

Portion:

Scriptures

- Genesis 1:1-6:8
- Isaiah 42:5-43:10
- John 1:1-18
- Revelation 22
- Hebrews 4:4-11, 5:12-6:8
- Romans 6:3-13, 9:19-24
- 1 Corinthians 15:42-50

Title:

Two Trees Three Peoples

- Holy, Good, and Evil
- Two Trees/Three Peoples
- Called to be like God—How?
- First Adam/Last Adam
- Flesh & Blood/Flesh & bones
- Tree of Life: Garden/Eternity
- Light and darkness

THEME: “The LORD God said, “The human being has now become like one of us, **knowing good and evil.**” Now, **so he doesn’t stretch out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat and live forever, the LORD God sent him out of the garden** of Eden to farm the fertile land from which he was taken.” Genesis 3:22-23 CEB

OUTCOME: “Therefore, God highly honored him and gave him a name above all names, so that at the name of Jesus everyone in (1-Holy) **heaven**, on (2-Good) **earth**, and (3-Evil) **under the earth** might bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:9-11 CEB

Let's Set the Scene: In the Beginning

1. What does it mean to eat from either the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil or from the Tree of Life? The first thing Yahweh separated was light from darkness. Later, through the prophet Isaiah, He promised He would turn the darkness into light! You are that light!
2. Creation and all that is good and evil and holy
3. God creates and separates
4. Man chooses to know good and evil
5. The great deception "I will" "You will" or "He will"?
6. Man is then prevented from reaching out and "still" eating from the tree of life—what does that mean?
7. Cain and Able and man's blood spilled in the earth (it will take man's blood to redeem the earth)
8. The rest of Adam's descendants up to Noah and the flood
9. "So the LORD said, "I will wipe off of the land the human race that I've created: from human beings to livestock to the crawling things to the birds in the skies, because I regret I ever made them."" Genesis 6:7 CEB
10. Now what? How does man go on knowing good and evil?

LET'S BEGIN WITH THE IDEA OF SEPARATION

A universal theme throughout the scriptures—Yahweh separates one thing from the other. We must recognize that the scriptures segregates things into three distinct groups!

Hold in your mind these ideas:

1– Holy, Good, Evil

2– Set-apart, Common, Disposable

3– Heaven, Earth, Under the earth (The three crosses)

...so that at the name of Y'shua everyone in (1-Holy) **heaven**, on (2-Good) **earth**, and (3-Evil) **under the earth...**

[Separation of opposites]

“When God began to create the heavens and the earth— the earth was without shape or form, it was dark over the deep sea, and God’s wind swept over the waters— God said, "Let there be light." And so light appeared. God saw how good the light was. **God separated the light from the darkness.** God named the light Day and the darkness Night. There was evening and there was morning: the first day.” Genesis 1:1-5 CEB

[Separation of the same thing into two parts]

“God said, **“Let there be a dome** in the middle of the waters to **separate the waters from each other.**” God made the dome and separated the waters under the dome from the waters above the dome. And it happened in that way. Genesis 1:6-7

[Separation of places]

God said, **“Let the waters under the sky come together into one place so that the dry land can appear.”** And that’s what happened. Genesis 1:9

[Separation of different times and seasons]

God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to **separate the day from the night.** They will **mark events, sacred seasons, days, and years.**” Genesis 1:14 CEB

WHY IS THERE A NEED FOR SEPARATION? SEPARATION WITHIN THE SEPARATION!

Good, ???? , Good, Good, Good, Good, Holy!

1. DAY 1 (Genesis 1:3-5) Light from darkness—**Good**
2. DAY 2 (Genesis 1:6-8) Waters above and below the dome—
 - A. NOTE: this is the one thing God does not call “good” at the time, He just says, “and it was so” in v. 7 (*He does later call*

all 6 days ‘supremely good’) and isn’t it interesting that the dome is exactly what collapses in the FLOOD!?!] *“In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day—on that day all **the springs of the deep sea erupted, and the windows in the skies [Dome] opened.**”*

