

Acceptable Partakers



Isaiah 49:8 Thus saith the LORD, in an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee:

1 Corinthians 10:15 ¶ I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say. 16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? 17 For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

Romans 12:1 ¶ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. 18 For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.

Ephesians 3:6-7 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: 7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

Romans 12:2 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.

Psalms 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.



***Every spirit that confesseth that
Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God***

1 John 4:2

As the wheat remain in the stalk until the harvest, *a parable pointing to the end of the world*, (Psalm 72:16; Matthew 13:39), in the same way, it is the earthly tabernacle of man, *through which the Spirit manifests the work of God*, on earth as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10). For until that last day, God is sending His own Son *in the likeness of sinful flesh*, (Romans 8:3-4; Galatians 2:20; 1 John 4:2-3). Individually, and as one body, God's regenerated is Christ's invisible church. As the Spirit works in His people, (John 6:29), they confess Christ is come in the flesh, as the Holy Ghost moves in them to follow the example of their Lord, (1 Peter 2:21). It is not that they, 'of themselves', should follow Christ's example, but that they might see His example, which is Christ, '*in them*', the Hope of Glory, as the Holy Ghost teaches, (1 Corinthians 2:13; Colossians 1:27). Miraculously, it is a relationship that manifests a, '*Coregency*'; as in, *Jesus Christ the son of David the son of Abraham*, (Matthew 1:1; Revelation 1:5-6). His born again worship in the spirit; for God is *that Spirit* in them; while, simultaneously, their word is justified while in earthly tabernacles; *for Christ is come in the flesh*, (1 John 4:2-3; Romans 6:2-4; 1 Corinthians 4:4; Revelation 19:13).

As the gospel earth continues, (Revelation 14:6), according to the fulness of times, (Ephesians 1:10-14), according to the scriptures, (1 Corinthians 15:3-4), God makes His elect '*partakers*' of His Spiritual inheritance they witness to others of His sheep, (Ephesians 1:11; 3:6-7). Individually, they are one body, (Romans 12:4; 1 Corinthians 12:27-28). The scripture declares, that while the earth remains, (Genesis 8:22), and as the wheat remain in the stock until the harvest, (Matthew 13:24-39), His elect remain integrated beings of, *spirit, soul, and body, [flesh]*, as was their Lord, prior to His taking up; (1 Thessalonians 5:23; Matthew 6:10; Revelation 21:1). Just as God came in the flesh of the Lord Jesus to destroy the works of the devil, (Romans 8:3-4), God spiritually works in His elect to pray, and to water His flock by their word, which is the resurrected Jesus Christ, and Him crucified, abiding in them; (Matthew 5:44; 1 Corinthians 2:2; 3:6):

John 17:20 ¶ Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

Their word is the spiritual word of Jesus Christ abiding in them, (John 17:8). Yet, because of sin in the first Adam, they shall often need to be chastised and corrected; for what son is he whom the Father chasteneth not: (Hebrews 12:7):

1 John 3:8 ... For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Romans 8:3-4 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

1 Peter 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

Perhaps a key word in, 1 Peter 2:21, is the word, 'should'; for God alone has made it so. And if God the Father chastised His Son, *who is without sin*, (Isaiah 53:10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:21), shall He not often chastise and correct His chosen elect, (Hebrews 12:6-8), as He separates them from the chaff, which the wind, *[the spirit]* is blowing away, (Psalm 35:5; Thessalonians 2:11). For Christ employs the flesh, and the physical earth to supplant the world, (Mark 4:11-13); while, by the power of God, the elect *more and more* grow wiser to the deceitful lusts of the carnal mind, *[of the flesh]*, as they are moved by the Holy Ghost to mortify the deeds of the body, *[the renewing of their minds]*, that they might be the bearers of His light, (1 John 1:7):

