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HAVING OBTAINED AN INHERITANCE...

Surely the time of the fulfilment of all prophecies, and the time of the appearing of all new things is very close. And so, the Spirit is urging us to leave behind the old ways, and to look forward to the new. Over time, since the Spirit of God has endowed His followers, Jesus has steadily moved His called out people. His church, to fully establish through experience the three main convocations called the feasts. First it was Passover, (atonement), then Pentecost, (Holy Spirit baptism), and now moving the church is moving into the feast of Tabernacles which will culminate into the time of total transformation. Indeed, the time of first resurrection is at hand. Keeping in mind that Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life," we know that "first resurrection" consists of the appearing of Jesus being raised from the midst of His many brethren. Paul was passionate about Christ being formed in us, as he addressed the church, "My little children, of whom I travail in birth again, until Christ be formed in you." (Gal.4:19). Paul was saying that the fulness of Christ, spirit, soul and body was being formed within the saints, that they might be found as He is. Resurrection speaks of spirit, soul and body, and the inheritance that we obtain in Christ is our being raised into a perfect or complete new creature; it is Christ fully formed in us. Paul prayed, "That the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of HIS INHERITANCE IN THE SAINTS." (Eph.1:18) We are His body, His inheritance, and consequently, as sons and joint-heirs, He is our inheritance. This means that, "as He is in the world, so are we." "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is in this world, so are we." (I Jn.4:17)

Paul teaches that while we are earthly, we obtain, not only forgiveness of sins so that we are saved to return to where we once belonged, but we obtain something of even greater value. "In whom, (Christ), also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will. That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ." (Eph.1:11-12). Sons have been chosen and predestinated from the foundation of the world; they are those who are led by the Spirit. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God...the Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children, (sons), of God. And if children then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ, if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified with him." (Rom.8:14,16-17)

Many among us are thrilled to know that we were "...chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world." (Eph.1:4), and that we were sent to earth according to God's purpose. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Rom.8:28). We often quote this verse to comfort ourselves when things go wrong, but the focal point of the verse is that God has a special purpose for those who love Him. Indeed many things are worked in us through God's Holy Spirit, that we might be new creatures and thus obtain our inheritance. The creature that we are becoming in Christ, is brand new; what we may have been before in Spirit, and what we are now as earthly cannot be compared to the glory that shall be revealed in us.

Jesus is the only begotten Son of God, born of a woman, under the Law. It was the Father's Seed that impregnated the young virgin Mary, but the Father has purposed to have much more than one Son; indeed Jesus is the **firstborn among many brethren.** It is by His death and His resurrection from the dead that Jesus produced, procreated or generated, what He called a "corn of wheat," a "sperm," a "new seed," "an incorruptible seed," with which He would impregnate His bride made virgin, His church by the power of His Holy Spirit (resurrection power). Thus we obtain our inheritance, as we are bornagain into sons of God and become heirs of Christ. As sons, we are His generation, the children that God has given Him, His body. Sons are a brand new creation in the earth, no longer part of the first Adam man, but raised into the last Adam, the man from the Spirit. This new creature is soon to appear through us and it is no less than the likeness and image of the first begotten Son of God. "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren." (Rom.8:29) Jesus Himself became a new creature in His resurrection, and became the Head of His own body to be manifested in the world. The manifestation of the sons of God is the time of first resurrection.

Sons obtain this inheritance by learning obedience to the Holy Spirit. Not by any works of their own, but by following the Holy Spirit as He leads. Sons of God are those who are led by the Spirit of God. It would be a gross error for sons to jump to the conclusion that our inheritance and full redemption consist only of going back to the place of Spirit where we were once with Christ. In Christ now, we are no longer at that same level, we are at the level of Jesus in resurrection life. The enemy of our soul is a thief, a robber, and a murderer, who works continually through our negative, unbelieving carnal minds. If he cannot undermine our faith, he devises a way to change the full glory that Jesus purchased for us on the cross. He makes us accept a much lesser salvation by robbing our minds of the knowledge of the most wonderful transformation that is ours in Christ. Indeed, our full redemption is a brand new creation of God in the world. This new creature is after the likeness and image of the resurrected Son of God, not only a spirit being, but a spirit, soul and eternal body with substance, as Jesus displayed. Our Lord redeemed us completely. "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." (I Thes.5:23-24)

Recently, the Spirit has been sending Word that we have entered the early dawn of the day of our full redemption. Our new garments are ready to be displayed. Amos, a dear brother in the Lord, seldom dreams, but recently he called and told me his dream, "In a dream I saw myself in a mirror. I was dressed in a new suit, and had on new shoes. The suit was blue white in color." The dream was vivid and left a strong impression on him. The first thought that is sure to come to mind is that the Lord is preparing Amos to take him to the "other side," but instantly, the Spirit made me rejoice, for I knew that the Lord was not speaking of Amos's natural death, but He was showing Amos being clothed with the new garments of resurrection life right here on earth, with new shoes. Indeed, the life that has been working in us to teach us and to cleanse and purify us, is coming to the time of its outer manifestation. The time of preparation is soon to be replaced by the time of manifestation. The brethren who have been eagerly waiting for that day, on the other side of the veil, cannot be made perfect without us. The new garments are the new coverings that belong to the full resurrected bodies as Jesus Himself wore when He reappeared on the road to Emmaus. Amos's shoes were an important item in the dream, for it shows that he was outfitted to still walk in the earth.

