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The purpose of this booklet is to help show the creation, the fall, and redemption of man; the nature of his creation, what was involved in his fall, and through and by what medium he was redeemed. "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness . . ." (Genesis 1:26). Here the Bible clearly states that man was made in the image and likeness of God, his Creator. In other words, man was first made like God himself, except man was a mortal being. Paul states that God's image "is righteousness and true holiness" (Ephesians 4:24). "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Genesis 2:7).

First of all we notice that Adam had his beginning by the hand of creation from the dust of the earth. But since that time man has taken his creative beginning from the fruit of the womb. "Thus saith the Lord that made thee, and formed thee from the womb . . ." (Isaiah 44:2). "Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not one fashion us in the womb?" (Job 31:15). Again we read in Isaiah 48:7, "They are created now, and not from the beginning . . ." This shows definitely that the creation of Adam was only the beginning of God's great work of creation, and His work of creation will continue as long as time exists.

Genesis 5:3 states, "And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son [not sons] in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth." Let us bear in mind that Seth was given Adam instead of Abel whom Cain slew. Abel was a righteous seed or child, the same as Seth, and even Cain was not a cursed character until he became his brother's murderer.

The reader should notice that the above Scripture is speaking of only one son, Seth, and not all children as many try to apply it. If this meant that Seth being in the image of his father (Adam) was born with or given an evil nature, it would mean that only one child (Seth) was given such a nature. But this Scripture does in no way refer to all children.

If the first man, Adam, was created holy (and he was), then all men are created equally since God shows no respecter of persons in his great work of creation. For God to create one unholy soul with a sinful nature would indicate that the work of God is unholy, since we are all the workmanship of God's divine hand in creation and every individual has within himself or herself at conception (or at birth) a never dying soul placed there by God Himself. Hence, all the work of God is holy. David said, "The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works" (Psalm 145:17). Therefore, it is clearly seen that the soul of man placed in the seed when conceived or born would be holy in the image of God, the same as Adam's soul was before his fall.

Another Scripture that is often referred to is Exodus 20:5, which states, "Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them [other gods or images], nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me [God]." This was referring to only one class of people and was to reach only the third and fourth generation, and not to all people or to all children. This would not afford or give any proof whatsoever that the nature of even those children were corrupted by the fall of Adam.

## The Soul That Sins Will Die

The major prophet Ezekiel gave the famous declaration: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die " (Ezekiel 18:20). It does not die until it sins. And it had to be alive first before it could die. We read in the New Testament that "the wages of sin is death [spiritual death]" (Romans 6:23). Continuing in Ezekiel 18:20, the Prophet said, "The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him." This Scripture should be sufficient to prove the fact that the parents do not pass on in conception or birth any sin or evil nature to their children. The prophet shows clearly that the father is not responsible for the sins of his children. No indeed. The children are entirely in the hands of God and their

parents, until they reach the age of accountability to determine what is good and what is evil. When this age is reached, they are required to answer to God for themselves. If it were possible for all parents to pass on to their children in conception and birth an evil and sinful nature it would also be possible for the righteous parents to pass on (in the same way) their righteousness to their children. If this were the case, then the blood of Christ would have been shed in vain.

It should always be kept in mind that sin is an open act and a willful transgression of disobedience committed by the individual. This was true in Adam's case and it was not something that was or could be inherited. We believe it is possible to inherit certain physical diseases and perhaps some characteristics from our parents, but we cannot inherit sin or a sinful nature. Since the soul is a creative being and is always holy until it sins, remember my friend, that spiritual death is only pronounced on the soul that commits sin. This was a message God told Adam: "The day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Genesis 2:17). This is referring to spiritual death or separation from God. The act of disobedience to the command of God on the part of Adam brought him under the death sentence. The same is true with all men or children as they come to a knowledge of good and evil. It would be a poor decision or an unjust judge to pass the death sentence upon any one that had never committed a crime.

The teachings of the wise man Solomon states that man is guilty only of his own sin. "His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself and he shall beholden with the cords of his [not Adam's] sins" (Proverbs 5:22). This teaches that man's own transgressions bring him under guilt and the death sentence, and not something that he has inherited. We also read in Ecclesiastes 7:29 that God made man "upright but man has sought out many inventions." Another pointed statement declaring that man was made in God's image is found in Genesis 9:6: "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man." All will admit that the image and likeness of God would be righteousness and true holiness, for God is holy.

### **Is Sin an Inheritance, or a Committed Act?**

Many quote Psalm 51:5, when David said, "Behold I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive, me." This statement of David's personal testimony can only be properly applied to David himself, not to all children of the world. David said that he was conceived *in* sin (not *of* sin). This scriptural statement gives no authority or doctrinal proof that the seed of all children was corrupted at conception or birth. I might just as well say that if I fell in the river, by no means did this act make me of the water. So it was with David, he was conceived **IN SIN** but not **OF SIN**.

At this point we may hear objections by some who will say, "Well, David said it, and I believe it." True, but the actual thing which David did not say is the things you believe. David did not say that the seed was corrupt, but only that it was conceived in sin. We might ask, "What did the seed have to do for good or evil with conception and birth?" Nothing whatsoever. There are those who teach and want to believe that the nature of all men is corrupt and sinful when born. Such belief originates from the above Scripture, but the Scripture is used entirely out of its setting and true meaning.

