

Christ in You.- Christ in You is actually the theme of most of the Bible

The power you have inside you is greater than the power Moses used to divide the sea, or than Joseph used to interpret dreams. It is greater than the power David had when he killed the giant Goliath. It is even greater than the power of the man Jesus. For the power in you is the power of the RISEN Christ, that power has defeated death, raised Christ from the grave, and saved mankind

You were chosen from the beginning to have the spirit of Christ in you.

2 Thessalonians 2:13

But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the **beginning** chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

Do you want to know the reason for life, the universe, everything? Look in the mirror!

Lets start at the beginning...Creation – Genesis 1



*Genesis 1.1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth
Genesis 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*

.In the beginning God created everything.

NB. To create is to produce something entirely new.... God produced all of this out of nothing. **Only God can create** – we can form things (copies) or make things(new ideas), –out of what is already there –but we cannot create. Only God can get something out of nothing

Luke 18:27

..., The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

Creation - Genesis 1: 3-31

On the 7th day God rested – he looked at his creation and was pleased with it. At this point it was all perfect, just how God had created it. (Genesis 1.31 – 2:2)

(There is day and night before there are any sun, moon or stars. There is no rain yet – a mist comes up from the earth)

He created everything **to reproduce after its kind**...(Gen 1.11,12,24)

- Plants reproduce plants
- Monkeys reproduce monkeys
- Flesh reproduces flesh

God is Spirit

Genesis 1..2 And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

God is spirit. He isn't an old man with a white beard sitting on a cloud somewhere. We cannot see God with our eyes.

John 1:18

No man hath **seen God** at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him

1 John 4:12

No man hath **seen God** at any time. If we love one another, **God** dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Man – Formed, Made, Created

Gen 2 ⁷And 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.

This was not an act of CREATION .

God formed Adam out of something that already existed. – the dust of the ground
gen ¹²⁶And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness
made= soul or breath life

God **MADE** something different , he made human life – as opposed to animal life.

Genesis 1:27

So God **created** man in his own image, in the image of God **created** he him; male and female **created** he them.

Now we have an act of CREATION –something new that hasn't existed before.

It is in the image of God (i.e it is like God) -God is Spirit

So this act of CREATION must be the **SPIRIT** in man.

.Man was created to be **spiritually** like God. God is spirit, and can communicate directly only with spirit – to communicate with people in the senses realm he need to affect the senses realm. – an indirect approach. Adam and Eve had spirit, they could communicate with God directly – spirit to spirit

<p>Formed – Body. From the dust of the ground Made – Soul/life a different kind of breath life from what was created before Created -Spirit in the image of God – a new creation.</p>
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Fall of Man. Spiritual Death

Adam and Eve had the spirit, so why are we not all just born with it?

What happened?

Man gave it away!

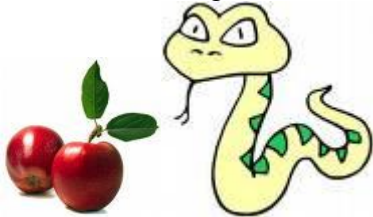
- God had given dominion of the earth to man. Genesis 1.26
- Man has FREE WILL.

Philippians 1:21-23¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better

(Paul in a quandary -because he has to make the choice)

- God doesn't give gifts and than take them back. So once he gave it to man, it was man's to do what he liked with.
- **Romans 11:29**
For the **gifts** and **calling** of God are **without repentance**.
'Man' applies to men and woman –at this time Adam and Eve were the whole of mankind.

Satan came along , and tricked mankind into handing dominion over to him



God had said to eat whatever they liked except for one thing....

Genesis 2:16-17 *And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*

Satan cajoles Eve into eating the forbidden fruit....

Genesis 3

*¹Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? ²And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: ³But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. ⁴And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: ⁵**For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.** ⁶And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat*

- considers (talks to Satan at all)
- questions what God has said – hath God said....?
- omits,.... May eat - God said FREELY eat
- adds,.. neither shall ye touch it..... God didn't say that
- changes. ‘Thou shalt not surely die’ – this is an outright contradiction of God -it is the first LIE

LIES – YOU WILL NOT DIE.

Genesis 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

John 8:44

Ye are of your **father** the devil, and the lusts of your **father** ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a **liar**, and the **father** of it

ACCUSATIONS – GOD IS WITH-HOLDING SOMETHING GOOD.

Genesis 3:5 ⁵For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Revelation 12:10

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Adam then takes the fruit from her despite what God had told him.

(God commanded Adam not to eat this fruit. Then he creates Eve to keep Adam company and be his ‘help meet’

Gen 3.7=spiritual death. ⁷*And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.*

They are now looking with their eyes and not with their spirit

So from this point onwards, it is Satan who has dominion of the earth. God has to chuck man out of his garden, before they do any more damage!

Man is now just body and soul – there is no spirit.

