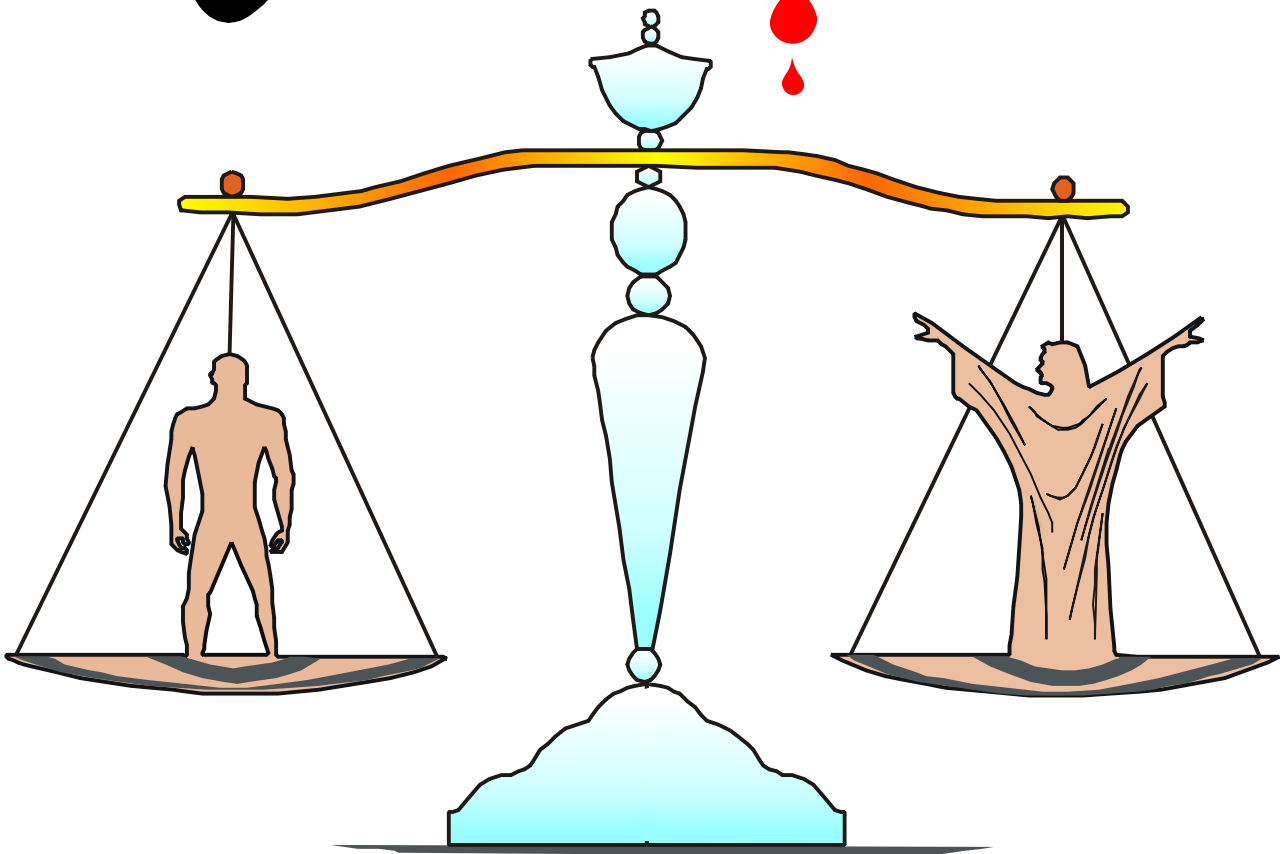


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In the last class we saw the “**MYSTERY OF THE CROSS**” and how the meaning of Jesus’ words in John 12:32 of drawing “*all men unto me*” to signify the **RANSOM**—the **EQUAL CORRESPONDING PRICE** which He came to offer as He said in -

Mark 10:45

“For even the Son of man came.....to GIVE his life a RANSOM for many.”

