

Chapter 3

WHO ARE WE TO GOD ?

All God's Spirit Creations Relate by God's Attributes

All God's Creations which have been given a spirit relating to Himself, a Spirit, are endowed with two ABILITIES no other Creations have.

First, CHOICE, as His closest Creations, possessing spirits for eternity as Himself, by His selfless Love Attribute, were given choice.

He gave them choice, we believe, because instinctually we can perceive that real Love could not withhold choice from them, as they were of His closest image as spirit creations as Himself who had choice. But there is even a more important and fundamental reason He gave them choice.

As we look at His scriptures, we see that, indeed, in the Garden, the very reason He had to remove Adam and Eve from the Garden was that they could "choose" to eat of any tree and indeed the Tree of Life, then possessing eternal Life of God as then a hybrid with disobedient natures and possible evil deliberate rebellion separated from God, yet possessing Life of God for eternity. This, God could not allow to happen. So he had to remove them from the presence of the Tree of Life.

This establishes that in God's understanding, given man "choice," at the moment of creating man in His image, was of a much higher priority than just a trivial emotional moment of "Love giving choice." God giving all his spirit creations choice ALSO has to do with all his plans for manifesting His Glory for Eternity. When we come to understand His Restoration plan for fallen man, we will understand this necessity of choice given to all His Angels and to man.

For instance, we know something quite revealing about God's use of choice from the beginning. All the angels had choice, as Lucifer rebelled against God because he possessed choice, as perhaps one-third of the angels that rebelled against God also.

The importance of giving choice to Lucifer and all the angels with them rebelling before the world began, was that they were given choice but not the right-of-choice by God to rebel or disobey God. We explained this "right-of-choice" in Chapter 2.

Some time after the rebellion of Lucifer and the angels, Adam and Eve were Created and placed on earth and were given choice also, but this time also were given the right to exercise that choice as whether to obey or disobey. God told them they could eat of every tree in the Garden but one, and in the day they would choose to disobey that they would die. But God plainly gave them the right to choose for themselves, to obey or disobey.

There is no record in God's Word that he gave the right of choice to any other spirit Creation. Adam and Eve could choose to disobey Him, whereas, Lucifer and the angels before were not given that right of choice between alternative.

It seems that, after the rebelling unlawful choice of Lucifer and his angels, God planned to use choice as a demonstration of His Spiritual Perfection (Glory) of Attributes through man's fall in a physical body, to demonstrate for all creation the senseless insanity of satan's rebellion. Our Lord ultimately manifests the Glory (Spiritual Perfection) of His Attributes to all His Creation for all Eternity.

Obviously, choice initially given without rights given to the angels, and later giving of choice, with the right to exercise choice to obey or disobey, to Adam, is the real foundation of the entire redemptive Restoration story.

And Adam, despite his loss of relationship to God, his flesh nature becoming self centered now, he still retained an instinctual understanding of Attributes, was said to still retain that right of choice, so he was expelled from the Garden.

Second, Spiritual ATTRIBUTES, as His closest Creations, as spirit possessions for eternity as Himself, in His image. He gave Adam and Eve, a measure of all understanding of the Attributes of Himself at their initial Creation.

Created in the image of God, he and Eve instinctually understood all the Attributes of God, as do all His spirit possessing Creations in their beginnings, and, therefore, felt quite comfortable and enjoyed relating to his Creator of such wonderful Attributes, as Adam Himself had an image of God in understanding the possession of such Attributes.

All His Heavenly Angels, and even His now fallen and rebelling angels, had in their beginnings an understanding of all the Spiritual Attributes of God.

After Adam's disobedience, he was driven from the garden but **he still retained the right-of-choice God had given him**. But, although Adam still possessed his instincts of spirit, they are now darkened (now separated from God's indwelling Spirit of God-Life, the scriptural definition of "dead"), and he also lost

clear understanding of the Attributes of God. So all unregenerate humans know instinctually that the Creator God has Attributes of Love, Truth, Holiness, and Wisdom, however, in a very dim manner.

