

I'm going to start off the same way as I have before. There was a lot that happened before creation, and there were no mysteries. God knew what he was doing. The Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Spirit all knew, and they agreed upon this magnificent undertaking, this bold adventure.

But as God began to create, and many things happened right up until the moment the Lord began to create with his let there be, all of their plans became secret and there were left two or three mysteries, and when we get into the epistles, we will discover what those things were that were hidden. Does anybody want to quote some of the verses that tell us what those mysteries are?

The mystery of Christ. There's the mystery of Christ. The mystery of Christ in you, the mystery of Christ in the church. The mystery of the fellowship of the Godhead. The mystery of the fellowship of the Godhead. Okay, fine. And then there's just the mystery hidden in Christ. We find out what it is, but it's just the mystery hidden in Christ. These are mysteries that are not known; on the other hand, their fingerprints are found in Genesis 1 and 2. Now, Kalia, why is Genesis 1 and why is Genesis 2 so unique and important to us?

Because there is no sin, there is no fall yet. There's no sin and no fall. Therefore, anything we read in this is a purpose that has nothing to do with the fall. So if God were to say to man, subdue the earth, have dominion, bear my image, that doesn't change. That is something he wanted without a fall. And quite frankly, Kalia, he will be doing this when all of the fall is over and this creation is ended, that stands for man to bear the image.

Praise the Lord. Will we ever bear his image? We know not what we shall be, but we shall be like him. You shall be my sons and my daughters, said the Lord Almighty, and we will be kings and priests unto God, and we will judge angels and nations and nations. I don't want that job. I'm going to give my vote to Michael the archangel. If they'll let the angels, the angels can't judge men, but I'm going to give my vote to Michael. I figure Michael can do a better job than I can of judging at least one of those angels.

Brothers and sisters, we ended yesterday on a thunderous, thunderous note, and I want to go back to that time. There's something just really interesting about all of this. When Jesus lived on the earth, he was God come in the flesh. He was the Son of God, but before creation, according to Colossians, he was also the image of God. And then he became the expressed image of God. And man was chiseled out of clay in the image of God, but the image of God is Christ.

So, Adam was actually made in the likeness of Christ. It was Christ who stood in the position of creator. And he created man in the image of Christ. Now, what's amazing is that the scripture, I think it's Philippians, maybe 3. I'm not really sure. Somebody read Philippians 3.8 and tell me what it says. I may have the wrong verse. Otherwise, I'll have to do like Barnabas and say somewhere it says. I don't doubt I'm wrong. I'm not any good at verses. More than that, I count all things to be loss compared to the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus, my Lord. Well, that didn't help, did it?

Suffer the loss of all things and count them to go rubbish. Well, that's a beautiful verse. It has nothing to do with some verse, some word that says that the Lord was made in the image of man.

Do you know where that is? Is that in Colossians? Well, try 3:8. I have no idea where it is. What about Colossians 3:10? Oh, it doesn't matter. We really don't care. I can't. Sure. And have put on the new self, who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the one who created him. It's close. Well, it's nice. I'll find it and I'll try to find it. And, well, no, we're not going to go any further than this.

Some of you out there in video land might think I'm embarrassed, but really, I'm not. Dividing the New Testament into chapters and verses was a pagan practice, and I never did get into it. What have you found now, brother? Another beautiful verse. Okay. 4:24. Put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness, the holiness of the truth.

Okay, we're made in the likeness of him. Some word says that he was made in the likeness of man. Now, I can't reconcile those two verses. I just thought I would mention them, those two thoughts. He is in our image and we are in His image.

Before we go any farther, I want to introduce to you a thought, or a concept, of which you perhaps are not familiar. And that is the emphasis on the word man. It is a fascinating emphasis. You know that we look at him as Son of God, and we know and acknowledge him as Son of God, and that is very, very important to us because there was so much question put upon Him when He was on earth as to who He was.

And finally, at the trial, they asked him, we adjure you in the name of the living God. Are you the Christ, the son of the living God? And he said, "You said it." In another place, He said "I am," and that was the word of God so sacred that you do not pronounce it, which was in itself a declaration of being God. So we are fascinated with the fact that he is the son of God. Jesus had been the son of God for eternity. He was used to being the son of God. What was new to him was being the Son of Man. And what was important to him was to be Man.

Now, we're going to stop and look at that for just a moment. And this again brings us back to yesterday's message. This is important: That man rule the earth is important to God. We always think of, you know, more these days, God's going to win, and Jesus, the Son of God, is going to rule the earth. Well, praise the Lord, and that's accurate, but from the viewpoint of God, from the viewpoint of the Lord, man is incredibly important.

Now, what did Jesus keep calling himself? Son of man. What? Son of man. Son of man. Now, do you ever wonder why He did that? Why didn't He say Son of God? But he was always saying, 'I'm the Son of Man.' I'm the Son of Man. I'm the Son of Man. I'm the Son of Man. I'm a man. Forget the fact that I, yeah, it's breaking, isn't it, brother? Yes. Forget that I'm God. That's the subtle fact as far as I'm concerned. From Jesus' view, I'm speaking, but I've come, I'm a man. What did he do? He put himself not in the place of almighty creating God. He put himself in the place of the plan of God. He put himself in the place of Adam and said, I have come here to do what a man is supposed to do, in that place in the plan of God.