These “**many**” we **ALSO** saw clearly signifies the **WHOLE** world of mankind as we saw in—

1 Timothy 2:5,6

*“For there is one God and **ONE** mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a RANSOM FOR ALL....”*

👉 Yes ! This RANSOM or equal corresponding price was for ONE man—ADAM—through whom ALL of the world have inherited the death sentence !!

We saw that very clearly in -

1 Corinthians 15:21,22

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*“For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the death.
For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive”*

 It was through the one man Adam that the whole race went into the death sentence but through the sacrifice of the “**second Adam**” - the **SECOND PERFECT MAN** the entire race are now delivered from death and **NOW** have the right to be made alive again as we read in —

“...so in Christ shall ALL be made alive”

 **THIS IS CALLED THE ONE FOR ONE PRINCIPLE.**

Let us see how this principle works as we read from —

Hebrews 7:9,10

*“And as I may so say, Levi also, who RECEIVED tithes, paid tithes in Abraham.
For he was YET in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him.”*

 **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ?**

LEVI was **ONE** of the twelve sons of Jacob who was the son of Isaac and who was the son of Abraham.

Yes! Levi was Abraham's great grandson !

There was something special about Levi ! He was the father of the tribe of Levites— who were chosen to serve God in the Tabernacle and received no share in the land.

 Thus it was that they **RECEIVED** a “tithe” or 1/10th from the remaining 11 tribes. He himself **NEVER** paid **TITHE** but only received tithes !

But we see here Apostle Paul saying that when Abraham paid “tithes” to King Melchizedek, it could be said that Levi who was yet unborn and “in Abraham's loins”, could be said to have paid the tithes too !!

 **THIS IS THE “ONE FOR ONE” PRINCIPLE !!**

Similarly, **ALL HUMANITY** “in Adam” are counted to have sinned and come under the death condemnation, while being yet unborn and “in the loins of Adam” in the garden of Eden when Adam sinned but with the **REDEMPTIVE, RANSOM** price being paid **FOR ADAM** the whole world too along with Adam **ARE NOW RELEASED TOO FROM THAT DEATH SENTENCE WHICH CAME ON ADAM**

And was passed on or inherited by the whole human race.

This is **GOD'S DIVINE PLAN** for **ALL** mankind as we will now see and read in—

Romans 8:20,21

“For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.”

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**WHAT DOES THIS SCRIPTURE MEAN ?**

It seems strange in the language used !

Let us read it again and try to understand as we read from -

Romans 8:20

"For the creature was made subject to vanity, NOT WILLINGLY, but by reason of HIM who hath subjected the same in HOPE"



Yes ! Here the word "*creature*" is a reference to the **WHOLE HUMAN RACE**.



They were made "*subject to vanity*" or in other words received the **INHERITED sin and death condition**.



This was done "*not willingly*" which means every **INDIVIDUAL** human was **NOT** given a choice nor was consulted regarding the matter.



It was done in hope "*by Him*" referring to God Himself and His Plan. **THIS REFERS TO THE PERIOD WHEN "as in Adam all die."**



Someone may ask— "Is it right or **JUST** for God to **DO THIS**" ?

Actually it happens regularly when parents even **BEFORE** the birth of their children make plans of **SCHOOL** and **CAREER** and **TRAINING** without even asking of the choice of the child !!

—It is all done with good intentions by the parents.



So too with God who is the "**FATHER**" of **ALL** creation as we read in—

Ephesians 3:14,15

"For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named."

Yes ! He has a **WONDERFUL PLAN** for his human children !

Let us see that wonderful plan as we continue reading in - —

Romans 8:21

"Because the creature itself also shall BE DELIVERED from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God"

Yes ! This **DELIVERANCE** is through the **RANSOM** sacrifice on the cross !



What does this "*glorious liberty of the children of God*" mean ?

This is the SALVATION, God is to bring about for the whole human race from this sin and death condition.