Genesis 7:11 CEB

3. DAY 3 (Genesis 1:9-13) Land from sea, and and all the foods from the earth—**Good**
4. DAY 4 (Genesis 1:14-19) Lights in the sky to govern day and night, and to mark events, sacred seasons, days, and years — **Good**
5. DAY 5 (Genesis 1:20-23) Sea animals and birds—**Good**
6. DAY 6 (Genesis 1:24-31) Every kind of land creature and man and woman in His image—**Good**—“*God saw everything he had made: it was **supremely good**. There was evening and there was morning: the sixth day.*” Genesis 1:3
 - A. NOTE: DAY 6 WAS GOOD BUT, IT WAS NOT GOOD FOR MAN TO BE ALONE! (In the detailed account of the creation of man in Genesis 2, it shows how it was **not good** for man to be alone, so he fashioned woman out of man—that is His IMAGE)
 - B. [MAN ALONE— NOT GOOD, WOMAN FROM MAN— NOT GOOD, MAN UNITED WITH WOMAN—GOOD!]

“Then the LORD God said, "It's **not good that the human is alone**. I will make him a helper that is perfect for him."

Genesis 2:18

C. **[Woman is separated from man— however that is not good either until they BECOME ONE AGAIN!]** The human named all the livestock, all the birds in the sky, and all the wild animals. **But a helper perfect for him was nowhere to be found.** So the LORD God put the human into a deep and heavy sleep, and took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh over it. With the rib taken from the human, the LORD God fashioned a woman and brought her to the human being. The human said, "This one finally is **bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh**. She will be called a woman because from a man she was taken." **This is the reason that a man leaves his father and mother and embraces his wife, and they become one flesh.**" Genesis 2:20-24 CEB

7. DAY 7 (Genesis 2:1-3) ***THE Sabbath — not just good — holy! This is a universal theme that runs from Genesis to revelation**

A. **[Separation of good and holy]** “The heavens and the earth and all who live in them were completed. On the sixth day God completed all the work that he had done, and on the seventh day God rested from all the work that he had done. **God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it**

God rested from all the work of creation.” Genesis 2:1-3

CEB

B. The Sabbath remains HOLY! EXODUS—

- (1) **“Remember the Sabbath day and treat it as holy.** Six days you may work and do all your tasks, **but the seventh day is a Sabbath** to the LORD your God. Do not do any work on it—not you, your sons or daughters, your male or female servants, your animals, or the immigrant who is living with you.” Exodus 20:8-10 CEB
- (2) HEBREWS—“For somewhere he has spoken **about the seventh day in these words: ‘On the seventh day God rested from all his works.’** And again in the passage above he says, ‘They shall never enter my rest.’ Therefore since it still remains for some to enter that rest, and since those who formerly had the good news proclaimed to them did not go in because of their disobedience, God again set a certain day, calling it ‘Today’. This he did when a long time later he spoke through David, as in the passage already quoted: ‘Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.’ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. **There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God’s rest also rests from their works, just as God**

did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no-one will perish by following their example of disobedience." Hebrews 4:4-11 NIVUK

TWO TREES—THREE CROSSES—THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE

SEPARATING HOLY, GOOD AND EVIL (Rulers, Citizens, Rebels)

1. TREE OF LIFE—Holy Rulers (the middle cross)
2. TREE OF THE KGE—Good Citizens, Evil Rebels (crosses on the left and the right)

"In the fertile land, the LORD God grew every beautiful tree with edible fruit, and also he grew **the tree of life [HOLY]** in the middle of the garden and the **tree of the knowledge of good and evil [GOOD AND EVIL].**" Genesis 2:9 CEB

"The LORD God commanded the human, "**Eat your fill** from all of the garden's trees; but **don't eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil**, because on the day you eat from it, you will die!"
Genesis 2:16-17 CEB

EATING FROM THE WRONG TREE

1. Adam and Eve were exposed to the knowledge of good and evil!
2. To know good and evil is to be like God, and yet, isn't that our exact calling, crafted in his image, the mind of Messiah?
3. The distinction is not the what but the **how!** We are called to become like Messiah, joint heirs, with the mind of Messiah, adult children of God who grow up into His full stature!
4. **The enemies how:** He wants to do it himself, **"I will do it!"**
OUTCOME: Tossed from heaven (Isaiah 14:12-15).
5. **The enemies deception for mankind:** convince man to do it himself, **"You do it!"** OUTCOME: Tossed from the Garden (Genesis 3:22-23).
6. **Yahweh's how: I no longer live,** but Messiah lives in me...**I don't ignore the grace** [power] of Yahweh... (Galatians 2:20-2) and... we are transformed into that same image from one degree of glory to the next degree of glory. **This comes from Yahweh,** who is the Spirit." (2 Corinthians 3:18) In other words **"We do it WITH Him!"** And we DON'T get tossed!

