

Here you may see how male and female were meet-helps in the government, when God made them in his image of righteousness and holiness, and how Christ restores man up into his image again, and how that male and female are all one in him, and of the increase of Christ's government and peace there is no end.

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God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowls of the air, and over all the cattle, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth: so God created man in his own image, in the likeness of God created he him, male and female created he them, and blessed them; and God said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply and replenish the earth, and subdue it, and have dominion over it,' as before, as in Gen 1:26-28.

Here the female which was the meet-help for Adam, and they both male and female were meet-helps, joined in government, dominion, and rule, being in the likeness and image of God, and they were blessed in it; for God said unto them, (mark, them), 'Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, subdue it, and have dominion over it. And this was before man and woman fell from his image. So God, who made man and woman in his own image, gave them an understanding to understand what he said to them.

And the apostle said to the Colossians, 'Seeing you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge, after the image of God that created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision, nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free, but Christ is all, and in all.' Col 3:9-11.

Now this old man, in Adam, in the fall, must be put off; and the new man in the image of God, as God originally made and created them in, must be put on, in righteousness and holiness. In such men and women restored to God's image, Christ is all and in all, a ruler and a governor; so that he rules in the male and in the female, in the new man, in the image of God, and they know him to be a ruler and governor. Isaiah said, 'Unto us a child is born, a son is given, the government shall be upon his shoulders, and his name shall be called the wonderful counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace; of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end,' Isaiah 9:6-7.

And the Lord said, 'Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emanuel, God with us.' Isaiah 7:14.

Man was driven from God, for his sin and transgression, but Christ his son makes an end of sin, and finishes transgression; and Christ renews man and woman again up into the image of God, that God had created them in, and so the emanuel, [which means] God with us. So Christ is a ruler and a governor in those who have put on the new man, that he has renewed in the image of God, 'For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision avails anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.' Gal 6:16. For the apostle said, 'As many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ; there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, for they are all one in Christ Jesus.' Gal 3:27-28.

So here all are one in Christ, that are baptized into the death of Christ, and have put him on; and such know his rule and government, the increase of which there is no end.

The apostle said to the Ephesians, 'For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God has prepared, or ordained, that we should walk in them, that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith,' Eph 2:10, 3:17.

So the new creation in Christ Jesus is God's workmanship in his image, in righteousness and holiness, as man was made in the beginning; and such know Christ to be ruler and governor in male and female, for Christ who is the brightness of God's glory, and in the express image of his substance, who

destroys the devil and his work, renews man and woman up into the image of God again, as God made them in the beginning; and such know him to be a ruler, and a governor, and a counselor, and a father. And the work of the apostles, who warned every man, and taught every man in all wisdom, that they might present every man perfect in Christ Jesus, for in Adam in the fall they were imperfect, and so to be members of his body, and the mystery which has been hid from ages and generations, which is now made manifest to the saints, which is Christ in you the hope of glory. Col 1:27-28.

And Christ being in his people the hope of glory, which hope purifies them, even as he is pure; and is not Christ's government upon his shoulders in his people, and a wonderful counselor, and a prince of peace in them? Isaiah 9:6.

And does not the apostle say, God has set some in the church, which is the body of Christ, to be helps in government, (namely), in the image of God, in righteousness and holiness, where Christ is governor and counselor; and such have put on love and love, which is the bond of perfectness, and the peace of God rules in their hearts, by which they are called into one body, which Christ is the holy head of, prince of peace, governor, and counselor; but as there were such in the days of the apostles, that were self-willed, wells without water, and carried about with tempests, that speak great swelling words of vanity, promising themselves liberty, that were presumptuous, and despised government. And was not this the holy pure government of Christ in his male and female, his people, his church which they despised?

Now those who have come so far as a Cain and a Balaam, to hear God's voice, and Korah, Dathan, and Abiram that came out of Egypt, and never came so far as to be baptized into the death of Christ; and to put him on, nor ever came to be created anew in Christ Jesus, and to put off the old man of Adam in the fall, and to be renewed up again into the image of God, in righteousness and holiness, that God Almighty made them in. Therefore such Cains, Korahs, and Balaams never came to know the government of Christ in male and female; but presumptuously despised government, as Korah, Dathan, and Abiram did Moses, and as Balaam, who went forth with Balak to curse Israel; but God restrained him, and reprov'd him for his error, who was destroyed at last, as well as Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. So will all come to nothing who despise the holy government of Christ in his males and females. Don't you think that Korah, Dathan and Abiram, and Balaam could speak high swelling words of vanity, though they were wells without water, and trees without fruit, and clouds that are carried about with a tempest, as in 2 Pet 2:17 and Jude 11:12-13. Which such presumptuous ones as these now are known by the fruits, as it was in the apostles' days, which despise the righteous government of Christ in his male and female. But Christ the beloved seed, who bruises the serpent's head, in all his followers, and destroys the devil and his works, he will reign whose right it is, in

those who are baptized into his death, and have put him on, and have put off the old man in Adam in the fall, and have put on the new man in the image of God, which he has created in righteousness and holiness; in such Christ was and is a wonderful counselor, and a governor, and a prince of peace, the same today as he was yesterday, and so forever, in his church, throughout all ages; who destroys the devil and his works, that would hinder him. So he will reign, rule, and govern, and is a counselor in the hearts of his people, whose right it is. Blessed be the Lord forever. Hallelujah to the Lord, and his Christ reigns.