Romans 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

Perhaps we notice two significant parts in Romans 8:13. The first is, "**but if ye**", which accounts for the regenerated sinner, *[the born again]*; and, the second, "**through the spirit**", which accounts for the Creator of all things who alone is able to make a straight stick out of a crooked, (Ecclesiastes 7:13; Philippians 2:15). It is an important spiritual relationship we have with the Lord while in the flesh, (2 Corinthians 5:4-9). By God's Holy Spirit, it is a 'coregency' * which is according to God's will and good pleasure; so, that, according to the scriptures, we may see how it is *His work* that is abiding in us, especially when it is of the Father's chastisement and correction, (Hebrews 12:6-8). Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto "them" which are exercised thereby, (Hebrew 5:8; 12:11). We are therefore not offended at '*His correction*', even when it comes from a brother or a sister, whether they are in the way or out of the way; for God, alone, is our King, our ultimate authority, and our Lord. And, so, in all things, as one body, we abide in Him, though we are many members, (1 Corinthians 12:18-20).

Because the world looks to the outward appearance, Christ, *who's Name is the word of God*, speaks in parables, [*earthly things*], that the unjust should believe a lie, as God gathers the tare to be burned, (2 Thessalonians 2:11-12). Their stumbling is over Christ, *a stone of stumbling*, (Matthew 13:24-26; 1 Peter 2:8); while the faithfulness of Christ is the believers substance, (Hebrew 11:1).

Having God's spiritual truth already in them, His faithful shall see through the parable, [*the earthly that points to the heavenly, but is not the heavenly*]; (Matthew 13:34; John 3:12). Unlike the unbelieving world, the just do not interpret God's word according to the parable, [*earthly things*]; for the parable is given to those who have no understanding, (Mark 4:11; 1 Corinthians 2:14); while the elect walk by faith not by sight, (1 Corinthians 2:12-13; 2 Corinthians 5:7). For His upright, *God's spiritual death and resurrection*, in them, is their ultimate authority in life and in death, (Psalms 11:7; Romans 6:3-4).

When we come to that inanimate book called the holy bible, *which is a parable in itself*; for it is *paper and ink*, signifying, *lifelessness and death*; and, yet, through it, we '*see*', His truth, '*spiritually*', because of God's Spiritual Living Word already abiding in us, but that cannot be seen, as we study what is seen, yet, our '*trust*', is in what is not seen, (Romans 8:24-35). The false prophet, *through their own intellect, and pride*, sees, *only*, what God allows them to see, according to the inanimate book, and the law of sin, (Romans 8:2). Ultimately, it is spiritually evil; for they are not born again; neither have they become one with the body of Christ – and so the word of God warns:

1 John 4:1 ¶ Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

It is '*not*' the *trying* of another's knowledge compared to the knowledge of ourselves, (2 Corinthians 10:12)! God forbid! Neither is it the pushing of another's fleshly buttons to see if we can find sin – that proves anything, (Psalm 14:2-3). God forbid! But it is the evidence of the fruit which is the Spirit of Christ and Him crucified we witness, (1 Corinthians 1:23); so that the flesh shall have had nothing to do with what we've come to know is eternally good, (1 Corinthians 2:12-13). When Christ brings His Spiritual word of salvation, it is according to His invisible power manifesting Jesus Christ, in, *His Sons of God*, (Proverbs 8:31); thus making His soul, and spirit, and body, [*their flesh*], '*one flesh*'; while, spiritually, '*one body*'; as God, '*not without a parable*', foretold, through Adam and Eve, who first typified Christ and His eternal bride (Genesis 3:6; Romans 8:14; 12:4-5; Genesis 3:20; 4:25).

