

KINGDOM EMBASSY MINISTRIES

Remembering our Roots. Restoring Authority. Maturing Disciples. Advancing the Kingdom.

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SEED:

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with **the glory** which shall be revealed in us." Romans 8:18 NKJV

"For the earnest expectation of the **creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God."** Romans 8:19 NKJV

FRUIT:

"Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, **that we should be called children of God!** Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, **now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be**, but **we know that when He is revealed**, **we shall be like Him**, for we shall see Him as He is. **And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure."** I John 3:1-3 NKJV II Colossians 1:27-28

"For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." II Peter 1:16-21 NKJV

"Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of **those in heaven**, and of **those on earth**, and of **those under the earth**, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philippians 2:9-11 NKJV

"To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**. Him **we preach, warning every man** and teaching every man in all wisdom, **that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus**. To **this end I also labor**, striving according to His working which works in me mightily." Colossians 1:27-29 NKJV

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S MESSAGE:

Making a public presentation of something new or renovated is a common practice. We pull the veil from a new statue; drop the sheet from the rendering of a new building project; lift the cover from the model of a new mall; remove the canvas from a prized piece or art; uncover the blindfolded eyes of an unsuspecting beneficiary of a surprise room makeover; and move that truck hiding a complete home renovation. We celebrate when a project is complete, a job well done. We christen a ship, a public dedication before its maiden voyage. We cut ribbons as we celebrate the inauguration of big new projects, as Shakespeare would say, with great pomp and circumstance. And yet, this is all about stuff, stuff which is here today and gone tomorrow.

What is of much greater value are the ceremonies that commemorate people and their milestones and accomplishments. Especially important are the rare occasions in life when we get to recognize a right of passage—the few in a lifetime moments when there is a change in status. One such milestone that ought to be immortalized is the transition from childhood to adulthood. It has great significance in the natural and far greater significance in personal matters concerning God. And beyond that, maybe that which is of greatest importance, are matters concerning all of Christendom—the Body of Christ as a whole.

Two significant events in the life of an individual believer best mirror these collective milestones in the Christian faith—one reflects what has already occurred, and the other the prophetic future of Christianity. The first is when one becomes a newborn child of God. That extreme moment is when one passes from death to life and is born-again as a child of God. All who believe and call on His name become adopted children into the family of God—instantly. They become newborn infants in the faith and their journey begins —the journey to adulthood. On a collective level, that was the birth of the Church. And the arrival at adulthood is the second milestone that requires attention. It's that extreme moment in the faith when one passes from needing childlike accommodations to becoming personally responsible, accountable as a spiritually mature adult Christian. This is a shadow of God's prophetic plan for mankind. All of Christendom will one day leave childhood behind, with its many accommodations, and arrive at adulthood, and that moment is worthy of the greatest of unveilings.

Individually, the right to become a son of God is instant, but the work of preparing to be presented as a spiritually mature adult takes time. Corporately, the unveiling of God's sons is the next big thing on God's calendar—the next hour on His prophetic clock. It will be a moment worth demarcating, a right of passage, a coming of age of God's children, for which all of creation is eagerly waiting. Since the fall of man in the Garden, all of creation has been in steady decay—tainted as an innocent victim. But, when the sons of God are finally revealed, when God's children have finally matured into spiritual adults, the glory of God that will emanate from them will restore everything about creation that was broken and lost in the Garden. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. It's the next big thing on God's prophetic calendar—the next hour on His prophetic clock. Tick—tick—tick...

THE SEPARATION OF SONS

1. Prophetic Dynamite (TNT): The Next Major Event

A. Coming of Age

- (1) What will be revealed?
 - (a) Glory!
 - 1. "For I consider that **the sufferings of this present time** are **not worthy to be compared** with **the glory which shall be revealed in us.**" Romans 8:18 NKJV
 - 2. "and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, **if indeed we suffer** with Him, that we may also be glorified together."Romans 8:17 NKJV
 - 3. "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him. Even so, I will defend my own ways before Him." Job 13:15 NKJV
 - 4. ""If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple." Luke 14:26 NKJV
 - "And whoever does not <u>bear his cross</u> and come after Me cannot be My disciple." Luke 14:27 NKJV
 - 6. "So likewise, whoever of you does not <u>forsake all</u> that he has cannot be My disciple. "Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, but men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"" Luke 14:33-35 NKJV