We are not born with the spirit of God because of what Adam and Eve did. They had no spirit by the time they had kids. Their son was the first murderer. (Cain killed his brother Abel)

- Reproduces after it’s kind...there the man who is only body and souls cannot reproduce and make a man who is body soul and spirit
- Adam and eve reproduced after their kind –which by then was body and soul.

God had a plan to save us....

Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy **seed** and her **seed**; it shall bruise thy **head**, and thou shalt bruise his **heel**.



The seed of Eve referred to here is **Christ**. Jesus was ultimately descended from these first people. (At least on his Mum's side). Satan has seed too – they work for him. Christ – which is now in US can bruise Satan's head
The two are in battle – but Christ is stronger – it is better to have a bruised heel then a bruised head. !! Satan can and will snap at our heel, but we can stand on his head with the Christ in us! (Ephesians 6 talks about the spiritual battle, and our armour)

Christ is how God got it all back – for us.

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Genesis 3.15 – Revelation the Bible is all about CHRIST – this is what we call the red thread. It is the story of how God reconciled us to him, and gave us back the chance to have that spirit – i.e CHRIST IN YOU



Red Fred



Red Thread

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OT prophets – knew about Christ. E.g. Isaiah 7.14

The Old Testament

Old Testament men and women of God had the spirit WITH them, or ON them, but not IN them as we do. It was not possible to be born again at this time. I could carry on giving examples of this for a week...but here's just a couple to illustrate the point.

- David killed the giant goliath - 1 Samuel 17
- Jonah survived inside the whale – Jonah 1.17 – 2.10
- Daniel and the Lion – Daniel 6

Exodus 3:2-5

² There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³ So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

⁴ When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

⁵ "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."

Moses was a great man of God. He received the 10 commandments. He freed the people of Israel. He parted the red sea.

But he didn't have the spirit of Christ in him

- God spoke to him via the physical world – e.g. the burning bush. Moses didn't have the spirit so he couldn't hear God directly.

There are many more...none of these people had the power that you have!



The Passover. Lamb sacrificed in order to cleanse from sin.



Blood on the door post to protect. Exodus 12

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The new birth, Christ in us, was a mystery to the OT prophets. The power we have was not available to them. The amazing feats accomplished by the people mentioned above were done with LESS POWER than you have inside YOU once you are born again.

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Jesus. . .

Seed of Eve. A man.

Conception

- He was conceived in a virgin – he had a natural mother, but God was his father.
- He was there fore of completely PURE BLOOD

Birth and childhood.

He was born in the same way that anyone else is born. He learned from his parents and from the elders in the church he went to. He was a child, he grew up. He had all the same experiences as issues of any other child and teenager.

These things are important as they show **he was a MAN.**

His Ministry

Temptation – Satan attempts to do what he did to Eve – Mathew 4

He performed a ministry of teaching and reconciling people to God .

Miracles. Healing. Casting out devils.

Death – on the cross. He was without sin. He therefore became the scapegoat, or the sacrificial lamb. – the pure one sacrificed for the sin of all the rest.



This was the same principle as the lamb used in the OT. His blood was pure.

Our Passover

1 Corinthians 5:7

⁷Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

1 John 1:7 ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin

Our saviour

As man gave away the spirit, a Man had to get it back.

1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.



1 John 2:2

²And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Propitiation = attonement

All our sins were nailed to that cross. Not physically, of course, but SPIRITUALLY

Jesus lived and died so that God's plan for us could be fulfilled. It was his resurrection from the dead that made it possible for us to have his spirit within us. He was the Son of God. Yet he said we should (and therefore can) do greater works than he did.

John 14:12

¹²Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

It was a man who gave the dominion to Satan – it had to be a man who claimed it back. Jesus had to be human, and he had to die.



Resurrection, Ascension.

This is the really good bit.

The fact that Jesus died may have saved us from the consequence of our sin, but it didn't defeat death.

- but he got up again!

He defeated the death that came into the world when man listened to Satan and not God. So the spiritual death that Satan tricked Adam into was now reversed. Job done!

Jesus then ascended to heaven – he is with God. Natural death did not defeat him. The power of spiritual life and death no longer rests with Satan, but with Christ.

Jesus then told his disciples to wait for the promise of the Father – i.e. the Spirit..

1. [Luke 24:49](#)

And, behold, I send the **promise** of my **Father** upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

2. [Acts 1:4](#)

And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the **promise** of the **Father**, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

On Sunday we will learn about the outpouring of the Holy spirit – how we get it, and perhaps most importantly, what to do with it!

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**EAT ANY FRUIT
YOU LIKE,
EXCEPT FOR
THE RED APPLE.
IF YOU EAT THE
RED APPLE, YOU
WILL DIE**

**LOVE,
GOD**

Genesis 2:16-17

**Has God said not to
eat the red apple?**

**God knows that
when you eat the
red apple you will
be as smart as him.
It won't kill you!**

'The serpent'

**(a.k.a. Satan)
Genesis 3.1-5**