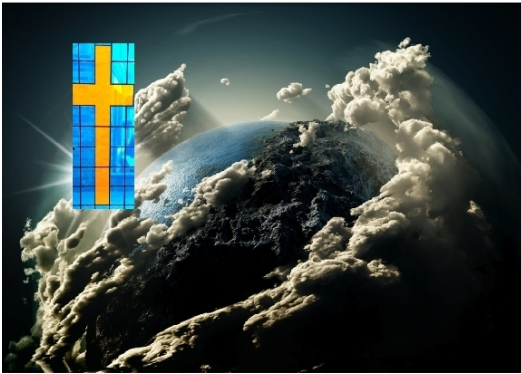


But God has rescued us ...



from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins



Through Christ, God [1] pays our sin-debt [2] throws away the record of our debt and [3] disarms our spiritual enemies.

Christ destroys the devil's work." [1 John 3:8b] and by His cross we are fully restored to our proper relationship with God.

Yet we must take care not to turn aside from Christ as supreme & all-sufficient, falling into idolatries, worldly ways of thinking and sinful walking. Our spiritual enemies are not yet destroyed & are eager to undo our faith and haul us back into their dominion.

So: just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord live a life worthy of Him, rooted & built up in Him, pleasing Him, & overflowing with thankfulness, so you may be presented by Him holy in His sight, without blemish & free from accusation.

[see Colossians 1:10, 2:6 and 1:22. NIV 1984]

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Adam and Eve before the Fall



Living uncorrupted in the image and presence of God



This is how we were meant to be. People living in perfect harmony with God, one another and the world. Our **souls**, in union with God who is Spirit, controlling our **souls**, i.e. our emotions, mind & will – and our **bodies**.

We lived in complete wholeness, ruling creation under God.

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But Adam and Eve sinned.



They ceased to live a life worthy of the Lord and pleasing to Him.



As a result the Holy Spirit No longer ruled their lives

spirit

Instead Satan began to rule them and all people

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Their trust in the word of Satan instead of God's, placed them under Satan's dominion

They became afraid of God. Their emotions dominated their behaviour as in fear and shame they ran away and hid.

Now they knew in their minds they were naked, so decided in their wills to cover their bodies.

Losing life in God's presence they brought us all into death.

Adam and Eve by hollow philosophies...



are reduced to material creatures of body and soul without spirit

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"The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them because they are spiritually discerned." [1 Corinthians 2:14 NIV 1984]

"... the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God." [Romans 8:7-8 Today's NIV]

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