God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness, and let them have dominion,' Gen 1:26.

Now the Lord said, 'Let us,' and were not all things made and created by Jesus Christ, whose name is called the word of God? And does not John say, 'There are three that bear witness or record in heaven, the Father, the word, and the holy ghost, and these three are one?' So there are three that bear witness and record in heaven. 'And there are three that bear record or witness in earth, the spirit, the water, and the blood, and these three agree in one.' And is it not the spirit of God that mortifies the deeds of the flesh, and the water of the word that washes, and the blood of Christ that cleanses? Are not these three that bear witness for God in the earth, for man or against man, are they not God's witnesses in the earth? And the Lord said, 'Out of the mouth of two or three witnesses, (namely, men witnesses), every word is established among men, but the witness of God is greater' than the witness of men. He that has an ear, let him understand these things. 1 John 5:7-9.

Here you may see how everyone is to improve his talent which Christ gives them; if not, it will be taken from them, and they cast into utter darkness.*

*A talent was a Hebrew gold coin. The Lord is using a coin to represent the measure of the Spirit of God, given to every man. It is **not** a talent, such a singing, speaking, sewing, dancing, painting, etc. *It is the manifestation of the Spirit [which] is given to every man...1 Cor 1:27*

Christ Jesus said, 'The kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return, who called his own servants, and delivered them his goods, and to one he gave five talents, and to another two, and to another one, and to everyone according to his several ability,' Mat 25:14-30, Luke 19:12-27. 'And after a long time the Lord of those servants comes, and reckons with them; and he that had five talents, had gained five more; and he that had two talents, had gained two more. And the Lord commended these servants, and said, well done good and faithful servants, enter into the joy of your Lord; but he that had received the one talent, went and dug in the earth, and hid his Lord's money: the Lord said, take it from him, and give it to him that

has ten, and cast the unprofitable servant into utter darkness, and there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Now these talents that were given to the Lord's servants, and to everyone according to their several abilities, was the Lord's heavenly treasure, and was not their own, but the Lord's; **they were, and are to improve this heavenly treasure for the Lord; and to put it forth, and to gain with it for the Lord at his appearing to them**, when he calls them to an account, that it may be said, 'Well done good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of the Lord.' But the wicked and slothful servant, (he is called a servant too), hid the Lord's talent in his earthly napkin, and did not improve the Lord's heavenly treasure; and he was cast into utter darkness.

And therefore consider all, whom the Lord has given more or less of his heavenly treasure to, how you do, and how you have put the Lord's heavenly treasure forth, and have improved it; I say, the heavenly treasure which you have from the Lord Jesus Christ, who spoke this before he was crucified; and after he was risen, did not he go to the Father to receive a kingdom; who said, 'All power in heaven and earth is given to me?' Therefore the Lord's money or treasure of talents ought to be improved, and put to the exchangers, that he may receive it with usury and advantage. So here are exchangers of the heavenly talents or treasure of the Lord, the increasing of them to advantage for the Lord; as there are outward bankers and exchangers, and usuries, where they do put forth their outward money for gain and profit to themselves. But **this is a parable that Christ speaks concerning improving of his heavenly treasure of talents, which everyone is to improve, or increase that heavenly talent, or measure which they have received from the Lord, as good and faithful servants, and stewards, if that they intend to enter into the joy of the Lord.**

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[The first measure of Christ is the Light, Christ, that is in all men who come into the world. Everyone also has the Holy Spirit of God, because it was poured out on all mankind at Pentecost, (Acts 2:14-21), and the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man.. 1 Cor 12:7 . His Spirit is chained down, subject to your selfish spirit that rules you. This seed of God is waiting to be sought, listened to, and obeyed - which causes growth. From the seed of Christ, which is chained down within a man, Christ must increase, while the selfish, rebellious spirit of man decreases - until finally Christ appears within a man, to be seen, to be

witnessed, to bring salvation, to bring the Kingdom, to bring glory to the purified believer. This seed, light, or spirit of God is your talent, which must be improved in this life; if you fail to grow it, in the next life it is taken away from you and given to another who has improved their talent, while you are cast into outer darkness as a wicked and unworthy servant. This is Step 1 — the seed, chained down. To read about steps 1 through 5, see [The Mystery — Christ in You](#).