## **Introduction to**

## **God's Gospel Time Line of Eternal Souls**

The purpose of, 'God's Gospel Time Line of Eternal Souls', *[GGTL]*, is to study God's word the Bible that reveals His eternal Love as it concurrently reveals God's eternal wrath; that, the gospel, [manifested throughout the fulness of times], might reveal in our hearts and soul the hope of glory in Jesus Christ, who neither has beginning of days, nor end of life (Hebrews 7:3).

For God's chosen elect, time manifests the beginning and the ending of the *law of sin* in Jesus Christ their Lord (Ephesians 1:11; Psalm 51:5; Romans 7:23-25; 8:2). Throughout the unfolding of the time line of history the eternal spirit reveals the beginning of eternal life in His upright, and the end of spiritual death that began in the Garden of Eden from which mankind had been evicted and cast into the sin cursed earth (Ephesians 1:10-14; Genesis 3:14-19,23-24). Afterwards, a New Heaven and a New Earth shall be revealed where Christ's Righteousness in His elect shall be known forevermore, and where the curse shall be as though it had not been (Isaiah 65:17; Revelation 21:6-7; Joel 2:2).

For the un-repentant, time, which is known through corruption and death, is the beginning of God's eternal judgment against the sinner, (Genesis 4:6-8), manifesting a perpetual warning to all who oppose themselves, if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth, (2Timothy 2:25). In their season the ungodly are accountable for the things that can be seen according to the flesh, *[the parable]*, which show that the carnal mind and sin must come to an eternal end; that time should be as though it had not been (Romans 1:18-20; Obadiah 1:16; Revelation 10:6).

According to God's gospel design, *[following Adam's sin]*, 'time', identifies a specific carnal beginning, and an end to the same carnal event, where some come forth that have done good unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation (Ephesians 1:4-7; Jude 1:4; John 5:29).

From before the foundation of the world, and for His elects sake, an eternal event that is measured in time manifests a parable, that, like a sign, can only point to God's Son the Lord Jesus Christ, who, alone, is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, *[of His eternal rest]*, from all God's work which Christ made, (Genesis 2:1-4; Colosians 1:16-18), that man might live a more abundant life on earth as it is in heaven (John 10:10; Matthew 6:10):

Ephesians 1:10-14 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: 11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. 13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Ultimately, eternity presents no beginning or end to the Lord Jesus Christ who is the *inheritance predestinated*:

Ephesians 1:14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Hebrews 7:3 Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.

The inheritance purchased is eternal life in Jesus Christ, who, before the world began, neither has beginning of days, nor end of life (Hebrews 7:3):

2 Timothy 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

According to Ephesians 1:14, *[until the redemption of the purchased possession]*, as it compares with Hebrews 7:3, *[having neither beginning of days nor end of life]*, those who have been born from above, *[the born again Children of God]*, must come to realize the fullness of the gift of Jesus Christ in the New Heaven and the New Earth, but, which cannot be fully realized while in the carnal flesh on the sin cursed earth:

1 Corinthians 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. 51 ¶ Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Isaiah 65:17 ¶ For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

Because of the sin of Adam and Eve all mankind experience a beginning and an end to the first earth. If we need proof of this we need only to visit the cemeteries that perpetually fill the earth:

Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

The second death, which is the grave, from which the unrepentant shall not see the light of day for all eternity, (Revelation 21:8; Matthew 8:12), provides sufficient proof by God who is a consuming fire, (Deuteronomy 4:24), that all mankind have been warned and are without excuse (Romans 1:18-20); who daily witness the God Head according to God's gospel design following Adam's sin; and that some might seek the author of God's word the Bible in the Spirit of Christ, who, from before the foundation of the world, and for His elect's sake, is without beginning and without end; who is even from Everlasting to Everlasting:

Psalm 90:1 Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Holy God, in Christ Jesus, alone, is justified and able to raise those He has purchased from the depths of the grave, *[earth]*, and hell:

Ezekiel 37:13 And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,

That in the dispensation of the fulness of times, by the man Jesus Christ, God would reveal His eternal word in the flesh of His elect, (1John 4:2-3), which God had ordained according to His own virgin birth and resurrection before the world began (Titus 1:2).

If we need proof of this we need only to read, Isaiah 9:6, that had been documented millennia before the birth of Christ:

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Matthew 27:52-53 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, 53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

Subsequently, it is the longing of the born again children of God to find more and more that their life on this earth is in the Lord Jesus Christ, as He is proclaimed throughout the scriptures only:

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

Revelation 22:18-19 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. 20 ¶ He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. 21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

As they grow in the grace of their Lord, God's upright perceive themselves to be, *[outside of time]*, spiritual descendants of Joshua, who, being one with the Lord, *[eternally]*, declares from God's word the Bible: Joshua 1:7-8 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. 8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

They know they obey all of God's law by the shed blood and eternal life of their Lord Jesus Christ, who, on their behalf, paid the eternal price they should have paid for their own sin, *[eternal damnation]*, even before the world, *[time]*, began (2Timothy 1:9; Jude 1:4).

Before the law had been given in the Garden of Eden, (Genesis 2:16-17), mankind, that had been created in the image and likeness of God, could, of themselves, have never obeyed the law of God perfectly, except through the Lord's predestined mercy and strength (Romans 9:11). That is, from the beginning, there was no law by which God could not remove His restraint on perfect Adam and Eve with respect to the potential for sin as the devil sought to provoke and to deceive, that God might reveal His infinite mercy and strength (Romans 9:21-24).

