SPIRITUAL BEINGS VERSUS HUMAN BEINGS

INTRODUCTION

We shall be dealing with a topic that not much is written in order to make distinctions about them for the enlightenment of Believers in Christ unto a clearer understanding of their faith and hope. And as usual, that gives room to presumptuous knowledge that gives rise to errors in understanding concerning them.

Fortunately, our Master Jesus the Christ came to witness concerning the truth, being himself the truth of God from heaven revealed to mankind. For it is by the knowledge and understanding of the truth revealed by the Spirit of Christ that we are set free from the lies of the Devil in this world. So in every area of life, whether it seems important to some or not, we seek to know and walk in the truth that the Master have taught. These are brought to our understanding through the revelation of the Spirit of truth that he has given to dwell in us, who teacheth us all things in truth not some things. Jn 18:37; Jn 8:32; Jn 14:16-17,26

In this literature, we shall be discussing things pertaining unto human beings and spiritual beings in order to differentiate between the two. And also discover how they came to be apart or different.

In some religious circles, the redeemed man that is said to be filled with the Holy Ghost has been referred to as "a spiritual being". Can this be true? Can a human being be said to be a spiritual being at the same time? Many believers today in their religious zeal for spirituality are ascribing unto themselves qualities meant for spiritual beings, and struggling to do things that pertain unto the nature of such beings. Therefore, in their ignorance they seek to obliterate the distinction between humans and spiritual beings, while claiming to be operating by faith. How can we distinguish one from the other?

These and many more questions we desire to unravel about these "beings" because Man takes either nature at one time or the other in his existence. So our ignorance of them now as true Believers is not acceptable and is foolishness to say the least. Such gives room to errors and the enemy of our soul relishes in errors, his evil works to perform. Mtt 22:29; 2 Cor 2:11; I Jn 4:4-6

You cannot be a human being and be claiming to be a spiritual being, even as spiritual beings cannot claim to be human beings, the distinction ought to be clear. The misunderstanding of it

is actually sustained by antichrist spirits working in men unknowing to many that hold unto such lies and doctrines. I Jn 4:1-3

We would like to state a foundational truth here, being that there can be no physical without having the spiritual first. The spiritual always precedes the physical because God is a Spirit. We shall now move from the known to the unknown as it were. Jn 4:24; Rom 4:17; Hebr 11:3

THE ORIGIN OF MAN AS A HUMAN BEING

God created everything spiritually good, righteous and in obedience to Him from the beginning. Why? because God is good and is a Spirit and in like manner He created and made all things from creation spiritual, man inclusive. Jn 4:24; Mk 10:18

Gen 1: 31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

I Tim 4: 4 For every creature of God is good,

The first man, Adam formed by God and put in the Garden of Eden ended up disobeying God's commandment to him by hearkening unto the voice of the woman that came forth from him. This was the beginning of evil in man. As punishment by God, Adam that was created spiritual without possibility of physical death was now made carnally minded as a human being subject to physical death. This was how Adam entered into the pathway of death and was cast out of the garden into the world and became a human being. Adam and Eve began to live after the flesh in the world of sin and death from thence.

Gen 2: 15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. **Vr.16** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: **Vr.17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Gen 3: 11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? **Vr.12** And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. **Vr.17** And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; **Vr.19** In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground [*in physical death*]; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. **Vr.20** And Adam called his wife' name Eve; because she was the mother of all living [humans]. **Vr.21** Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD

God make coats of [human] skins, and clothed them [with human flesh – 2 Cor 5:1-4; I Cor 15:37-40,44].

