

Every Thought To Christ

November 5, 2023

Everything has a spiritual attachment to it. It is either **OF** the One True God, or it of the adversary, the devil, Satan. There is no grey area involved, as trivial or colossal as it may be, or seem to be, the root of all that we see, hear, smell, taste or touch is spiritual in nature. Although, it may be direct or indirect influence. What I mean by that is that someone may have physical maladies that are a result of something that has occurred through several or many generations. OR it is a result of a direct attack by Satan to steal, kill and destroy a person's life. Whether physically, mentally, financially or any other way. Everything has a spiritual attachment to it when it comes to circumstances.

Today, we are going to take a look at how that came to be, and how it continues to be an issue, not only to believers, but to all of mankind in general. Some may argue with me about it, but it is what it is. I may point out some obvious things today but they bear -repeating.

Let's begin to see how God designed this wonderful universe and how he created mankind from the very start.

Genesis 1:1 IN the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth.

Now, when did God do this? In the beginning. Could it have been 15 billion years ago? Maybe. It doesn't say a year, it just says, "In the beginning..." That's nuff said really, you can't beat that statement. Then we get to verse 26 of chapter 1 of Genesis...

Vs 26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Gen 1:27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

This great section of God's Word is so crucial to understand so many things about God, about man and woman, and about the earth. As I stated, "Let us" is old English to signify magnificence and glory. Like "...We the Queen.." It's her height upon the throne of rulership and dominion.

Speaking of "dominion," notice that word in verse 26. Man, was to have **dominion** over all of these things. It is the Hebrew word, "raw-daw," and it means sovereign rulership, overbearance, the pinnacle of authority and power. Wow, that's a big deal. God gave that to mankind. Mankind had the dominion over everything! God not only gave it to mankind, he told him that He gave it to him.

Vs. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue [kawbash: Keep forceful restraint] it: and have

dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

How and why did God give man such power and authority? Well, He wanted to. Man had abilities overall, and the one thing that no other animal on the planet had and that was The Spirit of God. God formed man of the dust of the ground... He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life... and created man in His OWN IMAGE... spirit! Mankind was given the ability to communicate with God by way of the spirit. For instance, God could tell Adam what to name a certain animal, and Adam named it that. God could tell him to subdue the earth, keep forceful restraint, and Adam would do it. All of these things were given to Adam without measure, except one.

Genesis 2:9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

Gen 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

Gen 2:17 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.

Adam disobeyed God and ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. And on that day, Adam was to surely die. What died? The spirit of God that made Adam so distinct from the other animals. It was gone! Which is why Adam is described as dying on that day. This death put Adam down with the rest of the animals from a spiritual perspective. He was no different... just a body and soul. No spirit.

The dominion that God gave him was now handed over to Satan, God's arch enemy. [Matt 4:9].

So for the next 4000 or so years, mankind was thrust into a state of sin, which meant that they had no spirit of God. The only exception to that was when God put His spirit upon certain holy men of God to have His Word made known, either in writing or spoken or both. ON the day of Pentecost, mankind was once again able to have spirit if confessing Rom 10:9.

With the spirit of God now upon those who believe, many things could happen, can happen and will happen. The 9 manifestations give each believer the ability to operate by their own free will to do so. If I want to speak in tongues, I can speak in tongues etc. If I want to operate WK, WW, DS, I can operate them.

God can now work on this earth as never before because we have His ability and power behind us and within us. Furthermore, God shows us what specific things the devil has

the ability to do. He also shows us what the natural man has the ability, or lack thereof to do.

1Corith 2:14 But the natural man receiveth^r not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. [determined, examined, sifted, examined]

So the natural person does not receive the *things* of the Spirit of God. He cannot communicate with God, he cannot operate the nine manifestations. In fact, they are foolishness to him, and he cannot know *them* because they [the things of God] are spiritually examined. They cannot be examined by the five senses.

Let's look a little more of this section of I Corinthians...

