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Introduction

The book of Genesis is the first book of the Old Covenant (the word Testament and Covenant mean the same thing). The word Genesis means, “beginning.” Therefore, the book of Genesis is the beginning of this creation (when God created everything we see now, including man). The book of Genesis is the foundation of the complete Bible.

The Gospel of Matthew is the first book of the New Covenant. It is the foundation of everything in the New Covenant. It is also the beginning of a whole new creation of man. In the Old Covenant the creation of man was in the flesh (in Adam). In the New Covenant those who are in Christ are new creatures in the spirit. This is mentioned in John 3:6 which says, **“That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”** In 1 Corinthians 15:22 it says, **“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”**

It is very important to understand both the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. It is important to understand the first chapter of Genesis and the first chapter of Matthew. The book of Matthew as well as the books of Mark, Luke, and John are all called “Gospels.” The word “Gospel” means “Good News.” Therefore everything we read in the Gospels should be “Good News.”

Looking at the first verse of the Gospel of Matthew it says, **“The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.”** Notice the name “Jesus” is mentioned first and then the name “Christ” is mentioned second. This is very important to understand.

The name “Jesus” pertains to “the Son of God” born in the flesh of man, which also means “humanity” (a Man in the flesh). The name “Christ” pertains to Jesus as “the Anointed One” (a Man anointed with the Holy Spirit). The name “Christ” also identifies Jesus as “Deity” (One with God in the Spirit).

Man in Genesis, Chapter One is “man in the flesh.” Christ in Matthew, Chapter One is “Man in the Spirit.” O how important it is to understand this. Jesus became as we were (man in the flesh), so that we could become as He is (man in the Spirit). Now that Christ has come, we can become as He is (man in the Spirit). In 1 Corinthians 15:49 it says, **“And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.”** In 1 John 3:2 it says, **“Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.”**

As Christians today, are we ready to bear the image of Jesus Christ? Are we ready to walk as Jesus walked? Are we ready to do the works that Jesus did?

One thing we must understand about bearing the image of Jesus Christ is, we do not do it by our own power or our own ability. It is all done by “the anointing of the Holy Spirit” (the same anointing that made Jesus “Christ” the Anointed One).

Let me give you an example of the anointing and how it works. While I was attending Bible School there was another student, who had a situation in her life that caused her difficulty in her relating with those of the opposite sex. This situation began when she was a young girl in grade school. She received Jesus as her personal LORD and Savior at about the age of seven. She was the only one in her family that was truly born again. She also had a girlfriend who was born again about the same time.

These two girls may have been the only ones in her class that were born again. Being born again and desiring to live the life of a Christian, they became close friends. At the same time, they

did not do some of the things those who were not born again did. By this, they spent a lot of time together, living the life of a Christian among those who were not Christians.

Already in grade school, others started to talk about these two girls, saying they were lesbians. While in high school this girl did date some boys at times, but when they wanted her to do things that were not right in the sight of God, she refused. She would not get involved in drinking and sex. When the boys she dated wanted to get into those things she broke off her dating with them but continued to do things with her Christian girlfriend. All through high school they accused her of being a lesbian. They even wrote articles in the high school news papers about her and her Christian girlfriend.

After high school she went on to college. The same thing happened in college. They wrote articles about her in the college news papers. Even though she did date some young men in college, she broke off with them when they wanted to get involved in drinking and sex.

After college, she attended the same Bible School I attended, although she was one year ahead of me. During her first year of Bible School she went to student counseling with an instructor assigned for that purpose. This instructor did everything he could to help her, but she still had problems relating to young men her age.

I was like a father to her in that she was about twenty-five and I was close to fifty. We did not go out on dates, but we did talk with each other and we did pray together.

One evening we made arrangements to meet at her apartment after Monday evening prayer on campus. Prayer on campus was from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. We meet at her apartment just after 9:00pm to pray for finances. While we were praying for finances, it came from my spirit "lay your hand upon her head." As I laid my hand upon her head, out of my mouth I started to pray, "*LORD, pour out Your love upon her. LORD manifest Your love to her that she knows how much You love her. LORD, show her Your love.*"

As I was praying, tears began to flow from her eyes. Right away, I thought, I better go, I don't want to get involved in any physical contact with her. God is doing something, and I don't want to interfere with what God is doing.

Before I left, I knew she had an electric typewriter that wasn't working at the time. We also had two days off of school because of a funeral that was being held on campus. So I offered to take her typewriter along and fix it for her and return it to her before the funeral service on Wednesday. I told her I would meet her before the funeral service at a Pizza Place where many students met.