With reference to David being conceived in sin, all should remember he was giving his own testimony, referring to his personal conception; and this condition cannot be rightly applied to all children born into the world. If so, such application would conflict with other Scriptures. For instance, the Prophet Ezekiel said (Ezekiel 28:15), speaking of an individual, "Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day thou wast created [or born] till iniquity was found in thee." What most people offer as proof that all children are possessed with a sinful nature at birth is that some bad, ill-tempered child that has had its own way from the cradle. This gives no evidence whatever that all children are possessed when born with an evil nature. It has always been the case many times, as it was in Adam's family, that we have some good and some bad children who are brothers and sisters in the same family. Should we ask why people believe that all children are possessed or have inherited an evil nature given to them by their parents because of Adam's fall, the answer or proof most people would give is the characteristics of the bad child. Then you ask me why I do not believe that any child inherited such a nature from the fall of Adam. I can only point you to the teachings of the Scriptures and tell you that nowhere does the Bible teach such a doctrine. It is true, however, that

we read in Proverbs 22:15, "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him."

We all admit that the rod of correction could never drive out sin or evil nature out of the heart of any child. Could we have chapter and verse in the Bible where any one came into the world with an evil or corrupt nature? It is not here. This being true, it is evident that such teachings are only the traditions of men.

One of the weak arguments made in seeking to support the theory of inherited sin in all children is that sometimes they become angry, cry, and even fall upon the floor. While this is true with the physical child, this does not prove that he has inherited sin. This outward manifestation is the human nature of the child and originates from the physical side of the child's life and not from the spiritual. For example: dogs, cats, and many other animals, even the fowls often become angry and fight each other, yet those animals have no soul. Such characters are likened in the Bible to the unregenerated man. (See Revelation 22:15; Job 28:7; and Isaiah 35:9.)

Some, in trying to prove their doctrine, will point to an ill-tempered child's actions stating that they possess an inherited sin. To be able to know just what causes such actions in the life of a child, we would have to go to the Bible to judge rightly. Otherwise, we would be judging according to the flesh by the sight of the eye and the hearing of the ear. This many are doing today, trying to settle this all-important Bible question by what they see and hear. Biblical questions must be settled from a biblical standpoint. Some will object by saying, "Yes, but man took two steps down in sin; therefore, he has a two-fold sin called inherited and committed sin." We state here that if it were possible for all men to inherit sin from their forefathers, this would not be a step down, because no man could be held responsible for any action on his part by what he might have inherited. What we inherit is given to us as a gift. Man did take one step down into sin and that is when he transgressed God's law and became disobedient, just as Adam did. Paul said, "For I was alive without the law once; but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died" (Romans 7:9). It is generally agreed that the Apostle was referring here to the innocence of his childhood days, when he was alive (spiritually or saved); but when he reached the age of accountability, and the commandment came when he knew to do right and failed, it was then that he committed sin and died spiritually, in the same manner that Adam died when he ate of the forbidden fruit. So through disobedience his entire being, soul and body, became affected with sin and his mind and conscience became defiled. This did not happen until he sinned.

### **Man's Name Is Recorded in Heaven Even Before Birth**

David said, "Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb . . . for I am fearfully and wonderfully made . . . my substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth [womb]. Thine eyes did see my substance [seed], yet being unperfect [not yet formed or molded] and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them [not yet formed]" (Psalm 139:13-16). This Scripture teaches that every child has its members recorded in Heaven even when it was conceived in the womb, and God told Moses (Exodus 32:33) that "whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book." Thus indicating plainly that all men came into the world with their members or names recorded in God's book in Heaven, even before they were born; and it is not blotted out until they are born and reach the age of accountability when they go into sin. "Whosoever hath sinned, him will I blot out of my book." And in Romans 6:23 it is stated that "the wages of sin is [spiritual] death."

We have shown in this book that all men have their creative beginning from the womb. At conception or at birth God then places the soul in the seed (or body). Thus man is born a living soul, like Adam was in the beginning. Surely no one would believe or teach that God placed an impure nature of wickedness in any of his creation. No indeed. No child comes into possession of such a nature until it reaches the age to know good and evil at which time he is made a sinner by his own transgression, just as Adam was.

What is sin? Does the Bible not teach that sin is nothing more than a willful transgression of God's law? Read it. "Whosoever committeth sin, transgresseth the law; for sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John

3:4). We learn by this that it is only by transgressing God's law that man can be made a sinner. No innocent child before he reaches the age of accountability has ever transgressed God's law, hence, they have no sin and since they never came into the world a sinner, they were only made sinners by transgression of the known law of God, in the same manner as Adam became a sinner. There is no possible way by which man is made a sinner except through the disobedience of the commands of God's word. The very definition of sin is a willful transgression of God's law.

### **A New or a Re-Creation**

The Apostle Paul told the Ephesian church, "We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10). Paul gave us an account of another creation which also makes sinful men pure, just as Adam was in the beginning; so it is with every born-again child of God. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away; behold, all things are made new in Christ [and they are]. . . ." What is it that is left to be cleansed and made new by a second work or cleansing? Nothing whatsoever. The physically well need no physician. Therefore a man who says that before we can have a pure heart we will have to have a second cleansing indicates that he does not believe that all things become new in Christ. However, in the face of these facts and Scriptures, many do not believe that man's full redemption was made complete or finished. They teach and believe that there is still something left in the heart of the individual that he does not get rid of until such a time as when the Holy Ghost comes in as the second cleanser. Such teachings make the words of Paul of no effect.