Genesis 2:24-25 ... and they shall be one flesh. 25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Ephesians 5:30-32 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. 31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. 32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Christ is no longer in His flesh, (2 Corinthians 5:16), yet, spiritually, He is in the flesh of His elect, which God is justified in doing; for Christ, who was eternal God in the flesh, having died, and been buried, [*like His brethren*], is Resurrected, (Hebrews 2:17); for, while, *in the flesh*, and *for His elects sake*, Christ perfectly pleased His Father being without sin, (2 Corinthians 5:21). Therefore, the Lord being resurrected, and as He works through earthen vessels, (1 Thessalonians 1:3), is not ashamed to call them brethren, (Hebrews 2:11). Consequently, *in that day*, (Genesis 2:1-4), His elect shall have been sufficiently warned of the antichrist; for, beginning with Cain, he is the one *who denies* that Christ is come in the flesh, (Genesis 4:8; Ephesians 5:30-32; John 15:4-5; 1 John 4:2-3).

With respect to the *intimacy* of God, in His born again: in, Matthew 1:1, the Lord declares an ominous truth that we ought not dismiss:

Matthew 1:1 ¶ The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

God's elect shall not be denied His spiritual intimacy while in earthen vessels; for God is revealing it to them through an eternal spiritual relationship; that they might witness His example on earth as it is in heaven, (1 Peter 2:21). Subsequently, they are not ashamed of the gospel presentation God unfolds according to the flesh, (Matthew 1:1); *which is, and which was, and which is to come*, the spiritual salvation of Jesus Christ, '*for sinners*', not for the self-righteous, who they, *of themselves*, know themselves to be, (Psalms 14:2-3; Isaiah 59)! We not only have an intimate and eternal relationship with our Heavenly Father, but as His elect, we seek the same spiritual intimacy amongst others of His sheep, as it would be according to His faithfulness, *according to the scriptures*, and '*not*' by the sight of ourselves, (2 Corinthians 5:7). The Holy Ghost, '*who does not speak of Himself*', must show us, (John 16:13); for God employs the earthly tabernacle to hide His remnant, (1 Peter 3:4), from a world that only sees the outward appearance who are spiritually blind. They do not care to see the inward man, according to the scriptures, (Romans 2:28-29); nor do they believe He exists, (Psalm 14:1; 1 Corinthians 2:14; 1 John 4:3).

It is God's eternal spiritual power who is unfolding His gospel program, according to His will and good pleasure, (Philippians 2:13). By God's predetermined will, and for His elect's sake, (2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 2:1), He is able to work through their prayers in making their physical senses submissive to His Spirit, *according to His Spirit*, and not, rather, according to the flesh, nor the will of man, (John 1:13; Romans 8:4-9):

1 Corinthians 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

If, by His power effectively working in us, we are spiritually alive, we have an ongoing desire to see ourselves mortifying the deeds of the flesh, and, not, rather, how others, *of themselves*, are mortifying the deeds of themselves, (Romans 8:13; 1 Corinthians 4:7). More and more we desire to see Christ working in us, and not we of ourselves, or another Jesus, (Philippians 2:12-13; 2 Corinthians 11:4). And we seek the same for our brothers and sisters. Being made partakers of His mercy and love, *we prove all things as we pray without ceasing*, (1 Thessalonians 5:17-21).

Our life on this earth is never understood as, *an arrival according to time makers*. Rather, it is an on-going journey according to what Christ had finished, eternally, when He rose from the earth. Therefore, whether in physical death, or on the last day, *it is guaranteed*, that God shall take His people up into their new spiritual body where sin no longer exists, (Hebrews 9:28). Until that day, we are *'not'* to judge as if we had already ascended into the clouds, and are without sin, before all has been fulfilled, (Matthew 7:1-5; Romans 2:1; James 4:11-12):

Matthew 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

According to the scriptures, if we are truly called unto salvation, God, alone, has been drawing and moving us; and we would have it no other way. It is the Spirit of God who is working in us according to His will and good pleasure. Without His quickening Spirit, *[the earnest of the spirit]*, (2 Corinthians 5:5), how shall any desire to study His word, and to obey His commandments, according to the scriptures. Following Christ's return to His Heavenly Father, how is the evidence of God's Love manifested, if it is not through His elect, according to the scriptures, (Matthew 5:44-46; 28:19-20)?

John 14:15 ¶ If ye love me, keep my commandments.

