

ONE WITH CHRIST

1. THE SHADOW:

- A. **GENESIS 2:18** THE LORD GOD SAID, "IT IS NOT GOOD FOR THE MAN [ADAM] TO BE ALONE. I WILL MAKE A HELPER SUITABLE FOR HIM."
- I. **GENESIS 3:8** THEN THE MAN AND HIS WIFE HEARD THE SOUND OF THE LORD GOD AS HE WAS WALKING IN THE GARDEN IN THE COOL OF THE DAY,
- B. **ROMANS 5:14** ADAM, WHO WAS A PATTERN OF THE ONE TO COME.
 - I. **SO WHAT DID THE FIRST ADAM WANT? HE WANTED SOMEONE LIKE HIMSELF. SOME ONE THAT COULD SHARE HIS LIFE WITH HIM. SOME ONE WITH THE SAME GOALS, THE SAME VIRTUE, SOME ONE HE COULD BE PROUD OF AND WOULD BE PROUD OF HIM.**
 - (1) **SONG 2:16 BELOVED MY LOVER IS MINE AND I AM HIS;**
 - (2) **SONG 7:10 I BELONG TO MY LOVER, AND HIS DESIRE IS FOR ME.**

2. THE REALITY

- A. **JOHN 17:20-23** "MY PRAYER IS NOT FOR THEM ALONE. I PRAY ALSO FOR THOSE WHO WILL BELIEVE IN ME THROUGH THEIR MESSAGE, ²¹THAT ALL OF THEM MAY BE ONE, FATHER, JUST AS YOU ARE IN ME AND I AM IN YOU. MAY THEY ALSO BE IN US SO THAT THE WORLD MAY BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE SENT ME. ²²I HAVE GIVEN THEM THE GLORY THAT YOU GAVE ME, THAT THEY MAY BE ONE AS WE ARE ONE: ²³I IN THEM AND YOU IN ME. MAY THEY BE BROUGHT TO COMPLETE UNITY TO LET THE WORLD KNOW THAT YOU SENT ME AND HAVE LOVED THEM EVEN AS YOU HAVE LOVED ME.
- I. HE HAS GIVEN US THE GLORY THAT THE FATHER GAVE HIM.
 - (1) WHAT WAS THAT GLORY - THAT HE MIGHT BE ONE WITH THE FATHER.
- II. WE QUOTE ROMANS 3:23 OFTEN - FOR ALL HAVE SINNED.
 - (1) BUT TO OFTEN WE DO NOT LOOK TO SEE WHAT THAT SIN IS!!
 - (A) THEY HAVE FALLEN SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD.
 - (I) WE HAVE FALLEN SHORT OF WHAT GOD WANTS US TO BE. THAT IS UNITED WITH HIM AS ONE AND DO THE WORK THAT HE HAS CALLED US TO DO.

3. POWER TO BECOME

- A. **JOHN 17:2** FOR YOU [FATHER] GRANTED HIM [JESUS, THE LORD] AUTHORITY OVER ALL PEOPLE THAT HE MIGHT GIVE ETERNAL LIFE TO ALL THOSE YOU HAVE GIVEN HIM.
 - I. THIS IS SALVATION, THIS IS ETERNAL LIFE, THIS IS BY THE GRACE OF GOD.
- B. **JOHN 1:12** YET TO ALL WHO RECEIVED HIM, TO THOSE WHO BELIEVED IN HIS NAME, HE GAVE THE [POWER] RIGHT TO **BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD**—
 - (1) **BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED SONS OF GOD.**
 - (2) **BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART, FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD.** ⁹
- C. **JOHN 10:18** NO ONE TAKES IT [LIFE] FROM ME, BUT I LAY IT DOWN OF MY OWN ACCORD. I HAVE AUTHORITY TO LAY IT DOWN AND AUTHORITY TO TAKE IT UP AGAIN. THIS COMMAND I RECEIVED FROM MY FATHER."
 - I. WHY DID HE LAY DOWN HIS LIFE?
 - (1) **1 CORINTHIANS 15:36-38** HOW FOOLISH! WHAT YOU SOW DOES NOT COME TO LIFE UNLESS IT DIES. ³⁷WHEN YOU SOW, YOU DO NOT **PLANT THE BODY THAT WILL BE**, BUT **JUST A SEED**, PERHAPS OF WHEAT OR OF SOMETHING ELSE. ³⁸BUT GOD GIVES IT A BODY AS HE HAS DETERMINED, AND TO EACH KIND OF SEED HE GIVES ITS OWN BODY.