Since man has been made a new creature in Christ and has been born again; true, all things have become new. No one has any biblical right to believe or to teach that the re-creation brought about by Christ was not just as powerful as the first creation and accomplished just as much in bringing fallen man back to his creative stage of purity as in the case of Adam. To teach otherwise would be to say that the devil has more power than Christ, and that the devil caused man to fall so low into sin that the blood of Christ could not or did not cleanse him. We believe that many have failed to realize the dynamic power and influence of the blood of Christ. Without shedding of blood is no remission. It is "unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood" that we give honor and praise for this unspeakable gift of salvation.

While Adam was created pure and holy in the beginning, yet he had only the power of his human flesh or fleshly nature. This human power was not sufficiently strong enough to resist temptations. Throughout the old dispensation of the Law, man failed for this reason to keep that Law because of the lack of power in the flesh to do so. Children born in the world today are pure and holy in the sight of God. Yet, the weakness of the flesh without the Spirit of Christ leaves them unable to overcome the manifold temptations; and for this reason they are soon led off into sin.

### **Entering the Inner Court**

It is known by all biblical students that the old tabernacle had what they called two courts (rooms or divisions) separated by a large curtain called a veil. These two rooms composed the two courts, the inner and outer court. Many teach that these two courts or rooms were the type of two cleansings or works of grace. In the light of the Bible this is not true.

It is at this point that some will ask, "If the two courts or rooms in the old tabernacle were not a type of two works or cleansings, what then were they a type of?" We answer, "They were a type of the covenants, Law and grace, or the old and the new." The first or outer court was the type of the Mosaic law covenant under which lost souls—through their sacrifice found pardon from their sins. The inner court was a type of the Gospel of the New Testament Covenant, Christ being the High Priest, who made one sacrifice of Himself for sin. Thus, these two courts do not represent two works or two cleansings as some teach, for the veil in the temple was rent or torn down when Christ died on the cross. (See Matthew 27:51.) The veil being torn down or removed made the two courts or rooms into one by the sacrifice of himself, once and

for all. The Jew and the Gentile were made one in Christ.

Then we read in Hebrews 10:18-19: "Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus." "For by one offering he [Christ] hath perfected forever them that are sanctified [cleansed]" (Hebrews 10:14). By the Scriptures we see that we reach perfection through the atoning blood of Christ by the one and only offering or sacrifice of himself. It is clear here that there is but one offering made to cleanse man from all sin. We have boldness to enter into the most holy place (inner court) by the blood of Jesus and not by the Holy Ghost.

Since perfection is obtained by the one and only sacrifice of Christ and since there is no higher state of grace to be obtained than perfection, there is no need for any other sacrifice or work since perfection is already obtained by and through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross of Calvary. Suppose man did possess a two-fold sin; it would not necessarily require two separate works to give him freedom from all sin, regardless of his nature. No man could sin without affecting the whole man, since the outer man only carries out in transgression the sin of the soul. Both are equally affected in transgressions. If you say, "no," then tell us how you can discern the difference between the sin of the body and the soul? Here I get no answer. Mark 7:21 tells us plainly that sin comes from the heart (the inner man). Some preachers speak and write about the nature of man as if it was something different from the rest of man and therefore needed a separate cleansing.

It can only be the lack of understanding for any one to teach that man be partly righteous and partly sinful at the same time. This, however, is the doctrine of the creeds and sects of men, even, including many holiness groups. They teach that man is possessed with two-fold sin and is not completely delivered from them until he has a second work or cleansing by the Holy Ghost. We should realize that no one has the authority to call himself a Bible Christian as long as there is sin of any kind in him, either soul or body. The Scriptures teach us, "Ye cannot serve two masters," at the same time. That is the Lord and the devil. Since all sin comes from the heart, it would be impossible for it to come through a righteous body, without defiling the body.

Again let me say, if sin could be inherited, John the Baptist would be included among all others, since he was begotten by a human father and born of a human mother. We read in Luke 1:15 that John was filled "with the Holy Ghost while yet in his mother's womb." It is not difficult to see that if one individual is born with an evil nature, all would be born with it; and on the other hand, if one is born without such a nature all are born without it. Since John was filled with the Holy Ghost while yet in his mother's womb, no one would say that he was possessed with an evil nature when he was born. In this case there is only one of two things for us to decide, either all are born of an evil nature, or no one is born with a sinful nature.

Jesus also had an earthly mother, and was born of flesh and blood. We read in Hebrews 2:16-17: "For verily he [Christ] took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed [or nature] of Abraham wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made [or born] like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people." Notice the words "all things." Therefore, if Jesus was made or born in all things like unto his brethren, He too would in some degree be a partaker of such nature.

Paul told the Philippians, referring to Christ, that he "made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men" (Philippians 2:7). It has been made clear that neither Jesus nor John, nor anyone else possessed at conception and birth an evil nature. It is true that all are born or created with a fleshly or human nature and all continue to possess that nature after conversion. This fact cannot be denied. As Adam was tempted and yielded to sin through the avenue of his human desires and literal appetite, and since all agree that he was not created with an evil or sinful nature, we conclude that man was created in the likeness and image of his Creator. It was the weakness of his human or fleshly nature and the temptation of the devil that caused him to go astray. This is the same cause that brings all men under condemnation. It is the yielding to sin that brings disobedience. An act of disobedience is required to corrupt the nature of any child or even a saved person, just as it did with Adam. The same thing that caused Adam to disobey and fall will cause anyone else to do the same. Giving way to human weakness and yielding to the suggestion of the enemy, he was overcome; he sinned against God and died a spiritual death, thus losing favor with God bloodless sacrifice.

