

## UNDERSTANDING

This physical world (earth) is a manifestation (a creation) from the will of God who reigns in the Spiritual world (heaven).

### **Genesis 1:2**

**Now the earth was formless and empty; darkness was over the surface of the deep and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.**

What's Up with Heaven??

1st Heaven- Genesis 1:20 The Sky

2nd Heaven- Genesis 1:14-17 The outer space... the Sun, Moon and galaxies

3ed Heaven- Psalm 114 Heaven of Heaven... Where God resides.

The Place of Heaven

John 14: 1-3... He went to Heaven to prepare a place for us.

My Father's house

Celestial City

Are you a citizen of Heaven? Philippians 3:20

The earth is **temporary** and our existence here is **temporary**.

The spiritual world is eternal. Forever. Never ending.

### **Genesis 1:1**

**In the beginning God created the Heavens and the earth.**

## **GOD**

**God is all-seeing, all-knowing, all-powerful and everywhere present. God knows us, God is with us, and His greatest gift is to allow us to know Him.**

### **Ephesians 4:6**

**One God and Father of all , who is over all and through all and in all.**

**Psalm 33:13-15**

From Heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind; from His dwelling place He watches all who live on earth. He who forms the hearts of all who considers everything they do.

**Hebrew 4:13**

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

***JESUS*****The Shepherd of our Souls****Romans 8:3**

...God sent His own son in a body like the bodies we sinners have.

**Matthew 1:18**

She was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.

**Luke 1:35**

The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. (Mary)

*We were chosen before the creation of the world. God creates us and we are manifested here on earth (born) and our days are specifically numbered. (Only God knows how long you will stay present on earth)*

**Psalm 139:13-16**

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

*The physical world (Earth) is where Jesus came to from the spiritual world. He came in a body to save us from eternal (forever, never-ending) death and separation from God.*

**John 3:16**

**For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish (die) but have eternal life.**

**John 3:35**

**The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in His hands.**

**(vs36) Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on Him.**

Jesus Christ tells us also why He has come.

**John 6:40**

**For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.**

**John 6:38**

**Jesus is speaking.... For I have come down from Heaven not to do my will but to do the will of Him who sent me.**

The mission Jesus came for was to seek and save the lost. To give us life, a hope and a never ending future when our temporary time on earth is over. Our time here is never a guarantee and we could cease to exist in this temporary world at any moment. We are given the choice to believe in Jesus as our Lord and Savior or not.

**Ephesians 1:4**

**For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight.**

**(vs5) In love He predestined us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ in accordance with His pleasure and will.**

**Romans 8:29**

**For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His son.**

**1 Peter 1:2**

**To God's elect, *strangers in the world*, (EARTH) who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by His blood.**

**I Thessalonians 1:4**

**We know, dear brothers and sisters, that God loves you and has chosen you to be his own people.**

*Humans are made in the image of God. We are part body, soul and spirit.*

**Genesis 1:27**

**So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.**

God created us in His image so that it would be possible to have an intimate relationship with Him.

**Genesis 2:7**

**The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.**

We also receive a breath of life when we exit the womb and enter the physical world. (earth)

## **The body:**

We have the body *only* to function in the physical world for a determined amount of time. Because of our Love for Jesus we should submit OUR BODIES to His control, not our lusts and desires.

### **Romans 12:1**

**Therefore, I urge you brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifice Holy and pleasing to God- this is your Spiritual act of worship.**

### **Romans 6:12**

**Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. *Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been from death to life, and offer the parts of your body to God as instruments of righteousness.***

### **I Corinthians 6:12**

***The body is not for sexual immorality, but for the Lord and the Lord is for the body.***

### **I Thessalonians 4:3**

**God's will is for you to be holy, so *stay away from all sexual sin.***

### **I Corinthians 6:19**

**Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?**

**You are not your own, you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your body.**

### **I Thessalonians 4:8**

**Therefore, *anyone who refuses to live by these rules* is not disobeying human teaching but *is rejecting God*, who gives His Holy Spirit to you.**

**I Corinthians 15:42**

**The body is perishable it is raised imperishable.**

**(vs44) It is sown natural, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.**

## **The Soul**

**Our soul is made up by 5 parts.**

- 1. Our mind**
- 2. Our will**
- 3. Our emotions**
- 4. Our intellect**
- 5. Our imagination**

**Our soul must be submitted to Jesus. Our thoughts and our feelings should not control us.**

**John 4: 13-15**

**As our natural body hungers and thirsts, so do our souls. Our Souls need spiritual food. (the word of God)**

**John 6:35**

**Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.**

**Matthew 23:37**

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.**

**Matthew 16:26**

**What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? or what can man give in exchange for his soul?**

**Hebrews 4:12**

**For the word of God is living and active. (alive) it is sharper than any double-edged sword. It penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit.**

## **The Spirit**

John 16:13 He the Spirit of truth, will guide you into all truth.