B. <u>The Next Event of God's Prophetic Calendar</u>

- (1) Creation is Waiting
 - (a) Like Father Like Sons
 - 1. "For the earnest expectation of the **creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.**" Romans 8:19 NKJV
 - 2. "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood [birth in the natural], nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God [the born-again moment]." John 1:12-13

C. Three Critical Components of the Revealing of Sons

(1) The Restoration of All Things

- (a) This is for what creation is eagerly waiting.
 - 1. "Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead." Matthew 17:1-9 NKJV
 - 2. "For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ [what they had witnessed is a preview of what He would look like at His SECOND COMING], but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain." II Peter 1:16-18
 - 3. "And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" Matthew 17:10 NKJV
 - 4. ""Remember the Law of <u>Moses</u>, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, With the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you <u>Elijah</u> the prophet <u>Before</u> the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."" Malachi 4:4-6 NKJV
 - ""Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house," bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future." Hebrews 3:5 NIV
 - 6. "Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion..." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created <u>him</u>; male and female He created <u>them</u>. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion... on the earth."" Genesis 1:26-28 NKJV

- 7. Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."" Matthew 4:8-9 NKJV
- 8. "And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, *Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."" Malachi 4:6 NKJV
- 9. "Jesus answered and said to them, "Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things. But I say to you that <u>Elijah has come</u> already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands." Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist." Matthew 17:11-13 NKJV
- 10. "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord [His first coming], and that He may send Jesus Christ [His second coming], who was preached to you before [His first coming], whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began." Acts 3:19-21 NKJV
- 11. "For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you.
 *And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'" Acts 3:22-23 NKJV
- 12. *"And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, *Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."" Malachi 4:6
- 13. "But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and **you shall call his name John.** And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. **And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.** He will also go before Him **in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,'** and **the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.**"" Luke 1:13-17 NKJV
- 14. "So it was, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias. His mother answered and said, "No; **he shall be called John.**"" Luke 1:59-60 NKJV

- 15. "In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life. "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; **For you will go <u>before</u> the face of the Lord to prepare His ways**," Luke 1:75-76 NKJV
- 16. "So the child grew and became strong in spirit, and **was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel**." Luke 1:80 NKJV
- 17. "In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying,
 "*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah [Isaiah 40:3], saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.' "" Matthew 3:1-3 NKJV
- 18. "The voice of one **crying in the wilderness**: "**Prepare the way of the Lord**; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God." Isaiah 40:3 NKJV
- 19. "Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, **"Tell the** vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."" Matthew 17:9 NKJV
- 20. "For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you <u>the</u> <u>power and coming</u> of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. And so <u>we have the prophetic word confirmed</u>, which <u>you do well to heed</u> as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." II Peter 1:16-21 NKJV
- 21. "But to you who fear My name **The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His** wings..." Malachi 4:2 NKJV
- (2) The Passover
 - (a) It's curious that it has been missed considering Paul seems to made it perfectly clear eternity is divided among three peoples groups, not two!
 - 1. "Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of **those in heaven**, and of **those on earth**, and of **those under the earth**, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philippians 2:9-11 NKJV
 - 2. "But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. Its gates shall not

be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. **But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.** " Revelation 21:22-27 NKJV

- "And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." Revelation 22:1-2 NKJV
- 4. "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come." Matthew 24:14 NKJV
- 5. *"For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus* **Christ and Him crucified.***"* I Corinthians 2:2 NKJV
- "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16 NKJV
- 7. "that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. [13] For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."" Romans 10:9, 13 NKJV
- 8. *"But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,"* I Corinthians 2:7 NKJV
- 9. "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. [21] because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God." Romans 8:18, 21 NKJV
- 10. "Him we preach, <u>warning</u> every man and <u>teaching</u> every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." Colossians 1:28 NKJV
- 11. "From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matthew 4:17 NKJV
- 12. "..."The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."" Luke 17:20-21 NKJV
- 13. "...But we have the mind of Christ." I Corinthians 2:16 NKJV
- 14. "...Christ in you, the hope of glory." Colossians 1:27 NKJV
- (3) The Mature Gospel
 - (a) Him we preach... "...Christ in you, the hope of glory." Colossians 1:27 NKJV
 - "Him we preach, <u>warning</u> every man and <u>teaching</u> every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." Colossians 1:28 NKJV
 - (b) The hope of glory...What about the hope of glory do we preach?