PROOF TEXT [Becoming like God!]

SATAN'S DECEPTION

1. SELF-DECEPTION

- A. ISAIAH—"How you've fallen from heaven, morning star, son of dawn! You are cut down to earth, helpless on your back! **You said to yourself, I will climb up to heaven; above God's stars, I will raise my throne. I'll sit on the mount of assembly, on the heights of Zaphon. I'll go up to the cloud tops; I'll be like the Most High!** But down to the underworld you are brought, to the depths of the pit." Isaiah 14:12-15
CEB

2. DECEPTION OF MAN

- A. GENESIS—"The **snake** said to the woman, "You won't die! **God knows that on the day you eat from it, you will see clearly and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.** The woman saw that the tree was beautiful with delicious food [GOOD] and that the tree would provide **wisdom**, so she took some of its fruit and ate it, and also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. **Then they both saw clearly and knew that they were naked.** So they sewed fig leaves together and made garments for themselves."
Genesis 3:4-7 CEB

THE SUBTLE BUT KEY DIFFERENCE!

1. GOD'S WAY FOR US TO BECOME LIKE HIM—

A. "All of us are looking with unveiled faces at the glory of the Lord **as if we were looking in a mirror. We are being transformed into that same image from one degree of glory to the next degree of glory. THIS COMES FROM THE LORD, WHO IS THE SPIRIT.**" 2 Corinthians 3:18 CEB

B. "I have been **crucified with Christ** and **I no longer live**, but Christ lives in me. And the life that I now live in my body, **I live by faith**, indeed, by the faithfulness of God's Son, who loved me and gave himself for me. **I don't ignore the grace** of God, **because** if we become righteous through the Law **[WHAT I CAN DO ON MY OWN]**, then Christ died for no purpose." Galatians 2:20-21 CEB

2. THERE IS NO DOUBT WE ARE CALLED TO BE LIKE GOD—

A. "His purpose was to equip God's people for the work of serving and building up the body of Christ **until** we all reach the unity of faith and knowledge of God's Son. God's goal is **for us to become mature adults—to be fully grown, measured by the standard of the fullness of Christ.**"
Ephesians 4:12-13 CEB

SUMMING UP THE THREE HOWS

1. **SATAN'S WAY**—"I WILL!"
2. **SATAN'S DECEPTION**—"CLEARLY, YOU WILL BE!"
3. **GOD'S WAY**—"FROM GLORY TO GLORY—THIS COMES FROM YAYWEH, WHO IS THE SPIRIT. CRUCIFIED WITH MESSIAH, I NO LONGER LIVE, I LIVE BY FAITH, I DON'T IGNORE GRACE."

FOR MATURE ADULTS— The cat is out of the bag, now what? How do with deal with the knowledge of good and evil?

1. THE MATURE MUST HAVE THEIR SENSES TRAINED TO DISTINGUISH GOOD AND EVIL— TRANSLATION: **THEY MUST RECOGNIZE WHAT HAPPENED IN THE GARDEN!**
 - A. HEBREWS—"Although you should have been teachers by now, you need someone to teach you an introduction to the basics about God's message. You have come to the place where you need milk instead of solid food. Everyone who lives on milk is not used to the word of righteousness, because they are babies. But solid food is for the mature, whose senses are trained by practice to **distinguish between good and evil [AND THUS ALSO HOLY].**" Hebrews 5:12-14
CEB

B. HEBREWS—"So let's press on to **maturity**, by moving on from the basics about Christ's word. Let's not lay a foundation of turning away from dead works, of faith in God, of teaching about ritual ways to wash with water, laying on of hands, the resurrection from the dead, and eternal judgment—all over again. We're going to press on, if God allows it. Because **it's impossible to restore people to changed hearts and lives who turn away once they have seen the light, tasted the heavenly gift, become partners with the Holy Spirit, and tasted God's good word and the powers of the coming age. They are crucifying God's Son all over again and exposing him to public shame. [NOW—LOOK HERE AT THE FALL IN THE GRADEN OF EDEN REFERENCE] **The ground receives a blessing** from God when it drinks up the rain that regularly comes and falls on it **and yields a useful crop for those people for whom it is being farmed. But if it produces thorns and thistles, it's useless and close to being cursed.** It ends up being burned." [the curse of the ground in Genesis vs. Maturity in Messiah] Hebrews 6:1-8 CEB**