Rom 8: 6 For to be carnally minded is death; **Vr.7** Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. **Vr.12** Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. **Vr.13** For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die:

Adam having fallen short of the glory of God due to transgression was made a little lower than the angels of God becoming human as flesh and blood for the suffering of death in the world with the woman called Eve. They were both clothed with human skin to enable them dwell on the face of the earth. This was the beginning of human existence in the world as it were. From thence everyone that was to come into this world as a human was to be born of woman, born of blood and of flesh, of the will of man through mating with woman. Such in the womb shall be clothed with human skin before being delivered into the world. Cain was the first man to undergo this process of conception and birth through woman into this world. Jn 1:12-13; Jn 3:6; Eccl 11:5; Isa 44:2,24

Hebr 2: 6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? **Vr.7** Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; **Vr.9** But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death,

Gen 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

Gen 4: 1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. **Vr.2** And she again bare his brother Abel.

Acts 17: 24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, Vr.25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; Vr.26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth [the world], and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

By reason of the fall, Adam was made to partake of flesh and blood, being found in bondage to sin while alive in the world, and bondage to death while dead in the grave. But before Adam fell he was spiritual and was formed in righteousness with a spiritual body. **Gen 2:7**

Man as a soul comes from the spiritual realm into this natural world clothed with flesh as a human, and exits the natural (by shedding the flesh in the grave) to go back into the spiritual

from whence he came. So man originally is not human, but spiritual as it were. Man is created in the spiritual and given birth to in the natural as flesh and blood. Our Lord Jesus Christ confirmed that even by the way he came and exited also. **Hebr 2:14**

Ps 139:13-16 (Vr.13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother' womb [where my flesh was made]. **Vr.15** My substance was not hid from thee, when I [my soul] was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

Jer 1: 5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee [where? In the spiritual]; and before thou camest forth out of the womb [as a human] I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

I Tim 6: 7 For we [from where?] brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out [to where?].

Jn 8: 14 Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true: for I know whence I came [from the spiritual], and whither I go [to the spiritual realm]; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go. **Vr.23** And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world [as humans]; I am not of this world.

Jn 16: 28 I came forth from the Father [as a spiritual being], and am come into the world [as a human being]: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father [as a spiritual being].

THE NATURE OF HUMAN BEINGS

Adam was made a human being for him to inhabit this terrestrial world of sin and death that he was cast into after his fall and eviction from the spiritual realm of the Garden of Eden. **Acts** 17:26

Gen 3:22-24 (Vr.23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. **Vr.24** So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Rom 5: 12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: **Vr.14** Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

A human being is a seed of woman, "beings" conceived and born of woman into the world as sinners due to the inheritance of Adam's transgression by all mankind. They are children of the

world held in the bondage of sin as it were. Sin reigneth and dominates human beings who live after the flesh in this world. **Jn 9: 34; Rom 6: 6,12-14**

Gen 3: 15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; **Vr.16** Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children;

I Cor 11: 11 Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord.Vr.12 For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman [as a human being]; but all things of God.

Ps 51: 5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Job 15: 14 What is man, that he should be clean? and he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?

Rom 7: 5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. Vr.14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. Vr.17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. Vr.18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: Vr.20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

Rom 8: 20 For the creature [human being] was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, **Vr.21** Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. **Vr.22** For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

All human beings have a terrestrial body which is mortal and corruptible, that is, a body meant to eventually turn into dust at physical death in the grave. The terrestrial body is a natural body required for man to be able to dwell on the face of the earth as it were. The number of years for humans to live on the face of the earth is determined by God from their birth. Man lives in order to die in this terrestrial world. Thereafter, he transits into the realms of the spiritual from whence he was created and formed as from the initial. **Ps 90:9-10**

Gen 3: 19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art , and unto dust shalt thou return [corruption decreed for man].

Gen 6:1-3 (Vr.3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

I Cor 15: 21 For since by man came death, Vr.22 For as in Adam all die, Vr.39 All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men [as humans and there is one kind of flesh as spiritual beings], Vr.40 There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. Vr.42 It is sown in corruption; Vr.43 It is sown in dishonour; it is sown in weakness; Vr.44 It is sown a natural body; There is a natural body, Vr.50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Vr.53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

Acts 2: 27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption [in the grave].

Job 14: 1 Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. **Vr.2** He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. **Vr.5** Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass; **Vr.10** But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?

