

Countenance – The Light of His Image pt. 3

Countenance – refers to a person's face or facial expression, serving as a direct reflection of their inner emotions, character, or spiritual state.

- To understand this teaching, first you must understand that God is everything. He is the IAM that IAM
- He is the Lamb and the Lion
- He is the Judge and the convicted
- He is the bread of Life and the Living Water
- He is the beginning and the End. The Alpha & Omega

(Revelation 13:8 nlt)

⁸And all the people who belong to this world worshiped the beast. They are the ones whose names were not written in the Book of Life that belongs to the Lamb who was slaughtered before the world was made.

- Before God created the world, he already had a redemption plan. The Lamb was slain before the foundation of the earth
- It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God long before the world began

(1 Peter 1:18-20 nlt)

¹⁸ For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. ¹⁹ It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. ²⁰ God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but now in these last days he has been revealed for your sake.

- If the Lamb was slayed before the world was created, then where in Genesis in creation could this take place
- I believe it happen on day one when God said let there be light

(Genesis 1:1-5 nkjv)

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form, and void; and darkness ^[a] was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³ Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw the light, that *it was* good; and God divided the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. ^[b] So the evening and the morning were the first day.

- When God saw that the light was good and divided the light from darkness. And called light day and Darkness night
- I believe that’s when the Lamb was slayed

- One thing I want to point out about darkness is that, when there was light darkness did not comprehend it.
- Remember the first couple scriptures in the Gospel of John are parallel to the first couple scriptures in Genesis about creation
- It's the same time frame

(John 1:1-5 nkjv)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not ^[a]comprehend it.

- Remember in Genesis, God divided the light from darkness
- In John verse 5 it says, the light shines in the darkness and the darkness didn't not comprehend it.
- **Comprehend** - means to **grasp, understand, or fully know** the meaning and nature of something
- Darkness didn't understand the light, grasp it or fully known the meaning and nature of the light
- In Gods wisdom, that mystery was hidden before the world began
- If they know why the lamb was slayed before the foundation of the world, they wouldn't have crucified the Lord

(1 Corinthians 2:6-16 nlt)

⁶Yet when I am among mature believers, I do speak with words of wisdom, but not the kind of wisdom that belongs to this world or to the rulers of this world, who are soon forgotten. ⁷No, the wisdom we speak of is the mystery of God^[c]—his plan that was previously hidden, even though he made it for our ultimate glory before the world began. ⁸But the rulers of this world have not understood it; if they had, they would not have crucified our glorious Lord. ⁹That is what the Scriptures mean when they say,

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
and no mind has imagined
what God has prepared
for those who love him.”^[d]

¹⁰But^[e] it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God’s deep secrets. ¹¹No one can know a person’s thoughts except that person’s own spirit, and no one can know God’s thoughts except God’s own Spirit. ¹²And we have received God’s Spirit (not the world’s spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

¹³When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit’s words to explain spiritual truths.^[f] ¹⁴But people who aren’t spiritual^[g] can’t receive these truths from God’s Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can’t understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual can evaluate all things, but they themselves cannot be evaluated by others. ¹⁶For,

“Who can know the Lord’s thoughts?
Who knows enough to teach him?”^[h]

But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.

- The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned
- The god of this world has blinded the minds of those who don't believe and are unable to see the light of the Gospel

(2 Corinthians 4:3-6 nlt)

³If the Good News we preach is hidden behind a veil, it is hidden only from people who are perishing.⁴Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

⁵You see, we don't go around preaching about ourselves. We preach that Jesus Christ is Lord, and we ourselves are your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.

- The Good news is hidden to those who are perishing, they're unable to see the light of the Good news
- What is the good news? The message of the cross

(1 Corinthians 1:18 nkjv)

¹⁸For the ^[g]message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

- What is the message of the cross? Jesus dying for our sins
- What did John the Baptist testify about the light...The Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world
- The Lamb that was slayed before the world began
- That's why darkness couldn't comprehend it the light
- And now we that light shining in our hearts that we may know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ
- We who believe have the veil taken away and are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory

(2 Corinthians 3:7-18 nlt) 18 nkjv)

⁷ The old way,^[b] with laws etched in stone, led to death, though it began with such glory that the people of Israel could not bear to look at Moses' face. For his face shone with the glory of God, even though the brightness was already fading away. ⁸ Shouldn't we expect far greater glory under the new way, now that the Holy Spirit is giving life? ⁹ If the old way, which brings condemnation, was glorious, how much more glorious is the new way, which makes us right with God! ¹⁰ In fact, that first glory was not glorious at all compared with the overwhelming glory of the new way. ¹¹ So if the old way, which has been replaced, was glorious, how much more glorious is the new, which remains forever!

¹² Since this new way gives us such confidence, we can be very bold. ¹³ We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face so the people of Israel would not see the glory, even though it was destined to fade away. ¹⁴ But the people's minds were hardened, and to this day whenever the old covenant is being read, the same veil covers their minds so they cannot understand the truth. And this veil can be removed only by believing in Christ. ¹⁵ Yes, even today when they read Moses' writings, their hearts are covered with that veil, and they do not understand.

¹⁶ But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

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