

# **New Creation Christian Faith Center “Understanding Hell”**

## **Part 1 – Death: God Concealed**

Life, Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell. With a focus on defining and understanding Hell. Yet, by virtue of understanding either Hell or Heaven, you can't help grasp the one without the other.

Before we start, know this! “Seriousness is not a fruit of the Spirit, JOY is!”

Crash course on my class the Genesis Factor and concepts from the book Melchizedek: Our gracious king-priesthood in Christ.

1. Concepts of Perception.
  - a. If we can understand what is being presented by the five senses, we haven't perceived spiritually.
  - b. If we understand concepts with our intellect, it doesn't mean we have conceptualized spiritually.
  - c. To perceive and conceptualize spiritually, we must learn how to connect with those sensors in our true “spiritual” self. (For the record, that connection is the difference between Light and Darkness, Life and Death, and Heaven and Hell.) Please don't confuse the prophetic or the gifts of the spirit, with connecting with our true spiritual selves. Our gifts, spiritual offices or functions have little to do with your spiritual sensors, though they can help awaken them. What most of us do in post-modern Christendom, especially in the Charismatic/Pentecostal, Word of Faith sect, is become proficient in our gifts and callings, but yield our perception and conception of God (and the spiritual realm) to what we understand with our intellect. The result is our intellect, thus our theological reasoning and understanding, becomes a filter through which our gifts and callings function, rather than our true spiritual self being a vehicle through which the Divine is revealed and the gifts and callings merely tools in His hand. In other words, you must be more than your gifts and callings. You must be a reflection of Divine. Why? Humans have a mimetic desire to be like what speaks to their inner being and gives them pleasure.
  - d. There are several key ways to connect with our true self, one of those key ways is to connect yourself with those who are connected. In other words, put ourselves in an environment with those who perceive, conceive and conceptualize. You didn't learn to walk or talk because you rationalized it. You learned because those around you walked and talked. The most difficult thing the natural human brain will ever do in its mortal existence is develop from crawling to walking. The human

brain will process more information about its being when it takes its first few steps than any other process. The point is what we learn through the five senses about God, is really no big deal, "Hey man I can walk!"

2. Concept of Block Logic and Roots and Branches Explanation.
3. Origin of the Species.

**Gen 2:9** And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. NKJV

וַיִּצְמַח יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים מִן־הָאֲדָמָה כָּל־עֵץ נֹחֵם לְמַרְאֵה וְטוֹב לְמֵאֲכָל  
וְעֵץ הַחַיִּים בְּתוֹךְ הַגָּן וְעֵץ הַדַּעַת טוֹב וְרָע:

- a. God is the source of the sprouting or growth. It comes from "I will be like" substance. All the trees were pleasant to the eyes and functional for food. In the garden of God, *what feeds you is what pleases you and what pleases you feeds you!* If you breakdown this sentence, God is the source of likeness and all that springs forth from that will please you and feed you! It is your eternal substance!
- b. Then the scripture adds, "and the Tree of Life in the center of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil." The tree of Life seems to just exist in the center of the garden, however the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil has an origin. According to the OT in Ezekiel 31, the Tree TKGE has the same description as the fall of Lucifer in Ezekiel 28 and Isaiah 14. (Brought down to the ground... Isaiah 29:4).
- c. When God created the Adam (both male and female), He said:

**Gen 2:15-17** 15 Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." NKJV

- i. The Adam was to serve and guard the Garden. They were serve and guard the eternal status of Divine Pleasure! (Cultivate the state of Divine Pleasure and protect that state of being. Don't let anything hinder you from living in the Pleasure of God.)
- ii. Then comes the warning, when you eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, you will die! Literally, "You will be dying dead." In other

words you will be in a state of perpetual death. Or, you could say eternal death.

#### 4. The Fall of the Adam.

**Gen 3:4-5** 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." NKJV

- a. "You will not surely die." Can be translated, "You will not be in a state of perpetual death, but you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
  - i. Understand that the serpent played on their function. They were the likeness of God, and from that sprouted all kinds of Divine Pleasure. However, by suggesting that they partake in the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil to be like God, played into their grasp of their identity or their "sense of meaning". Thus the subtle suggestion was, *"You are not like God enough, unless you partake of this!"*
- b. The second aspect of the state of perpetual death, was that the way they were going to attain their God-Likeness was by knowing good and evil.
  - i. There are two sides to the good and evil coin.
    1. "The more I know good from evil and live accordingly, I will be acceptable to God."
    2. "The more I know good and evil, the more I become my own God and have no need of a belief in a supreme being."
- c. The significance of the phrases of the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil is that there is one word that is in common "Tree".
- d. עץ - Tree. Its child root is עץ־שׁוֹטֵט which means to shut the eyes, purpose and to take counsel.
  - i. Key point you cannot behold both trees, either shut your eyes to the one and behold the other or visa versa. You cannot behold the TKGE and Life at the same time. The system of TKGE is DEATH. (Explanation of the "Death Sleep").
  - ii. By partaking of the TKGE, all that is Divine is concealed to the fallen Adam. The concealing of God is DEATH. Separation has nothing to do with distance, and everything to do with perception.

- iii. The product of partaking of the Death Tree, was that the Adam, shattered and each fragment was encased in flesh.
5. This brings us now to God's explanation the spiritual world (Melchizedekian contrasted the Levitical).

**Heb 8:5-6** 5 who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain." NKJV

- a. The pattern of the temple has many significant things, but the two most significant (other than the Ark) for our discussion and possibly the most significant of all are the veil that shields the Ark of the Covenant (or the Ark of the Presence) and the clasps that hold the tent together.
- b. The key aspect of the veil is that it conceals the Divine Presence. When the Divine Presence, the Source of the Divine Image is concealed, then there is no Image revealed.
- c. God is closer than our own breath, and yet because we are in the system of the TKGE, we cannot perceive the Source, the eternal God. Thus our flesh is the substance of which the veil is made up of.

**Heb 10:20** by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, NKJV

- d. This physical world as we know it, is a result of the Fall and it veils God from the shattered Adam. The physical world cannot perceive God. The five senses cannot perceive God. It is only when we get in touch with God, we get in touch with our true self. In getting in touch with our true self, does our perception change and even our physical senses will start to yield to true reality.

Christ Jesus is the starting and finishing point of the connection. It begins with understanding that He is LIFE and through Him we have such Life more abundantly (John 10:10). We no longer slave to the TKGE to measure or likeness. Jesus is our prince charming who has awakened his sleeping beauty from the death sleep. We can now open our eyes and see reality as it is! However, like many of us on a Monday morning, when the Jesus alarm goes off and tells us to arise from our Death Sleep, from the limited reality of the TKGE, we are groggy. We are not totally coherent and must continue to rise to the reality that we are already like God, leaving the bed of a need to be like God through knowing good and evil. Sadly most of us in the Church world, awake to Christ and then roll over and go back to sleep. Go back to living in the illusion that Christ requires us to live a holy life avoiding the evil, learning more of the good, so I will be acceptable to God.

Parting thought: If when the Adam (we) fell we died. Then consider this scripture:

**Heb 9:27** And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, NKJV

καὶ καθ' ὅσον ἀπόκειται τοῖς ἀνθρώποις ἅπαξ ἀποθανεῖν, μετὰ δὲ τοῦτο κρίσις

ἀπόκειται to be laid up. μετὰ to be among.