"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 shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel" (Rom 2:14-17).

But any Spiritual fellowship-relationship to God was now impossible and Adam's understanding, by adopting a self serving nature, became extremely darkened. He was alienated from God Himself because he no longer clearly participated in the **Attributes of God** and the **indwelling Spirit of God**, and had chosen a life of sinning, doing his own will, rather than pleasing to His Creator. So God gave him up to a reprobate mind.

"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them" (Rom 1:28, 32).

Remember, unregenerate man being, "dead in sin," does not mean "like a dead man," with a dead spirit. It means separated in his spirit from God and the Attributes of God in his spirit, lost for Eternity. Lost mankind still lives with a **spirit** (although now without the Spirit of God indwelling), a **soul** (mind, emotions, will, and a conscience of only a perception of God's Attributes), and a flesh nature to self-serving sin continually in his **body**.

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"For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse" (Rom 1:20).

FALLEN MAN

Dead fallen man, separated from God, may still understand God in his spirit. Being spiritually dead, means not participating in God's Attributes, and thereby separated from any relationship to Him . There is no scripture, to our knowledge, that says man's spirit was annihilated or ceased to function. He is dead in sin, means spiritually separated from the Life of God

This loss of understanding of selfless Love becomes most apparent in all the selfish lusts of the flesh nature that Adam now possesses from the fall.

It is ironic that, as we shall learn later to the surprise of many, the very least Attribute of God, which is His selfless Love, is the very one most obviously and openly lost from man in his darkened understanding. So lost men make a "carnal" Christian a "righteous" model of our day, using their darkened understanding of God's "love" to justify themselves. And this so-called love of God is made a license for carnality and even disregard of His Lordship, among themselves.

And, to no surprise, it is the most highly esteemed by false religious teachings today. It is used as an excuse to accept sin, different doctrines, even different religions today as worthy of equal fellowship. All this in the name of placing our carnal and depraved understanding of love first. This elevation of a human understanding of love is the sign of false teachings today. We will learn that elevating human love above exclusive absolute Truth and Holiness is, in fact, going against the scriptures and our Creator God, even against His Love.

People today, who are unwittingly devoted to self instead of a "God-Love of Truth and Holiness," use this human exaltation of human love, to excuse their felt need for fellowship. So they will attend any church that caters to their emotional, social, and pleasure needs the most. Teachings or doctrines always seem of no major importance to these people. They are devoted to "loving" people for Christ first and foremost, they think.

Of course, Adam lost all four selfless devotions also to Love, Truth, Holiness, and Wisdom. So understanding religious people today with no concern for doctrines of Truth and Holiness is easy. His self serving is now turned to foolishness, as we are told his foolish heart was darkened. Satan does his best work in churches, Bible schools, and most certainly in Seminaries (Cemeteries).

Man became vain in his imaginations like the people that produce doctrines and theologies out of their imaginations, even conceiving of idols or pagan gods without the Attributes of God, only Characteristics, as discussed previously, and in detail later..

But, as separated from God, officially spiritually dead (separated from God), he still has a glimmer of appreciation for selfless Love, absolute exclusive Truth, and pure "goodness" perfect Holiness in his instinctually retained understanding that he wants to deny, because he now "loves" his sin, even "Christian" religious sin, rather than Truth, the light of God.

Any natural person, that will, if even for a moment, admit to a Creator God as existing, will admit to the following definitions in general, as being probably true. He instinctively knows, his seared conscience tells him:

Absolute Truth, must be reality, as only God can know.

Pure Love, must be totally selfless.

Holiness, must be pure perfect goodness, without mixture, moral perfection

Wisdom, must be making the best decisions. Highest Wisdom must be making decisions supporting Truth, Love, and Holiness.