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- 1. "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." Hebrews 5:12-14 NKJV
- 2. "Therefore, **leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ**, **let us go on to perfection**, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits." Hebrews 6:1-3 NKJV
- 3. "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord." II Corinthians 3:18 NKJV
- 4. "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that *when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure." I John 3:1-3 NKJV
- 5. *"as many as received Him, to them* **He gave the right to become children of God,** to those who believe in His name:" John 1:12 NKJV
- 6. "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God." Romans 8:18-19 NKJV
- (4) A Bar-Mitzvah
 - (a) The Unveiling of Sons: announced publicly for the first time. Coming of Age—The son's we've all been waiting for
 - 1. "And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ." Ephesians 4:11-15 NKJV

 "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others." Philippians 2:3-4 NKJV

D. <u>Revealing Legitimate Sons (scripture references)</u>

- (1) Distinguishing Firstborns (The Separation of Firstborns)
 - (a) Firstborn warning! The LAST warning! True firstborns are revealed with a death (Sons of God revealed, Romans 8)
 - "And the LORD said to Moses, "I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. Afterward he will let you go from here. When he lets you go, he will surely drive you out of here altogether. Exodus 11:1 NKJV
 - 2. Then Moses said, "Thus says the LORD: 'About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt; and **all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die,** from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the female servant who is behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the animals." Exodus 11:4-5 NKJV
 - 3. "But against none of the children of Israel shall a dog move its tongue [as long as they apply the blood], against man or beast, that you may know that the LORD does make a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.'" Exodus 11:7 NKJV
 - 4. *"For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel* and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and **not allow** *the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you."* Exodus 12:23 NKJV
 - a. Israel will not be affected (but later we see there is a stipulation for this— you must do something!
 - (b) Death of the Firstborns
 - "'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. Exodus 12:12 NKJV
 - 2. "And it came to pass at midnight that the LORD struck all the firstborn in the land of *Egypt,* from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of livestock. So Pharaoh rose in the night, he, all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where there was not one dead." Exodus 12:29-30 NKJV
 - (c) Survival of the Firstborns
 - Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt." Exodus 12:13 NKJV

- "Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and beast; it is Mine."" Exodus 13:1-2 NKJV
- (d) Y'shua as the Firstborn
 - "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." John 3:16-17 NKJV
 - 2. "He is the image of the invisible God, **the firstborn over all creation**. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him." Colossians 1:15-16 NKJV
 - 3. "And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, **the firstborn from the dead**, that in all things He may have the preeminence." Colossians 1:18 NKJV
 - 4. *"For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren."* Romans 8:29 NKJV
 - 5. "He shall cry to Me, 'You are my Father, My God, and the rock of my salvation.' Also I will make him My firstborn, The highest of the kings of the earth." Psalms 89:26-27
 - 6. "and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, **the firstborn from the dead**, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood," Revelation 1:5 NKJV
- (e) The Church of the Firstborn: all Christian become firstborns with their inheritance!
 - 1. "For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. (For they could not endure what was commanded: "And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow." And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel." Hebrews 12:18-24 NKJV
 - "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren." Romans 8:29 NKJV

- 3. JOINT HEIRS: "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together." Romans 8:16-17 NKJV
- 4. *"till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;"* Ephesians 4:13 N

E. Separating Sons from Sons

- (1) The Revealing of Sons: Do you now recognize that the separating of sons is Passover Language?
 - (a) Do you now recognize that the separating of sons (revealing true sons) is Passover Language?
 - 1. *"For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God."* Romans 8:19 NKJV
 - 2. The plague shall not be on you... Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt." Exodus 12:13 NKJV
 - Consecrate to Me all the firstborn... "Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and beast; it is Mine."" Exodus 13:1-2 NKJV
 - 4. *"If you endure chastening,* **God deals with you as with sons;** for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, **then you are illegitimate and not sons**." Hebrews 12:7-8 NKJV

FROM BONDAGE TO GLORY

2. Glorious Liberty

A. The Innocent Victim

- (1) Creation was not the cause of its own fall!
 - (a) Creation was not even a guilty accomplice.
 - 1. "For the **creation was subjected to futility**, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;" Romans 8:20 NKJV

B. Delivered from Bondage

- (1) Human Initiative
 - (a) Creation will be restored from its fallen state when mankind steps into his glorious freedom.
 - 1. "because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God." Romans 8:21 NKJV
 - 2. "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, <u>and</u> that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of

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restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began." Acts 3:19-21 NKJV

C. Still Waiting

- (1) Creation is not yet restored!
 - (a) At this present moment....
 - "For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now." Romans 8:22 NKJV