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Paul the apostle said in ...

EPH. 2:1-2 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according ... to the PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR, the SPIRIT that now worketh in the CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE:

And Jesus, during his ministry, said in ...

JN. 12:31 NOW is the judgment of this world: NOW shall the PRINCE OF THIS WORLD be cast out.

Do you know who Jesus and Paul were talking about? Who is the prince of the power of the air, or of this world, and who are the children of disobedience?

If you will listen carefully today, you will receive the answers to these questions, and more. Now, let us consider a scripture in ...

1 COR. 15:45 ... The FIRST man Adam was made a living soul; the LAST Adam was made a quickening spirit.

The first man created in **THIS WORLD** was named Adam. The "last Adam" that Paul speaks of is the **Lord Jesus Christ**. They were **BOTH SONS OF GOD**, as we see in ...

LK. 3:38 ... Adam, which was the SON of GOD.

And in ...

MT. 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the SON of the living GOD.

Adam was the tree of knowledge of good and evil. He knew what was right and wrong in the sight of God; yet he CHOSE to disobey his Father. By this choice, Adam's frame of mind became the PRIME example of evil. It was to this example that the Lord compared the king of Tyrus, who had taken in a similar attitude, when he said ...

EZK. 28:15 Thou [Adam] wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till INIQUITY [or division] was found in thee.

JMS. 4:17 Therefore to him that KNOWETH to do good, and doeth it not, TO HIM IT IS SIN.

1 TIM. 2:14 ... Adam was <u>NOT</u> deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

Wherefore, as by ONE MAN sin entered into the world, and DEATH by SIN; and so DEATH passed upon ALL men ...

Adam had thought of the knowledge of God he possessed, and the power he had within himself to create life, until he was ...

JMS. 1:14-15 ... drawn away of his OWN LUST, and enticed. ...

And, finally, he became altogether ...

ROM. 8:6 ... CARNALLY MINDED [which] is DEATH ...

So Adam, though a prince, was **CUT OFF** from his Father, with nothing to guide himself or **his children** but his "carnal mind," and nothing to look forward to but "**Death**"! Adam was a **PRINCE**, but he became the prince of **THIS WORLD**, which now ...

1 JN. 5:19 ... lieth in wickedness.

By disobeying God, Adam took on a **SPIRIT**, or NATURE, of wrath, hatred, and disobedience towards God, which affected not only him, but all his children as well, as we see in ...

1 JN. 3:12 Not as CAIN, who was of that WICKED ONE [Adam], and slew his brother [Abel]. ...

This very fact was hidden in the wording of ...

GEN. 3:17-18 ... cursed is the ground for thy sake ... THORNS also and THISTLES shall it bring forth to thee; ...

This was both **NATURAL** and **SYMBOLIC**. Symbolically, thorns and thistles represent DISOBEDIENT, REBELLIOUS children.

Jesus, and later Paul, even applied these terms to rebellious **SPIRITUAL** children in the kingdom of God, for Jesus said in ...

MT. 7:15-16 ... Do men gather grapes of THORNS, or figs of THISTLES?

Grapes and figs represent **good** spiritual fruit, but THORNS and THISTLES are the rebellious, proud spiritual leaders of the nation of Israel of that day. And Paul said in ...

HEB. 6:7-8 ... But that which beareth THORNS and BRIERS is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose END is to be BURNED [in AD 70].

Paul goes on to tell us this terrible condition inherited from Adam remained unchanged up to the giving of the LAW of MOSES, for he said ...

ROM. 5:14 Nevertheless **DEATH** reigned from **Adam** to **Moses** ...

And then, under the law of Moses ...

ROM. 3:20 the LAW [could only give] the KNOWLEDGE OF SIN.

But the law could **NOT** give eternal life ...

GAL. 3:21 ... for if there had been a law given which could have given LIFE, verily righteousness should have been by the LAW.

But instead, Jesus came to give life to mankind, for ...

GAL. 4:4-5 ... when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son ... To **REDEEM** them that were under the law, that we might receive the **ADOPTION OF SONS**.

And he came to this world in flesh ...

HEB. 2:14-15 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through DEATH he might destroy him [ADAM] that had the POWER OF DEATH, that is, the DEVIL.

What had brought death to the world was the CARNAL NATURE, so Jesus had come to destroy the CARNAL NATURE, which IS the DEVIL!

For where ADAM had FAILED God, JESUS had to meet the temptation and OVERCOME it. For ...