(A) THE SEED THAT HAS BEEN PLANTED IN US WHO ARE SAVED IS THE "SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD"

4. MAINTAINED BY FAITH

- A. **GALATIANS 2:20** I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST AND I NO LONGER LIVE, BUT CHRIST LIVES IN ME. THE LIFE I LIVE IN THE BODY, **I LIVE BY FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD**, WHO LOVED ME AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME.
- B. **GALATIANS 2:20** I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST AND I NO LONGER LIVE, BUT **CHRIST LIVES IN ME**. THE LIFE I LIVE IN THE BODY, I LIVE BY FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD, WHO LOVED ME AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME.
- I. YOU AND I, WE ARE A LIVING SPIRIT, AND JUST AS JESUS SAID, NO ONE CAN TAKE MY LIFE FROM ME. I MUST LAY IT DOWN. THE DECISION IS OURS.
- II. **ROMANS 6:3-8** OR DON'T YOU KNOW THAT ALL OF US WHO WERE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST JESUS WERE BAPTIZED INTO HIS DEATH? ⁴WE WERE THEREFORE BURIED WITH HIM **THROUGH BAPTISM INTO DEATH** IN ORDER THAT, JUST AS CHRIST WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD THROUGH THE **GLORY OF THE FATHER**, WE TOO **MAY LIVE A NEW LIFE**. ⁵**IF** WE HAVE BEEN **UNITED WITH HIM LIKE THIS IN HIS DEATH**, WE WILL CERTAINLY ALSO BE UNITED WITH HIM IN HIS RESURRECTION. ⁶FOR WE KNOW THAT OUR OLD SELF WAS CRUCIFIED WITH HIM SO THAT THE BODY OF SIN MIGHT BE DONE AWAY WITH, THAT WE SHOULD NO LONGER BE SLAVES TO SIN-- ⁷BECAUSE ANYONE WHO HAS DIED HAS BEEN FREED FROM SIN. ⁸NOW IF WE DIED WITH CHRIST, WE BELIEVE THAT WE WILL ALSO LIVE WITH HIM.
- (1) **1 JOHN 3:2-3** DEAR FRIENDS, NOW **WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD**, AND WHAT WE WILL BE HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE KNOWN. BUT WE KNOW THAT WHEN HE APPEARS, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM, FOR WE SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS. ³EVERYONE WHO HAS THIS HOPE IN HIM **PURIFIES HIMSELF**, JUST AS HE IS PURE.

5. MAINTAINED BY HIS WORD ABIDING IN US.

- A. **JOHN 15:7** IF YOU REMAIN IN ME AND MY WORDS REMAIN IN YOU, ASK WHATEVER YOU WISH, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN YOU.
- B. **JOHN 14:20** ON THAT DAY [DAY OF PENTECOST] YOU WILL REALIZE THAT I AM IN MY FATHER, AND YOU ARE IN ME, AND I AM IN YOU.
- I. WHY DID THEY REALIZE IT!
 - (1) BECAUSE OF THE MANIFESTATION OF GOD!
 - (A) ACTS 2ND CHAPTER
- C. **JOHN 15:4** REMAIN IN ME, AND I WILL REMAIN IN YOU. NO BRANCH CAN BEAR FRUIT BY ITSELF; IT MUST REMAIN IN THE VINE. NEITHER CAN YOU BEAR FRUIT UNLESS YOU REMAIN IN ME.
- D. **1 CORINTHIANS 2:16** "FOR WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD THAT HE MAY INSTRUCT HIM?" BUT WE HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST.
- E. **1 CORINTHIANS 6:17** BUT HE WHO UNITES HIMSELF WITH THE LORD IS ONE WITH HIM IN SPIRIT.
- F. **PHILLIPIANS 2:5** YOUR ATTITUDE SHOULD BE THE SAME AS THAT OF CHRIST JESUS:
- G. **PHILLIPIANS 3:10** I WANT TO KNOW CHRIST AND THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF SHARING IN HIS SUFFERINGS, BECOMING LIKE HIM IN HIS DEATH,
- H. **COL. 2:10** AND YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN **FULLNESS IN CHRIST**, WHO IS THE HEAD OVER EVERY POWER AND AUTHORITY.
- I. **2 TIM. 2:12** IF WE ENDURE, WE WILL ALSO REIGN WITH HIM. IF WE DISOWN HIM, HE WILL ALSO

DISOWN US;

- J. **1 JOHN 2:24** SEE THAT WHAT YOU HAVE HEARD FROM THE **BEGINNING REMAINS IN YOU**. IF IT DOES, YOU ALSO WILL REMAIN IN THE SON AND IN THE FATHER.
 - K. **2 JOHN 1:9** ANYONE WHO RUNS AHEAD AND DOES NOT CONTINUE IN THE **TEACHING OF CHRIST DOES NOT HAVE GOD**; WHOEVER CONTINUES IN THE TEACHING HAS BOTH THE FATHER AND THE SON.
6. MAINTAINED BY OBEDIENCE
- A. **1 JOHN 3:24** THOSE WHO OBEY HIS COMMANDS LIVE IN HIM, AND HE IN THEM. AND THIS IS HOW WE KNOW THAT HE LIVES IN US: WE KNOW IT BY THE **SPIRIT** HE GAVE US.