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# ONE MAN, ONE NATION, ONE WORLD, UNDER GOD

#### THE HEAD OF NATIONS

When Eve yielded herself to the lies of the serpent, he became her HEAD, her leader. The woman is the soul part of the man. She moves by intuition, but it is the male part of her who makes the decisions. Paul explains, "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church; and he is the saviour of the body." (Eph.5:23)

When the man is the head of the woman and Christ is the head of the man, the body is well. It is the head that controls the body. If the head is Christ, the body is full of light and life. If the head is the serpent, the body is full of sin and death. This is because, the head controls the body. We can feel a little sick and talk ourselves into feeling terrible. When fear enters our head, we become weak and sickly.

By the same token, this is how governments work. It can work in companies, in societies or in governments of nations. The prophet Isaiah describes the situation in Judah and Jerusalem, when the nation rebelled against God. "Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil doers, children that are corrupters; they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward."(Isa.1:4) Does this sound familiar in our day? Do we see rebellion among the nations who were once free and peaceful.

This was God's word to the nations then, "Why should ye be stricken any more? Ye will revolt more and more; THE WHOLE HEAD IS SICK, and the whole heart faint." (Vs.5) This was the result of the sickness of the HEAD, "From the sole of the foot, even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores; they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified

with ointment. Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire; your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers. (Isa.1:6-7) And this is God's Word to the nations today. Is there a more graphic picture of what we are seeing in the world today? And it is the result of the HEAD BEING SICK. The governments of the people are all polluted. They are directed by the greed, debauchery and gluttony of the serpent of flesh, and not by the Spirit of God.

Destitution and ruination have been the fate of all the powerful empires, kingdoms and nations that have ever existed. From Nebuchadnezzar's head of gold, to the silver power of the Medes and Persians, to the brass of the Greek rule, to the iron rod of Roman domination. All these supreme rulers of the past have known their day of fame and glory, and of failure and downfall.

These great empires have crumbled and been fragmentized into the many nations that we know today as the Middle East and Europe. These smaller nations never had the power of the great empires that came before them. They are the nations of clay mixed with iron that are represented by the toes of the great image. As iron and clay mixed, they cannot stick together.

Clay is a finely ground combination of rock, soil, minerals, metal and traces of quartz. It represents a mixture of different people, cultures, ideologies, persuasions and creeds. By the time the Roman Empire came into being, the people had migrated, intermarried and were mostly a mixture of clay. From these came the people who migrated to the New World. How could they become a powerful nation again un-

der these circumstances?

There was only one answer to that question: A nation under One Head- A NATION UNDER GOD. The time had come and God opened the way to what was called, the "New World." The Americas became the land in which the people could make a new start. North America in particular gave a lot of hope to the people fleeing the persecution of the Roman Catholic Church.

This would be a good land, but it would be a land of mixture of people, and there was a condition to their prosperity. God brought it to their minds right away. This nation had to be formed UNDER GOD. Because the people that were to form this nation were a mixture of many cultures, creeds and ideologies that could never be united as one, this nation had to be formed UNDER ONE HEAD- GOD. This was the only way it could work.

And so to keep peace, the first pilgrims drew up a governing document called The Mayflower Compact. It began, "IN THE NAME OF GOD. AMEN." Then they identified themselves and wrote, "Having undertaken for the glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith...a voyage to plant the first Colony in the northern part of Virginia.; do by these Presents, solemnly and mutually, in the Presence of God and one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil Body Politick, for our better Ordering and Preservation, and Furtherance of the Ends aforesaid..."

This is only an excerpt of the document, but it is clear that these men honored God and made Him Lord in the government for this new world. And so it was. We know the rest of the story. When other colonies became states, it was called the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, one nation, indivisible because it was UNDER GOD.

However, this could not be a permanent arrangement. Sooner or later, the clay would take over and push out the framework and even the foundation of this established nation. Soon, God was no longer the Head of the nation. The nation which began as a nation of laws, a Republic, became a Democratic Republic.

