THE CALLED-OUT ONES

INTRODUCTION

Understanding this literature requires first and foremost a good understanding of the origin and nature of the world in which humans live in presently. We, therefore, recommend our literature titled "The Earth Vs The Worlds" as a preliminary read before this one. Nevertheless, we shall be referencing parts of it intermittently in order to communicate relevant portions required for your understanding of this literature.

No part of the earth was terrestrial at its creation and that of Man. It was after the fall of Adam, that a terrestrial habitable part of the earth encompassing the present terrestrial world was made out of that which was created spiritual at the beginning. This terrestrial portion was founded in order to accommodate the fallen Adam, who was made human and the offspring that were to proceed from his "one flesh" union with Eve. And thus was this present world established. **Gen 3:20**

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 [but were made from unseen things].

Prov 8:29-31 (Vr.29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the [spiritual] earth: **Vr.31** Rejoicing in the habitable [terrestrial] part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.

Isa 45: 18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited:

Out of the wholly spiritual earth, the face or surface thereof was formed terrestrial to accommodate the fallen Adam. The fallen man was made "a little lower than the angels", that is flesh and blood, for the suffering of physical death in this portion of the earth called the world. Before then there was nothing like physical death in all of creation as it were. **Hebr 2:6-9,14-16**

Furthermore, even though the face of the earth was made terrestrial for every living thing that is of flesh that had breath of life in them to dwell on, yet the heart of the earth, the lower or nether parts of the earth, remained spiritual and invisible to the physical eyes. It was those

regions of the earth that God still left spiritual in nature for the habitations of spiritual beings. Why? So that every living soul upon the earth at physical death would go there as departed souls to await the day of judgment. Also it has regions accommodating the fallen angelic beings with Satan as it were. **Hebr 9:27**; **Job 1:21**; **Job 14:1-2,10**; **Ps 63:8-10**; **Ps 139:13-16**; **Isa 14:12,15**

So, having in existence at the same time both physical and spiritual realms, one can be CALLED OUT from one to the other by faith and/or by the true at the end. By faith while you are yet alive as human in this terrestrial world, but by the true as a spiritual being at your demise from this world.

THE NATURE OF THE WORLD

Many seem to know only the natural, visible, terrestrial world in which human beings live on the face of the earth, but are oblivious of the other spiritual, invisible, supernatural worlds in which spiritual beings live under the earth, in the seas and of that world which men operate in mentally or virtually while still in this physical world. That is why the children of this present terrestrial world walk by sight and not by faith, being born of flesh and carnally minded only. But those that are born of the Spirit maintain a spiritual outlook when talking about "the world" and not just only the physical perception of it. Jn 4:48; Jn 20:29; 2 Cor 5:7; Rom 8:5-6; Jn 6:33,51

I Jn 2:15-17 (Vr.15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. Vr.16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

Eph 6: 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

That which is spiritual is always created first, before that which is terrestrial is made out of it. That is the divine rule, for there is nothing made physical that does not first emanate from the spiritual. Same goes for the creation, formation and the making of the world as we had seen with the earth also. There is a visible world and there are invisible worlds too on the earth. **Rom 4:17; Hebr 11:3; Hebr 1:2**

Rom 1:19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. **Vr.20** For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world [in the spiritual] are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made [in the terrestrial],

Colo 1:15-17 (Vr.16 For by him were all things created, <u>that are in heaven</u>, <u>and that are in earth</u>, <u>visible and invisible</u>, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

A man in this physical world can find himself engrossed in "a world of his own" mentally. Such being oblivious of every other person or thing around them. This can be of a momentary state when one is in deep meditation or in worry, or it can be of a more constant state as that of a mentally deranged man.

In the physical world today, we have associations of men of like minds that have formed worlds of their own. Such as financial world, fashion world, IT world, world of medicine cum science, etc and men are operating in them virtually as it were. Humans access the spiritual world mentally through dreams, trance and visions by their spirit and soul which are the spiritual components of the tripartite being called man. The body of man is his physical component. **Eccl 12:7; I Thess 5:23; Hebr 4:12**

The spiritually minded operate in a world of their own which is of the kingdom of God within them, being filled with righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. Their fellowship is with the Father and the Son as orchestrated by the Holy Ghost in them. This they operate by grace through faith. Rom 14:17; Lk 17:20-21; I Jn 1:3-4

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.