The instruction by John states, "If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." He also states that "the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7, 9).

Paul made it clear that man's full redemption came through one who was composed of flesh and blood. "Being justified freely by His [Christ's] grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:24). Here is a definite reason that Christ was foreordained to be man's full Redeemer. Since man's fall came through flesh and blood, his redemption came the same way. "If through the offence of one [Adam] many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many" (Romans 5:15). This is also why the Holy Ghost alone did not offer any purging or redeeming grace. He has no fleshly body, he is not composed of mortal flesh and blood; therefore he could not within himself offer to mortal man any redeeming grace for either soul or body, only as he works in harmony with Christ. To reject these plain truths would be to reject the great sacrifice of Christ and ignore the voice of the many prophets who pointed to the coming Messiah as man's full redeemer, to cleanse his people, and to build his glorious church. Praise God! Amen! It was Jesus Christ who brought the wonderful light and life of Gospel truth to this old dark and sinful world. He redeemed man from his fallen condition and gave him a glorious liberty and freedom from all sin, found only in Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Captain and our king. Hallelujah!

The history of the past indicates that many sincere souls have struggled for years but have failed to obtain a satisfactory experience of being sanctified and cleansed by the Holy Ghost. They are also told until they receive this "second cleansing" they still have a carnal or evil nature, or in other words they have a nature not subject to the law of God since the inner man has not yet been cleansed. They are told that they need to fully consecrate and be sanctified. The actual truth is, what they really need to do is to fully surrender, confess all sins with godly sorrow, and seek God with a contrite heart for a blood washed, heaven- sent biblical experience of salvation. Then their experience with God would be free from all sin and carnal strife. "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). "Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood" (Revelation 1:5). This is one of the great biblical doctrines of the New Testament.

Many have become so definite in this second cleansing tradition that they do not seek the real victory over their evil nature (as they call it) until they (as they put it) receive the second work of cleansing by the Holy Ghost. The fact is that the Bible does not say that the Holy Ghost produces a second cleansing at all. Many look for an experience that they never can nor ever will receive under such teaching. Hence a delusion is only the sad result.

In the early teachings of Jesus, He told the blind Pharisee to "cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also" (Matthew 23:26). Notice that Jesus called those self-righteous Pharisees hypocrites and blind guides who were teaching the cleansing of the outside of the vessel (the outer man) first, in the same manner as the two-fold cleansing teachers of today are teaching. Notice that it was this corrupt teaching in the days of Christ that drew such heavy rebuke from Jesus. We believe these rebukes still stand for those today who are teaching the cleansing of the outside of the cup and platter first as they taught it back there. Brother, sister, listen, let me say, Jesus said to "CLEANSE FIRST," not second or last, but FIRST, the inside of the cup (heart) and platter that the OUTSIDE MAY BE CLEAN ALSO. In other words, the same process that cleanses the inside, cleanses the outside also. Jesus said, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (Matthew 12:34). For example; WHAT housewife would wash only the outside of the cup or platter, without, at the same time, wash the inside also? What husband is there who would be willing to take his food from a plate that had only been washed on the outside? Perhaps all husbands would resent such a washing.

We do not believe Jesus will accept in His church a vessel that has not been washed both inside and out, regardless of other confused theories on this subject. Let us remember that on the inside of the cup or platter is actually where the sin is. In the Gospels we read, "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile the man" (Mark 7:21-24). Since this is true and sin comes from the heart, the work of salvation must begin

and affect the heart. Therefore to rid fallen man of sin, the washing and cleansing must take place within the heart.

From these Scriptures it is impossible to have biblical foundation to teach a two-fold cleansing or two works. To do so, would be misapplying and twisting the Scriptures out of their meaning.

We have Paul's writing along this line when he said, "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:10). This definitely teaches that faith begins in the inner man and the results extends with the confession of the outer man. It also teaches that both the inner and outer man at the same time have an equal part in salvation, however the mouth speaks the testimony of both the inner and the outer man. When one is cleansed at the same time the other is cleansed.

We are aware of the fact that no birth consists of two separate operations. Both the literal and the spiritual birth are accompanied by water and blood. The water of life or God's Word and the blood of Jesus Christ are both essential to the birth of the unsaved. "Now ye are clean through the words that I have spoken unto you." The Holy Ghost applies the blood to the heart, thus the water and the blood in the new birth brings forth a fully redeemed soul. Through this method we become "an heir of God and joint heirs of Jesus Christ." And are entitled to all the Father's blessings sharing equally with our Father's inheritance in His spiritual house, which is His divine church. Praise God!

A child grows and develops. In the Christian realm, we are to "grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ." Second Thessalonians 1:3 speaks of our faith growing exceedingly. By abounding more and more, we seek deeper experiences with God and achieve a greater degree of human perfection in the Christian realm. Every earthly child has a sincere desire to grow and to develop into manhood or womanhood. Every normal Christian desires the same thing. We battle against weakness to obtain strength. We climb the mountain of inspiration seeking to know God's will and favor better, anxiously seeking to ascend to greater heights and deeper depths in Christ as we continue the upward climb to eternity. Our weakness is transferred into strength with faith in God as the inner man is renewed day by day.