C. LOOK!—THE LAND IS CURSED IN GENESIS UNTIL... "To the man he said, "Because you listened to your wife's voice and you ate from the tree that I commanded, 'Don't eat from it,' **cursed is the fertile land because of you;** in pain you will

eat from it every day of your life. **Weeds and thistles will grow for you**, even as you eat the field's plants; by the sweat of your face you will eat bread— until you return to the fertile land, since from it you were taken **[UNTIL YOU DIE!]** ; you are soil, to the soil you will return." [death restores the fertile soil] Genesis 3:17-19 CEB

YAHWEH'S PLAN—MAKING DISCIPLES ONE DEATH AT A TIME!
CURSED UNTIL YOU RETURN TO THE DIRT FROM WHICH YOU WERE CREATED (DEATH)

1. IN ADAM'S CASE, HOW DID YAHWEH INSURE THAT DEATH WOULD COME?

- A. **BLOCKED FROM EATING FROM THE TREE OF LIFE!** ""The LORD God said, "The human being has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil." **Now, so he doesn't stretch out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat and live forever, the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to farm the fertile land from which he was taken.** He drove out the human. To the east of the garden of Eden, **he stationed winged creatures wielding flaming swords to guard the way to the tree of life.**" Genesis 3:22-24 CEB

2. LIFE TO DEATH TO LIFE—THE TREE OF LIFE IN ACTION

A. ROMANS—“Or don’t you know that all who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his **death**? Therefore, we were buried together with him through baptism into his death, so that just as Christ was **raised from the dead** through the glory of the Father, we too can walk in newness of life. If we were united together in a death like his, we will also be united together in a resurrection like his. This is what we know: **the person that we used to be was crucified with him in order to get rid of the corpse that had been controlled by sin**. That way we wouldn’t be slaves to sin anymore, because **a person who has died has been freed from sin’s power**. But if we died with Christ, we have faith that we will also live with him. We know that Christ has been raised from the dead and he will never die again. **Death no longer has power over him [UNLIKE ADAM]**. He died to sin once and for all with his death, but he lives for God with his life. In the same way, you also should **consider yourselves dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus [CONSIDER YOURSELF LIKE Y’SHUA]**. So then, don’t let sin rule your body, so that you do what it wants. Don’t offer parts of your body to sin, to be used as weapons to do wrong. Instead, **present yourselves to God as people who have been brought back to life from the dead**,

and offer all the parts of your body to God to be used as weapons to do right.” Romans 6:3-13 CEB

ADAM COULD STAY ALIVE ONLY BY EATING FROM THE TREE OF LIFE AND ONCE BLOCKED—HE DIED. WE ALSO DIED, BUT WHEN WE EAT FROM THE TREE OF LIFE WE LIVE AGAIN—FOREVER, AND UNLIKE ADAM—DEATH WILL NEVER AGAIN HAVE POWER OVER US!

1. ADAM’S BODY (DEATH POSSIBLE) vs. THE GLORIED BODY (DEATH IMPOSSIBLE)

A. “It’s the same with the resurrection of the dead: **a rotting body is put into the ground, but what is raised won’t ever decay.** It’s degraded when it’s put into the ground, but it’s raised in glory. It’s **weak** when it’s put into the ground, but it’s raised in **power**. It’s a **physical body** when it’s put into the ground, but it’s raised as a **spiritual body**. If there’s a physical body, there’s also a spiritual body. So it is also written, **The first human, Adam, became a living person, and the *last Adam became a spirit that gives life.**” 1 Corinthians 15:42-45 CEB

2. ***Last Adam:** (*flesh-and-bone Adam*), a new specie, a likeness to which we are in the process of conforming to.