2 Cor 5: 7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

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. **Vr.3** For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

THE ESTABLISHING OF THIS PRESENT TERRESTRIAL WORLD

This terrestrial, natural world was not in existence from the foundation of the earth, when the worlds were created then, or when the first Man, Adam was created and formed before being placed in the Garden of Eden. We make bold to say that Adam was created before this present world was made. Rather it was as a result of the fall of Adam that the making of this particular world came about. This present world was made for the fallen corrupted Man that had lost the glory of God as a result of sin. It was for those to be born of blood, the will of the flesh and the will of man. It was established to accommodate the seed of woman that sexual interaction would produce. Jn 1:13; Ps 51:5; Gen 3:14-15

Acts 17: 24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; 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, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

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.

Before the fall of Man the foundation of this present world was not laid and would not have been laid if Adam had not fallen. Instead if Adam had overcome in the trial of the Garden of Eden, he would have inherited an heavenly kingdom and life eternal as a reward instead. Flesh and blood, that is, terrestrials cum mortals cannot enter that kingdom, but flesh and bone that is celestial can. I Cor 15:49-50; Hebr 12:28; I Pet 1:3-4; Rom 6:23

Mtt 25: 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Rev 2: 7 To him that overcometh [this world] will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Gen 3: 22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

Adam's body was not formed from the cursed grounds of this present world, but from the grounds of the created and formed earth that was spiritual, blessed and good at the initial. Adam was a son of God from creation, and not a child of this world at the beginning. **Lk 3:38**; **Gen 2:4-8**; **Gen 5:1-2**; **Jn 1:12-13**

It was when disobedience was found in Adam and God cast him out of the garden, that he was made a child of this world as flesh and blood, to dwell in this world of sin and death as a human being. Similarly, the last Adam had to take on the form of a human in order to come into this world to redeem fallen men therein. And thereafter he was cast out of this world as flesh and bone back to heaven as a spiritual being. **Jn 16:28; I Cor 15:39-40,44**

This natural world was made in order to accommodate the sinful Adam and for his procreation with Eve, the mother of all living human beings. The fallen Adam was made a little lower than the angels in nature as a result of trespass in order to suffer physical death in this world of sorrow, afflictions, tribulations, full of troubles and wickedness, but in the beginning, it was not so. Jn 16:33; I Jn 5:19; Job 14:1-2; Hebr 2:5-10,14,16; Gal 4:4-5

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

[into the world]; 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 [of this world] for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Vr.18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; Vr.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. Vr.21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them [with human flesh].

This world is the place for the seed of the woman, the children of the world and not truly for the sons of God that are celestial, immortal and incorruptible, for unto such the kingdom of God is reserved. No human being can come into this present world without passing through a woman or being born of a woman, but in the beginning, it was not so; for the woman came forth from Adam and not Adam from the woman. **Gen 2:21-23; I Cor 11:8-9; I Tim 2:13; Gal 4:4; Hebr 2:9,14,16**

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Gen 5: 3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image [as a human being]; **Vr.5** And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

Adam was cast into the world of sin and death when disobedience was found with him at his fall, where he was sentenced by God to suffer death in all ramifications. This is a corrupt world of lusts, vanity and enmity, filled with lustful flesh as human beings cum mortals. It is meant to wax old, decay and pass away at the very end and not to last forever. That is why the redeemed of the LORD are not meant to love the world or the things that are of the world or even their lives in this world. Mortality and corruption must give way to immortality and incorruption at the end and that is what we earnestly look forward to partaking of such as it were. I Jn 2:15-17; 2 Pet 1:4; I Cor 15:53-54; Jn 12:24-26

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. **Vr.18** Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came

upon all men to condemnation; **Vr.19** For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners,

Therefore, we are all born unclean into a corrupt world and have need to come out of it into another by the faith of Christ Jesus. So the pertinent need for you to be saved and called out.