Job 19:25-27 (Vr.25 For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: **Vr.26** And though after my skin worms destroy this [*corruptible*] body [*of flesh and blood*],

Hebr 9: 27 And as it is appointed unto men [as human beings] once to die,

We would recommend for further read and insight on the composition of Man, our literature titled "The Tripartite Being Called Man".

HUMANS ARE FLESH AND BLOOD

Human beings are flesh and blood, meaning that the life of their flesh is in the blood as it were. That which is born of the flesh is born of woman as flesh and blood. The only way that humans come into this world is through the woman and the way that they normally exit is through physical death.

Hebr 2: 14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; **Vr.16** For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

Lev 17: 11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you [the life of the flesh of the Lamb of God which is in the blood of Jesus Christ that was shed for you] upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

Vr.12 Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood. Vr.14 For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off.

Gen 9: 3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things. Vr.4 But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. **Vr.5** And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man' brother will I require the life of man [which is his blood]. **Vr.6** Whoso sheddeth man' blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

Deu 12: 15 Notwithstanding thou mayest kill and eat flesh in all thy gates, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee: the unclean and the clean may eat thereof, as of the roebuck, and as of the hart. **Vr.16** Only ye shall not eat the blood; ye shall pour it upon the earth as water. **Vr.23** Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: for the blood is the life; and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh.

The life in humans is tied to the blood flowing in them for the sustenance of their natural bodies without which death occurs. The shedding of blood of humans brings about death of the flesh. It is the blood in humans that make them mortals. **Deu 19:10; Gen 9:4-6; Ps 106:38**

Gen 4: 8-11 (Vr.8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. **Vr.10** And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother' blood crieth unto me from the ground. **Vr.11** And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother' blood from thy hand;

SPIRITUAL BEINGS

As we had opined, God created everything spiritual from the very beginning. He created the holy angels, hosts of heaven, spirits, etc, good, righteous and in obedience to Him from their time of creation. Unfortunately, the distinctions between the natures of these heavenly creatures are usually not made nor are they known by many. How?

For example, angels are different from spirits, How? Angels are corporeal, having bodies but spirits are incorporeal, without bodies or form. So we call angels "spiritual beings" or "angelic beings" differentiating them from mere "spirits". For more understanding of this, we recommend you read our literature titled "Angels Versus Spirits".

Apart from the holy angels, we also have other spiritual beings like Cherubim, Seraphims, the four beasts and twenty four elders, host of heavenly creatures, etc. **Rev 4:6-8**

Isa 6: 2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

Ezek 10:18-22 (Vr.20 This is the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river of Chebar; and I knew that they were the cherubims. **Vr.21** Every one had four faces apiece, and every one four wings; and the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings.

Rev 5: 8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

A spiritual being is immortal and incorruptible, having a celestial, spiritual body. This celestial body is without blood in them as humans have, but spiritual flesh and bone that constitute the body. They are angelic beings that dwell in spiritual realms that are invisible to humans, found both in heaven and on earth, the lower parts of the earth. Spiritual beings have flesh and bone bodies but spirits do not. Spiritual beings can eat food and drink wine with humans on earth, and also in their spiritual abode, but spirits do not eat. **Gen 18:1-8; Gen 19:1-3; Lk 22:16-18,29-30**

Lk 24:36-43 (Vr.37 But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. **Vr.39** Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. **Vr.40** And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet. **Vr.41** And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? **Vr.42** And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. **Vr.43** And he took it, and did eat before them [as further proof that he was angelic and not a spirit].

Ps 78:23-25 (Vr.23 Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven, **Vr.24** And had rained down <u>manna</u> upon them to eat, and had given them of <u>the corn of heaven</u>. **Vr.25** <u>Man did eat angels'food</u>: he sent them meat to the full.