A. “But the physical body comes first, not the spiritual one—the spiritual body comes afterward. **The first human was from the earth made from dust; the second human is from heaven. The nature of the person made of dust is shared by people who are made of dust, and the nature of the heavenly person is shared by heavenly people. We will look like the heavenly person in the same way as we have looked like the person made from dust.** This is what I’m saying, brothers and sisters: **Flesh and blood** can’t inherit God’s kingdom. Something that rots can’t inherit something that doesn’t decay.” 1 Corinthians 15:46-50 CEB

3. THE RESURRECTED BODY OF MESSIAH—WHAT KIND OF BODY?

A. “While they were saying these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” They were terrified and afraid. They thought they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you startled? Why are doubts arising in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet. It’s really me! **Touch me and see, for a ghost doesn’t have flesh and bones like you see I have.**”” Luke 24:36-39 CEB

B. “**He will transform our humble bodies so that they are like his glorious body,** by the power that also makes him able to subject all things to himself.” Philippians 3:21 CEB

- C. “At the resurrection people won’t marry nor will they be given in marriage. **Instead, they will be like angels from God.**” Matthew 22:30 CEB

THE TREE OF LIFE

1. “The LORD God planted a garden in Eden in the east and put there the human he had formed. In the fertile land, the LORD God grew every beautiful tree with edible fruit, and also he grew the **tree of life in the middle of the garden** and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.” Genesis 2:8-9 CEB
2. “If you can hear, listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. I will allow those who emerge victorious to **eat from the tree of life**, which is in God’s paradise.” Revelation 2:7 CEB
[WE HAVE EATEN FROM THE TREE, WHERE MAN WAS ONCE BLOCKED HE CAN NOW EAT!]

OTHER REFERENCES OF TREE OF LIFE—for study purposes

1. “**Wholesome speech is a tree of life**, but dishonest talk breaks the spirit.” Proverbs 15:4 CEB
2. THE POWER OF TONGUE— LIFE AND DEATH

- A. “We all make mistakes often, **but those who don’t make mistakes with their words have reached full maturity.** Like a bridled horse, they can control themselves entirely. James 3:2
- B. **The tongue is a small flame of fire, a world of evil at work in us. It contaminates our entire lives. Because of it, the circle of life is set on fire. The tongue itself is set on fire by the flames of hell. People can tame and already have tamed every kind of animal, bird, reptile, and fish. No one can tame the tongue, though. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.”** James 3:6-8 CEB
3. “Happy are those who find **wisdom and those who gain understanding.** Her profit is better than silver, and her gain better than gold. Her value exceeds pearls; all you desire can’t compare with her. In her right hand is a long life; in her left are wealth and honor. Her ways are pleasant; all her paths are peaceful. She is a **tree of life** to those who embrace her; those who hold her tight are happy.” Proverbs 3:13-18 CEB
4. “The **fruit of the righteous is a tree of life**, and the wise gather lives.” Proverbs 11:30 CEB
5. “Hope delayed makes the heart sick; **longing fulfilled is a tree of life.**” Proverbs 13:12 CEB

THE TREE OF LIFE—POST RETURN OF CHRIST/POST MILLENNIAL KINGDOM CONTEXT!

1. “Then I saw a **new heaven and a new earth**, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I saw the **holy city, New Jerusalem**, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a **bride [HOLY, SEPARATED]** beautifully dressed for her husband.
2. It had a great high wall with **twelve gates**. By the gates were twelve angels, and on the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel’s sons. There were three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. The city wall had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the Lamb’s twelve apostles.
3. Its **gates will never be shut by day, and there will be no night there**. They will bring the glory and honor of the nations into it. **Nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is vile and deceitful**, but only those who are registered in the **Lamb’s scroll of life.**” Revelation 21:1-2, 12-14, 25-27 CEB
4. “Then the angel showed me the river of life-giving water, shining like crystal, flowing from the throne of God and the Lamb through the middle of the city’s main street. **On each side of the river is the tree of life, which produces twelve crops of fruit, bearing its fruit each month. The tree’s leaves are for the**

healing of the nations [COMMON, GOOD]. There will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.” Revelation 22:1-3 CEB

5. “Favored are those **who wash their robes so that they may have the right of access to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. Outside [EVIL, DISPOSABLE]** are the dogs, the drug users and spell-casters, those who commit sexual immorality, the murderers, the idolaters, and all who love and practice deception.” Revelation 22:14-15 CEB