HOW IS IT TO BE DONE ? We see the answer in -

1 Timothy 2:3,4

"For this is GOOD and acceptable in the sight of God our saviour who will have ALL

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men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth

Yes ! This is **GOD's** will for the world!



What does it mean?

Generally the words "to be saved" are taken to mean- "to be taken to heaven".

If that meaning is applied here, it would be ridiculous if **GOD** were to take **ALL MEN** in their present moral condition into heaven !



There must be **ANOTHER** meaning!

Besides, the general understanding about salvation, is that **FIRST**, one comes unto the knowledge of the truth and **THEN** "is saved"

But here the matter is REVERSED ! Why ?

God's will is that



FIRST "*all men to be saved*"

What does this mean?

This refers to the particular **CONDITION** all men are now in !

—that is, in the **DEATH** condemned condition !

Through the **RANSOM** now **ALL** men are to be "made alive" as we read in-

Acts 24:15

"And have hope towards God that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust"

Yes! This is the great **TRUTH** of the **RESURRECTION** of **ALL** the dead !



What is meant by - "RESURRECTION" ?

This is a doctrine or teaching taught in the Bible which is **COMPLETELY UNKNOWN** to all other religions.

While other religions speak of

➔ **another opportunity of life** after death through **REBIRTH** through the womb as in Hinduism and Buddhism

➔ **or life in spiritual conditions** in a "paradise" as believed by Muslims and even Christians

- the teaching of **RESURRECTION** in the Bible is **VERY DIFFERENT**.

It speaks of how God by exercising **HIS MIGHTY DIVINE POWER** is able to **RESTORE** back to the living condition that which had died and **gone OUT OF EXISTENCE**.

God's power will restore back the being complete with body and mind condition **as was at the time of death**.



IT IS AN UNBELIEVABLE MIRACLE!

- ➔ **AGED PEOPLE** are to be resurrected in an aged condition as they had died
- ➔ **AND YOUNG PEOPLE** are to be resurrected in the same conditions as they had died.
- ➔ Even **INFANTS** and **BABIES** are resurrected in the **EXACT** same condition of being infants and babies **AS THEY HAD DIED.**



The word resurrection is from the Greek word "anastasis" (Strong's -Greek #386) and means "raised to life again" or "standing up again".

- ➔ Thus "resurrection" in its **REAL SENSE** refers not only to the great and Miraculous restoration to living conditions or **AWAKENING** from the dead but a **FURTHER RESTORATION** back to the **PERFECT** conditions once last in Adam.



Yes! Resurrection IS A **PROCESS** that begins with the "**AWAKENING FROM THE DEAD**" condition.

Thus "resurrection" in its REAL SENSE refers not only to the great and miraculous restoration to living conditions or AWAKENING from the dead but a further gradual restoration back to the PERFECT conditions once lost in Adam.

Now all are to be raised from death- and this is clearly taught by Jesus too in—

John 5:28

"Marvel NOT at this: for the hour is coming, in the which ALL that are in the graves shall hear his voice and shall come forth"

Truly it is an **UNBELIEVABLE** and a **MARVELOUS** matter to all !

This speaks of the great day of the "awakening of the dead."

- ➔ Just as **TODAY** is the time when "as in Adam ALL die"
- ➔ that period will be the fulfillment of "so in Christ shall ALL be made alive".

This is not a doctrine taught only in the **NEW TESTAMENT** !



We see it in the **OLD TESTAMENT** too ! Let us read in—

Isaiah 26:19

"Thy dead men shall live, awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust for thy dew is as the dew of herbs and the EARTH shall cast out the dead".

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Yes! It is so clear! The dead shall awake from the “dust”.

 This we read again in-

Daniel 12:2

“And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake;

YES ! IT IS SO CLEAR !!

 **THUS GOD WILL HAVE ALL MEN “TO BE SAVED” FROM DEATH!
-BY THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD FOR ALL !**

And then what is the next step in the will of God ? We read of it in -

1 Timothy 2:4

 *“.....And to come unto the knowledge of the truth”*

This is the **SECOND STEP** in the **SALVATION** process of God.
Mankind have ALL died in sin and will be “awakened” and “made alive”
in that same condition.