The only significant difference between the two is that in a Democracy, an individual or group composed of a minority, have no protection against the power of the majority.

A Republic has a written constitution of basic rights that protect the minority from being completely unrepresented or abused by the majority. And so the clay, (unrestrained power of a majority), pushes hard to tumble the iron, (rule of law), until the rule of Law is changed to suit the majority.

As the prophet declared, when the head is sick, the entire body suffers. Just as in Isaiah's day, "strangers" took over Israel, "strangers" are trying hard to take over the land that God has blessed. We are all strangers in the same land, yet it must be that the Head of the land is respected, and that the people comply with its laws, or the nation perishes.

When a nation turns against the Head that God has set in place, that nation turns against God. In this way, they open themselves to the will and power of the mobs who overpower them. But fear not, although this all sounds like a disastrous scenario, in the end, it will actually be a good thing, for God will have the last Word.

Daniel explains, "In the days of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever." (Dan.2:44)

The kingdoms of men have had many "heads," who have ruled over them and controlled them. This country was truly established under God, but it was still done in the realm of "time" where nothing is eternal. The end of the matter is upon us, and the whole world, including us is in transition of power.

The great Angel of the book of Revelation declared that at the end "...there should be time no longer. But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets." (Rev.10:6b-7)

The mystery of God that is being finished, is the es-

tablishing of the kingdom of God which has been in our hearts, and will also be established in the world. It says that it will last "forever and ever," which means that it is not part of the realm of time, which will end; it is an eternal kingdom. This kingdom came first "without observation" in the hearts of His sons. "And when he (Jesus) 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." (Lk.17:20)

This same kingdom that has been established in the hearts of the sons, is now being raised to replace the kingdoms of this world. "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever." (Rev.11:15)

We have heard of this many times, but now we are living it out. We are no longer in the time of prophecy; this is the time of the fulfillment of all prophecies. We are coming to the end of "time," and all that has to be fulfilled is being finished. What a glorious Day (Light, Life) is dawning upon us! Oh God! Thy kingdom come, Thy Will be done.

#### POSSESSING OUR LAND

The Spirit keeps bringing things to mind concerning the times at hand for the Body of Christ. The Day that is dawning brings us to the climax of the unveiling of God's mysteries, which have been hidden in Christ in us. The past two-thousand plus years have been times of great turmoil for the world. The battle against evil has been bravely and painfully fought to the shedding of blood. Those who overcome, do so, not by their own might, but by the Spirit of the Lord.

As David told Goliath, "...the Lord saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands." (I Sam.17:47)

When Israel came to the border of the land, they had expected to go up and possess it with no contest. After all, God had GIVEN THEM THE LAND. But when they saw the giants, they were confused and dismayed and dread came upon them. Joshua tried to calm them saying, "Remember the word which

Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying, The Lord your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land." (Josh.1:13) Later he questioned them, "...How long are ye slack to go to possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers hath given you?" (Josh.18:3)

Ancient Israel was given the literal land of Canaan for their possession, and they are ensamples for us who are the seed of Abraham, and heirs of God in Christ Jesus. After the ultimate sacrifice of offering his only son to God, Abraham, who is the father of the faith, was given this mighty promise, "That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the seashore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And IN THY SEED SHALL ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH BE BLESSED; because thou hast obeyed my voice." (Gen.22:17-18)

This promise to Abraham is also God's promise to us, to Christ in us! It is our promise, IT IS OUR LAND. The stars of the heaven, the sand of the seashore, the gate of our enemies and the blessing of all the nations of the earth, ALL IS OUR LAND TO POSSESS. It all belongs to Christ who is arising within us!

Yet, when they came to the borders of the land, they found the huge, delicious fruits that grew there, but they also saw the giants! Those who yielded themselves to fear, died in the wilderness, but those who had another spirit, followed Joshua and Caleb into the land. What does this really mean to us?

