The Steps To Attain God's Goal (Part 1 of 2)

- The Vision of God's Building
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God's Concept of Building In The Creation Of Man

One Man or Many Men?

Genesis 1:26 Let Us make <u>MAN</u> in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let <u>THEM</u> have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

- Did God then create one man or many men at that time?
- He did not create an individual but a collective man, including me and you!

How Many Men Are In This Universe?

- Adam, the old man, failed God.
- Thus, He had to create another man, a new man in Christ.

Ephesians 2:15

Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might **CREATE** the two in Himself into **ONE NEW MAN**, so making peace,

- From God's viewpoint there are only two men in this universe: the old man and the new man.
- All who are in Adam belong to that old man, and everyone who is in Christ belongs to the new man.

Are Christians One or Many?

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Ephesians 2:16 And might reconcile both in **one Body** to God through the cross...

- Are Christians then one or many?
- 1 Corinthians 10:17 ...we who are many are one Body...
- We are many, yet we are one, collectively one, and we must be built up as one.

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1st Step – Making Man A Vessel

Genesis 2:7 Jehovah God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils **the breath of life**, and man became a living soul.

Proverbs 20:27 The spirit of man is the lamp of Jehovah,...

Romans 9:21 Or does not the potter have authority over the clay to make out of the same lump one <u>vessel</u> unto honor and another unto dishonor?

- We are a vessel made with a spirit, an inner recipient to receive God.
- We must learn how to exercise our spirit **continually** to contact and receive God.
- This is a matter to be practiced, not merely comprehended mentally as a doctrine.

2nd Step – Man Partaking of the Tree of Life

Genesis 2:8-9 Jehovah God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden

- Being a Christian, as far as our relationship with God is concerned, is not a matter of working for God but a matter of eating.
- We must forget about trying to do things for God and give our full attention to eating properly.

3rd Step – The River Flowing

Genesis 2:10 And a river went forth from Eden to water the garden, and from there it divided and became four branches.

- 4. Producing Precious Materials
- 5. Building Together
- 6. Producing A Bride

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