They must then be **DELIVERED** from sin !
How is that possible ? We read the answer in-

John 17:17

“Sanctify them through thy truth, thy WORD is truth:”

Yes! Thus the “sanctifying” or “cleansing” from the sinful condition
and character is done through the truth.

**The knowledge of God's word and the truth causes
CLEANSING from the ways of sin by OBEYING the word of TRUTH.**

Examples: Bad language, selfishness, cheating, lying etc.

But then with all the dead “awakening”
this “*knowledge of the truth*” **MUST COVER ALL** the world !

How will that be accomplished ?

And it will be so as we see and read in—

Habakkuk 2:14

*“For the earth shall **BE FILLED** with
the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea”*

Yes ! The whole world will be filled with the
knowledge of God's Word -**THE BIBLE !**



And again we see the same matter **CONFIRMED** in -

Isaiah 11:9

"for the earth shall be FULL of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea".

How will this be, you might ask? The means are **right before our very eyes today!**



DO YOU SEE IT ?

Today **INFORMATION** and **KNOWLEDGE** is carried and transmitted at such speed and **into every home** through the radio, television, internet, VCD's, DVD's, Cd's etc. etc.



Books have been replaced by audio and visual presentations.

This technology is only since the past 70-80 years, showing how close we are now to that **BLESSED TIME**.

Truly the understanding of how this verse will be **FULFILLED** in such a large and diverse world is becoming **CLEARER** day by day **BEFORE OUR VERY EYES!**

It is like waking up one morning and coming out of one's home and finding cameras, lights, generator vans, chairs, etc **OUTSIDE** but no people at all !!

WHAT WOULD ONE THINK ?

Ah! Yes! There is to be a **FILM SHOOTING** to take place over here shortly!

The sight of those equipment leads to that assumption and **CONCLUSION**.



It is a similar matter **TODAY** as we view all the **ASTOUNDING TECHNOLOGY** to take information **FAR** and **WIDE** in the shortest time possible!

Yes! The time is close, when -

"the earth shall be FULL of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

And about that glorious time it is written in -

Jeremiah 31:34

"And they shall teach no more every man his brother, saying, know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them".

YES ! THUS IT WILL BE THAT ALL WILL COME UNTO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH AND THUS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE SANCTIFIED (CLEANSED) FROM THEIR SINS.



But someone may ask-

"WHERE is the place for **BOTH** the living and the dead" ?

It is a good question !

Let us see God's command in the beginning, in Eden as we read in -



Genesis 1:28

"God blessed them and said to them, be fruitful and increase in number and FILL the earth..."

God's command was clearly **NOT to OVERFILL** it but to **"FILL the earth"**

☞ Just as a cinema theater ticket seller **KNOWS WHEN TO STOP** selling tickets and put up the **HOUSE FULL** board, does **NOT** the Almighty know when to **BRING AN END** to reproduction so as not to **OVERFILL** the earth?

Similarly when at the petrol filling station the attendant is instructed to "fill the tank" does he OVERFILL it ?

If this be the case with weak and imperfect man, how must it be with the **HOLY** and **ALMIGHTY** God ?

Besides when one studies the **POPULATION** position of the family of Adam we see—

The PRESENT POPULATION in the world is —6 BILLION (6,000,000,000)



☞ The **WORLD** population in 1840 was **⇒ 1 BILLION** Before that it never reached this figure but was of a reducing number.

An estimated **POPULATION** of the whole Adamic family can be said to be **⇒ 25-30 BILLIONS.**

If one were to mathematically **CALCULATE** at **DOUBLE** this population for the **AREA** of India it will be found that there is a lot of space **FOR ALL in India ITSELF!**

☞ The **AREA** of India is approximately 24,00,000 sq.km
☞ 1 sq km = 10,00,000 sq mts (1000x1000)
 1 sq mt = 9 ft square or 3'x3'

☞ Area of India in sq mts is = 24,00,000 x 10,00,000
 = 2,400,000,000,000 sq.mts or 2.4 trillion sq.mts

NOW HOW MUCH SPACE WOULD EACH GET ?