I know that we all have heard and pondered this story many times, but if we listen carefully, we will hear something very new and exciting. First we need to be established in the truth that God finished the works from the foundation of the world.

"For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: ALTHOUGH THE WORKS WERE FINISHED FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD." (Heb.4:3)

This is a most important foundation stone, because

while knowing this, Christians are still building their own things FOR GOD, and getting nowhere near entering His rest or their land. The nature of the first Adam is the Cain in us, who wants to offer the works of his own hands as a sacrifice to God. THE WORKS ARE FINISHED. God's plan is laid out and cannot be changed nor altered.

So then, what is our part? We need to follow the One who knows the plan. Then we need to believe that we have been given this land; it is ours. How can we actually take possession of it? By following the spirit of Caleb and Joshua, who were not afraid of the giants. And what is our land? Our land is the fulness of Christ in us. It is possessing Him who is our life. It is being changed into the likeness of the Last Adam. It is taking dominion over the purpose that God has called us to from the foundation of the world.

Our land is where there is no more sin, sickness or death in our bodies. Pentecost, with the gifts and deliverances is well and good, but these things were given to help us along the way, they are temporary. The goal is the land where there is no more sin, sickness or death. Those who have died and are on the other side, are waiting for the last ones to walk triumphantly into that land right here on earth.

The mighty Christ who is leading us from within, is first bringing His body to the full likeness and image of Christ in the earth. Then the body of Christ will lead the nations into the blessing of Abraham, and the earth will be restored to the place it was created to be. The only work that is acceptable to God is for us to leave all the traditions of the past behind, and follow Him into the land that belongs TO CHRIST.

The land that we inherited in Adam is our body and soul. It was invaded by the serpent in the tree which stands in the midst of our garden, (soul). The serpent is the spirit that has taken over the dominion of the land. Our body and soul were meant to be ruled by Christ and not by the serpent spirit. This evil spirit has filled our whole being by speaking words of fear and dread, greed and pride, to our minds and hearts. This process is continuous, from the time we are born, to the time when we breathe our last breath.

The words of the serpent, issue from the knowledge

of good and evil, by man's reasoning (...ye shall be as God knowing good and evil), only our reasoning is nothing like God's. The spirit of the serpent has penetrated and saturated humanity's intellect, psyche, reasoning, mentality, brilliance and all the things that we admire in each other; the things that are the standard for greatness in this world. It is by the knowledge of that tree that we educate our children and young people, so that they might reach a place of reputation in this world.

That tree robbed us of our dominion in the earth, and replaced it with systems and values empowered by greed and self gratification. It has turned humans into self-centered, possessive even violent people. The fruit of that tree has brought humanity down to its ruin.

During the past two years, I have been tested through a problem with my health. The burning that I felt at times in my body baffled the several health providers that I visited. Only recently, a right diagnosis was finally made, and the answer was simple. It had to do with the things that I have eaten all my life, and that now, my digestive system could no longer tolerate, such as spices and acidic fruits.

I am very relieved that after all was done, the diagnosis was simple. However, the experience was much deeper than the fixing of my stomach; it had to do with its effect on my mind. During these two years, I went to bed, not knowing how I would feel by early morning. This ignited a fierce battle against fear and anxiety which began to take over the thoughts of my mind.

Even after I was free from the symptoms, I was still bound by fear and dread in my mind. I asked my Father to deliver me from this too, and His answer was simple and to the point, He said, "YOU FIGHT THE BATTLE IN YOUR MIND, AND I WILL TAKE CARE OF YOUR STOMACH!"

