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Gen 1:26-27

God said, **Let us**, meaning God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, create man in our own image and likeness **to replenish the earth**. There were people on the earth before Adam, who were ruled over by Lucifer. When he came to Adam in the garden, he was already a fallen angel, now called Satan.

Gen 2:16-17

Adam, You can eat from every tree, but not from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil **or you will surely die**.

Gen 3:4-6

Satan used the serpent who said, You will not surely die. Eve believed the serpent, and with Adam ate from the tree.

Ezek 28:14-18

Lucifer was created sinless and perfect as were millions of other angels. But he fell in pride because of his beauty, and sinned against God. He was the first of God's creatures to ever sin.

Isa 14:12-15

Luke 10:17-18

How have you fallen from heaven, O Lucifer. You said, I will ascend into heaven and make my throne there. Satan took 1/3 of his fallen angels to heaven with him to dethrone God, but the angels who remained faithful to God cast them out.

Gen 3:15 &

Rev 20:10

Satan will soon be eternally defeated and cast into the Lake of Fire. **God's plan is to restore dominion of all things to man through Jesus Christ.**

All Have Sinned

Gen 3:22 & 24

God drove Adam and Eve from the garden and placed cherubims and a flaming sword there to keep them from the tree of life lest they live forever. God gave Adam and Eve eternal life, but by sinning they lost it.

Rom 5:12

By one man Adam, sin entered the world **and death by sin came upon all men**, for all have sinned.

Rom 5:19

For by Adam's disobedience many were made sinners. So by the obedience of Christ, many are made righteous and freed from sin.

Rom 3:23-25

All have sinned and come short of the glory of God **to live forever and have dominion on the earth**. Now, through Christ, we have been freely justified. **God gave His Son as a payment for our sins**. When we repent of our sins, **bringing forth fruit that we no longer sin**, God forgives us our sins and **we are saved from sin's power and from eternal hell fire**.

1 Cor 15:20-22

By dying for mankind, **Jesus defeated sin and death**. Because he was resurrected, all men will be **raised from the dead, the just and the unjust**. The just will have eternal life with God. The unjust will live eternally separated from God. See Acts 24:15.

Man Knows that Sin Brings Him Misery. God's Love and Plan is to Save Man from Sin

Rom 5:8-9

God shows His love for man in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died in our place. By His shed blood, we are declared not guilty (justified) and are saved from God's wrath that will come on all sinners who reject His love. See Colossians 3:5-6; Rev 6:16-17; Rev 14:10.

Eph 2:8

For by God's grace or unmerited favor (for no man can save himself) we are saved through faith and repentance with fruit. **Salvation is God's plan for a sinful world.**

Eph 4:22-24

Eph 5:27

Put off the old man which is the spirit and nature of Satan, and put on the new man which is the spirit and nature of Christ, and walk in true righteousness and holiness; for Christ is coming in the air to receive a glorious church to Himself, **not having any spot or wrinkle, a church that is holy**, not sinful.

Note!

Church leaders of every denomination teach that no one can stop sinning everyday until they die and go to heaven. Now we understand why Jesus said, The gate to heaven is narrow, and few will enter in.

Free From Sin's Power Over Us

Rom 6:1-22 In Romans chapter 6 alone we read five times **that we are free from sin**. Is the bible speaking the truth? Why do Christians say they are sinners still? Is a loving God not able to free His children from sin's power? Did His Son shed His blood for us in vain?

Rom 8:2 **The law of life in Christ has made us free from Satan's law of sin and death.** In his fall, Adam lost eternal life. On the cross, Christ restored what Adam lost. Men will be resurrected and live eternally.

2 Cor 5:21 **God's plan was to make Jesus our sin offering, that we might be made the righteousness of God.** Being made the righteousness of God means we can now live holy lives even as Jesus is holy. See I Jn 3:5-10.

Jn 8:33-36 Jesus told the Jews, You are slave to sin, **but I can make you free.** Did Jesus tell the truth?

I Jn 3:8 Jesus came into the world to destroy sin and eternal death which are the works of Satan.

Matt 1:21
Rev 1:5 The Son of God was born **to save men from their sins.** He washed our sin away by his blood.

Heb 2:9 & 14 Jesus tasted death on the cross **for all men.** He paid the penalty for our having broken God's commandments.