Let use see as we calculate and do the division...

$$\frac{2,400,000,000,000}{60,000,000,000}$$

**= 40 sq mts per person
 or 8 mts (24 ft) x 5 mts (15 ft) per person**



There is the whole big world to fit all these people and God surely has planned it all well with mountains and fields and lakes and forests etc. to fill the beautiful landscape of this earth !!

INDEED THE AWAKENING TO LIFE OF ALL THE DEAD OF MANKIND IS POSSIBLE AND GOD HAS PLANNED IT ALL VERY WELL!

Now, we come to a generally and greatly misunderstood verse in—

John 5:29

"....they that have done good unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of DAMNATION" (NIV = "be condemned")

Is the resurrection or awakening of the dead world who have done evil to be **ONLY TO BE DAMNED** or **CONDEMNED** ?

👉 Does the death of Jesus bring **NO HOPE** for the poor world ?

Is this true ? Let us see and read from -

John 3:17

"...for God sent NOT his son into the world to CONDEMN the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

THERE ! DID YOU SEE THAT ?

Yes ! The whole world is **ALREADY** under the **CONDEMNATION** of death and God had sent His son to **SAVE** the world from that condemnation and not to **CONDEMN** an **already** condemned world !!

THAT CONDEMNATION ON THE WORLD IS THE CONDEMNATION OF DEATH WITH ALL ITS SUFFERING AND SORROWS.

So, having seen this point we return again to **John 5:29** and realize the word translated "damnation" (**KJV**) and "condemned" (**NIV**) is from the Greek word— **KRISIS** which has a meaning of the English word-"crisis" which means -

"a time of judgement" or "emergency".

Example : A serious case in the **ICU** (Intensive care unit) of the hospital is said to have entered into a "crisis" -that is a position of either survival or death.



👉 So, too the world of mankind " who have done evil" rise to a "resurrection of crisis" or "judgement".



YES ! THAT IS TO BE THE WORLD'S JUDGEMENT DAY !

And what do we read of that "judgement day" ? Let us read from -

Acts 17:31

"Because he hath appointed a day in the which he will JUDGE the world in righteousness"

Yes ! There is to be a **DAY** of judgement and the appointed **JUDGE** is

- **THE LORD JESUS CHRIST**

- the one who willingly **SACRIFICED** his life for the **SALVATION** of all the world!

Is this "day" being referred to a **TIME** period of 24 hours duration?

Let us see and read from -

2 Peter 3:8

"But beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day"

Yes ! A day with the Lord Jesus is not of 24 hours duration but of one thousand years !

Thus the "day of judgement" = 1000 years

(WE WILL STUDY THIS SUBJECT IN DETAIL IN THE FUTURE CLASSES)

Someone may ask— "How will this JUDGEMENT DAY be ?

Let us see and read from —

Daniel 12:2

"And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and EVERLASTING contempt".

 **WHAT IS THIS ?**

Here firstly the word everlasting is **improperly** translated. The Hebrew word is


"olam" and means **"age lasting"**


as referring to a period of time and **NOT forever !**

This **"contempt"** refers to all the scandals and corruptions and **DECEITS** of all people which will then be made **KNOWN**.

This we read very clearly in -

Luke 12:2,3 / Ecclesiastes 12:14

 *"For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known. Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the house tops."*

 *"For God shall bring every work into judgement, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."*



WHAT A "DAY" IT WILL BE !

Imagine all the secrets of corruptions among **INDIVIDUALS** and
FAMILIES and **NATIONS** !!

👉 Now let us see another picture of the **RANSOM** of Jesus in -

Galatians 4:4

*"God sent forth His Son, born of a woman made
UNDER THE LAW."*

Yes ! Jesus was born a Jew and was "born under" the law !