Vs. 7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery [or regarding the mystery], **even the hidden *wisdom*, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:**

1Co 2:8 Which none of the princes of this world [age] knew: for had they known *it*, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

(This present age is referred to in Galatians 1:4 as a "present evil age.") How many people actually believe that Jesus was crucified by way of the "princes of this world," or that the devil had anything to do with it? Hardly anyone! As I mentioned at the beginning of this teaching, **EVERYTHING IS SPIRITUAL**. Many times we need to stop, take a look at it and then decide if you are barking up the wrong tree or not.

1Co 2:9 But as it is written, [Isaiah 64:4] Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things [bathos=the extreme things. The highest and the lowest, the richest and the poorest, the least things to the largest things, the widest and the narrowest things] of God.

There it is! I didn't make this up on my own! Here it specifically says what God has revealed to us by His spirit... So if you want to know, you can know. Not just what's on the surface, but the deep things of God.

Man thinks he's so smart. That he understands what's going on in the world, when in truth, he does NOT HAVE A CLUE.

The problem is that believers get sucked into discussions of these things without seeing the spiritual depth of what is really going on!

All of us have done this because it is... not only socially acceptable, but very popular to discuss things from the sense knowledge perspective. Granted, we may not even think about the spiritual aspect of things from time to time, but we must understand that even though we may not think about it, it does have spiritual connotations to it.

1Co 2:11 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.

1Co 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know [*eidō* = see *with our eyes*] the things that are freely given to us of God.

1Co 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing [*sunkrinō*] spiritual things with spiritual.

The word “comparing: Greek: *sunkrinō* = to compare, to estimate or draw a conclusion by comparison. Occurs here and in II Corinthians 10:12.

That is the key! We compare what we see, hear, smell, taste or touch with the spiritual things of God. Those spiritual things are found in His Word. Then we get back to verse 14 again.

Vs. 14 But the natural man receiveth^d not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. **15** But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

The spiritual *person* examines all *things*, but he is examined by no one.

1Co 2:16 For ^{Isaiah 40:13} who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

[WT] So ^{Isaiah 40:13}: “**who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?**” We, however, have the mind of Christ.

To have the mind [nous] of Christ means *the mind, comprising the same faculties of perceiving and understanding and those of feeling, judging, determining*. In other words, when we walk in this world and we operate the spirit of God within us, we have the mind of Christ. Spiritual “senses” are at work! *The intellectual faculties of Christ are at work*.

However, if we walk by our five senses, then those faculties of the mind of Christ are not at work. We end up on the wrong side of things. Arguing with people about this and that. Trying to convince people to change their way of thinking to be like our way of thinking, and I am not talking about witnessing to people. We should not or cannot arguing with people into believing God’s Word. If they don’t want it, then stop talking. *Just say... God bless you, have a nice day!* Is all we have to say.

I don’t know how else to convey this important point. It’s so easy to fall into the trap of thinking with the carnal mind.

Romans 8:6 For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. **7** Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject

to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

(CEV) If our minds are ruled by our desires, we will die. But if our minds are ruled by the Spirit, we will have life and peace.

Here we are back again with how we think and walk with the Father. On one side is walking or thinking of the flesh the carnal mind, which is death, and it is hostility against God. I don't think any of us would like to be hostile toward God, yet we are when we have that carnal mind, that carnal way of thinking, which is according to the flesh. Back to Romans

Rom 8:9 But ye are not in the ^{*}flesh, but in the ^{*}Spirit, ^{if so} [or since] be that the ^{*}Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the ^{*}Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. [or he doesn't belong to Christ]

Satan is a challenging counterfeit. He attempts to make good appear as evil and evil as good. This counterfeit trips everyone up. This is why we must stay sharp on God's Word and operate the manifestations as God would have us do. Let's close in 2 Corinth 10.

2Co 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) [or the demolition of fortified strongholds]

2Co 10:5 Casting down imaginations [demolishing reasonings], and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought [every kind of thinking] to the obedience of Christ;

Let's think about what we are to think about. Let's bring every thought into every situation, every discussion so that it is in obedience to Christ.

God bless you