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All The Promises Find Their Yes! ***Solving the Death Dilemma***

I. God is Working

Abby has been going to Kurdistan for years. Healings. Dreams. Now she is seated among the top leaders. Why? Your God is with you.

Edgar went to Peru in January. Led a top leader to Jesus. Went to a port/ Prayed for rain. Floods came. It is a sign. In a few weeks returning to meet with government leaders. Come bring hope and transformation to the nation.

Chandy went to Lebanon 3 wks ago — deliverance & healing broke out.

Diganta & Leena came as refugees from India. Discovered 60,000 unreached Nepali /Bhutanese refugees living here. Many healings. The God who heals. NEED A TEAM...

Liberia — Meeting was a Divine connection and the best thing that ever happened to me in ministry. I saw a father, mentor, teacher, and a grace for covering. I saw the fire and raw power of God rolling from your heart wrapped up a tender love. **Come, train leaders, pray for Pres, VP, Senate, Congress..**

Mid-West Food Bank...

Love the Hill... Urban Renewal... Farms in the City...

On and on...

It's not me, it's not Abby, Edgar, Chandy, Diganta, it is

Col 1:26 ... the ***mystery hidden for ages*** and generations but now revealed to his saints.

27...the riches of the ***glory of this mystery***, which is ***Christ in you***, the **hope** of glory.

Awakening all over America. Don't quit. Signs. Wonders.

2 Cor 1:19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ..., was not Yes and No, but **in him it is always Yes**. 20 For **all the promises of God find their Yes** in him. That is why it is through him *that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.* [slide 1]

I. God's Great Work — The Human

A. IN THE BEGINNING God Said and It Was (So)

Gen 1.3 **And God said**, “**Let there be light**,” and there was light.

FIAT - a decree. (from Latin “**let it be done.**”)

Gen 1.6 **And God said**, “**Let there be an expanse**,... 7 ... **And it was so**. 9 “Let the waters ... **And it was so**. 24 “Let the earth bring forth living creatures ... **And it was so**.

And it was GOOD!

B. The Image and Likeness Project

Gen 1.26 Then God said, “**Let us make man in our image, after our likeness**. And let them have **dominion** ...” 27 So God **created** man in **his own image**, in the **image** of God **he created** him; male and female **he created** them. [slide 2]

Now this is something God does, not simply by FIAT.

We don't get the simple, “**And it was so**” statement for a very, very long time. The human was to be God's representative prophet, priest, and king within the time/space world of planet Earth.

Did God get what he was looking for? Not instantly. The human was beautiful, innocent, but not perfect — The Garden was violated by the serpent. Eden was lost. Death entered creation.

The Image, the Message was incomplete, warped, even totally opposite of what was intended. Communion with God is lost, and the meaning of human life is obscured...

In the great catastrophe, God promises a solution...

David asks, **what is man?** **What does it mean to be human?**

Universal question. My own Journey... Looking for ultimate purpose, understanding God, looking for Myself.

Existentialism - no meaning **Hinduism**- puppets on a stage, cast by karma. **Buddhism**- no self, suffering & illusion, pay back our karmic debt, release from suffering into emptiness.

GOSPEL — Jesus the Lamb of God ... takes away the sin of the world. (The Curse). In Him it is ALWAYS YES. No matter how many promises God has made. Our AME is to the Glory of God!

NEW HEART, NEW MIND, NEW CREATION. ETERNAL LIFE
C. Searching for Solutions!

John 1.1 In the beginning was the Word, **14** And the Word became flesh ... , and we have seen his glory, ... the only Son from the Father, **full of grace and truth.**

John 1.29 The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "**Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away *the sin of the world!** (*THE CURSE) **[slide 3]**

45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "**We have found him** of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

John 6.48 **I am the bread of life.** True food true drink

8.12 "**light of the world. ...**"

10.9 **the door.** **11** **the good shepherd.** **36** **the Son of God'**

11.25 **the resurrection and the life.** **14.6**"**I am the way, and the truth, and the life..** **9** ...**Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."**

John 19.5 So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "**Behold the man!**"

The human being.

In this we see the image we were intended to bear. Wiping away every illusion, every false value and vain ambition!

Matt 27:45 Now from the sixth hour there was **darkness over all the land** until the ninth hour. **46** And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

(Plagues of Egypt ... Red Sea about to part...)

John 19.28 After this, Jesus, **knowing that all was now finished**, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “**I thirst.**” **29** A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “**It is finished!**,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

HUMAN BEING COMPLETED... lived and died perfect love

As a human, Jesus did what God could not do – DIE!

**He defeats death by dying. Not by moving mountains,
Splitting the earth, Lightning bolts, Plagues**

**Not by being Rich & Powerful, Not by being Poor & Outcast,
but by DYING IN LOVE!**

He did what only God can do: Brought forth a New Creation
in which death is transformed!

II. Turning Death Inside Out!

Death – every human experiences it

A. The **Penalty** of Sin- A **Reward & Reunion**

B. The Last **Enemy** - A **Doorway** into Life

¹ aramaic – *ho m'shalem* (behold, to shalom - nothing missing)

HE destroyed the Rule of DEATH [slide 4]

Heb 2:14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that **through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death**, that is, the devil, 15 and **deliver all** those **who** through fear of death were **subject to lifelong slavery**.

10 ... **abolished death** and brought **life** and **immortality** to light **through the gospel**,

Phil 1.21 For to me to live is Christ, and **to die is gain**. ...

C The Victory that Changed the World!

1Cor 15.1 Now I would remind you, brothers, of **the gospel** I preached to you, ...

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that **Christ died for our sins** in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was **buried**, that he was **raised on the third day** in accordance with the Scriptures,

21 For as **by a man** came death, **by a man** has come also the **resurrection of the dead**. 22 For **as in Adam all die**, so also **in Christ shall all be made alive**. [slide 6]

54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

Crucifixion - what we did to Him

Cross - what He did for us!

As he dies he destroys death!

Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free.

He that was taken by death has **annihilated** it.

By descending into Hell, He made Hell **captive**.

It took a body, and met God face to face.
It took earth, and encountered Heaven. -
It took that which was seen, and fell upon the unseen.
O Death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?
Christ is risen, and you are overthrown.
Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen.
Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice.
Christ is risen, and life reigns.
Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave.
For Christ, being risen from the dead, has become the first
fruits of those who sleep.
To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen.

THE TOMB IS EMPTY!!

PEACE, PURPOSE, POWER

John 20:19 NIV On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the *doors locked for fear of the Jews*, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "**Peace** be with you!"

21 Again Jesus said, "**Peace** be with you! As the *Father* has *sent* me, **I am sending you.**" 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "*Receive the Holy Spirit.*"

UNQUALIFIED PEACE (Back to Eden)

PROMISED PRESENCE (I am with you)

(Ark of the Covenant; Temples of Holy Spirit)

ETERNAL PURPOSE (Great Commission)

RENEWABLE POWER (Acts 1:8)

1 Jn 4:17b (NIV) In this world we are like Jesus