There are only two general groups of people in the world, those relating to Truth of God and those relating to self.

Fallen Man Understands These ATTRIBUTES of God

But fallen man does NOT possess them unless born-from-above, and then, only by indwelling Christ's Attributes. And even then they are safeguarded in us in the Holy Spirit of Christ Jesus indwelling us, until our final perfected restoration in Heaven. God cannot allow His Attributes to be forever possessing Eternal Life united with a sinful self-serving creature of a sinning flesh-nature. This would be a horrible Eternal hybrid of God-good and evil in the same essence or being. God forbid.

So, only after shedding our body flesh natures in death, can we be fully restored to our Perfect Lord and God. For this we, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from Heaven (Rom 8:23; 2 Cor 5:2; and 2 Cor 5:4).

Each of these four Attributes of God are monadic, one of a kind, and not in any way possessed by a natural sinful human being, although he is instinctually aware and understanding of them since the fall.

These are the immutable means by which His intelligent creations may comprehend Him in all His dealings in relation to them. By this understanding

the Holy Spirit may work among them, and salvation may be obtained by man exercising his God-given right of choice and His Holy Spirit given conviction of his lost state.

Only after Holy Spirit enlightenment of man to his lost condition in relation to God's Attributes, may a man through RIGHT-OF-CHOICE of repentance and commitment be given the Holy Spirit of Christ Himself indwelling. This Restores him to fellowship with God by a new-birth of his spirit being indwelt by God's spirit possessing such Attributes again, to teach, lead, assure, gift, reveal, and empower the new creation again.

And after His being born-from-above and indwelt by the Holy Spirit Mind of Christ (of Attributes), he may grow by continuing obedience to faith of Christ into the Restored image of His Lord Christ that he had in Adam from the beginning.

But, as Adam, even though possessing God's Attributes in Christ and thus able to walk with God in fellowship, he does not yet possess Eternal Life while in his natural body.

Holy Spirit Illuminates Attributes to Man, showing man his lost condition

Work of Holy Spirit requires man's instinctual apprehension of the Attributes of God. If this were not so then the Holy Spirit's work would be impossible, to enlighten every man (John 1:9). . Because how could He perform His work in this world. We are told that it was needful for the Holy Spirit to convince of sin, righteousness, and Judgment. If man had no comprehension of the Attributes of God brought to bear, in relation to the revealing work of the Holy Spirit, man could not comprehend the Holy Witness in righteous Judgment against him, to bring him to repentance.

There is nothing in scripture that says the work of the Holy Spirit is to teach natural unregenerate man a **comprehension** of the Attributes of God. Man's originally retained understanding of God's Attributes are enlightened by the Holy Spirit to be in relation to man's own separation and sinfulness against such a God of Attributes for the first time, so that sin, righteousness, and judgment can be comprehended for the first time.

After a man's conversion, after initial enlightenment (John 1:9) and drawing of all men unto Him by the Holy Spirit (John 12:32), we are told that the Holy Spirit "will then teach us all things and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said to you" (John 14:26) and "guide you into all Truth....and whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak, and show you things to come" (John 16:13). Also, and most importantly, we are chosen "to salvation through Holiness of Spirit

(Holy Spirit in your spirit) and faith (Holy Spirit in you) of Truth" (2 Thess 2:13).
 "Christ in you, the hope of Glory (Spiritual Perfection)" (Col 1:27).

Obviously, the presence of the Holy Spirit (Christ in you) within us and directing our Living is Imperative!!

"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye MUST be born-from-above" (John 3:7).