That Wednesday we met at the Pizza Place and sat in a booth across from each other. Right away, I noticed the tears coming from her eyes, and I also noticed the Pastor of the Church we attended sitting at a table not far from us. I said to her, "*You need to wipe the tears from your eyes, our Pastor will think I am scolding you.*" She said to me, "*I can't stop the tears from coming. Ever since you prayed for me on Monday evening there has been a joy in me, and the tears keep coming.*"

Then she told me of all the years of being rejected by others and all the times she tried to date young men and failed. She told me of the counseling on campus and nothing helped her. But, that Monday evening the LORD set her free. She has been free ever since.

It was the anointing of the Holy Spirit that set her free. People could not do it. No matter who she went to for help, it did not help. But the anointing of the Holy Spirit set her free that day. It was not me. I had no idea of what the problem was. I had no idea of what the LORD was about to do in her life. It was the anointing of the Holy Spirit that did what needed to be done to set her free.

Today, she is a married woman, with a husband and a son. She is working in the ministry, setting people free of the works of the enemy. God is using her to do His will here on earth.

This is what the Body of Christ is here on earth to do. To set people free of the works of the enemy by the anointing of the Holy Spirit within them. This is what the whole New Testament is all about. It is the anointing of the Holy Spirit that sets people free of all the works of the Devil and his demons.

CHRIST THE FOURTEENTH GENERATION

In Matthew 1:1 it says, "**The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.**" Then if we follow down to verses 16 and 17 it says, "**And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ...So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations.**"

Some things of importance to notice about these verses are, if you add up the generations from Abraham to David you will get fourteen. If you add up the generations from David to Jechonias (the carrying away into Babylon) you will get fourteen. If you add up the generations from the carrying away into Babylon to Jesus, you will get only thirteen!

Why only thirteen generations to Jesus? It didn't say there were fourteen generations from the carrying away into Babylon "**to Jesus.**" It said fourteen generations "**to Christ.**" Jesus was the king of the thirteenth generation after the carrying away into Babylon. Christ is the King of the fourteenth generation after the carrying away into Babylon.

What does it take to make a generation? In the generations of the kings, it is from the beginning of the reign of a king until his death. To reign as king, his generation is from the time he was anointed king, until his death (or as in some cases until the next king began to reign), that is one generation of a king.

As an example, when King Saul was anointed by Samuel to be king, his generation as a king began. Saul's generation as king continued until Saul died in battle. That is when Saul's generation as king ended.

Following the death of King Saul, David began to reign as king. That was the beginning of the generation of David's kingship. When King David died, his generation ended and Solomon's generation as king began.

The Scriptures had to be fulfilled. Therefore Jesus, "**the Son of David**" through Mary, became the step-Son of Joseph, and rightful king of the generations of King David.

It was prophesied to King David in 2 Samuel 7:11-17, that, "**And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom**" (2 Sam. 7:12). This was not speaking of King Solomon, the son of David, but it was speaking of Jesus Christ, the Son of David through Mary and Nathan (the brother of Solomon). See Luke 3:23,31 and 1 Chronicles. 3:5.

In 2 Samuel 7:16 it was also prophesied to King David, "**And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.**"

Therefore, Jesus became the thirteenth kingly generation from the carrying away into Babylon. Jesus (the Son of God) was born in the flesh of "**the seed of the woman**" (Gen. 3:15). Jesus became the Son of Man, while always being the Son of God from the beginning. At about the age of thirty, Jesus was anointed by God the Father "**with the Holy Spirit,**" following His baptism with water by John the Baptist (after He came up out of the water). Therefore at about the age of

thirty, Jesus became Christ “The Anointed One.” When Jesus of Nazareth was anointed with the Holy Spirit, He was also anointed to become “the King of the kingdom of God.”

All the time from His birth until the age of thirty, Jesus was not “Christ.” He was called Christ but did not become “Christ” until He was anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the anointing of Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost, Jesus became “Christ.”

Three and one half years later (after Jesus’ physical death on the Cross), He arose again and became “King” of the fourteenth generation from the carrying away into Babylon (Matt. 1:17).

We need to understand “the wisdom of God” (the revelation knowledge of spiritual truths). Jesus of Nazareth, “King of the thirteenth generation” died on the cross of Calvary. The “Son of Man,” took the sins of man upon Himself, and died physically (but not spiritually as some teach). Jesus’ death “ended the thirteenth generation.” Hebrews 9:16 says, **“For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.”**

Yet Jesus, “the Son of Man” (born of a woman), was anointed with the Holy Ghost and power before He died on the cross of Calvary. By this anointing, He became “Christ,” the Anointed One! Christ, being one with the Holy Ghost (the Spirit of God), death had no power over Him. For the same Holy Spirit “raised Him from the dead.” Romans 8:11 says, **“But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.”**

Once Jesus was anointed at about the age of thirty, He was King of the thirteenth generation. But already, His Kingdom was not of this world.