So, we are to love our enemies, and to pray for those who persecute us, and despitely use us. We are to take the plank out of our own eye that we might see, *according to the Spirit abiding in us*, how to take the speck out of our brothers eye, which, *by the Holy Ghost*, begins with ourselves, (Matthew 5:44; 7:1-5; Philippians 2:12-13). Because of God's Spirit, do His elect grow in grace and in power; for it is the power of Christ abiding in them; for God is making each of them, '*acceptable partakers*', of His gospel program that is one body. "And who can comprehend such a thing, (Job 9:10-12; 11:7; Psalm 19:12)?"

When God had lovingly chastised, [*had turned*], one of the thieves on the cross, '*the thief was turned*', (Psalm 85:4); and, *therefore*, humbly asked His Lord to remember him when Jesus returned into His kingdom, (Daniel 10:19; Romans 2:4). Jesus immediately answered the thief; THIS DAY "THOU" SHALL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE.

"Such knowledge is too wonderful, (Psalm 139:6)!" Jesus, who is Almighty God, the Creator of heaven and earth, and the sea, and all that is there-in, is speaking to *a single soul* who is *a sinner in the flesh*, and who is only deserving of damnation; and, yet, is now with the Lord for all eternally! "Is that not a personal relationship that began on this earth; and, yet, is of one body in heaven! And who can understand it? Could it be a picture of our calling? (Psalm 79:9; 119:81)?" Could it be Christ's work manifesting an on-going sacrifice of thanksgiving in our new heart, soul, and spirit, (Ezekiel 36:26-32; Romans 12:1; Ephesians 2:8-10; James 2:20):

Psalm 26:7 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

And so, the world, which only sees the outward appearance, "but yet they saw"; *shall be without excuse*", (Romans 1:18-20). However, what is infinitely more important to us, is His purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth; that, '*His*', is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations, (Isaiah 14:26), that others of His sheep might see their salvation while it is called To day, (Hebrew 3:7-8, 13). Not by their own choice had they been made '*acceptable partakers*' of God's spiritual work; and they would *see it* no other way.

More and more we grow to know how the physical body, which includes the carnal mind, [*the fleshly mind*], shall have had NOTHING TO DO WITH ANYTHING THAT IS GOOD AND EVERLASTING, (John 6:63). From Alpha to Omega, it is the Spirit of God, alone, who unfolds His gospel program, according to His will and good pleasure, (Revelation 1:8); ordained before the elect were ever born; Jacob have I loved; but Esau have I hated, (Romans 9:13).

As the scripture also proves, as God is presently unfolding, 'two nations', and not, rather, that it is two nations unfolding themselves. For, Jacob, in himself, was a deceiver, [*supplanter*], (Genesis 27:36; 30:31-42; 32:24-28;), yet, simultaneously, through much chastisement and correction, he was moved by the Righteousness of the LORD to walk by the faith of His Lord, and not by the sight of himself, (Romans 8:24-25; 2 Corinthians 5:7). According to the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Paul was exceedingly *Glad* as he *joyfully and with power* exclaimed the wonderful works of God:

*Galatians 2:20 **Lam** crucified with Christ: nevertheless **Llive**; **yet not I** but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh **Llive** **by the faith of the Son of God**, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

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*I sought the Lord and afterward I knew
He moved my soul to seek Him seeking me
It was not I that found O Savior true
No I was found was found of Thee
It was not I that found of Savior true
No I was found was found of Thee.*

*Thou didst reach down
my hand and thine enfold
I walked and sank not
on the storm vexed sea
Twas not so much
that I on thee took hold
as Thou dear Lord
on me on me.
Twas not so much
that I on thee took hold
as Thou dear Lord
on me on me.*

*I find I walk, I love; but O the whole
of Love is but my answer Lord to Thee
For Thou wert long before hand with my soul
Always, always, Thou Lovest me
For Thou wert long before hand with my soul
Always, always, Thou Lovest me*

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