In regard to this great imperative importance of the Holy Spirit in our Living today, there are two main false teachings to hinder us:

(1) Cessationism denies the Holy Spirit indwelling with His nine Spiritual gifts, 1 Cor 12, 14 (including faith), teaching, guiding, and empowering of a new-born man for the purpose of salvation; only a dead "play" religion then exists. The vast majority of so-called Christianity today teaches Cessationism in one form or another. See Appendix C in this e-book for a complete explanation of Cessationism. And,

(2) Pharisaism is alive and well also in today's so-called Christianity. Indeed, almost all are deceitfully led by all the false teachings today, to become a Pharisee without their knowing it. **"A Pharisee today is anyone who goes only according to the dead letter written Word, or says that this is also being led by the Holy Spirit."**

This deadly belief is what is taught by both Calvinism and Dispensationalism. This includes almost all "believers" today, just as in Jesus day. Our Lord said that if our righteousness does not exceed that of the Scribes and Pharisees, "Ye shall in no case enter into the Kingdom of Heaven" (Matt 5:20). Selah.

Our Lord specifically said to the Pharisees, the most strict scripture following people of His day imaginable:

"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have Eternal Life: and they are they which testify of Me. And ye will not come to Me, that ye might have Life" (John 5:39-40).

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, **and faith** [[Holy Spirit in you]]: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone" (Matt 23:23).

So our Lord was telling the Pharisees, "no matter how much detail you give to following the scriptures, unless you live according to righteous judgment, mercy, **and faith** in directing your living, **you are going to hell.**"

Further, He said, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees" (Matt 16:6). "Then understood they (the disciples) how that He bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the **doctrine of the Pharisees** and of the Sadducees" (Matt 16:12).

Pharisees today say, "Only trust Jesus Christ with all your heart, and live only according to reading His Holy written Word, and you will be guaranteed Heaven." This is a sure prescription to hell. It is making a totally lost Pharisee, without any means of Heaven. Selah

[[[Medieval Catholic invented Penal Substitution Atonement by Anselm (1098 AD), never before known to the churches, is taught by these modern Pharisees (Catholic, Calvinists, and Dispensationalists), and fails to provide and denies any true righteousness or Holiness in any individual, and totally denies any means of the Holy Spirit in directing our Living, and so much more is missing. It is just total paganism given to us from Medieval Catholicism. Present day preachers and teachers are blinded to their total spiritual incompetence. Pelagian humanism, is being openly blindly taught--man is saving himself by his own means, thinking faith is their trust or their mental notations of what the scriptures teach, just like the Pharisees of Jesus incarnate time on earth. For the scriptural means of our Restoration (Atonement) see Crisispub.com or Doffun.com.]]]

Final Judgment Condemns because of a comprehension of His Attributes

A person can preach and devote his life to expounding on his appreciation of these very Attributes of Christ, but still be separated from the Life of God within himself. He may still be destined to hell because of not being born again **OR** because he departed from the doctrines of Christ in his teachings or behavior.

Knowing what the gospel truly is, and his true repentance and lifelong commitment to the Lordship of Christ and contending for the doctrines of Christ, may never have been his experience, despite whatever piety he may imagine. Many are called, but **few** are chosen (Matt 20:16 and 22:14)

A man is condignly condemned, because he knew God's Attributes, and was illuminated by God's Holy Spirit and forcefully drawn by the Holy Spirit, but refused and went according to his imagination and self-serving desires, even if in the most religious ways, and his foolish heart was darkened ever after (Rom 1 and 2). So he became a false teaching Pharisee (playing church with a Bible), or a respectable self-serving citizen; or a compromising equivocating doctrine-neutral pastor with thousands of church members, or a worldly gutter sinner, or

any given to immorality, or a corrupted drunken politician. These are **ALL** awaiting a sure hell for eternity.

All Attributable Behaviors of God are understood, **If Not Blinded !!**

Behaviors arising from His four Attributes, as mercy, longsuffering, kindness, justice, truthfulness, purity, righteous (right-related), anger, wrath, chastisement, etc., can be seen as combinations of His four Attributes as ruled by Wisdom being displayed in God's behavior to His intelligent self-conscious Holy Spirit possessing Creations.

