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In the Spirit-Choose Life

Shalom,

In the first Torah portion found in *Genesis 1:1—6:8* and called *Bereishith* which is translated “**In the beginning**,” the Word of God teaches that God created all things, and in Newer Covenant we are told that **The Word of God created all things** and that all creation **continues to be upheld and maintained by the power of the Word, Who is Jesus the Messiah**.

“In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. **All things were made through Him**, and apart from Him nothing was made that has come into being” (John 1:1-3 TLV).

“In these last days He has spoken to us through a Son, Whom He appointed heir of all things and **through Whom He created the universe**. This Son is the radiance of His glory and the imprint of His being, **upholding all things by His powerful Word**. When He had made purification for our sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high” (Hebrews 1:2-3 TLV).

God created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them by **the Son of God** Who is called **The Word of God**, and we are told that all created things continue to exist, even as they were created, by the continual power coming from Jesus and His Word. We can see that not only do created things continue to exist, but they are supernaturally maintained and become **rejuvenated** by the same creative Word. **God is powerful to make old things become new again**. In the very beginning, YHWH laid the foundation for all things, and everything is established according to Love in the way that pleases Him.

“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for **Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created**” (Revelation 4:11 KJV).

All things were established according to His perfect will and wisdom and were designed to function perfectly in Him by His light.

“**And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness**” (Genesis 1:4 ESV).

“**In Him was Life; and the Life was the Light of men**” (John 1:4 KJV).

“This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that **God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all**” (1 John 1:5 KJV),

He was pleased to make man in His likeness and image with a will to choose light and reject darkness; or He formed man with a free will to make choices. He clearly instructed in the way of light, and warned against darkness.

“Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalms 119:105 ESV).

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with Whom there is no variation or shadow due to change” (James 1:17 ESV).

“And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, ‘You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die’ (Genesis 2:16-17 ESV).

One of the great foundations and revelation of the truth of God is revealed in the first book of the Bible, and that is, in spite of all the self-justification and excuses that men may give, there is one irrefutable fact according to scripture: our choices determine whether we live our lives in light or darkness. The tree of life was available to Adam and Eve, but they chose the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. They selected darkness, the opposite of life, and rejected the light and life prepared for them. Life eternal is in the Light of God, but self-consciousness, guilt, and death dwell in darkness—separation from God and everything good.

Because our God is Love, He made a way through the eternal sacrifice of His Son for us to choose life, even after we had chosen death, by trusting in His death to pay the penalty for our choice to sin, and in His resurrection to impute His righteousness to us.

We often hear people asking why bad things happen to good people, and many “religious” answers have been offered, but if we pay attention to the foundational truth contained in Genesis, we will see that bad choices continue to result in bad consequences and good choices only bring life.

Much of our teaching in these emails and in our messages are admonitions to choose a walk in the Spirit and reject a carnal life in the flesh. Every believer has the same choices that confront all mankind to choose light and life and turn away from darkness and death. In the beginning, God taught us about choosing His light, and at the end of His Torah, He reiterated the same truth.

“I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live” (Deuteronomy 30:19 ESV).

Walking in the light,
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