The Most Important Thing is to Bring Forth Fruit

Matt 3:5-8 John Baptist said, **Repent and bring forth fruit that you have repented.** What fruit? That you have stopped the sin business, for **without holiness, no man will see the Lord.** See Hebrews 12:14

Matt 9:13 Jesus came for sinners to repent of all their sins.

Matt 18:3 Unless you are converted (stop sinning) you will go to hell when you die.

Rom 6:23	The wages of sin is death - eternal separation from God in hell.
<u>Humble Yourself to God. Overcome Pride and Repent</u>	
James 4:4-10	Humble yourself to God, for He resists the proud. Repent. Mourn and weep for having sinned against God and He will save you.
James 5:16	Confess your faults (sins) to one another so <u>that you may be healed</u> when you come for prayer.
2 Cor 7:1 & 10	<u>Godly sorrow</u> for sin will result in righteous behavior in turning away from sin completely. <u>Worldly sorrow</u> keeps falling into the same sin. Children often cry aloud when caught in wrongdoing, but they continue disobeying. Many churchgoers do the same.
<u>Many Will Try to Enter Heaven, But Will Not Be Able To</u>	
Matt 7:13-14	The way to heaven is a narrow way. <u>Few find it.</u> Why?
Matt 7:19-23	They cannot enter the narrow way because they do not bring forth fruit which proves they have a godly repentance for sin. Some churchgoers profess to know Christ, but have not stopped sinning.
Luke 13:22-28	Jesus' disciples asked Him, <u>Lord, are there few that be saved?</u> Many will try, but will not be able to enter the straight gate. <u>Did Jesus tell the truth?</u> Most churchgoers believe they will go to heaven. Who is right, Jesus or the churchgoers?
2 Cor 4:4	Satan, the god of this whole world, blinds churchgoers who believe they are saved, but still sin everyday.
Rev 12:9 1 Tim 2:14 Gen 3:4-5	Satan has deceived the whole world. How? Through false teachings and sin. Remember how the serpent deceived Eve saying, If you disobey God, you will not surely die?

Jesus came to defeat Satan's power over sin, sickness, and death. All who believe in Jesus will have eternal life.

Matt 4:1-10 The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness for 40 days **to be tested by and to overcome Satan.** Satan showed Jesus the kingdoms of this world. If you fall down and worship me, I will give them to you. Jesus answered, Worship only God.

Acts 10:38 God anointed (empowered) Jesus with the **Holy Spirit** and He went about doing good by healing the sick and casting out demons.

Matt 4:23-24 **Jesus healed all who were sick. He cast out demons and raised the dead,** defeating Satan and making an open show of his helplessness before all men.

Matt 8:16-17 By healing people, Jesus fulfilled the scripture which said, **Christ took our sicknesses upon himself on the cross** so we could live healthy lives.

Matt 9:18-25 Jesus raised a young girl from the dead.

Matt 9:32-33 Jesus cast out a demon from a man who couldn't speak. He was instantly healed. **When demons are cast out, healing will result.**

Matt 12:22 **A man was possessed by a demon** that made him blind and dumb. When it was cast out, the man could both see and speak. What a miracle!

Matt 15:21-28 A woman's daughter was tormented by a demon. She had great faith in Jesus to deliver her daughter.

Jn 9:1-41 A man born blind was healed by Jesus. Do you believe on the Son of God? The man answered, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe? Jesus said, He is speaking with you. Miracles bring sinners to Christ.

JN 11:24-26

Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. I am the resurrection and the life. He that believes, though he were dead, yet shall he live. He that believes shall never die, but has eternal life.

Jn 5:28-29

For as in Adam all die a physical death, **even so in Christ all men will be resurrected from the dead**, both the saved and the unsaved. A saved man will live eternally with God. **An unsaved man (all sinners) will live eternally with Satan.**

Rev 20:12-14

Jesus gave believers power from the Holy Spirit to heal all manner of sickness and to raise the dead.

Jn 14:12-14

Mk 16:15-20

The works of healing and deliverance that I do **will you do also, and greater (more) works than these will you do because I go to My Father.** And whatsoever you ask in my name that will I do, that My Father may be glorified. **God's plan is for His church to carry on the works of healing and miracles that His Son did.** As we defeat the works of Satan among men, the world will believe that God sent His Son into the world, that whosoever believes in Him should have eternal life.