Jn 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **Vr.7** Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

WHY CALLED OUT AND TO WHERE?

This present terrestrial world is a temporary place that shall pass away. It is a world made by God to accommodate the fallen man and allow his offspring the opportunity to repent and be redeemed through belief in the salvation work of God in Christ Jesus. For thereafter, all that entered into this world and those that exited from it through death shall face judgment, in order to give account for the good or bad that they had done in the human body in this world. This shall determine where each person shall be found in the world to come subsequently. **Hebr 12:1-4; I Pet 2:21-25; I Cor 7:29-31**

Jn 16:28 I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

2 Cor 5: 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

2 Cor 4: 16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. **Vr.17** For our light affliction [*in this world*], which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory [*in the world to come*]; **Vr.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 [even as this world is]; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Every one that had come into this world through childbirth and exited through death, whether he be a sinner or a saint, must resurrect from the death unto an everlasting living. This shall be either in everlasting damnation with Satan in the lake of fire that burneth forever or in eternal bliss with Christ in his heavenly kingdom. **Mtt 25:34,41**

Jn 5: 28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, **Vr.29** And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Rev 20:4-15 (Vr.6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. **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.13** And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. **Vr.14** And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Those that are truly saved and born again in Christ during their sojourn on earth are "a called-out" people of God. Such are being prepared in righteousness for an everlasting living in the kingdom of God after their demise from this world. This called out people constituent the Church of Christ on earth as it were. They are called out or separated from the multitude of sinful unbelievers who constitute the children of the world in unrighteousness.

2 Cor 6: 14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? **Vr.15** And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? **Vr.16** And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. **Vr.17** Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, **Vr.18** And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Tit 2: 11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, **Vr.12** Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world [as those that have the kingdom of God within them by faith]; **Vr.13** Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; **Vr.14** Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

I Pet 2: 9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath <u>called you out of darkness into his</u> <u>marvellous light</u>: Vr.10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

The Church, which is the Body of Christ, are called out of the darkness of this world into the light of the kingdom of heaven through the Word and Spirit of truth. By this spiritual experience and process they are said to be no longer of the world, but of the kingdom.

Jn 17: 14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **Vr.17** Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

This they experience becoming spiritually minded as an image while being physically present in this terrestrial world. Such have the blessed hope alive in them of partaking of the true at the appearing of Christ with the promised kingdom at his second coming. The called-out are a chosen and ordained and sent people in this world to bring the salvation message of Christ to the lost of the world.

You are called out of the world in order to be called into an heavenly kingdom. Christ brought you out in order to bring you in.

CALLED OUT PEOPLE OF GOD OF OLD

From the time of old, God began calling out men unto Himself from amongst the generality of the people wherein they dwelt. He called them out to be separate and distinct from all others. And He gave them righteous commandments by which they were to live holy unto Him alone. This involved physical, religious and even cultural separation.

NOAH AND FAMILY

God began separating unto Himself a people chosen and set apart from the rest of mankind that was in darkness. A people of covenant that would live and be governed by His own commandments and laws in order to be holy and true to Him alone, and to no other. He began it gradually with Noah and his family as it were. It was to be by them that the whole world was to be repopulated. This was with the intent of a fresh start for mankind after the decimation of the existing human species.

Gen 6: 7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. Vr.8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. Vr.9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. Vr.11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. Vr.12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. Vr.13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Vr.14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, Vr.17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the

breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die. **Vr.18** But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

Gen 9:1-29 (Vr.8 And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, Vr.9 And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you; Vr.10 And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth. Vr.11 And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. Vr.12 And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: Vr.13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

ABRAHAM AND FAMILY

Unfortunately, still Noah's family was corrupted by transgression, and invariably the nations that emanated from them that constituted the new world after the flood. In the process of time, God had to make another start at reconstituting a holy people unto Himself from within this corrupt world still. This time not by the destruction of the whole world again, but rather by specifically calling out a people unto Himself, to disassociate or separate them from amongst their natural kins that were in the world of darkness and deceit. **Gen 9:17-25**

A family was to be set apart from amongst all others that were steeped in heathen beliefs and practices that did not glorify God in the world. They were to physically separate from them bodily, mentally and in location. God began this again intentionally with Abraham and his immediate household. He also gave them a token of circumcision to observe that would distinguish them from other peoples.