He is a thinking, feeling, active person working with God and Jesus to affect our lives according to their collective wills. In other words they all three work together for our good. He has knowledge. He has a will. He has emotions.

Ephesians 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God..

**The Holy Spirit is our Helper.**

**He joins with our spirit when we accept Jesus as Lord and Savior of our lives.**

**Matthew 12:30**

**Anyone who isn't with me (Jesus) opposes me, and anyone who isn't working with me is actually working against me.**

**Isaiah 32:15**

**Until at last the Spirit is poured out on us from heaven.**

This tells us that God acts from above to change man's condition here on earth. Only when God's spirit is among us can we achieve true peace and fruitfulness.

**John 20:22**

**Receive the Holy Spirit.**

**John 4:24**

**God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and truth.**

**John 6:63**

The Spirit gives life, the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. Yet there are some who don't believe... (vs65) This is why I told you that no one can come to me (Jesus) unless the Father has enabled him.

**Romans 8:9**

The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace.

**Romans 8:14**

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

**Romans 8:16**

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

**2 Corinthians 5:5**

Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

**John 3:5-6**

I tell you the truth, no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless he is born of water and spirit. (vs6) Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

**Natural living is living against God. Natural living is living by your natural self (soul), your flesh (body).**

**Romans 8:5**

Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit.

**(vs6) So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.**

**(vs7) The sinful mind is hostile (against) God.**

**(vs8) Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.**

**Romans 8:9**

**But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in You. (Remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.)**

**(vs12) Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do.**

**(vs13) For if you live by its dictates,(your sinful nature) , you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit (God's spirit) you put to death (stop)the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live.**

**(vs 16) For His Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.**

The Ten Commandments were given for our benefit (our good) and to keep us safe from evil (the devil). When we do not obey them then the enemy (the devil) has the ability to harm us because we have gone outside of the will of God. God gave them to us for our own protection because He loves us and doesn't want harm to come to us. We offend Him when we break them. That is why we have to confess when we sin against Him and turn away from doing it again.

**I John 1:6**

**So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth.**

**(vs8) If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth.**

**(vs9) But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.**

**1 John 2:15**

**Do not love this world or the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you.**

**(vs16) For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are NOT FROM THE FATHER but from this world.**

**(vs17) And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.**

You are responsible for your own behavior. No one else is, just you. You (and everyone of us) one day will have to look at Jesus. You will have to stand before Him and account for your behavior here on earth.

If the Spirit of God is in you... pray in all your circumstances and you will overcome whatever obstacle is challenging you.

**Matthew 17:27**

**For the Son of Man (Jesus) is going to come in His Father's glory with His angels and then He will reward each person according to what he has done.**

**Matthew 12:36**

**But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgement for every careless word they have spoken.**

**Romans 15:12**

**So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.**

**2 Corinthians 5:10**

**For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is do him for the things done while in THE BODY, WHETHER GOOD OR BAD.**

**An easier way to understand all this for me is this.... I am a Spirit being; I possess a soul and I live in a body, (an earth suit) to function in the physical world. (earth).**

**We all need our soul connected to the Spirit not the body.**

**Always remember... Make the right choice.. obey the Spirits voice!!**

**GOD LOVES YOU...**

**1 John 3:1**

**See how very much our Father loves us, for He calls us His children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him.**

**(vs4) Everyone who sins is breaking God's law, for all sin is against the law of God.**

**(vs5) And you know that Jesus came to take away our sins, and there is no sin in Him.**

**(vs6) Anyone who continues to live in him will not sin. BUT ANYONE WHO KEEPS ON SINNING DOES NOT KNOW HIM OR UNDERSTAND WHO HE IS.**

**(vs7) Dear children, don't let anyone deceive you about this: When people do what is right, it shows that they are righteous, even as Christ is righteous.**

**(vs8) BUT WHEN PEOPLE KEEP ON SINNING, IT SHOWS THAT THEY BELONG TO THE DEVIL, WHO HAS BEEN SINNING SINCE THE BEGINNING.**

**(vs10) So now we can tell who are children of God and who are children of the devil. Anyone who does not live righteously and does not love other believers does not belong to God.**

**I John 4:6**

**But we belong to God and those who know God listen to us. If they do not belong to God, they do not listen to us. That is how we know if someone has the Spirit of truth or the spirit of deception.**

**I John 4:4**

**...because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.**

Currently, June 2012, our World is very unstable and many believe we are in the "end times" ... So, my purpose in writing all of this is because I love you and I can only tell you the truth and guide you to the one who is the way and the truth and that is what I have tried to do. **John 14:6**

It has been on my heart for so long to try and make sure you understand how incredibly important God's word is for us to hear, believe and trust. I pray for each of you to have an eternal destiny in Heaven. I pray your name is in the book.

I pray you are a citizen.

**Revelation 21: 27**

**... but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life will enter in.**