It was clear, what the Spirit was telling me is in line with what the apostle Paul wrote to the church, "(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every

high thing that exalted itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ..." (II Cor.4-5)

It goes back to the teachings of Isaiah, "When the head is sick, the whole body suffers." Our minds are the fertile ground where the thoughts that direct our lives are planted and grow. It was Eve, the mother of us all, who first gave the serpent access to her fertile mind. It was then that the Lie was planted and soon took over like weeds, (tares), not only in Eve's mind, but in all humanity. It was Eve, (the soul, mind), who opened the way to the deadly, antichrist thoughts of the serpent, and it would be Eve, (minds), who would crush that seed and close the door forever. Fears, dread, anxiety and the rest of the serpent's repertoire, are the giants that we face as we move on to possess our land.

Jesus sent us the Spirit of the Overcomer, to bring into captivity every thought of our minds to the obedience of Christ. For centuries, the great "thinkers" of the world, have looked into this matter. Books have been written about "mind over matter." The Christian Scientists are such believers. The only problem is that man has used the power of the carnal mind to try to subdue "matter."

Only the "Mind of Christ" has full power over the body or any matter that matters. It is not by the will power of the natural, carnal mind, but by the mind of Christ in us that the body can be healed and delivered...even from death. Our part, as the "woman," is to bruise, or crush the head of the serpent. This is how the serpent is destroyed, and how the battle against death is waged and ultimately won. We have the "mind of Christ." Jesus, our Head has overcome the world, death and hell, and His body is following in exactly the same path.

In my own battle against the ills of my stomach, it is clear that, "as long as I keep casting down the imaginations that rise up against my faith in God's Word, and as long as, by His Spirit, I take authority over the thoughts of my mind, I can find peace and healing too. The battle is the Lord's, and when we ask Him, He gives US the grace and power to take authority over the thoughts of our minds. In this way, step by

step we are possessing our land, and taking back DO-MINION.

### **DENOUEMENT**

Perhaps this word, "denouement," sounds strange to most, but it is the word that came to my mind as I sat down to continue writing this issue. It is a French word, but I also found it in the English dictionary. The meaning in French or in English is the same; the dictionary defines it as, "the final resolution of the intricacies of a plot." The root of the word means, "untying a knot." It is undoing the knot to reveal what has been concealed. This is the place we have come to in the unveiling of God's plan. The Spirit is bringing to light all that had been hidden in darkness.

God in Christ, is in the process of bringing the plan and purpose of His creation, with all its intricacies and mysteries, to its final completeness or perfection. That which was finished in the beginning is now finding its fulfillment in the earth. Paul endeavors to bring this truth to light as he explains why God chose him. "Unto me, who am less that the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ. And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ." (Eph.3:8-9)

And here is the hidden purpose of God revealed, "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in HEAVENLY PLACES might be known BY THE CHURCH the manifold wisdom of God." (Eph.3:10)

And so God raised up Paul, and gave him the grace and authority to go convert the Gentiles, in order to gather them and teach them, and call out from among them, those who were predestinated from the foundation of the world in Christ.

"...I have set thee as a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth. And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord; AND AS MANY AS WERE ORDAINED TO ETERNAL LIFE BELIEVED." (Acts 13:47-48) Paul began the

Gentiles church so that those who were ordained from the beginning might believe.

The church of Jesus Christ, who is the bride of the Lamb, was ordained among the Gentiles from the beginning. She is as Rachel, the beloved wife who gives life to Joseph and Benjamin. The Jews were chosen of God as His first bride. They were a people under the Law. As Leah, the first wife, they brought forth sons under the law. She did not please God. "Turn O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion." (Jer.3:14)

Yet, God has a plan for this first wife, "For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee." (Isa.54:7) She is only forsaken for a season, while the Gentile Church who is the bride of the Lamb, is being gathered and glorified. It is the bride of the Lamb, who is called to follow Him to the cross that she might show forth the beauty and power of the Son of God throughout creation in the ages to come. This is the great mystery of Christ in you.

