

“Being Sure of Your Future1”

Part 2

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Long before mankind was created, the Anointed Guardian Cherub, the Morning Star – Lucifer, had been cast down from his heavenly position. He no longer wanted to serve God, being filled with pride and wanting to be (God) Himself. As you notice in the many “I will...” statements in **Isaiah 14:12-14 NKJV** 12, *“How have you fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How are you cut down to the ground, you who have weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: I will ascend into the heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the furthers sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High’.*

God’s purpose has always been for us to have a relationship with Him. **Genesis 1:26 NKJV** *Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”*

Scripture Text: 1 John 5:6-10 ESV6 *This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies because the Spirit is the truth. 7 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. 9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. 10 Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.*

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The very day that Jesus was announced by His cousin, John the Baptist, there was a shift in the world. **John ESV 1:29-31** *The next day, he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world!” 30 This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks before me because he was before me. 31 I myself, did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water that he might be revealed to Israel.*

John witnessed the revelation of Jesus' mission at His baptism, and John baptized all the men who had gathered. Through Jesus's shed blood, all sins (past, present, and future) would be forever forgiven. The Holy Spirit descending upon Him as a dove and remaining would bear witness.

VERSE 7 *For there are three that testify:*

Jesus being baptized by water validates the ministry of John the Baptist in **Matthew 3:13-17 NIV** 13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. 14 But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” 15 Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented. 16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment, heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

VERSE 8 *The Spirit, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son.*

These three—the Spirit, God the Father, and the Son (Jesus)—all declare that Jesus has come to save and restore man to a relationship with God for eternity. In the Old Testament, it was taught that everything had to be confirmed by two to three witnesses. **Deuteronomy 19:15 NIV** **One witness is not enough to convict anyone accused of any crime or offense they may have committed. A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.**

The New Testament says, “This will be the third time I am coming to you. “By the mouth of two or three witnesses, every shall be established.” {2 Corinthians 13:1 NKJV}

Romans 5:6-8 MSG Christ arrives right on time to make this happen. He didn't and doesn't wait for us to get ready. He presented himself for this sacrificial death when we were far too weak and rebellious to do anything to get ourselves ready. And even if we hadn't been so weak, we wouldn't have known what to do anyway. We can understand someone dying for a person worth dying for, and we can understand how someone good and noble could inspire us to selfless sacrifice. But God put his love on the line for us by offering his Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatever to him.

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When people do not seek the Lord, they trust in people who do not heed God's Word and the Holy Spirit's guidance. They will speak to your carnal nature and bear witness to your flesh while neglecting your soul.

Hebrews 10:35-36 TLB: *“Do not let this happy trust in the Lord die away, no matter what happens. Remember your reward! 36 You need to keep on patiently doing God's will if you want him to do for you all that He has promised.”*

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, unlike our temporal wealth or earthly leaders, who will disappoint and constantly change. We take heart and confidence in the Living Word.

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This is the “inward testimony of the Spirit,” the internal realization that spirit-filled Christians have the Holy Spirit’s presence and work within them. The Holy Spirit will manifest His fruit within each believer. In conversion, you first receive forgiveness: **Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-control.** (Galatians 5:22-23)

People who reject the Gift (Jesus Christ) have made God a liar, and there is no other redemption for mankind. Jesus is the “One” steadfast, unchanging anchor who can hold our lives together. In the power of the Holy Spirit’s indwelling, we are kept in peace in a world filled with ungodliness.

Acts 4 Peter addresses the Sanhedrin concerning a man being healed in the name of Jesus Christ as Messiah. In verse 12: “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Applications:

The Son came to dwell with man so that man would live eternally in heaven.

God proved His love for us; living for His Son proves our love of Him.