Angels as spiritual beings can turn into spirits for specific purposes, and turn back into their angelic form afterwards, but originally created spirits cannot turn into spiritual beings but remain as spirits as they were created from the beginning by God. Angels as spiritual beings can appear to human beings in the form of men having flesh and bone in vision-like state and disappear subsequently, but spirits cannot be seen by human eyes at all, but can be heard and felt when necessary. **In 3:8**

Hebr 1: 7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. **Vr.13** But to which of the angels said he at any times, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? **Vr.14** Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Judges 13:2-23 (Vr.3 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son. Vr.6 Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name: Vr.15 And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a kid for thee. Vr.16 And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. For Manoah knew not that he was an angel of the LORD. Vr.19 So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the LORD: and the angel did wondrously; and Manoah and his wife looked on. Vr.20 For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground.

Acts 1: 9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. Vr.10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men [angels] stood by them in white apparel; Vr.11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Satan can transform from spirit form into an angelic form for deception purposes and as an unclean spirit for possession and oppression of human body and mind. He can appear in angelic form in visions to men in order to deceive. **2 Cor 11:14; Jn 13:26-27; Mtt 16:22-23**

The beast shall arise from the bottomless pit where he has been kept bound in chains as a fallen angel in order to manifest in the world as the antichrist with the false prophets before going into the perdition of the lake of fire at the end. **Rev 11:7**; **Rev 17:7-8**

SPIRITUAL BEINGS CAN SUFFER DEATH

By reason of the spiritual body of flesh and bone that spiritual beings have the fallen ones can suffer torments and the punishment of the second death as it were, but not so with spirits. Spiritual beings can be bound with fetters and chains unlike spirits that cannot be bound, but can be cast out instead. Therefore, we can say that spiritual beings can die, but spirits cannot die as it were.

Jude 1: 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Fallen angels are condemned to death in the lake of fire called the second death, but spirits return to God who gave them. God is the Father of spirits and the God of the spirit of all flesh as it were. **Hebr 12:9; Num 16:22; Isa 42:5**

Eccl 12: 7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

Rev 20: 1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. Vr.2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, Vr.3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. Vr.10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. Vr.14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Mtt 25: 41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: Vr.46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment:

Mtt 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Spiritual beings having not blood in them are immortals, and therefore cannot suffer physical death, but they having flesh and bone can suffer the second death if iniquity is found with them.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HUMAN BEINGS AND SPIRITUAL BEINGS

Though we have discussed above much about human beings and spiritual beings, their differences ought to be seen by now, but we shall still go further to highlight some more differences specifically between them. The foundational difference between a human being and a spiritual being has to do more with their flesh and mind amongst other things.

Human beings are born of woman, while spiritual beings are created and formed by God. That is, human beings come forth from woman formed with natural earthen vessels as bodies, but spiritual beings come forth from God with spiritual celestial vessels as bodies. Spiritual beings are created and formed in the celestial realms, while human beings are made and born into this terrestrial world. **2 Cor 4:7; I Cor 15:48-50; Gen 1:26-27; Gen 2:5-7; Gen 4:1-2**

Human beings are "flesh and blood", while spiritual beings are "flesh and bone" without blood. A human being is mortal having a body comprising of flesh sustained by blood with bones that are corruptible, that is subject to waxing old, decay, and physical death. And the life of this flesh is in the blood that is found in this terrestrial, natural body. But a spiritual being is immortal having a body comprising of flesh with bone that is incorruptible, being not subject to physical death. And the life of this flesh is not in blood but in the spirit of life from God. **Rev 11:11; Lev 17:11,14; I Cor 15:34-54; Mtt 10:28**

The breath in the human is tied to atmospheric oxygen that is supplied and distributed throughout the fleshly body through the blood system within him, but the breath of life in spiritual beings is not so, rather it is of the spirit instead. The blood giveth life to the flesh of human beings. But it is the Spirit that giveth life everlasting to the flesh of spiritual beings as it were. **Gen 2:7; 2 Cor 3:6; Gal 6:8**

Human beings habit the visible, terrestrial part of the earth, the face of the earth called the world, but spiritual beings inhabit the invisible celestial heavens above and the invisible lower parts of the earth, the heart of the earth beneath as it were. The world of the humans is oxygenated and of gravity which forms a limitation for human beings dwelling therein, but spiritual beings dwells in worlds that are not thus limited. Humans cannot pass through solid forms with the nature of body they have, but spiritual beings can with their own nature of body. With this body, spiritual beings can appear and disappear at will unlike human beings that cannot disappear.