Gen 12: 1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father' house, unto a land that I will shew thee: **Vr.2** And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: **Vr.3** And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Gen 17: 9 And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations. **Vr.10** This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised. **Vr.11** And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant

betwixt me and you. **Vr.13** He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. **Vr.14** And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

Acts 7: 2 And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran, Vr.3 And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee. Vr.4 Then came he out of the land of the Chaldaeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell. Vr.8 And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so Abraham begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat the twelve patriarchs.

MOSES AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

God through Isaac the son of Abraham continued in this separation process unto Jacob. It was by the household of Jacob that the nation of Israel was birthed. This people were to be removed to a special Promised Land wherein they were to live by His holy covenant as His peculiar people above all other nations in the world. This was the natural seed of Abraham, the children of Israel, whom He gave the covenant of Law through Moses.

Lev 20:24 But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey: I am the LORD your God, which have separated you from other people.

God entered into covenant with those that He chose and set apart to be His own out of all other peoples of the earth in a bid to make them holy and true to Himself alone. A covenant by which they would live holy according to the Law as His people on earth, and He would be their one and only God cum LORD. And this was to be accomplished through teaching them of His word and their having unwavering belief in same to do.

Exo 19: 5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: **Vr.6** And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

Deu 7: 1 When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, **Vr.2** And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no

covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them: **Vr.5** But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire. **Vr.6** For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. **Vr.7** The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: **Vr.8** But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, **Vr.16** And thou shalt consume all the people which the LORD thy God shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have no pity upon them: neither shalt thou serve their gods; for that will be a snare unto thee. **Vr.25** The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an abomination to the LORD thy God.

An additional commandment given to the children of Israel in the Law that was to further distinguish them from other nations was the observance of a rest day on the seventh day of every week. This was the Sabbath day of rest for all Israel.

Exo 20: 8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. **Vr.9** Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: **Vr.10** But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work,

The children of Israel under the Law were a called-out people of God separate from the rest of the children of the world on earth. The former under the Law were said to be clean, while the latter without the Law were unclean.

Jn 4: 9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. **Vr.20** Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

Acts 10: 28 And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

CALLED OUT PEOPLE OF GOD OF THE NEW

As we have seen under the old dispensation, God brought about a physical separation of His people, Israel from the rest of the peoples of the world through the Law that He gave to them alone. This was of the shadow, the observances of fleshly/carnal ordinances that brought about a wall of partition between the Jews and the Gentiles (the rest of the world) as it were. **Eph 2:13-17; Colo 2:14**

Unfortunately, the Law never made any Jew perfect nor justified before God who is Spirit. For this cause, the Father had to send His Son, Jesus the Christ into the world to accomplish such through grace and truth. **Jn 1:17; Rom 8:3-4**

CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH

Under the Law as we had opined, Israel was called out unto a physical location, the Promised land of Canaan as part of their separation from people of all other lands upon the earth. But in Christ Jesus under the New Testament, those that believe, constituting the Church, are called out unto a spiritual location, the Promised Kingdom of God. This kingdom of heaven is first received by the Believer as an image in his heart by faith while he liveth on the earth as a human, but shall be received or entered into as a spiritual being as the true in heaven on the last day.

Lk 17: 20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: **Vr.21** Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

Jn 3:5 Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

I Cor 15: 50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; Vr.49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Therefore, the separation of the Believers in Christ from the world is more of a spiritual nature than just a physical one as was the case under the Law. It is not based on whether you were born a Jew or not or living in Israel the separated country or not, but whether you are born again by faith as a believer in Christ Jesus found anywhere in the world. This is irrespective of your being a Jew or a Gentile as it were. The Law is for the Jews alone, but the gospel of Christ is for all, both Jews and Gentiles without discrimination.