The Gentile Church was chosen from the beginning to dethrone the governmental powers that have usurped the place of Christ, and have been ruling the world through the antichrist spirit. It was so in the Pharisaical organizations of Jesus' day, and it has been so in every nation of the world since. All nations have been ruled by principalities of powers that will ultimately be destroyed by the power of Christ in His church. We are witnessing this even now.

Paul clearly speaks of these principalities and powers, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of darkness OF THIS WORLD, against spiritual wickedness in HIGH PLACES." (Eph.6:12)

He says that WE WRESTLE against these forces, and yet most of us have no idea where they are and who they might be. Wrestling is a close hand to hand, shoulder to shoulder combat to bring the opponent down and keep them from taking hold of us and throwing us. It is a struggle to hold them back and to force them down by force but not with a weapon or

even a fist. This is the way, we struggle daily against the constant enemy in our mind. Paul continues by exhorting us to "Take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day..."

Who are these principalities and powers that we wrestle daily? And what are the "high places" or "heavenly places" where they dwell? They evidently are not far from us or we would not be engaged in a daily close combat with them. Granted that they are in the world everywhere, but the ones we fight daily are the ones that deal with us personally. So we need to look no further than our own minds, thoughts, traditions and tenets to find where rulers of darkness have dwelt for centuries and even millenniums through generations and generations.

The world's nations have been controlled by principalities and powers of darkness in high places (rulers). These work through the minds of personalities with certain "pizazz" and magnetic ways that attract and allure the multitudes. They set themselves up as saviors and benefactors, but quickly write up laws that bring the people into bondage.

Although some have been for the good, the majority have been used to lead the people to labor for their plans and programs. Paul admonishes, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against THE WILES of the devil." (Eph.6:11)

Wiles are strategies meant to fool, trap, entice or lure. Ever since Eve first met up with the serpent in the tree, that "devil," has continued to work cunningly among us, talking to us as he did to Eve. He has grown in size and intensity by swallowing innocent victims among the nations. The armor of God consists of TRUTH, RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE, FAITH, SALVATION AND THE SHARP WORD OF GOD. These are the things that will protect, defend and keep our minds free from the invaders that constantly push against us.

## THE GLORY OF HIS CHURCH

Jesus made this declaration, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In

the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."(Jn.16:33) As we look at the world today, we might wonder at this statement. In the world, things have just been getting worse, and what's more, Jesus who came to save, was mocked and died the death of a thief and a robber.

What the world cannot see is that the crucifixion of Jesus was ordained of God. When they, (the religious order of that day), crucified the Lord of glory, they did exactly what they were supposed to do. The Father was using them to do what no one else could do.

Paul explains, "But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: which none of the princes (rulers) of this world knew; for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. (I Cor.2:8-9) Indeed, it was God's plan all along. Jesus was crucified UNTO OUR GLORY.

Through His death and resurrection, His church is redeemed, and through the church, the glory of God has been, and will continue to be revealed. The church has a huge part in God's purpose for creation. The church is the dwelling place of God Himself.

The church is the temple with its Holy of Holies and Ark of the Covenant. God rules and speaks to us from the Ark, (Christ in us). His church is "...raised up together, and made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, THAT IN THE AGES TO COME he, (God), might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us in Christ Jesus." (Eph.2:6-7)

In other words, His church is His bride, the woman, the visible vessel who will show forth the glory of the Christ man within. She is the one who will be displayed throughout the ages to come. She is the one who is adorned with the glory of His presence within. She is the one who will rule and reign with Christ in the world, "... the woman is the glory of the man." (I Cor.11:7b)

We are the woman, the church, and we are also the sons of God. The part of us who is the woman yields

herself to the son of God formed within. The Manchild is the Son of God who has been birthed within us. John saw this bride adorned in her new body. This bride is the habitation of God by the Spirit. If I may dare to go a little deeper and say that she is in the image of God. and she is both male and female.