Though he were a Son, yet learned he **OBEDIENCE** by the things which he **SUFFERED**;

Because he ...

HEB. 4:15 ... was in ALL POINTS TEMPTED like as we are, yet without sin.

Jesus understood the **SPIRIT OF DISOBEDIENCE** that lived in the children of Adam, and kept himself from it, as we see in ...

JN. 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine OWN will, but the WILL OF HIM THAT SENT ME.

JN. 8:29 ... for I do ALWAYS those things that please HIM.

MT. 26:39 ... Father ... not as I will, but as THOU WILT.

And he went about to gather the "children" of his coming kingdom ...

MT. 5:9 Blessed are the **PEACEMAKERS**: for they shall be called the **CHILDREN OF GOD**.

MT. 5:44-45 But I say unto you, LOVE your enemies ... That ye may be CHILDREN OF YOUR FATHER ...

MT. 13:38 The field is the world; the good seed are the CHILDREN OF THE KINGDOM ...

For his purpose in coming to this world was to bring ...

2 TIM. 1:10 ... LIFE and IMMORTALITY to light through the gospel:

This he did by teaching truth and preparing his disciples for the mighty, life-giving power of the HOLY GHOST, as he said in ...

JN. 6:63 It is the SPIRIT that quickeneth [or makes alive]; ...

Yet, at every step of his ministry, he was faced with the **CHILDREN** of the **PRINCE OF THIS WORLD**, as we see in ...

JN. 8:23 ... Ye are from BENEATH; I am from ABOVE ...

For their **SPIRIT** showed them to be **children of Adam**, as is seen in ...

JN. 8:38-44 ... Ye are of your FATHER the DEVIL, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a MURDERER from the beginning ...

**Adam** was this murderer, for he killed his **OWN SOUL** by disobeying God! Jesus made it clear to Israel that his ...

JN. 18:36 ... KINGDOM [was] not of THIS WORLD ...

And, yet, the Father had given him GREAT AUTHORITY ...

MT. 11:27 ALL things are delivered unto me of my Father: ...

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JN. 3:35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given ALL THINGS into his hand.

JN. 5:22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed ALL JUDGMENT unto the Son:

MT. 28:18 ... ALL power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Through all of this, Jesus kept himself in **perfect obedience** to the Father, for he knew he was **NOT** fighting a "spirit" from **without**, but the battle was **IN HIS CONSCIOUS MIND**, as it says in ...

MK. 7:18-23 ... That which COMETH OUT of the man, THAT defileth the man. ...

JER. 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

PROV. 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for **out of it** are the issues of life.

This battle continued until Jesus could say ...

JN. 14:30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the PRINCE OF THIS WORLD cometh, and hath nothing in me.

JN. 12:23-31\* ... NOW is the judgment of this world: NOW shall the PRINCE OF THIS WORLD be cast out.

It was in the garden of Gethsemane that the "prince of this world" was completely CAST OUT from Jesus. It was there that Jesus won the final victory over his **WILL**, which opposed the WILL of his Father. But though Jesus had overcome, Judas had **NOT**, for in ...

JN. 13:2,27 ... And after the sop Satan entered into him [Judas]. ...

Instead of resisting his own WILL, Judas gave in and was overcome of evil. And this **same nature** or **SPIRIT OF ADAM** in the princes of Israel caused Paul to say in ...

1 COR. 2:7-8 ... for had [the PRINCES of this world] known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

And, yet, while we were ...

EPH. 2:3 ... by nature the children of WRATH [or Adam] ...

Jesus died to redeem us, that we might ...

GAL. 4:4-5 ... receive the ADOPTION OF SONS.

For he has ...

EPH. 1:5 ... predestinated us unto the ADOPTION OF CHILDREN ...

By the Holy Ghost baptism, we would no longer be the CHILDREN OF ADAM, but, in fact, the **CHILDREN OF GOD** ...

ROM. 8:16-17 ... And if CHILDREN, then HEIRS; heirs of God, and JOINT-HEIRS with Christ; ...

For we listened to the ministry of the Body of Christ when they preached ...

ROM. 12:1-2 ... be not conformed to THIS WORLD [ungodly or religious]: but be ye TRANSFORMED by the RENEWING OF YOUR MIND ...

And we realized that ...

1 COR. 15:22 ... in ADAM all DIE, even so in CHRIST shall all be made ALIVE.

GLORY!!!