For centuries the Body of Christ has gone through the inner preparations of soul and spirit. We have been clothed with the garments of salvation and the imputed, (borrowed), robe of righteousness, but the time is at hand for our garments of glory to appear. The time for Christians, led by the Spirit of God, to rally to the sound of the last trump and the voice of the Archangel, and be prepared to meet those that Jesus brings with Him at His appearing is at hand. Soon, we will meet those who have been waiting for us on the other side as they with us, enter into the fulness of Christ, right here on earth, to forever be the Body of Christ- Jesus the Head.

The verses written by Paul take on a clearer meaning. "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent, (preceed), them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall ever be with the Lord." (I Thes.4:14-17) This is not a literal rapture in the sky, it is the catching up of all the sons into the full image or body of Jesus Christ.

THE MEN'S GARMENT STORE IS SOON OPENING- When Amos told me his dream, I was reminded of a dream I had not long ago. In the dream, "It was very early dawn. I was walking down a street with men's garments and accessories stores on both sides of the street. I entered one of the stores and was right away hired for a job. The store was not yet opened for business, so I walked down to the end of the street. It was early dawn and the street was still in semi darkness. At the corner I talked to a man standing there, and told him I had gotten a job but could not remember the name of the store. So I walked back a little closer and pointed at the large sign written over the top front of the store and little by little the name appeared in large letters, "Goldman Sachs".

As it is so often, we understand a dream better when it begins to come to pass. We know that all the works of God are accomplished by His Word, so when the dreamer is given a job in a prophetic dream, the dreamer does not represent himself or herself only; the dreamer represents all who are in the same calling. Thus in my dream, the Lord is saying that He is now sending the Word that accomplishes the work of clothing the sons with new garments and accessories. In this case, these were men's garments which points to those who have come to full sonship in Christ. The name of the store is of great significance, because, in the world, Goldman Sachs is a leading global, banking, securities and investment firm. This speaks of the greatest, global investment ever made in this world; for our loving God has invested His only begotten Son Jesus, and through the investment of His one and unique Son Jesus, the Father has secured the return of a hundred-fold harvest of sons. This is indeed the most excellent, valuable, wonderful and praiseworthy investment ever made by the Spirit of our Almighty God and Father.

Dear ones, our God has made a huge investment in this earth, when He gave His only begotten Son to save the world. In turn, the Son died on the cross to atone for all our sins, then rose from the dead and became the Seed to be invested in a firstfruit company. By the power of resurrection in the Holy Spirit, He planted His new Seed in the soil or womb of our souls; this is one of God's powerful mysteries that can only be known by the Spirit; it is a miracle of birth. As this Seed finds good ground, it goes through the growing steps of learning the disciplines of the Spirit, trusting and obeying the leadings of the Spirit until a new creature is formed and matures in the image and likeness of the firstborn Son of God. We are coming to the gathering of the firstfruits, the first crop of this new creation in His image. Our God set this work into motion from the foundation of the world. The name Goldman Sachs is given in the

dream to emphasize the wealth, splendor and sublimity of God's investment in us, for the sons become the Seed that will continue the greater works that Jesus told us we would do in the earth. The name Goldman also speaks of the man in the nature of gold, or the untarnishable, indestructible, eternal nature of God. Sachs is the name of the sword that was worn by the men of Saxony. The Man of Gold and the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

In the beginning, God made garments to cover the Adam man, "Unto Adam also and to his wife, did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them." (Gen.3:21) In Adam, we are all still wearing these coats of skins, but when we come to Jesus for salvation, we are covered with new garments. The beautiful prophecy of Isaiah speaks of those who are the planting of the Lord, and he writes, "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels." (Isa.61:10) Since our first experience in the new birth, we have been covered with this imputed or borrowed clothing. But when God revealed the new suit and shoes to Amos, He was revealing our new garments of perfect truth and righteousness, white blue, that are ready for the sons.

Amos and all firstfruits sons of God, are heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ, and they are also suffering with Him that they might be found clothed with the garments of immortality. "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and THIS mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (I Cor.15:53-55) I am aware that at this time, it is easy to be caught up in the affairs of this changing world, but the affairs of God's kingdom are what the Spirit of God is urging me to write about, even to repeat in many ways, for they are the things that will keep us strong in the faith until all is accomplished in heaven and in earth. God's time of revealing His masterpiece is so close; the new creation that began as a grain of mustard seed sown into the field of the earth, is soon to be seen as the tree of life with fruit that will heal the whole earth. This is the time of first resurrection. "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." (Rev.20:6)

Since we heard the call of our Lord, we were clad with the wonderful, imputed garments of salvation and robe of righteousness, and as we yielded ourselves to Him, He has been cleansing our souls from the lies we thought were truth, and the death we thought was life. We needed His covering while, from within, the Spirit accomplished the work no one else could; He made us virgin souls. We are now being clothed with the garments of His resurrection as we obtain "...an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you." (I Pet.1:4)

We are fast approaching the glorious time of God's great reunion of the saints, and we bow down before our God in sincere gratitude and praise. For it was the faithful work of His Holy Spirit who never gave up on us, who kept disciplining us, teaching us and encouraging us, that kept us on the straight and narrow path of life. It is the tender love and wooing of our Bridegroom, who turned us away from the love of the world, and who, from glory to glory, created in us the new spirit and clean heart that could love the true God. We have been chosen for this work; we would never have chosen it ourselves. Thank you Father. May our Father bless us all!

Because He is love, Jackie Caporaso