

BORN AGAIN: THE FALL

In our August letter we discussed in detail, the fact that the first Adam was not deceived. In **1 Timothy 2:14** the scripture says “And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived fell into transgression”. We do know based on scripture, Adam was right there with Eve when she ate of the fruit (**Genesis 3:6**). I can’t fathom what was going on in Adam’s mind, but as previously stated in our August letter, he was self deceived. The verse in **James 1:22** expresses the meaning of self deception as hearing God’s word and not doing it.

Genesis 3:17 tells us, Adam heeded the voice of his wife and because he heeded her voice and not God’s, Adam fell into a deception of his own making. According to **James 1:21-25**, self deception doesn’t simply stop when we choose not to be a doer of the Word, in the case of Adam, he literally turned his back on what kind of man he was; a spiritual man, an eternal man. He received a Word from God in the form of a commandment and this Word was meant to preserve his soul. Not only his soul, but the souls of everyone. **Galatians 6:1** “Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted”.

When you think about Adam’s position to replenish the earth, how important was it for Adam to not only preserve his soul, but Eve’s also. The bible calls her the mother of all living in **Genesis 3:20**. The soul of all mankind was at stake, not just Adam and Eve’s. They were to be the father and mother of all mankind; so when they fell, the soul of every person fell with them. **1 Corinthians 15:45** as it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”, which is a direct quote from **Genesis 2:7**. The soul of Adam contained his spiritual mind which is eternal and his natural mind which was of the dust. Before the fall, the spiritual mind had all of the ruling power over all God created for him as he walked in the garden.

Adam possessed complete authority over God’s creation. So much in fact, that he had the legal right in his hands to bestow dominion to another being. Adam was an eternal spiritual being with a body made perfect and he was fully fit to be the temple of God. It was the joy of the Father to give His

man—Adam—dominion over the works He had created. Out of all God created, He chose to govern creation by one of His greatest achievements.

The heart He created in Adam was given to him to house the life of God which was breathed directly into him. Adam had a heart of love just like God. God’s very own nature, divine love, was built into him. Adam was not pre-programmed to give responses like a computer, he was created by God to have thoughts and reasonings guided by what He developed in his heart. Adam’s growth sprang forth from the divine nature.

This is where God gave the first man Adam his individuality: the freedom of choice! Think about it, what would God get out of a pre-programmed response anyway? It would be like he was listening to a recording of his own voice saying “I love you”. When you choose to love God on your own accord, you actually give Him something He deeply desires from all of His children.

As we conclude this month’s topic, the main thought I would like you to keep in mind is the seriousness of Adam’s one act of disobedience. Like we stated above, the soul of all mankind was at stake, not just Adam and Eve’s. They were to be the father and mother of all mankind, so when they fell, the souls of all future generations were affected; every person fell with them. Next month we will be discussing consequences and choices that we are now faced with because of this fall.

Love,

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