All these four Attributes of God manifest themselves in Wisdom's application contingently and all Attributes simultaneously together to show mercy, or justice, or longsuffering, etc.

And we must never forget, no doctrines (teachings) of the scriptures relating to God or God's relation to us can be rightfully understood apart from a little child's application of his instinctual understanding of Attributes being applied.

Remember, the child's smell test is infallible. "Except ye be as a little child...." Child simple.

If there is one contradiction concerning any one of God's Attributes relating to any "one" doctrine, that doctrine is false in some manner. Such a concept as decretive will of God and a second secret or moral will of God stating exactly the opposite of the decretive will is nowhere found in scripture; this is a Calvinist excuse to explain false and self-contradicting doctrines whenever Attributes in scriptures are considered. But Catholics, Calvinists, or Dispensationalists thinking highly of themselves, cannot see what a little child can see, "contradictions."

This a little child sees as "satanic" (supernatural) blindness. The terrible thing about satanic blindness is that the person so blinded cannot comprehend that he is blinded. This is not natural blindness, is it? Even a naturally blind person will tell you that he knows he is blind. This is why Paul told Timothy, when you see this supernatural blindness, move on, you are wasting your time with them, since God will only give repentance to those who don't think they have all the Truth (2 Tim 2:24-26 and Psa 119:21).

God's Demonstrated Monadic Attributes Distinguish from Anything of a False god or spirit.

Additionally, none of these Attributes of God or Attributable behaviors of God of loving, mercy, justice, truthfulness, moral purity, longsuffering, etc., are manifest by any pagan gods which possess only Characteristics of an idol or pagan god. They are all inscrutable and incomprehensible to lost men, who can only imagine their god having what they humanly call loving, mercy, justice, truthfulness, etc. Lost men have no possession of these Attributes in any manner, only teachings (doctrines) of imaginations, like Roman Catholics, Calvinists, and Dispensationalists have.

If anyone is taken to Heaven from among these false historical churches in these end-times of Thyatira (Roman Catholics), Sardis (Calvinists), and Laodicea (Dispensationalists and Emerging church), all of Rev 2-3; it is because that despite their living in the last day existence of these apostate churches, they somehow have not partaken of the doctrines, have repented, have committed their heart to obedience of Christ, have not defiled their garments, and ALL have all been overcomers in the end. [[[in Thyatira, repent, those that have not this doctrine of committing spiritual adultery, and not known the depths of satan as they speak, and overcoming, and keeping My works unto the end, Rev 2:24,26; in Sardis, you are dead, remember how you are now taking and heard, repent, hold fast, he that has not defiled his garment, and is overcoming, I will not blot you out of the book of Life, Rev 3:4-5; in Laodicea, you who are blind and naked, repent, be hearing My voice, and opens his heart that Christ may indwell Him, and is overcoming, Rev 3:19-21]]]

And most revealing is that all the spooks and spirits, and spirit guides, regardless of all their seeming miraculous effects, have no relation to any such single God of Creation with Demonstrated Attributes with documented scriptures and true prophecies with 8,362 predictive verses, 1,817 predictions on 737 separate matters, [[J. Barton Payne, Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy]] only from outside any time/space considerations. Most revealing!!

WHO ARE WE TO GOD ? LOST.....

without His indwelling Attributes Living through
our obedience to the Holy Spirit of Christ (faith) in us
to produce God-directed-good (agathos) works
by which we will be judged to Heaven or hell.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith (indwelling Holy Spirit Mind of Christ); and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God (Himself):

Not of works (of self), lest any man should boast.

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for the result of good (agathos, God-directed-good) works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph 2:8-10).

"Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, Eternal Life:

But unto them that are contentious, **and do not obey the truth**, but **obey unrighteousness**, indignation and wrath,

Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;

But glory, honour, and peace, to **every man that worketh good**, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile:

For there is no respect of persons with God" (Rom 2:6-11).

Child simple.