear him, and he makes his covenant known to them."

Am 3:7 "For the Lord God does nothing but reveal his secret to his servants the prophets."

2 Tim 1:10 ... CHRIST JESUS, who destroyed death and BROUGHT FORTH LIFE AND IMMORTALITY THROUGH THE GOSPEL...

2 Corinthians 13:13 "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." Amen.