Luke 10:19

Matt 10:16-39

Behold, I give you power over all the power of your enemies (Satan and demons), and nothing shall by any means hurt you. This doesn't imply that saints will never suffer martyrdom, or never be deprived of friends, relatives, jobs, or material possessions.

Acts 1:4 & 8

Acts 2:1-4

Wait in Jerusalem. You shall receive power from the Holy Spirit to heal the sick and do miracles.

These signs will confirm the gospel you are being sent into the world to preach. On Pentecost, the Holy Ghost's anointing fell on 120 believers.

Acts 1:15

At the feast of Pentecost, only 120 believers obeyed Christ to receive the enduement of power from on high. Where were the thousands of people Jesus fed and healed?

Acts 3:2-8	Peter heals a man lame from his mother's womb.
Acts 5:12-16	Peter's shadow healed the sick and those vexed by demons, and they were healed every one. <u>Multitudes in one crusade</u> were saved, healed and delivered. This is God's plan for His church and for the world.
Acts 8:5-8	Philip the evangelist went to Samaria and preached Christ. Demons came out crying with loud voices and the lame were healed. The gospel, when confirmed, brings great joy to cities.
Acts 8:14-17	The Holy Ghost is now given through the laying on of hands. Peter and John went to Samaria and <u>laid hands</u> on these converts and they received the gift of the Holy Spirit's power.
Acts 9:17-18	<u>Ananias laid hands on Paul.</u> Brother Paul, Jesus who appeared to you has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit. Paul was immediately filled and healed.
Acts 9:36-42	A woman named Tabitha had died. Peter said, Arise, and she arose. This miracle was made known throughout the city and many believed in the Lord.
Acts 16:16-18	A girl possessed by a spirit of divination (witchcraft) was delivered when Paul discerned the demon and commanded it to leave the girl. God wants to show the world through His church, that the power of the Holy Spirit is greater than the power of Satan.
Acts 19:11-12	<u>Extraordinary miracles</u> are part of the power of God to save men and to relieve their suffering. From Paul's body, handkerchiefs were sent to the sick and to those possessed with demons, and they were each one healed. Faith towards God abounds when miracles abound.

Mk 16:15-18

Just before ascending to His Father, **Jesus commands his church** to go into all the world and preach the gospel and, in the fullness of the power of the Holy Spirit, to speak with tongues and to carry on the same works Christ did. He promises immunity from snakebites, poisoned drinks, and other such harmful things saints could encounter on the mission field. He promises to work with His church by confirming the gospel with signs following.

Rom 15:29

We can have confidence in the power of the gospel. Paul told the church in Rome, I am sure that, when I come unto you, **I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.** The church must awake to God's plan of ministering in the fullness of everything the gospel has to offer the world.

Satan's greatest achievement is that he has deceived men with false doctrine or teaching

2 Cor 11:13-15

It is also God's plan to test the hearts of men. Will they follow false teachers who come as apostles of Christ, or will they receive truth when they hear it? **God allows Satan**, who comes as an "angel of light," to work in the world and church in order to prove what is in the hearts of men whether they will love and obey God or not. See Deut. 13:1-5

Matt 13:11-16

An honest heart opens himself up to truth. Others hear truth, but refuse to understand, choosing rather **to hold to their religious traditions** or ideas lest at anytime they should believe God, be converted, and Christ should heal them.

Matt 15:1-3 & 9

Jesus said to the Jews, **Why do you break God's commandments by your traditions and commandments made by men?** False teachers defeated Israel. They crucified their own Messiah!

1 Tim 4:1 & 16

Believers are warned to watch **for doctrines of demons** in the church. False teachers can easily gain a foothold in the church. See Acts 20:25-31

2 Tim 2:24-26

If you resist truth, Satan will take you captive at his will. With the minister's help, God may give you repentance to accept truth and to recover yourself out of the snare of the devil. If you remain stubborn, God cannot forgive you.