***[WE CAN ASSUME HERE THAT BECAUSE NO ONE WHOSE NAME IS NOT IN THE LAMB’S BOOK OF LIFE CAN ENTER THE CITY, THAT THE ONLY WAY THE NATIONS CAN EAT THIS FRUIT IS TO WASH THEIR ROBES. THIS THEN BEGS THE ALL IMPORTANT AND UNAVOIDABLE QUESTION, “WHO ARE THE NATIONS, HOW DO THEY WASH THEIR ROBES, AND WHY DO THEY NEED TO EAT FROM THE TREE TO LIVE, WHEN THIS IS OBVIOUSLY NOT REFERRING TO THOSE WHOSE NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN THE LAMB’S BOOK OF LIFE WHO CAN NEVER DIE LIKE ADAME DID AGAIN?]**

THREE PEOPLE (HOLY, COMMON, EVIL)

1. **THEME:** "The LORD God said, "The human being has now become like one of us, **knowing good and evil.**" Now, **so he doesn't stretch out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat and live forever, the LORD God sent him out of the garden** of Eden to farm the fertile land from which he was taken." Genesis 3:22-23 CEB
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3. A JOURNEY THROUGH ROMANS AND THREE PEOPLES
 1. Romans 1: Living in depravity (Evil, Rebels)
 2. Romans 2-8: From death to life (evil Holy, Rulers)
 3. Romans 9-11: God's earthly promise (Common, Citizens)

LIGHT AND DARKNESS—A PROPHETIC VIEW

1. GENESIS—"When God began to **create the heavens and the earth**— the earth was without shape or form, it was dark over the deep sea, and God's wind swept over the waters— God

said, "Let there be light." And so light appeared. God saw how good the light was. **God separated the light from the darkness.** God named the light Day and the darkness Night. There was evening and there was morning: the first day." Genesis 1:1-5
CEB

2. ISAIAH—"God the LORD says— the one who **created the heavens**, the one who stretched them out, the one who spread out the earth and its offspring, the one who gave breath to its people and life to those who walk on it—"Isaiah 42:5 CEB
3. "I, the LORD, have called you for a good reason. I will grasp your hand and guard you, and give you as a covenant to the people, **as a light to the nations, to open blind eyes**, to lead the prisoners from prison, and those who sit in darkness from the dungeon. I am the LORD; that is my name; I don't hand out my glory to others or my praise to idols. **The things announced in the past—look—they've already happened, but I'm declaring new things.** Before they even appear, I tell you about them."
Isaiah 42:6-9 CEB
4. "I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; **I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do;** I will not forsake them. But those who

trust in idols, who say to images, "You are our gods," will be turned back in utter shame." Isaiah 42:16-17 NIVUK

YOU ARE THE LIGHT!

1. "Jesus spoke to the people again, saying, "**I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me won't walk in darkness but will have the light of life.**" John 8:12 CEB
2. "Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, **your whole body is full of light.** But when your eye is bad, your whole body is full of **darkness.** Therefore, see to it that the light in you isn't darkness." Luke 11:34-35 CEB
3. "In the same way, **let your light shine** before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16 CEB

LIGHT SHINED AND THE DARKNESS WAS EXTINGUISHED

1. "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The Word was with God in the beginning. Everything came into being through the Word, and without the Word nothing came into being. **What came into being through the Word was life, and the life was the light for all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.** A man named John was sent from

God. He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would believe in the light. He himself wasn't the light, but his mission was to testify concerning the light. **The true light that shines on all people was coming into the world. The light was in the world, and the world came into being through the light, but the world didn't recognize the light. The light came to his own people, and his own people didn't welcome him. But those who did welcome him, those who believed in his name, he authorized to become God's children, born not from blood nor from human desire or passion, but born from God."** John 1:1-13 CEB

QUESTIONS:

1. Distinguish:
 - a) Holy, Good, Evil (Ruler, Citizen, Rebel)
 - b) Set-apart, Common, Disposable
 - c) Heaven, Earth, Under the earth (The three crosses)
2. What did the tree of the knowledge of good and evil make available to mankind and how should we approach that today?
3. What is the difference in what the tree of life produces before the return of Messiah and after the millennium?
4. Describe and contrast three eternal people groups as mentioned in Philippians 2:9-11. (Relate this to the three crosses.)