It is the male Christ spirit in her who is her life, and she is the soul part who displays Him to all men throughout the ages to come. "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." (Gen.1:27)

The earthly Adam man that we are, has born little resemblance to the man that God created in Genesis chapter one. That man was finished in the spirit realm, but it is only after the works are brought down and finished in the earth, that the church appears in her glory, and God takes over the rule of the people through His Christ. It was when John saw this bride coming down from God out of heaven that a great voice was heard.

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." (Rev.21:3-4)

CHRIST THE HEAD of the woman, the church, is the arrangement that God Almighty has ordained to rule His world. This serpent has planted his seed in the minds and hearts of men. It is the woman, His church who will crush that head forever.

When I first began this walk, God gave me a dream that plainly depicted the nature of the serpent. In the dream, "I was somewhere when I noticed this huge serpent following after me. I was so very scared and I began to run as fast as I possibly could. Then I looked behind me to see where the serpent was. He had been stopped by a glass panel and was trying to squeeze against it to get out again. As I looked at the snake, I saw that it had no scales as a snake usually does; it was made of naked flesh and blood."

That serpent gives power to the lusts, the strong appetites of the flesh. When we realize the source of our unruly, fleshly cravings and passions, we must flee from them. We may not yet have to full power to crush that serpent of flesh, but by turning away from it, we restrict its control over us.

Our flesh will continue to try to inflict its hold upon us, but as we swiftly turn away, we are resisting, we become stronger in the Spirit, and the flesh loses its power in our lives. This is the way of the cross. When we flee, we flee to the cross, we reckon ourselves dead with Christ, and the blood that Jesus shed on Calvary is the mighty power against that forceful enemy who once controlled our lives. When we lay ourselves on the cross, we are laying the serpent of flesh there. The daily cross is the way to crush the head of the serpent.

"Likewise reckon yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom.6:11)

### THE HEART OF GOD

T. Austin-Sparks from: His Great Love - Chapter 1

"For God loved the world so much.... (John 3:16 NLT)

There is a great weight made to rest upon that little word "for" – "For God so loved the world." We say that John 3:16 is the heart of the gospel: but it is much more than that, it is the heart of the universe. There is back of all things in this created universe a heart; not just a mind or a will, a design, a reason, a power, a fiat, but a heart. We are familiar with the attempts to prove there is a design in creation, that there is a mind behind the universe, and that a will brought it into being. That is all quite good and right; but we are not so often asked to consider that behind it all there is a heart – and more heart than anything else. The reason, the will, the design, come from the heart. Everything takes its rise in the heart of God.

We have said much about the thoughts of God, the counsels of God. The nearer we get to the very centre

of things, the more we shall become affected by this fact, that right there in the centre is a heart. It is a heart that we shall come to eventually; not an explanation to satisfy our reason, not a demonstration of power, but just a heart — but a mighty heart: and when we use that word rightly, we simply mean love. We speak of people being heartless. That means that they are without all that love means. Love is not the governing thing in their thoughts, actions, and motives; they are strangers to love. Heart then, for us, means love, and when we say that back of all things and at the centre of all things there is a heart, we mean there is love. "End of quote.

It was God's mighty love who allowed His only Son to be nailed to the cross. It is that same love who allowed humanity to be plunged into a realm a darkness and suffering so that it could be lifted up and become the image of God Himself in the world. This cannot be understood while we are still immature, but God has decreed a Day and a time when all of His creation will see Him and worship Him, for His judgments will have delivered them.

"Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? For thou only art holy: for ALL NATIONS SHALL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE THEE; for thy judgments are made manifest." (Rev.15:4)

When we come to this place, we will have seen God's ACTS, we will have known His WAYS and we will have fallen on our knees in front of His HEART OF LOVE. For in Adam we were ALL deceived and dead, but in Christ we are ALL made alive. "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." (I Cor.15:22) When we know God's ways and His love, we know this is true.

For God loved, AND STILL LOVES, the world SO MUCH

Because of His love, Jackie Caporaso