And he came here, and I'll use this word to make a point. Don't try to make this into theology. He came here as Adam. Well, Gene, he didn't come here as Adam. I know he didn't come here as Adam, but stay with me a minute. He came here as that man spoken of in Genesis 1. He came to this earth as a man.

Now, let's go a little further. In the New Testament, there is a new creation. Is the new creation God? Is it the sons of God? No. You have been made a new what? A new species. Very good translation. A new man, one new man. Why didn't he say, now you're the sons of God? No, he didn't say that. He said, Now you are a new man. Replacing the old man, and we're back to Genesis 1. And it is a man. And it's a woman. I want to fill that in too, because it's a them. It's a them, not a him. It's a them. I could sit here all morning and just say, it's a them, it's a them, it's a them.

Now, Lucifer comes like a snake gliding over the desert sands and meets someone fasting and says to him, You and I spent a lot of time together, Son of God. Nothing to it. Son of God. He is willing to confess that he is the Son of God? Bow down before me. Who would have bowed down before Lucifer if Jesus had responded? It would have been a man, and we would have had the problem with the garden all over again.

When you read the story of what is called the temptation, you have a second garden situation. Three times the snake tempts Jesus, and each time Jesus says, Man. He does not say God. He says Man. Man. Man. Now, Daniel, you must understand that the battle rages between Lucifer and man, not Lucifer and God. Man was put upon this earth to rule this earth and subdue it. And Lucifer came to a man and took away his place, and Jesus Christ came in the likeness of human flesh, and He came here and made Himself, he centered Himself as a man, not as God, to present Himself as the one who, as Man, to rule the earth and bear the image of God. And each time he put himself before Lucifer as a man and said to Lucifer, Man, man, man, and Lucifer went away defeated. And the second garden tragedy did not take place. Adam was to be the fountainhead of humanity, and then Christ came to be the fountainhead of humanity. A new human, yes.

The Lord cannot do anything with the old race that came to rule the earth, so he does away with it on the cross and creates not a new divinity, but a new humanity. And I want you to know something. Jesus didn't stay on this earth very long. It's still a man who's to rule.

Now listen very carefully. We're over in 1 John. By the way, this is incredible, don't ever lose what you're hearing today. Let this be as important to you as yesterday. Because it is the same thing. When you want to test a demon, do you ask him, "Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God?"

Now think about it. I don't know anyone saying anything. Think about it. Wouldn't that be the reasonable thing to ask him? Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God? We humans walk around here all the time testing one another on this subject. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God? You know, this comes back to people who don't

believe in the Scripture, and we're trying to find out if they believe he's the Son of God, but that's not what you say to a demon. A demon's not interested in the fact that he's the Son of God; they know he's sort of God. What they're afraid of is a man coming back to this earth to do what a man is supposed to do, so you ask a demon, "Do you believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God come in the flesh, and they don't want us there, because if they say this, they are in big trouble.

For a man came to this earth whom Lucifer could not touch. And I mean that Lucifer could not touch him and did not touch him and never touched him and never think that Lucifer did touch him. It was death that touched him. Not Lucifer. He touched Lucifer. Well, he touched death too, but death is the one that brought an end to this one when he became sin, who knew no sin, but he grabbed death by the neck and pulled him into the grave with him. And in so doing destroyed death and made a public show of the failure of the principalities and powers in heavenly places.

God still wants a man, a new man in which there is neither Jew nor Gentile, bondman or slave, Scythian or Greek, or say it, male or female. One new, and the word really should be translated as one new humanity. In the second century of the Christian faith, there are several pieces of literature that have survived in which Christians call themselves the third race. They did not call themselves Jews, they did not call themselves Gentiles, they called themselves the third race. They were a new race. Biologically, they were a different species in that they had things inside of them that Adam, fallen Adam, never had.

Do you know about the eel and the electric eel? Do you have this in your... an eel, it looks like a snake. He swims in salt water. He's perfectly harmless, but there's an electric eel. You touch him, you get a shock. Incredible piece of machinery he is. Well, they look the same. They act the same, but this one's got things inside of him. This one doesn't. Well, this is the old man, and this is the new man. They look alike, but they are biologically different. This one's got electricity in him. This one has the Lord in him, but he is still a man.

Now you've got to understand something, brothers. God wanted a man, and it's in Genesis 1, not Genesis 4. God wants a man, and that's in Revelation 21 and 22, not Revelation 18. By the way, for the Polish brothers, Revelation 21 and 22 are also outside the fall. So we have four chapters to help us a great deal to see what the Lord's plan, his purpose, is, which has nothing to do with the detour called getting lost and getting saved.

It was a man who walked this earth. In fact, He had walked this earth before, but not incarnated. He visited Abraham. He visited Joshua. But this time He was born out of a woman's womb in blood and water, but He was water and spirit. And then He walked on the earth, and He kept saying, I did that as a man. I healed as a man. I raised the dead as a man. Well, this is terrifying the enemy. This is what Adam was supposed to be. Here is one subduing the creeping things. Here is one having dominion on the earth. Here is one who is God in physical image. He rose from the dead, and when He ascended in a cloud of glory, He did not suddenly become invisible.