A sad condition exists today, when many supposed Gospel messages are preached which are so weak and confused with human tradition that it fails to stimulate any growth and development of the soul. The work and the message is too shallow. Individuals lose what little light and truth they have under such environment. It dwindles away and they die a spiritual death for the lack of a spiritual and healthy diet. A wrong combination of foods produces acid indigestion, and some even produce poisoning. The same wrong interpretations or applications of spiritual food and false doctrines will produce dwarfed, scrawny, sickly souls, dying with spiritual malnutrition.

Thus far in this study, we have seen by the Word of God that man does not possess a two-fold sinful nature: Notwithstanding, many of us were led for years to believe that we were. This was the teaching from Brother Warner, in or about 1880 A.D., but God never gave this to Brother Warner. It was only an old tradition that he accepted and instituted in the Sixth Seal Age. It came out from old Rome by Martin Luther in the fifteenth century. This is why the Roman church sprinkles babies, to rid them of what they call original sin. Luther did bring out some fundamental truths, but when he came from Romanism, he promoted this much of her corrupt teaching. The same is true with John Wesley and also with Warner.

The Catholic Church has for centuries taught that all children are born with what they call "original sin." Others call it "Adamic sin" or an "evil nature." In order not to cast any reflections upon the innocence of Christ, the Roman church makes this claim in their periodical entitled, "WHY" (Catechism Lesson No. 15). Quote: "The blessed Virgin Mary alone was conceived and born without original sin. The reason for this special privilege is found in the fact that Mary was destined from all eternity to be the Mother of God incarnate in human flesh, Jesus Christ, the sinless Saviour of the world." End of quotation.

Here the Roman church along with all her harlot daughters, have to do a lot of twisting of the Scripture in trying to clear themselves on this point of all children inheriting sin or a corrupt nature from their forefather Adam. To those that teach such doctrine, we ask, "Where in the Bible do they find these words?" "Original sin," "inherited sin," "Adamic sin," or the "depraved nature." There is no reference of this kind.

While old Rome and most of her harlot daughters use these terms as being biblical trying to prove that



sin exists in the heart of man in two forms, many honest souls do not consider where such teachings originate. However, it is proved that this erroneous theory came from the filthy wine cup of old Rome. This was passed on from group to group, spreading to many holiness organizations today, and to accept this doctrine is to drink of the filthy cup of Romanism. However, we feel that this, along with all other Roman traditions, must and will be laid aside by the ministry of the Seventh and last angel as he marches triumphantly on with this glorious, blood-cleansed Gospel into greater understanding in the Lord. Light begets knowledge and understanding, and the message of Revelation in these last days is a revealing message. In the past, truth that is dear to our hearts today was one time a hidden mystery, but thank God, it is now being revealed to His humble servants, who still seek Him for even greater light and understanding.

## PART 2

### Preserved by Christ

The Apostle Paul told young Timothy that "the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and WILL PRESERVE me unto his heavenly kingdom" (2 Timothy 4:18). This teaches us that the Lord preserves his people, so to be a new creature in Christ actually means to be preserved by Christ. The word preserved means to be kept, to keep from spoiling or destruction. The housewife does not have to work the fruit through two separate preserving processes to preserve it. A single correct formula for preserving is all that is necessary. By proper application, the work is accomplished. So it is with Christ. He cleanses and preserves His people from the filth of all sin by the one process of His shed blood, when we meet the Bible requirements by faith and repentance in the new birth. The purging, the washing, and the cleansing from all sin is done by Christ.

The early prophetic writers of the Old Testament have given us proof on this subject. Ezekiel said, "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean; from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh." The prophet here has direct reference to the coming of Christ and His power to save man from sin. The water which he referred to is the water of God's Word and spirit (John 13:10; Ephesians 5:25-26).

Zechariah, another major prophet, speaking of the coming of Christ said, "In that day [the Gospel day] there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness" (Zechariah 13:1). Here is a definite statement given under the inspiration of Divine authority, predicting the coming of a Savior, a cleansing fountain that would cleanse fallen man from all sin and all uncleanness. That fact cannot be denied.

The last of the prophets, Malachi, also stated, "Behold, I will send my messenger [John] and he shall prepare the way before me, and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple [our bodies], even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in; behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness" (Malachi 3:1-3).

Thus, we see clearly that the root of all sinful pride was to be destroyed by Christ in the work of salvation, even burnt out by the fire and the power of God and His Word. Jeremiah asked the question, "Is not my word like as a fire?" (Jeremiah 23:29). If Christ did not cleanse the inner man, what more then did He do than the Law was already doing? If you recall, obedience to the Law cleansed the outer man. At this point, the two-fold teachers are at a loss to know how to answer since according to their teaching, we get no more in a justified experience than the Israelites did under the Law. Did not Christ's sacrifice go far beyond the Law sacrifice in order to cleanse the inner man? If not, His mission was in vain. And, if this be true, the Law and the Holy Ghost was all that man needed to bring him back to his creative state of purity. According to the teaching of some, Christ cleansed only the outer man, which was what the law was already doing.