Human beings are fundamentally carnally minded, while spiritual beings are foundationally spiritually minded. The former, mind earthly cum worldly things that pertain unto man while the latter, mind heavenly things that pertain unto God. **Phil 3:19; Eccl 3:11; Mtt 16:23**

Rom 8: 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. **Vr.7** Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Humans are children of this world and generally love the things of this world. Sin has dominion and reigneth over them unto death, causing them to be enemies of God as fallen men. Human beings are dead while they live in this world and have need to be saved and raised from the dead. They are dead in sin and iniquity; this is the nature of the carnally minded. Rom 5:12-14; Rom 6:12-15; Job 15:14-16; Eph 2:1-5; I Tim 5:6; I Jn 2:15-17

Spiritual beings have direct access to the Father, whom they behold His face, but not human beings on earth who cannot see His face and have to relate through an intermediary like the angels, the Son of God and the Holy Spirit in order to reach the Father in heaven. **Lk 1:19; Mtt 18:10; Rev 22:3-4; Exo 33:18-20; I Tim 6:15-16; Hebr 9:15**

Mercy, repentance and salvation is withheld from spiritual beings that rebel and become disobedient to the commandments of God in heaven, but not to human beings who have an advocate and a mediator, in the person of Jesus Christ the righteous through whose blood they are able to partake of the mercies of God in salvation. Jude 1:6; 2 Pet 2:4; Lk 1:77-79; Eph 4:32; Jam 5:11; I Tim 2:4-6; Gen 6:3

Human beings marry and are given in marriage, but spiritual beings do not marry. There is no woman found amongst spiritual beings but only among human beings. Human beings at best live long life before they die physically, while spiritual beings are everlasting. **Hebr 9:27; Ps 91:15-16; Lk 20:34-36; Rev 5:1-6**

Human beings came into being as a result of the fall of Adam, and man from thence was made a little lower than spiritual beings for the suffering of physical death in the world. Thus spiritual beings are mightier in power than human beings. **Hebr 2:6-7,9; 2 Pet 2:11**

Angels as spiritual beings are referred to as gods, sons of God and men in heaven, while human beings are referred to as sons of men and sons of God by faith on earth. Human beings can only become sons of God by faith of Jesus Christ in this world, but the true sons of God are actually in nature spiritual beings not humans. The redeemed man shall be made manifest as such in the world to come as from the last day. Gal 3:26; I Cor 8:5; 2 Cor 4:4; Ps 82:1,6-7; Gen 6:1-4; Job 1:6; Job 38:7; Dan 9:21

Rom 8:18-23 (Vr.19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. **Vr.23** And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

Lk 20:34-36 (Vr.35 But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: **Vr.36** Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection [as spiritual beings].

TO BE SPIRITUAL AS A HUMAN IS DIFFERENT FROM BECOMING A SPIRITUAL BEING

Many have been taught by the Church as a business organization (CAO) that the born again believer is a spiritual being with a recreated spirit at salvation, but this is a fallacy. Why? Human beings cannot at the same time be called spiritual beings while they are yet putting on flesh and blood, having this earthly tabernacle. Man cannot be a human being and a spiritual being simultaneously in this world, you assume one nature at a time as it were.

The saints of God as human beings are made spiritual by reason of the indwelling Spirit of Christ received in baptism. Christ was sent by God the Father to baptize everyone that truly believes in him with the Holy Ghost and with fire. Those that have not received the Spirit of Christ are not spiritual because they have not the Spirit of truth witnessing to their spirit in fellowship within them.