Jesus was the only one who ever kept the law—

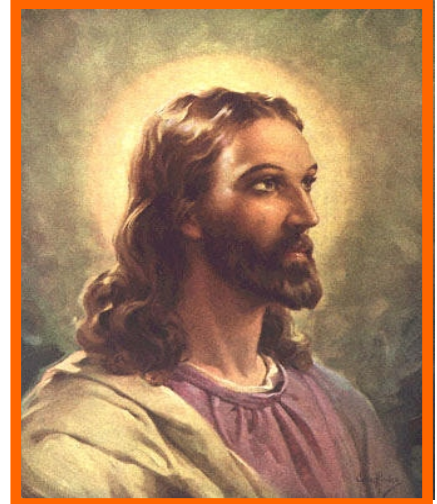
PERFECTLY and gained its prize.!!

This we read in—

Leviticus 18:5; Galatians 3:12

➔ *"Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments:
which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the LORD."*

➔ *"And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them."*



Yes ! He gained the **ETERNAL HUMAN LIFE RIGHTS** offered !

And then what did He do ? We read the answer in -

John 6:51

*"I am the living bread which came down from heaven:
if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh,
which I will give for the life of the world."*

Yes ! He sacrificed those **LIFE RIGHTS** for the "life of the world".

That is why we read that the **RANSOM** was as we see described in -

1 Timothy 2:5,6

" the MAN Christ Jesus who gave himself a ransom for all."

Yes! Jesus **NEVER** sacrificed His life rights as a **SPIRIT BEING**

but **as a human being** -**the MAN** Christ Jesus !

It is like owning two houses in London and New York ! Once one of the houses is given away or sold it cannot be taken back. So, too it is with Jesus !

👉 He had **HEAVENLY** life rights and **EARTHLY** life rights !

And He sacrificed His **EARTHLY** life rights - **never to take it up again !**

Now the Lord though is **NO LONGER** a human being but is a "spirit being"
or heavenly being as we read clearly in—



1 Peter 3:18

"...being put to death in the FLESH, but quickened by the SPIRIT..."

Yes ! Thus the Lord Jesus is **NOW** a spirit being having **SACRIFICED** His perfect human life and **LIFE RIGHTS** as the **RANSOM** for Adam. (2 Corinthians 5:16)

Thus the Lord confirms that the world will **NO MORE** see him, for He is to be no more flesh ! This we read again very clearly in-

John 14:19

"yet a little while and the world seeth me no more..."

There !! Isn't **VERY CLEAR** !?

 Finally we see another aspect relating to our Lord Jesus and His **RANSOM** in—

Isaiah 53:10

"...He shall see His SEED, He shall prolong His days..."

What does this mean ? It refers **TO THE CHILDREN OF JESUS !**

Yes ! Jesus **COULD** have married. It is not wrong or a sin as we read in **Hebrews 13:4**.

Of late a **FICTION NOVEL** has been written and been widely published which claims Jesus had married Mary Magdelene !

The book is called -

 **"THE DA VINCI CODE"**

IS IT TRUE ?

Well, Jesus could have married ! **IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN WRONG !**

 But, there is an important **MATTER TO CONSIDER !**

IF HE DID HE WOULD HAVE BEGUN A PERFECT RACE !

(The life and its nature comes from the father, **NOT** the mother. Ask, any **DOCTOR**)

But Jesus chose not to, but rather made the Adamic **RACE** His "seed" and is to be its **"Everlasting Father"** in the resurrection time. (**Isaiah 9:6**)

That is why we read in **Isaiah 53:10** → *"...He shall see His SEED..."*

TRULY WHAT A WONDERFUL SAVIOUR !

Soon the earth too will **BE FILLED** with His glory, as we read in-

Philippians 2:10,11

"...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."

Yes ! In due time **ALL** will praise the Lord for his great love and **SACRIFICE** and worship His Holy Name !

-----**AMEN**-----