The above prophecies are a clear fact that Christ came to cleanse, to purge and to purify His people as gold and silver is purified when it is processed through the refining fire. The prophet explained, that in the same manner in which the refiner's fire takes away all the dross, so the cleansing element of Christ's blood washes and cleanses the soul of man, and takes out all sin from his heart.

The prophet also likened Christ's coming to fullers' soap, a soap that leaves no spot of stain or impurity. This same fact is true regarding the atoning blood of Christ when applied to the heart. It leaves no impurity and does a perfect work. If the inner man is not cleansed when we get saved, then Christ's blood only cleanses in part.

Another Scripture often referred to as proof for a second cleansing by the Holy Ghost is Acts 15:8-9, which states: "And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them [the Gentiles] witness, giving them the Holy

Ghost, even as he did unto us: And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith." It was not by the Holy Ghost, but by FAITH. This offers no proof for a second cleansing, and to apply it in that manner would be to misuse the Scripture in the Bible that shows where the Holy Ghost cleanses man from any sin (regardless of its nature).

### **Sanctified by the Blood of Christ**

We read in Hebrews 9:13-14: "For if the blood of bulls and goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" Let us notice that the Apostle did not say that Christ would purge our conscience from inherited sin or an evil nature. No, indeed. Under the Law the blood of animals only purged committed sins (the outer life). Paul was asking here how much more shall the blood of Christ purge our conscience. This indicates that the power and influence of Christ's blood went far beyond that of the blood of animals, insomuch that it purged even our conscience, or the inns man, the heart and the life. If the blood of Christ did no more for us than the blood of animals did for the Israelites under the Law which purged only the outer man, then Christ's death on the Cross was in vain and out of order. If that be the case we failed to gain back in Christ what we lost in Adam.

It is necessary to remember that the sanctified experience comes when the blood of Christ is applied when we are born again. The only purpose of our Lord's mission was to save and people from all sin, that they may be His church, His spotless bride. In Hebrews 10:10 we read, "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." This makes it clear that even in justification there is a sanctifying work—a setting apart—that takes place through Jesus Christ when we accept Him as our Savior. This is true in justification as well as in sanctification at a time of infilling—empowering by the Holy Spirit. Verse 29 says, "Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing. . . ." Paul made it clear that it is the blood of Christ that cleanses us from all sin. Praise God!

In another reference we read (Hebrews 13:12), "Wherefore Jesus also that he might sanctify [cleanse] the people [not the saints but the unsaved people] with his own blood, suffered without the gate." This shows that the blood of Christ was shed to sanctify, to cleanse, and to purge fallen man from the last stain of sin, both inwardly and outwardly. All can see that this Scripture has no reference whatsoever to sanctifying and cleansing the saints, since it says plainly "the people." This does not mean the saints. It is well to ask here, "How readest thou?" How any honest soul can apply this plain Scripture to a second cleansing of the saints, I cannot understand.

In 1 John 1:7 we read that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us FROM ALL SIN. Jesus suffered on the Cross, both body and soul. His entire being suffered the pangs of death to redeem fallen man, both body and soul. Thus, He cried on the Cross, "It is finished." It was there, at this time that the plan of full salvation was finished, or made complete by the author and finisher of our salvation, Jesus Christ.

It is very plain to be seen that if the inner man is not cleansed until we receive the Holy Ghost, our salvation would not be complete in Christ as the Scriptures have declared.

### **A Sanctified Church**

The Apostle Paul under the Spirit's guidance instructed the Ephesian church, saying, "Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it, That he [Christ not the Holy Ghost] might sanctify and cleanse it [the church] with the washing of water by the Word; That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Ephesians 5:25-26).

The reader should note here that it was Christ that cleansed and sanctified the church. He cleansed it at the same time He purchased it with His own blood. (See Acts 20:28.) It is a grave error, in the face of

so many plain Scriptures, to apply the cleansing of the church to a separate work of the Holy Ghost, when no mention whatsoever is made of the Holy Ghost. Still some contend that when one is born again and becomes a member of the spotless bride (or church) that such a one still possesses an evil nature, when the Word of God makes it clear that such individuals constitute no part of this spotless Bride of Christ. Otherwise, if they did, the Bride of Christ would not be spotless. The truth is this, that the blood was shed to cleanse those that constitute the church, thus, they are cleansed by the blood at the same time they are added to the church.

Therefore, they pass through the cleansing fountain or blood and thus constitute the spotless Bride of Christ. Our human blood is our literal life. The blood of Christ is our spiritual life. When we accept Christ as our Savior, the power and influence of this life giving substance is felt in our spiritual veins and produces a full cleansing effect from all sin. No sin of any form can remain where the blood of Christ flows. It is true, however, there are various means by which a converted person can become spiritually wounded in which they lose their spiritual blood and die spiritually. We often say they are backslid. We live by the aid of warm blood pumped through our body by the heart. And we live a Christian life by the same method. Without the blood, there is no remission of sins. Without the blood there can be no spiritual life.

The writer of Revelation emphasized the power of the blood when he wrote, ". . . one of the elders answered, saying unto me, what are those which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? . . . And I said to him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:13). This great multitude was made pure, clean, and white by the all cleansing blood of the sacrificial Lamb of God. There were no spots of impurity in this blood-washed multitude. This group, which John saw in the spirit, was the redeemed saints, saved by the blood of Christ from the morning until the evening of time.