Mtt 3: 11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

Jn 14: 15 If ye love me, keep my commandments. **Vr.16** And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; **Vr.17** Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

I Cor 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

Rom 8: 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his [neither is he spiritual]. **Vr.14** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. **Vr.15** For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry,

Abba, Father. **Vr.16** The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

By this Spirit and the word of truth at work in the redeemed, the spirit of their minds is renewed from carnality to spirituality over time. The saints are made spiritually minded by walking after the Spirit no longer after the flesh by which sinners are kept captive to sin. The new man is yet a human being, but one that has been awakened from sleep in carnality to life in spirituality that is of Christ Jesus. Those that have the mind of Christ are spiritual, having the Spirit of Christ revealing the mind of God to them.

I Cor 2:11-16 (Vr.11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Vr.13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. Vr.14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. Vr.15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. Vr.16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Rom 8:1-9 (Vr.1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Vr.2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. Vr.5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. Vr.6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Vr.8 So then they that are in the flesh [being carnally minded] cannot please God [except those that are of the flesh but spiritually minded].

Eph 4: 22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; **Vr.23** And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; **Vr.24** And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

A human being that experiences the salvation that is by the faith of Jesus Christ can be made to be spiritually minded by receiving the Spirit of Christ, being born of the Spirit, but does not become a spiritual being nor a spirit as a result of it. A spiritual being has a celestial body which is immortal and incorruptible while a Human being has a terrestrial body that is mortal and corruptible as it were. The difference is clear.

Therefore, a spiritual man does not mean a spiritual being, but rather a human being that is spiritually minded and heavenly focused instead. Such is focused on laying his treasures no longer on earth but in heaven as taught by our Master Jesus Christ. I Pet 4:1-4; Mtt 6:19-21; Rom 12:2

Colo 3: 1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. **Vr.2** Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

2 Cor 4: 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

What makes one spiritual is the Spirit of God that witnesseth with your spirit and the Spirit of Christ that indwells you, setting your heart and mind on things that are above much more than things that are beneath. The Spirit giveth you understanding of the doctrine of Christ. **Jn 14:23**

THE CONVERSION OF A SPIRITUAL BEING TO A HUMAN BEING

God created everything spiritual, in obedience and good from the time of their creation. Things that are seen were created from things that were not seen from the beginning. Everything that is made in the physical is first created in the spiritual by God. So there is nothing that was made that was not created first as it were. **Rom 4:17**

Gen 1: 1 In the beginning God <u>created</u> [not made yet] the heaven and the earth.

Hebr 11: 3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Rom 1: 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made,

From the initial, God first created and formed spiritual beings like the angels in the invisible realms of the celestial worlds as it were. Spiritual beings are created everlasting and immortal. Angels as spiritual beings can be made to be spirits, but not made human as a divine rule. They come into this world to minister to man not as human beings but as spiritual beings or spirits and disappear thereafter. **Lk 1:19,26-28**

Hebr 1: 7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. **Vr.14** Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

But God made an exception to that rule where the Son of God was concerned for the sole purpose of rescuing humankind in this terrestrial world. The Word of God, Jesus the Christ was a spiritual being in the heavenly realms before he was sent into this world as a human being for the salvation of mankind. Why? Blood was needed for the atonement of the souls of repentant sinners. Jn 3:13-17; Jn 8:23; Jn 6:33,51; Rev 13:8; Rom 5:11

Jn 1: 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **Vr.2** The same was in the beginning with God. **Vr.14** And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

I Jn 1: 1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; Vr.2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

Hebr 2: 14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; **Vr.16** For verily he took not on him the nature of angels [to come to dwell in the world]; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. **Vr.17** Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren [in the world],

This was accomplished through his birth by a woman, the virgin called Mary. Through the process of being born by a woman his conversion from a spiritual being to a human being was carried out by God as it were. **Gal 4:4**

