

MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD (Genesis 1:27)

(Armand's Notes in Green colored font and Scripture in blue colored font. Christ words in red colored font.)

Adam and Eve, on the sixth day of Creation, were created in God's very image, Genesis 1:27 God created man (Adam) in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God, on the day He created Adam, placed Adam in the garden of Eden and spoke to Adam ONLY ONE COMMANDMENT TO OBEY before He created Eve on the sixth day (Genesis 1:31): Genesis 2:15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. 16 The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die." 18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him." Then God created Eve, fashioning her from a rib taken out of Adam: Genesis 2:21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. 22 The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. 23 The man said, "This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."

Man (Adam), on the sixth day of Creation (Genesis 1:31), being created in the image of God, had the Law of God stamped indelibly upon his soul/spirit (heart), the central core of his soul/spirit = his Person he was) BEFORE the ONE AND ONLY COMMANDMENT was audibly given to him in the garden of Eden the same day; and, before Adam and Eve's first act of disobedience to that one commandment. God spoke the Ten Commandments (Law of God) audibly to Israel at Mount Sinai (Horeb), and wrote them with His own fingers on two tablets of stone prepared by God's own hands over 2000 years AFTER Adam and Eve's

disobedience to the one and only commandment audibly given to Adam on the sixth day of creation; which one act of disobedience brought the judgments of God: the curse of sin upon Satan, Man, and all Creation!!! [Deuteronomy 5:1-22, especially vs 22 "These words the LORD spoke to all your assembly at the mountain from the midst of the fire, of the cloud and of the thick gloom, with a great voice, and He added no more. He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me (Moses); Romans 2:14 For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, 15 in that they show the work of the Law written (indelibly stamped) in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them, 16 on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.].

The Law of God (Ten Commandments) written on man's heart on the sixth day of creation and audibly spoken to the nation of Israel at mount Sinai over 2000 years later, was audibly spoken at mount Sinai FOR THIS REASON:

Galatians 3:19 Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed would come to whom the promise had been made. 20 Now a mediator is not for one party only; whereas God is only one. 21 Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? May it never be! For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law. 22 But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin [James 2:10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.], so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. 23 But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. 24 Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by FAITH [Romans 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who BELIEVES.].

The Law of God was used in the Apostle Paul's life according to Galatians 3:19-24 above!!! GOD USES HIS LAW TO BRING ALL HIS CHOSEN ONES TO THE END OF THEIR TRUST IN THEMSELVES, SO THAT THEY WOULD FLEE TO CHRIST AND TRUST CHRIST ALONE TO SAVE THEM AND TO GIVE THEM HIS ABUNDANT LIFE; and it is the ONLY way any person can come to Christ and be made a Child of God BY CHRIST. WE MUST TRULY GO TO CHRIST, BELIEVE CHRIST, AND PERSONALLY TRUST CHRIST ONLY, TO DO WHAT HE PROMISES AND ALONE CAN DO. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO HOPE TRUSTING IN SELF AND ALL THAT WE DO AND/OR CAN DO THROUGH OUR HUMAN ABILITIES AND EFFORTS. LIFE IS IN CHRIST AND NOT IN US (I John 1:11-12). CHRIST ALONE CAN GIVE US HIS LIFE!!! But, we must go to Him and ASK HIM for forgiveness, AND, for HIM to save us if we are to become His children, adopted sons of God!!! He will NEVER turn us away if this is the true desire of our hearts, and we ASK HIM to forgive us and save us!!! Matthew 9:13 *But go ye and learn what **that** meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.*]

The Law of God applied by the Holy Spirit to Paul's life:

Romans 7:7 What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, "YOU SHALL NOT COVET." 8 But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the Law sin is dead. 9 I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came [Holy Spirit alone must open our hearts to understand and alone powerfully convict us = that the demands of the Law of God and our HOLY GOD IS perfect and total obedience to the whole Law without stumbling once, (James 2:10)], sin became alive and I died; 10 and this commandment, which was to result in life, proved to result in death for me; 11 for sin [the EVIL INTENTS