Jn 4: 21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. **Vr.23** But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh

such to worship him. **Vr.24** God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

2 Cor 6: 14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? **Vr.16** And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. **Vr.17** Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, **Vr.18** And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

All those that come to truly believe in Christ Jesus as the only begotten Son of God and in the Father that sent him are the called out people of God, the Church, under the New Testament.

HOW ARE WE CALLED OUT UNDER THE NEW TESTATMENT?

We are called out by God through our belief and identification by faith in the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus. And it is of two divine processes which are as follows: – (i) while we are yet alive in this present world through the image operation of the baptisms (water and Spirit), and (ii) the true operation, that is through the resurrection and life, as we exit from this world at our death. The Many claim to know about the former but only the Few know the latter.

We are called of God out of this world of sin and death by dying to the world first symbolically through water baptism in order for us to resurrect unto being birthed into the kingdom of God in our hearts through the Spirit baptism. And that is why all those that believe Christ in the true gospel are required to be baptized in the name of Christ and receive the Holy Ghost baptism thereafter as the LORD willeth. He that is dead is freed from sin and he that is resurrected from death to life is delivered from the bondage of death. **Lk 17:20-21; Acts 5:32**

Mk 15: 15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. **Vr.16** He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved;

Rom 6: 3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Vr.4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Vr.5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Vr.6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. Vr.7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. **Vr.18** For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.

Jn 3: 5 Jesus answered, Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. **Vr.6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **Vr.7** Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Jn 11: 25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: **Vr.26** And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

We are called into this world through birth, while we are called out of the world through death. We are brought into this world through the Woman (the womb), while we are taken out of the world through the Earth (the grave). The Church is the Called Out people of God in Christ upon the earth and heirs of the kingdom of God in heaven. We were called out by grace and truth through partaking of the the death and resurrection of Christ first by faith till we experience physical death.

Therefore, while yet living as flesh and blood in the world before physical death, water is used as the medium to baptize us that believe into the death and resurrection of Christ. Water baptism is the symbolic means on earth by which we identify with the physical death and resurrection of Christ from the grave. Water is used as a symbolism of the grave or earth of which men shall truly partake of at their physical death. Water baptism is an act of faith to partake of by those that believe in the resurrected Christ from the very start. Acts 2:37-41; Acts 8:35-38

So, before your physical death in the grave, you are to die symbolically by water baptism in Christ Jesus. It is through these processes that one is said to be born again, both symbolically on earth and truly at resurrection into the kingdom of heaven. This is what we call the image and true born again experience.

Jn 3: 3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. **Vr.7** Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

The Spirit baptism is the image giving of life after the symbolic death and resurrection accomplished through the operation of water baptism. Subsequently, at our physical death and resurrection, Christ shall give all those that were born again in him on earth the true eternal life in the kingdom of heaven. **Rom 8:9-10**

2 Cor **3**: **6** Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

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

Jn 10: 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: **Vr.28** And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish,

All that come to Christ must die first to the flesh before he gives them life by the Spirit to live again in the Spirit. Without which you cannot be said to be called out by God from this world wherein ye are found. This is what is meant by the saying "ye are not of the world though ye are in the world". You have to be dead to the lusts of the world as it were. **Colo 2:20; Colo 3:3-4**

Jn 17: 14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **Vr.15** I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. **Vr.16** They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Christ came to deliver us from this present evil world, first by the image operation and lastly by the true operation. The whole world lieth in wickedness, darkness and unrighteousness, but we the saints of God have been called out of this world of unrighteousness into a kingdom of God's righteousness in Christ Jesus.

Colo 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness [which is of the world], and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Though we are in the world, yet by the faith of the workings of the Kingdom of God within us, we operate God's righteousness by faith in Christ Jesus in this world. **Gal 1:4; Jn 18:36-37**

Tit 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, **Vr.12** Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CALLED OUT?