Lk 1: 30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. **Vr.31** And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. **Vr.34** Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? **Vr.35** And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Christ is the Son of God that came down from heaven into the world – a spiritual being made or converted into a human being to become the Son of man. This was made possible by his being born of the Virgin Mary. No one or being comes to dwell in this fallen world as a human being without being born of woman; otherwise such is not a human being but yet a spiritual being still. **Gen 18:1-22; Judges 13:1-21; Acts 1:10-12**

Gen 3: 15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. **Vr.16** Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children;

Christ did not come into this world in the form of an angel but in the form of the seed of woman, the seed of Abraham. And every spirit that speaks or teaches otherwise through men is of the antichrist, being not of God. This is very important because there is no other being amongst the angels of God that had been ever made a human being as Christ was. **Hebr 2:16; I Jn 5:5-6; 2 Jn 1:7**

I Jn 4:1-3 (Vr.2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: Vr.3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

Hebr 2: 9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. **Vr.17** Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren [on earth],

God made Christ to partake of flesh and blood as human in this world in order to save the world by dying on the cross for mankind. Christ was spiritual as a human in this world but was not a spiritual being. The CAO in their erroneous doctrines make out Christ while he was in the world, as both fully human and fully God. Thereby making him out to be both a human being and a spiritual being at the same time, but this is not true. Christ came in the flesh, not in the spirit, to dwell in this world, for he cannot be both. Christ was not converting or transforming between being a human and a spiritual being while on earth as the CAO makes out, but rather he was fully a human being till his death on the cross. **Hebr 10:5; Hebr 1:5-6**

I Tim 3: 16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Hebr 5:7-9 (Vr.7 Who in the days of his flesh [as a human], when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; **Vr.8** Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

Therefore, for a spiritual being from the heavenly realms to come to dwell in this world as a human being, such compulsorily has to be born of a woman by God's ordination. This is of a downgrading process called being made (not created) "a little lower than the angels". **Ps 8:3-5**

THE CONVERSION OF HUMAN BEINGS INTO SPIRITUAL BEINGS

Human beings by God's ordination are not meant to live forever in this world of mortals but were meant to exit into the spiritual world beyond of immortals by means of death. Their souls are held captive by death in the lower parts of the earth awaiting God's judgment and the redemption of their bodies as it were.

Hebr 9: 27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

I Cor 15: 21 For since by man came death, Vr.22 For as in Adam all die,

Rom 5: 12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: **Vr.14** Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

Rom 8: 20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Vr.21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. Vr.22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. Vr.23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

Jesus Christ was made man as a human being by God in this world in order to deal with the power of sin and death over all mankind. Christ dealt with sin by the sacrifice of his flesh cum human body on the cross, thereby shedding his blood for the remission of the sin of the world. **Hebr 2:14-16; Rom 3:25; Hebr 9:22**

Jn 1: 29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Mtt 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Similarly, Jesus Christ in order to deal with the power of death over man had to die as a human being and compulsorily resurrect as a spiritual being as he was before coming into this world. By his resurrection from the dead, Christ defeated death and opened the way for all mankind to resurrect from death at their own appointed times. **Hebr 5:7**; **Acts 2:30-32**

Jn 16:27-28 (Vr.28 I came forth from the Father [as a spiritual being], and am come into the world [as a human being]: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father [as a spiritual being again].

Before the resurrection of Christ from the dead, all that were born of woman that died or exited the world were held captive by death in hell or the lower parts of the earth without exception. Why? for all had sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Jesus Christ was the first man to ever rise from the dead and ascend into heaven in glory, taking along with him saints of old that hath hitherto being held in the prison of death all this while. **Eph 4:8-10; I Pet 4:5-6**

Mtt 27: 50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. Vr.52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, Vr.53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

I Pet 3: 18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: **Vr.19** By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;

I Cor 15: 20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. Vr.21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

Jesus Christ rose from the dead no longer as a human being but as a spiritual being. He was no longer mortal flesh and blood, but became immortal flesh and bone. It is by the resurrection from the dead that human beings that die are converted into spiritual beings that live again. Death is defeated by the resurrection. I Cor 15:50; Isa 25:8