Again in Revelation 1:5 we read, "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God . . . Amen." There is no mistake about this.

Revelation 5:9-10 says: "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests; and we shall reign on earth." All these Scriptures are proof that it is the blood that sanctifies and cleanses us from all sin. "Whomsoever the Son hath set free is free indeed " (John 8:36).

There are those who refer to the passage in John 17:19 as proof of a second cleansing. The text says, "And for their sakes I sanctify myself that they also might be sanctified through the truth." If the word "sanctified" in this verse meant to cleanse from an evil or sinful nature, it would also mean the same for Jesus. Let us quote it this way: "I now cleanse myself that they [disciples] may be cleansed also." No dodging here.

This reference does not refer to cleansing Jesus or the disciples from sin or an evil nature, since Jesus plainly declared in John 13:10, while washing the disciples' feet, that they were clean every whit. He did not state that they would be clean every whit after they received the Holy Ghost. This is an additional statement made by man. Remember it is unjust to use the word sanctify to mean one thing for Jesus and another thing for the disciples. It meant for Jesus, "a setting apart" for a holy or a religious use, to consecrate or surrender to the will of God. It means the same thing for His disciples. Should any one say that it meant a setting apart for Jesus and a cleansing for His disciples? This would be misapplying and twisting the Word of God.

Jesus was soon to face the crucial hour of the crucifixion when He would pay the supreme sacrifice for sin. While in the garden, He prayed three times and finally closed His prayer by saying, ". . . not as I will, but as you wilt." He fully surrendered to the will of His Father. When He said "I sanctify myself," He carried out the surrendering of His will to that of His Father. He well knew that a similar crucial hour would befall His disciples, and He urged that they "may also be sanctified." In other words, that they may be prepared to face persecution and death, if need be. And today we know His prayer was answered, for His disciples freely gave their physical lives under persecution for the sake of the Gospel.

There is no passage of Scripture teaching that the disciples were cleansed from any sin or evil nature at Pentecost. They were all in one accord, clean every whit, as Jesus stated. Remember, my brother, that salvation means deliverance. To be delivered would mean to be cleansed according to the Word of God, If deliverance means anything, it means everything. It could not mean, anything less than cleansing the heart and being delivered from the power of the devil and all sinful enemies.

We are told "that he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies [all of them, as were the Israelites] might serve him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life" (Luke 1:74-75).

Their deliverance meant everything for them, even having to leave their homes where they had lived for 400 years. It meant a great sacrifice. But they obtained a great deliverance, which was a type of our great spiritual deliverance, from all our enemies (all sin) when we forsook sin and came to Christ, accepting His redeeming grace. Any individual that has not been cleansed by Christ has not been cleansed at all. The Bible teaches no other way under Heaven that man can be cleansed from all sin except through or by the atoning blood of Jesus Christ. There is no substitute. Jesus taught His disciples that "Likewise whosoever he be, of you that forsake not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14: 33). Or, in other words, he cannot be saved. So, if we must forsake all to be saved (and we are required to do that), then what more is there to do, or what else is left to forsake, or to give up, in a second work?

### **The Mission and Work of the Holy Ghost**

"And I saw another angel ascending from the east [the way of light] having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, Till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads" (Revelation 7:2-3).

This gives us another important purpose, or mission of the work of the Holy Ghost. It is to set His seal, or His approval upon the servants of God; but not until they have become servants (or after they have become saved). We read in Ephesians 1:13, "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed [not cleansed] with that Holy Spirit of promise."

This passage makes it clear that it is only the servants (saved people) who are eligible to receive the Holy Ghost. In the Revelation the reader will notice that the servants of God were sealed in the "fore head" (Revelation 7:3), indicating that the Holy Ghost gives knowledge, light, and understanding to God's servants. This being true, it is made clear, also, that the disciples were saved before Pentecost. It is here that most all holiness, religious groups teach that they were not cleansed from their evil nature until Pentecost, at which time they received the Holy Ghost, saying that this experience cleansed them from their sin. A more definite light and a clearer understanding has proved that this teaching is erroneous, and that there can be no "cleansing" power in receiving the Holy Ghost. There is a work done by the Holy Ghost, most assuredly. He said, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:8). By some misunderstanding, some seem to have the idea that we only teach and believe a one-work doctrine, thus doing away with the Holy Ghost. This is untrue and a great mistake. We believe and teach that the Holy Ghost has a certain definite work to do in the church and the lives of its members, but not the work of cleansing.

Jesus said, "The comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." Surely the Holy Spirit is a reminder and a teacher. He convicts and He leads into truth. One may ask, "Doesn't Romans 15:16 say that they were sanctified by the Holy Ghost?" Yes, indeed, but the reader should note that this Scripture was speaking only of the Gentiles and not of the church as a whole. And, too, all know that the Gentiles were accepted into the church at the house of Cornelius when the Holy Ghost was poured out upon them, while Peter was preaching. And they had already been cleansed as God told Peter (Acts 10:15). So, in this case, the Holy Ghost's coming did not mean that He cleansed them, for they had already been cleansed. And by reading carefully, we find that Cornelius was a devout man one that prayed always,

and feared God with all his house, (Acts 10:2). Nowhere do we find the Holy Ghost taking His place in the God-head as a cleanser. This work is done by the application of the atoning blood of Christ.