This mystery, however, does not make God the author of sin as the Pharisee's believed (John 8:46). Rather, it was the Christ-like image in Adam and Eve that would become corrupted by the words of the devil and Satan through which mankind would choose to rebel against the law of God (Genesis 3:1-5). Nor can this mystery give mankind an excuse before God; for God had instructed perfect Adam not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:16-17). Therefore, it was Adam, and subsequently, mankind, of their own will, who chose to obey God's adversary the devil and death (1Corinthians 15:25-26). But how can this be?

To understand this fully we must be able to understand the infinite ability God has to create beings who's image is perfectly identical to eternal God Himself. Rather, God has called His faithful to trust in all of God's word the Bible, and not to lean on their own understanding (Proverbs 3:5-7).

God has warned us that if we had all faith and all knowledge, but do not have the mercy and love of God, *[from before the world and time began]*, we are eternally nothing, and now that we have been warned, less than nothing (1Corinthians 13:1-3; Isaiah 40:17).

Accordingly, mysteriously, Adam and Eve, in Christ, had the ability to resist the devil, but chose to go their own way (Psalm 119:176; Isaiah 53:6). Thereby such is the eternal state of all mankind. Yet, God in is infinite ability that is without sin, ordained, that, even in their sin, the preordained gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ would be revealed, as the first Adam took the sin from the hand of his wife and ate it, typifying Christ, *[the last Adam]*, who would become sin though He knew no sin (1Corinthians 15:45; 2Corinthians 5:21).

In this beginning God is demonstrating His eternal Love by His only begotten Son the Lord Jesus Christ; a Love that shall exist in all of His elect – beginning with Adam and Eve (Romans 5:14; Genesis 4:25). It is a beginning that has no end, and therefore cannot be measured by time; nor shall time reveal its beginning, nor its end. This is because eternal Christ, alone, is the believers measurement (2Corinthians 10:13-14).

Because of God's great Love for His people the law Adam disobeyed would be eternally removed in the last Adam, *[Christ Jesus]*, as if it had never existed, as it had been in the beginning following God's perfect creation of mankind:

Genesis 2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Genesis 2:25 is speaking of Christ and His elect; for they are the Kingdom of God that shall be remembered and not forgotten:

Jeremiah 31:34 ... for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Genesis 2:25 refers to the spiritual harmony Adam and Eve had with their heavenly Father, and with their Lord prior to their sin against God; for God had created them first without the law, without blemish and without spot, as God Himself exists: Romans 7:9 For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.

On behalf of His chosen elect, it is the Lord Jesus Christ speaking in Romans 7:9, as He is simultaneously manifested in the Apostle Paul, *[His elect]*, in whom the Spirit of Christ would indwell on the sin cursed earth following Christ's eternal payment that had removed the law of sin and death before the world began (2Timothy 1:9):

Romans 5:13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

It was mankind, alone, in Adam and Eve, who corrupted the perfect harmony that first existed between themselves and their Creator, by disobeying the law of God which God had created for the good of mankind:

Romans 5:12-13 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Jeremiah 6:16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

Eve, when tempted by the serpent, ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Consequently, Eve would become a dual picture of Israel and Babylon, *[the wheat and the tare]*, that must fill the earth.

Eve did not first run to her husband following the mischief she experienced from the serpent. Adam, in his love for his wife, would also disobey God's law to subdue the earth, by which all mankind disobey. And, yet, in sacrificing himself for his wife, *[typifying Christ]*, the first Adam is typifying the last Adam who is Jesus Christ the Lord, who is subduing the earth; for it is through Eve, the mother of all living, that God's elect shall come forth, but also the tare and Babylon. Nevertheless, eternal God shall not be frustrated following His command in Genesis 1:28:

Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it:

Following mankind's rebellion against God, all that come from the lions of Adam and Eve shall be conceived in sin, (Psalm 51:5). Of themselves mankind can no longer obey God's law perfectly:

John 7:19 Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law?

As such, mankind, in themselves, will not find the ability to obey God's law sufficiently enough that would earn them God's acceptance and eternal life; except by the faith of Christ that began in the first Adam according to the last Adam, [Jesus Christ]:

*Hebrews 7:19 For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.* 

Galatians 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

From the first Adam and his wife Eve, *[the mother of all living]*, (Genesis 3:20), God's elect, who are sinners in the flesh, but born of the spirit, live their lives as spiritual descendants of the Apostle Paul, who, though being dead, yet, speaketh:

2 Timothy 1:8-9 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; 9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.

While the scriptures in Ephesians 1:10-14 declare God's timeliness, as a parable that manifests *His eternal mercy* in His salvation for sinners, that all might come into His glorious redemption: it is not 'time' that manifests His eternal life, but it is eternal God in Jesus Christ, who neither has beginning of days, nor end of life (Hebrews 7:3). It is Christ Jesus who returns to the hearts, minds, and souls of His elect by which they study to show themselves approved, according to the scriptures. They walk by Christ's faithfulness that abides in them, and not by their own understanding which leads to death.

Being born again, born from above, they have begun eternal life where sin and death has come to an eternal end, and where Christ alone is their measure. This is what a calendar can only point to, but cannot reveal in the heart and soul of an individual; for the Spirit of God must reveal it.

Therefore, irregardless of the fury of their words that began with Cain who's words led to the murder his brother Abel, manifesting another gospel: from then until Christ's return, the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment:

Psalm 1:4-6 ¶ The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. 5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. 6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.