Jesus did operate as King of a kingdom which was not of this world, as He went around healing the sick, raising the dead, casting out devils, etc. He also gave authority to those who He chose as His disciples, and they went about casting out devils, healing the sick, etc. (Matt. 10:1, Luke 9:1, 10:1,17). Jesus’ Kingdom was not of this world. In John 18:36, Jesus said to Pilate, **“My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.”**

When Jesus died on the Cross of Calvary, His reign as King of the thirteenth generation from the carrying away into Babylon ended. When “Jesus Christ” arose from the dead, He became the King of the fourteenth generation from the carrying away into Babylon. The kingdom of God did not come until after Jesus arose again from the dead.

Because that Jesus (Who is also Christ) still lives today, there are no more generations. We are still living in the fourteenth generation, under the Kingship of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Son of Man.

Therefore, Jesus, the Son of David, the King of the Jews, has a kingdom without ending. His kingship will never end and His kingdom will never end! Thus it is, that the Scriptures might be fulfilled as it was prophesied to King David by the prophet Nathan in 2 Samuel 7:12,13,16. It was also prophesied by Daniel in the interpretation of King Nebuchadnezzar’s dream, **“And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever”** (Dan. 2:44).

When Jesus died on the cross of Calvary, the price for our redemption was paid in full by the body and blood of Jesus (the Son of Mary, the stepson of Joseph). Jesus (as a man in the flesh), defeated Satan in His death and resurrection from the dead. In Revelation 1:18. Jesus said to the

Apostle John, **“I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.”**

When a person is born again, they are born of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God “in Christ” (John 3:6, 1 Peter 1:23). They become one spirit with Christ (1 Cor. 6:17). They become a part of the body of Christ. Colossians 1:13 says, **“Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.”**

Thereby, Romans 8:9 says, **“But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.”** In 2 Corinthians 5:17 it says, **“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”** Christians are no longer in the flesh of Adam, but in the Spirit of Christ. They are a new creation of man (God and man dwelling together in the Spirit). Colossians 3:3 says, **“For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.”**

Now, Christians must also receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit, starting with the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues (Acts 1:4,5,8, 2:4). Acts 1:8 says, **“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”**

It is “this power to be witnesses unto Jesus” that enables us to be led by the Spirit in everything we do. It is the Holy Spirit that will teach, guide, lead, help, and comfort us in every area of our lives here on earth. It is the anointing of the Holy Spirit that will do the same works in our lives as He did in the life of Jesus. Jesus said in John 14:12, **“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.”**

After Jesus went to be with the Father, He sent the Holy Spirit to do the works in our lives the same way the Holy Spirit did the works in Jesus’ life. We are to be witnesses of Jesus in every area of our lives. It is all done by the anointing of the Holy Spirit operating in and through us.

It is not man doing the works, but the Holy Spirit doing the works through man. It is not by our power, but by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is the anointing that destroys the works of the Devil in every area of our lives and the lives of others in whom we come into contact with. It is all to the praise and the glory of our LORD Jesus Christ Who made it all possible according to the will of God the Father.

The Holy Spirit cannot work in our lives against our will. We must be willing to permit the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, otherwise He will need to look for someone else who is willing. We cannot do our own will and the will of God at the same time. Unless we deny ourselves, we cannot be followers of Jesus. Only those who deny themselves can follow Jesus (Matt. 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23). We must be willing to give up our lives in the flesh to live in the Spirit. In John 12:25, Jesus said, **“He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.”** See also Matthew 10:39, 16:25; Mark 8:35; Luke 9:24, 17:33.

Galatians 5:16,17 says, **“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh...For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.”**

If we are born of the Spirit, then we ought also to walk after the Spirit. We cannot walk after the Spirit unless we are first led by the Holy Spirit. We cannot be led by the Holy Spirit unless we

are first taught by the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said in John 6:45, **“It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God...”** In 1 John 2:27 it says, **“But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.”**

To be taught by the Holy Spirit we must abide in the Spirit. The flesh and the Spirit are opposite of each other, therefore, we cannot do the will of the flesh and be taught by the Holy Spirit at the same time.

Romans 8:5-7 says, **“For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit...For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace...Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.”**

The information in this Mini-book is only a part of the revelation of **“Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham”** (Matt. 1:1). This mini-book is only the beginning of all that needs to be clearly understood concerning “Christ” as “the Son of David.”

There is also a great revelation that needs to be clearly understood concerning **“Jesus Christ the Son of Abraham”** (Matt. 1:1). This revelation includes **“Christ, the Seed of Abraham.”** This information is included in the next Mini-Book, **“CHRIST The Fourteenth Generation Part 2.”**

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