### **The Gentiles Brought In**

It is said in Romans 2:14, "For when the Gentiles which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which skew the work of the law written in their hearts, and their conscience also bearing them witness and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another." Surely, no one could believe that these Gentiles were possessed with an evil nature and, at the same time, were doing the things that the Law contained. According to this, Cornelius did not have an evil nature and hence, needed no cleansing.

Again we read in Hebrews 2:4, "God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost." Thus, indicating and teaching that the Holy Ghost administers gifts to the church. He also convicts and guides the Heaven-borne travelers on the King's highway after they have been cleansed by the blood. The Holy Ghost is to the traveler on the spiritual highway what the highway markers are to the travelers on the literal highway, a safe guide to our destination. It is always safe to follow the guide and the markers on the road, both literally and spiritually. They lead us to our destination. So, the Holy Ghost carries on a great work in the church. Many detour on human paths by their own desires and leadings, rather than obeying the divine leadership of the Holy Spirit.

The fact that the seventh angel message (messengers) is now bringing much clearer truth and light than ever before, a better understanding is now realized. However, some seem yet to be married to some reformer and not willing to accept any clearer light beyond that which came through their leader or reformer. The same is true that came out with Wesley, and with Luther, and many feel the same way about Warner. Rather than to walk in the light that is now being given, they choose to follow man, and in doing so, they build another sect wall around their reformer, as many others have done, just as though he had brought all the light. The fact is that he brought only the light available at that particular time and for his given time. We feel even yet there is more light to be revealed in God's own time.

Brother F. G. Smith says in his book on Revelation (page 273), referring to the three angels or messengers spoken of in Revelation 14:6-10, that "the time is so short that these three messengers cannot possibly refer to three distinct reformations in the world; hence they must signify three important phases in the last reformation that carries the Gospel to all nations in the short period of an hour" (end of quotation).

We heartily agree with Brother Smith, and it already proves what I have said. Brother Warner and the Gospel Trumpet movement was only the sixth angel message that brought the first phase of the evening light message. Many have stopped with that message and fail to accept more light and truth, as we have come now into the seventh seal age and the last period of the Gospel dispensation. To stop with any reformer and accept the light he brought only is to recognize him as their head, their founder, their doctrine and source of information. Thus, they feel it is a deception to accept and teach more light and truth than their own reformers brought out. Many are unwilling to advance with the coming of new and clearer light beyond his day (light or time) never stopping to consider that the people of every age were only responsible for the light that was given in, and for, that particular age. This was true with the great men and reformers of other ages—Luther, Wesley, and Warner. These could only sound according to the light revealed during their age and time. As the light grew brighter and brighter unto a perfect day, men walked in the light of truth. The same is true today, and those of the seventh seal and last message will do the same.

Since there is more light and truth yet to be revealed in making the full light better understood under the sounding of the seventh angel, or church age, knowledge along spiritual lines will be increased. We admit that the sixth seal angel, or church age, carried with it some traditions that must and will be laid aside by the ministry and saints of the seventh seal age. Light reveals the errors of days gone by and helps us to proceed into the future with faith and truth. The open book of truth is now being brought to the true church and to all the people of the world. Remember that we still sing, "Purer light is coming fast." Thank God for the light of God's eternal truth.

## Conclusion

There are many Scriptures showing that the blood of Christ cleanses us from all sin, regardless of what its nature might have been. But I fail to find one verse in all of the Bible that teaches that the Holy Ghost cleanses from any sin whatsoever, even an evil nature, even if the saved person possessed such a nature. No, no. He is not a cleanser, neither is He likened in any manner, to a high priest. Christ is our high priest. Now, for one to be able to understand these deep, symbolic truths, he will have to ascend into the supernatural world where these forces or spiritual powers work, hid from the eyes, minds, and understanding of the unregenerated man. One of these spirits or powers is the spirit and power of God, and the other one is the spirit and power of the devil.

For honest souls to be able to see and discern these deep truths, they will have to ascend to a higher spiritual climate of divine grace, light, and understanding. Before they can be able to see and discern the difference between these forces that are working in the supernatural world, yea, they will have to cry to God for more divine light, power, and wisdom. Then, and not until then, will honest souls be able to clearly discern and understand these deep truths, since each of these forces, spirits, or powers live and work in the supernatural world. One, the spirit and power of God working to enlighten, lead, and guide His servants in all truth. The other, the spirit and power of the devil working to blind and to mislead these same servants into great darkness.

Now that God has set His great hand to bring out those deep truths of this seventh and last trump message to the church and the world, and all the forces of darkness can not stop them, it must and will reach honest souls in all parts of the world. One of the great missions and work of the Holy Ghost is to carry this seventh and last great message to the church and the world. And, too, it is to be understood that many of the deep symbols of the Bible, especially of the Revelation, lap, inner-lap, and over-lap. So we say with the Scriptures: "Blessed are those that readeth and they that understandeth." Thus, for the lack of spiritual understanding, many Scriptures are explained to mean something they do not mean at all. Amen.

I am closing by asking the Lord to bless this message to the inspiring, enlightening, and edifying of all who read it; and that it may serve as a beacon light which will help others of my fellow travelers to catch a greater vision of the deeper mysteries of the Kingdom of God. It is with this prayer and purpose that the writer sends forth this message to the church and to the world.

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