(lusts and/or pride) INHERENT IN MY human body, or my human nature, or my sarx, or my "living creature" that my soul/spirit is in perfect union with, or my human SELF, or my old man, or my lower nature, which persuades and incites my soul to sin through brain communication to my soul/spirit, my Person], taking an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me (deceived my soul/spirit, Person) and through it killed me. **12** So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good (the Law of God having been indelibly stamped by God upon my heart, the central core of my soul/spirit on the sixth day of creation). **13** Therefore did that which is good become a cause of death for me? May it never be! Rather it was sin, in order that it might be shown to be sin by effecting my death through that which is good (The Law of God, vs 12), so that through the commandment sin would become utterly sinful [James **2:10**]. **14** For we know that the Law is spiritual [The Ten Commandments are spiritual in nature and can only be kept by the resurrection power of the Holy Spirit (Philippians **2:13**): Galatians **5:16** But I say, walk by the (Holy) Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. In other words, the Holy Spirit ALONE, given to us by Christ when Christ births us into His Kingdom (Born Again by Christ), can enable and empower our soul/spirit (person), which is our spiritual nature made in the image of God {and that can happen only by faith given to us by the Holy Spirit as He Alone Strengthens our inner man so that Christ can/will dwell in our hearts by faith (Ephesians **3:14-21**); thereby, enabling and empowering our soul/spirit to keep the Law of God (Ten Commandments)}]; but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin. [That is, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP THE LAW OF GOD BY OUR HUMAN NATURE (fleshly nature - human SELF). SELF (sarx, or human body, or human nature, or "living creature, etc.) must die by/through Christ's finished work on the Cross alone so that Christ might live in and through our person, by the power of the Holy Spirit living in us (Galatians **2:20**)!!! TO REPENT {REPENT IS TO AGREE WITH GOD THAT MY HUMAN NATURE (SELF - BRAIN COUNSEL)

ALWAYS LEADS ME TO SIN, WHICH I WILLFULLY CHOOSE TO OBEY MY FLESHLY NATURE AND ACT ACCORDING TO ITS DESIRES, AND THEREFORE MY SOUL/SPIRIT, LISTENING TO AND IN BONDAGE TO SELF WHOM I LOVE, IS TOTALLY INCAPABLE AND UNABLE TO OBEY GOD'S COMMANDMENTS WITHOUT STUMBLING ONCE; AND, THAT I AM WITHOUT ANY HOPE AND WILL DIE IN MY REBELLION AGAINST GOD (HIS COMMANDMENTS), AND WILL JUSTLY BE CAST INTO HELL AND THE LAKE OF FIRE UNDER GOD'S WRATH FOR MY REBELLION AND REFUSAL TO DO HIS WILL BY MY OWN CHOOSING; EXCEPT CHRIST HIMSELF FORGIVES ME, SAVE AND DELIVER ME FROM MY SELF, AND GIVE TO ME (ME = My soul/spirit, My Person, Who I am living in my "living creature") HIS ABUNDANT AND ETERNAL LIFE.} IS AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY BEFORE CHRIST WILL GIVE TO US HIS ABUNDANT LIFE SO THAT WE CAN LIVE BY/THROUGH/IN CHRIST!!! We must choose by our own volition to repent and believe in Christ. It is a choice God will not make for us. BUT, God WILL help us choose Him if we truly desire to repent and trust Him, and if we ASK Him to give to us the desire and ability to repent and believe (Philippians 2:13)!!!]

THEREFORE:

Philippians 3:3 ... we are the true circumcision [true believers who have been born again by Christ and therefore sons of God by HIS doing, I Corinthians 1:30], who worship in the (Holy) Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh, 4 although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless. 7 But whatever things were gain to me (Putting my confidence in my human nature and all that I have accomplished and can accomplish through my own SELF, through the works of my fleshly