It means that you are crucified to the flesh and its lusts thereof in Christ Jesus, and have become alive to the Spirit and its desires. It means that you are dead to sin and alive to righteousness. It also implies a change of mindset, having received the Spirit that is from above and not the spirit which is of the world again to bondage, from carnal to spiritual mindset. **Rom 8:4-8**

Rom 13: 14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Gal 2: 20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God,

Gal 5: 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. **Vr.25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. **Vr.26** Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

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.

To be called out means that you are dead to this world and alive to the Kingdom of God in your mind, heart and soul though your body is still on the earth. It means that you are separate and different from the children of the world in thinking, desires/lusts, deeds and destiny as it were. It means that you are of the truth, to live by the Spirit accordingly in this world, having believed and received the Word of truth and the Spirit of truth on the inside of you. No longer living after the flesh as the children of the world do unto death. Jn 6:63; Jn 15:3-4; Rom 8:12-14

I Pet 4: 1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; Vr.2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. Vr.3 For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: Vr.4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

Jn 15: 17 These things I command you, that ye love one another. **Vr.18** If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. **Vr.19** If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because <u>ye are not of the world</u>, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

2 Tim 2: 3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. **Vr.4** No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

If you are called out, then your worldly accumulations and pursuits which seemed to be gains for you are now counted as loss to you for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ. You live for the Kingdom, the things of God and His righteousness therein rather than for the world and the things therein. **Phil 3:7-8**

Mtt 6: 19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: Vr.20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: Vr.31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? Vr.32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. Vr.33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

To be called out means that you are dead to the world of sin and alive to the kingdom of righteousness that is of Christ. You have been called out of the kingdom of darkness unto the kingdom of light of His dear Son.

CONCLUSION

We have been called out of lustful desires, the carnal thought process and system of this world unto righteous living, heavenly desires and spiritual thought process of the kingdom of God. And for this to be truly possible, you have to die first and resurrect unto a new life in Christ. You have to receive, accept and acknowledge the Word of truth and the new Spirit which is of God by which your mind would be renewed unto doing good works ordained by God for you to walk in here on earth now. The Lord has to grant you clear understanding of the mysteries of God, His Christ and the kingdom of God by which you are to live and walk on in this earth unto obtaining the kingdom at last.

Jn 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. **Vr.25** He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. **Vr.26** If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; **Vr.10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Rom 12:1-2 (Vr.2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

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.

The will of God is for us to hear His Son Jesus Christ in all things and do whatsoever he hath taught us and commanded us in his gospel cum doctrine in order to conform to his image. **Colo 3:10; Mtt 17:5**

Without striving to have the mind of Christ, we cannot know nor understand what being not of this world or called out of this world truly means. Since we were first born of this world and from beneath, therefore we think by default as those that are of the world. But now in Christ are we born again of the Spirit from above. Therefore, our thinking, aspirations and deeds have to change accordingly to reflect our new birth which is of heaven.

Jn 3:31 He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all. **Vr.32** And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony.

Rom 8:5 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.

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. 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.16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Christ is from above and therefore, we that are in him have been granted a heavenly citizenship by his Spirit given to us in baptism. We are chosen to understand the mysteries of the kingdom of God by which we know why it is that we need to be called out of the world.

Jn 8:23 And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world.

Jn 18:36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

Jn 17:14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Unfortunately, many that are called believers are yet worldly minded and mind the very same things of the world that the unbelievers strive for, but claim that theirs are gotten through Christ instead. This is an error and not the reason why Christ came into the world. Christ came to deliver us from this present evil world unto our inheriting an everlasting kingdom of heaven that is of righteousness. He does this by choosing all those that God our Father calleth out of the world. And then ordaining and sending them back into the world even as the Father sent him. This is how the Father sent the Son to save the world as it were. Jn 6:37; Jn 15:15-16; Jn 20:21-23; Gal 1:3-4

Our Lord and Master showed us example of how we are to live in this world being not of this world, by how he lived when he was in the world. We are to imitate and follow in his footsteps strictly.

What doctrine you believe in and live by to do is a determinant of the world cum realm that you operate in, whether that of Christ (the Kingdom of heaven) or that of the Devil (the kingdom of this evil world).

Are you among the Called Out Ones of God?

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