The believer is warned - You will suffer in your warfare with Satan, demons, and sinners

Phil 1:29

To us it is given not only to believe in Christ, but also to suffer for his sake. Suffering for Christ **does not include sickness.**

Matt 5:10-12

Jesus said, **Blessed are you when they persecute you for righteousness sake**, for so persecuted they the prophets of old. Rejoice, for great is your reward in heaven. What reward? We will reign in glorified bodies with our Savior forever. We will be co-heirs with Christ of all that God owns. **It is God's plan to richly reward overcomers.**

Matt 10:34-36

Jesus said, I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. Your enemies will be members of your own family.

1 Pet 2:19-23

It is thankworthy if we suffer wrong for Christ's sake. Christ Himself suffered as our example, committing himself to God who judges righteously.

1 Pet 4:12-14

Your faith will be tried by fiery trials. Rejoice because you are suffering as Christ suffered. Don't be ashamed to look bad in the eyes of the world. **The Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. You are being trained to take your place as kings and priests in the world to come. This is also God's plan for you.**

1 Pet 5:8-10

Be sober and watch, for Satan as a roaring lion walks about the world seeking whom he may devour or defeat. Resist him in the faith, knowing that every true believer is experiencing similar satanic opposition. After you have suffered awhile, God will strengthen and establish you in your faith.

Eph 6:11-18

Put on the full armor of God in your daily conflict with Satan. Without it, he will defeat you. With it, you can stand against him.

God's armor includes:

1. Loins girt about with truth (know your bible)
2. Breastplate of righteousness (live free from sin)
3. Feet shod with the gospel of peace with God, ready to meet Him at any time, every step of the way.
4. Shield of faith to stop Satan's fiery darts of doubts, fear, and unbelief.
5. Helmet of salvation with all its spiritual blessings from heaven.
6. The sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

2 Cor 12:7-12

Acts 14:19-20

2 Cor 1:8-10

God permitted a messenger of Satan (one of Satan's fallen angels, **not a sickness**) to buffet Paul in order to keep him from becoming proudful when he was tempted to exalt himself for the many revelations that God gave him (he was even taken into heaven). His buffetings included: 5 times given 39 stripes by the Jews, he was beaten with rods, shipwrecked, cold and hungry often times, stoned to death at Lystra, but he rose again!

God promised Paul that grace would be provided to suffer all things. He wanted Paul (and all saints) to **learn to depend wholly upon the power of God**. Paul rejoiced, saying. When I am physically and mentally weak from all my beatings, etc., then I find God's grace makes me strong.

Satan also has some power to do miracles to deceive men

Exo 7:10-11:5

Exodus records 10 plagues (miracles) God did by the hand of Moses in Egypt. **The Egyptian magicians did 3 miracles of witchcraft by Satan's power.**

Exo 7:10-12

1) they cast down their rods and the rods became serpents

2) they turned water into blood

3) they caused frogs to cover the land

Exo 7:19-22

Exo 8:1-7

2 Thess 2:6-12

Before the end of this age, **Satan, with all power, will show signs and lying wonders to deceive all who do not love the truth.**

Note!

In some Pentecostal churches, people **fall backward** and lie immobile on the floor. The minister says, This is the power of the Holy Ghost which is now present in this meeting. **Are there ever any healings or casting out of demons?** No. They speak with tongues all right, but have no power to heal the sick. Yet, they believe they have the Holy Spirit power. As our study shows, Jesus and the early church healed the sick and cast out demons. **Did anyone ever fall backward in Christ's healing ministry? No, and no again!** Falling backwards is Satan's deception to make the church believe they are endowed with power when in truth, the church falls far behind in giving the fullness of the blessings of the gospel to the world.

**God's Ultimate Plan for Man and for the World,
The Best is yet to Come - Eternal Life**

1 Cor 15:51-54

The dead in Christ will be resurrected, then we who are alive will be changed to immortality. Christ will take us with Him to be settled in our mansions in heaven. We return to earth with Him to rule as kings.

Rev 20:7-15

God's ultimate plan, even as far back as Adam's sin in the garden, has been to rid the earth of all sinners. Just before God the Father comes to dwell on earth with men, He will **send fire down from heaven to destroy sinners**. In His new earth, **only righteous people will live.**

2 Pet 3:10-14

Wherefore beloved, seeing that we look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless."

Rev 21:2-5

God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. Behold, I make all things new.