nature.), those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. **8** More than that, I count all things [Everything that I myself as a human being has accomplished throughout all my life and can accomplish following and obeying my own brain counsel (human SELF)] to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord (John 17:3), for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish SO THAT I MAY GAIN CHRIST, **9** and may be found in Him, NOT HAVING a righteousness of my own derived from the Law [That is, NOT having a righteousness derived from Me, My HUMAN SELF keeping the Law of God in/by/through my own human abilities and human willpower.] The Holy Spirit speaking through the Apostle Paul, talking about the physical Nation of Israel born from Abraham's seed: Romans 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them (the Jewish people, physical nation of Israel, "people of God") is for their salvation. 2 For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge. 3 For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own [seeking to establish their own human righteousness through their own human nature and trusting in their own human knowledge, wisdom and reasoning; as well as ALL their human efforts and doings to keep the Law of God; that is, trusting in their SELF to accomplish what is needed to make themselves pleasing and acceptable to God; thereby saving themselves and getting themselves into the new heavens and new earth after death; they thought and believed in themselves, that their HUMAN DOINGS would bring them into God's presence; for THEY DID NOT UNDERSTAND AND THE EYES OF THEIR HEARTS WERE BLINDED TO GOD'S ABSOLUTE AND ETERNAL TRUTHS OF PROVERBS 28:9 AND JAMES 2:10 CLEARLY STATING GOD'S HOLY DEMANDS FOR PERFECT OBEDIENCE TO HIS LAWS WITHOUT STUMBLING IN ONE POINT: Proverbs 28:9 He who turns away his ear from listening to the (Whole) law, Even his prayer is an abomination. Along with, James 2:10, For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.], Romans

10:3 continuing, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God. [They REJECTED THE FREE UNDESERVED OFFER TO RECEIVE FROM CHRIST BY FAITH, AND TO TRUST CHRIST'S DIVINE PERSON ALONE, FOR CHRIST TO GIVE TO THEM: God's Mercy, Grace and Abundant Life; for Christ to DO in/to/through/for them everything they COULD NOT DO FOR THEMSELVES!!! They rejected Christ's undeserved offer to clothe them in His Perfect Righteousness and give to them HIMSELF through the presence of His Holy Spirit He would put in them. The Apostle Paul concluded with this statement as He was inspired by the Holy Spirit: Romans 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.], Continuing Philippians 3:9, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, 10 that I may know Him [John 17:3 "This is eternal life, that they may KNOW You (God the Father), the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. We can have a relationship with our Holy God Who demands perfect righteousness to come into His presence, ONLY if we are clothed in the Perfect Righteousness of Christ by faith alone in Christ alone; that is, going to the living and Divine Person of Jesus Christ, believing Him and trusting Him to Forgive our rebellious hearts, hearts that willfully chooses to follow SELF rather than willfully choosing to follow HIM; AND, personally daily willfully choosing to trust Him alone to give to us HIS Abundant Life He promised to give to us if we would believe Him and trust Him!!!] and the power of His resurrection [the transforming, sanctifying, keeping, delivering, saving, enabling and empowering presence of the Holy Spirit living in my body, helping me and molding me into the image of Christ] and the fellowship of His sufferings [Remember what Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior said, John 15:18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. 19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. 20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his

lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.] continuing Philippians 3:10 being conformed to His death [in union with Christ: dying to myself, my human nature by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:13), just as Jesus Christ, the son of man died to His human nature by the power of the Holy Spirit; and lived a sinless life as a human being by the power of the Holy Spirit living in HIS human body, enabling and empowering His Divine Soul/Spirit Being/Person functioning on the level of a created human soul through His human nature, by and according to His Divine Power and authority as God; a decision Christ, the Son of God, made in His Eternal Covenant agreement with His Father before creation, to become a man and live as a man through his human nature He clothed His Divine Person in/with; and not living through His human nature AS fully God Whom He IS; that is, NOT giving His Divine Attributes, which God alone has, to His human nature making man God!!!]; 11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

PRAISE, GLORY AND HONOR BE GIVEN UNTO OUR LOVING, SOVEREIGN, MERCIFUL, FORGIVING, GRACIOUS AND LIFE GIVING GOD (FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT) ALONE, WHO ALONE IS WORTHY!!! THREE DIVINE SOUL/SPIRIT PERSONS IN PERFECT UNITY TOGETHER IN THE GODHEAD BEING THE ONE GOD WE WORSHIP AND SERVE!!!

I Thessalonians 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.