

THE UPWARD CALL

*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet;
but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God*

IN CHRIST JESUS.

(Philippians 3.13-14 NASB)

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THAT GOD MAY BE ALL IN ALL #2

Now, whenever all may be subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also shall be subjected to Him Who subjects all to Him, that God may be *All in all*. (1 Corinthians 15.28 CV)

The first issue of this series concluded with the grand thought that God is love; He is light; He is spirit; His purpose is to bring all creation into His love, light, and spirit. Simply, His purpose is to be ***All in all***, which means that He is to fill all things with His very life. We could say that in that glorious day when His heart is fully satisfied, all of creation will be in love, in light, and in spirit.

Another way to look at it is that God has purposed that His very life, the essence of who He is, is to fill His whole creation. He is **the God of the living** (Mark 12.27; Luke 20.38), and **His life** will fill the whole creation. **God is love** (1 John 4.8, 16), and **His love** will fill the whole creation. **God is light** (1 John 1.5), and **His light** will fill the whole creation. **God is spirit** (John 4.24), and **His spirit** will fill the whole creation. Not only will His very essence fill all but also everything associated with His essence (i.e., His attributes) will fill all. His glory will fill all. His truth will fill all. His grace and mercy will fill all. His holiness will fill all. His faithfulness will fill all. And ultimately, the very will of God will fill all. In other words, creation will no longer have to wonder what to do or how to live or how to love, for God will so fill His creation that His life manifested throughout creation will be as natural as breathing is for us humans today. His very essence will become the very breath of His creation. His glory will fill all creation. This is the perfection of God manifested in His creation.

When God's plan that is worked out in the eons comes to its rightful conclusion, then the eons will end and God will be *All in all*. With the consummation of the eons, all will be new (**Behold, I am making all new!**) and all creation will be filled with the glory of God. **God the Father will be the Happy God!** This is the purpose of the eons.

Can you imagine anything greater than God becoming ***All in all***? Let's make this a very personal question: Can you imagine anything greater than God the Father becoming ***All in you***? Can you imagine being filled with His love, so that love is so much a part of you that you can do nothing but love? Can you imagine knowing and doing His perfect will without any hesitation, without any failure or doubt? Can you imagine walking in glory forever and ever? Can you imagine never coming short of the glory of God and never being tainted by sin and death ever again? For ones living in bodies of death, who at best are unprofitable servants, it is almost beyond comprehension.

Dear beloved in Christ, this is the purpose of God for His creation, especially for all mankind that He created from the soil of the earth. I must add: all mankind, without exception; not all at once, but all eventually!

As I see it, there is one word that is the very heart of **All**, and it is the word the Lord gave me to sum up 2008 (see issue #02-0802, January 4, 2008). It is the word *love*! God is love! All creation will be in love. I must confess that I truly get excited over this little expression that *all will be in love*. Can you think of anything greater than to have all creation in love; in love with God, in love with one another, and God's very nature of love expressed in every facet of His creation? Can you think of anything greater than all creation being immersed in the love of God, filled with His love, and being an expression of His love in all things? Oh, the joy of such bliss! This is what the glory of God is all about.

This is when the heart of God the Father will be fully satisfied; this is when all will seem as it was always intended to be. When God is love is fully expressed, then the glory of God fills all as well.

This is God's purpose, and everything that He does in, through, and by His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, is part of His glorious plan to bring about His purpose at the appointed time. No man and no situation can or will thwart God from becoming **All in all**. He has purposed it, and so it will be done.

We need to be clear that every single detail of God's plan, no matter how small, is being worked out with His purpose in view. Whatever calling or destiny we might see in our lives in the here and now, if it is of God, then we can be assured that it is being worked out with this one purpose in mind; and we need to keep His purpose before us in all that we do.

Even Adam's one act of unrighteousness in the garden over 6,000 years ago was and is in the plan of God with a view to the accomplishment of His purpose. The fact of the matter is that in this one act we discover the very heart of God in a most amazing way that 4,000 years later was manifested in His Son at the cross of Calvary.

It seems that practically all preaching on Adam's one transgression is presented as a negative, something horrible, as if to blame Adam. But I see it differently, for it was all in accord with the plan of God. Adam was simply fulfilling one of the most important, if not crucial, parts of God's plan to bring about His purpose. Most likely, many would protest against such a statement because to our carnal mind it makes no sense for God to allow death, with its consequence of sin, to be introduced into something made in the image of Elohim. Men might argue over this matter and debate it with great authority, but, to me, it is almost too sacred. It is something hidden in the very heart of God that is holy. But I feel compelled to explain what I see, with what light I have been given.

In breaking the one command of Elohim, Adam fulfilled or, if you will, kept the highest law of God. Did you get what you just read? In his one act of disobedience, which is what it is called, Adam actually fulfilled the highest and grandest law of God. If he had not disobeyed, then he would have committed a far more grievous sin that went to the very heart of God. Further, if he had not disobeyed, then he would not have been a type of Christ, the last Adam. There would not have been another Adam. Did you grasp that? I hope I have your attention at this point. When I first saw this, it was truly a revelation to me. I do not know but perhaps others have seen this as well.

In the garden that day, Adam fulfilled the law of love. He loved Eve, the helpmate fashioned from his own body, given to him by Yahweh Elohim. Within Adam was planted the love for his body, and when she, who was bone of his bones and flesh of his flesh, was deceived by the serpent, he had no choice. He loved the woman fashioned from his body so much that he had to be with her, even in her deception, even if it meant that he had to sin against Yahweh Elohim's one command. Within Adam was the heart of love that said, even demanded, that he redeem the love of his life, a part of his body. Who put this love in Adam's heart? It was the one who made him; it was Elohim. Who expected Adam to sin? Elohim!

Given the theology of today that says otherwise is this too much for you? To me it is almost like hallowed ground; nevertheless, it is something burning in my heart at the moment that I believe the spirit of God wants to express. As strange as it might seem and as foreign as it might be to our theological and traditionalized minds, Adam was expressing the very love of God that would be manifested to all the world when the Son of God, the visible image of the invisible God, the Creator of all, died on the cross for the sin of the world and was raised from among the dead three days later, so that all mankind would have life; all to the glory of God. You see, the first Adam expressed the love of God for his own body, but he could not redeem her or himself. It took the last Adam, the Second Man, to come to this earth to fulfill what Adam tried to do but could not.

This is the heart of God's plan to become **All in all**.