Lk 24:36-43 (Vr.37 But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. **Vr.38** And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? **Vr.39** Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. **Vr.40** And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet. **Vr.50** And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. **Vr.51** And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

I Cor 15: 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. Vr.53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. Vr.54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

2 Cor 5:1-10 (Vr.1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. **Vr.2** For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: **Vr.3** If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. **Vr.4** For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. **Vr.6** Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: **Vr.8** We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. **Vr.9** Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. **Vr.10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ [as spiritual beings]; that every one may receive the things done in his body [as human beings], according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

Generally, human beings are converted to spiritual beings through the power of resurrection from the dead even as Christ set example for us. **Rev 20:6**

Rom 1: 3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; **Vr.4** And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

LK 20: 35 But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: **Vr.36** Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection. **Vr.37** Now that the dead are raised,

I Cor 15: 22 For as in Adam all die [as human beings], even so in Christ shall all be made alive [as spiritual beings]. Vr.23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

Angels are spiritual beings having flesh and bone but no blood at all. They dwell in the heavens and are not hindered by earthly material things. The saints shall become like the angels from the resurrection from the dead on the last day and ascend into heaven to meet with the Lord Jesus. They shall as spiritual beings reign as kings and priests over the human beings still on earth during the millennial reign of Christ. Lk 22:27-30; Mtt 26:29; Mtt 19:27-29; I Thess 4:13-17

Mtt 22: 28 Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her. Vr.29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. Vr.30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

I Cor 15: 42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: Vr.43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: Vr.44 It is sown a natural body [as a human being]; it is raised a spiritual body [as a spiritual being]. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. Vr.49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

CONCLUSION

Our Master Jesus Christ came to make us spiritually minded unto having a good understanding of the things pertaining to God our heavenly Father and the kingdom of heaven as well. Until the coming of Jesus Christ, the faith that men required to have knowledge of how man was at the beginning as "male and female" and how it is that men as human beings shall return back to that state/status, was not given but eluded us. I Jn 5:20; Jn 17:1-3; Mk 10:6

Rather it was the faith that yet kept men carnally minded in lustful pursuit of worldly things that obtained; a faith that was geared at long life and prosperity in the kingdoms of this world, more especially the Promised Land of Canaan as it were. Why? Because from the fall of Adam, men were made carnally minded and lower than the angels as mortal humans. The fallen man was given to walking after the flesh unto death without fail. **Gal 3:22-28**

By fallen Adam came fleshly walk unto death, but by Christ came a walk after the Spirit unto life. By the death that came with Adam all mankind became earthly, mortal and corruptible, but by the resurrection of Christ, all that believe in him shall be made heavenly, immortal and incorruptible on the last day as it were.

Jn 6: 40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

I Cor 15: 47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. Vr.48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. Vr.49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Vr.50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Vr.51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, Vr.52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. Vr.53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

Adam that was created as a spiritual being from the beginning was made a human being as a consequence of the fall. Adam that was created equal to the angels at his creation was made a little lower than the angels at his fall. But we thank God that through the last Adam Christ Jesus we all as human beings that believe shall by the power of his resurrection be made spiritual beings again unto having eternal life to be with him as from the last day. Herein lieth our faith and hope in Christ Jesus.

Everyone born of woman into this world is terrestrial, natural and human, but from the last day everyone born anew by reason of the resurrection from the dead shall become celestial and spiritual again as Adam was before the fall.

As born again Believers in Christ, we as human beings in this present world are made spiritual by the indwelling Spirit of Christ we receive in baptism. By which we receive the hope of becoming spiritual beings from our resurrection from the dead unto life everlasting on the last day. Unfortunately, this truth had eluded and still eludes many that are staunch adherents of the CAO.

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May the good Lord grant that your eyes of understanding be enlightened unto deliverance from the ignorance wherein ye have been held captive all your life. May ye be delivered from carnality in mind as human beings unto spirituality in mind as spiritual men by faith in Christ Jesus.

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