Here's the incredible thing. He sat down at his Father's right hand. Amen, and he rules and reigns sovereignly. Let's go to heaven. Okay? Let's you and me right now go to heaven. Now, we're going to be just exactly what we are right now. And there's a door, but we can't see the door. The door opens. We step in. We're doing just fine. We look around. Do you see any angels? No. They're invisible. Do you see the Father? No, he's invisible. You see those cherubim and seraphim? Now, one might flash by and let you see them a second. They seem to be able to appear from time to time, but you look around and the heavens are invisible, and you are visible, and you're trying to just locate something, and you look over there, and what do you see?

I'll tell you what you see. You see a man on a throne. You see a man ruling from a throne, and that throne is sovereign over heaven and sovereign over earth. And you must never forget is a man who rules. Now, is he the son of God? Well, is the Son not in line for the throne? Then he is in line to rule heaven, is that not true? Because heaven is where God lives. We want to be a little careful about that, but let's just say that. It is the throne of God.

Okay, let's put Him on earth. Is he of royal lineage on earth? Who's one of his granddaddies? King David, He is of royal rule. Do you realize this is the only creature who ever existed who may have the right to claim to be Lord of heaven and Lord of earth? Even the Father can't do that. Lord of lords. King of all kings. Well, Gene, what's your point? There needs to be a man on earth, there needs to be a man on earth, he's not Jew and he's not Greek, and he's not free and he's not slave, and he's not barbarian or Greek, he's not either well educated or illiterate, and he's not a girl and he's not a boy; he is a them. He is a new race running around on this earth, and right now, that them, right now, that them. What's the "them's" name? Come on, tell me. Ecclesia.

I've got a job to do. I'm a church planter, and that's to plant someone, not an individual, certainly not me, but a people who are a new species, biologically different from the old man. You can't tell it until you touch one of them. You can't tell it, but inside, something else is there, divinity inside humanity become One, but it's not an individual, and God is not and never has been interested in individual anything, really. I don't want to go too extreme on that, so I will say an individual reign, rule, or image. He said in Genesis 1, which was outside the fall, before the fall, them. We are a people who have come into existence after the cross, and the cross crucified the old creation.

We are a new them. And we're not a new her or him or it; and excuse me for saying it one more time, we are not a parachurch organization. We are a living, breathing organism. And if you organize this new humanity, you don't have a corporate new humanity; all you've got is a bunch of people, and until that new human has legs, arms, feet, eyes, tongues, ears, heart, soul, breathing, and functioning, all you've got is an organization.

She's got to live by his life. You notice I switched genders, and I didn't even realize it. She's got to live by his life. She's got to be free to function. She's got to know how to live by his life. That's where the church planner is so important. And the church planner has to come, and he

has to go, but he has to come before he can go. And you leave on this earth a people living by divine life, and you walk into their meetings, and they are one. And there is a body, and there's an ear, and there's a tongue, and an eye, and a hand, and an arm, and a foot, and it's all working together.

Now, Tim, I ask you, and I'm not asking you to say one thing that you don't feel free to say. Do you belong to such a body of people?

Yes, I do. Can you feel the functioning? Can you see the arms, legs, and hands moving? Do you see any human beings running them?

Absolutely not. Definitely not. They are a corporate them. Is that not true? And it's amazing, isn't it? And they don't have unity, I want to tell you, they don't have unity. They have oneness. The unity is, you've got to watch unity. They have oneness. And they're not there because someone's convinced them. Do you know that I have never told those people what I'm telling you? They never heard this, and they became one without any motivation. I have never motivated the brothers and sisters in the town where you live.

I have only given them the Lord, and these things happen. I will motivate them someday when all of this is completely mature, and then it will be safe, I wouldn't want them to know this for anything because it might become their purpose, but they have grown, you know a purpose outside of Christ, but they have grown into a human being that is more than one person. They are a new creature, and there is nothing else like them in Atlanta, Georgia. And there are very few things like them on the earth.

Jonathan, you are to bring forth as a father a people who function. And before this conference is over, you will know exactly how. Honest, I promise. In the most practical details.

Now this girl, why would I dare call her a girl when the scripture says this new person is neither male nor female? It's because this girl stops here. She's from here down. And he's from here up. And that makes a person who is neither male nor female, but really both. And the two have become one. The body and the head.

Now, I will speak for myself and for no one else. When I'm among those dear, dumb, ignorant, stupid brothers and sisters in Atlanta, I see the Lord. I really see the Lord. Now, do they exercise dominion? Not if I can keep them from it. No. They're too young to do such a thing. Well, someday, will they possibly? They're going to do it every day, they're going to zap demons and raise the dead? I hope not, but on occasions, we will show the principalities and powers that Jesus Christ is in charge and that His church is on earth as a living, breathing entity, and then we'll shut up. And we will take our cue from the Lord. We will take our illustration from the Lord in the way he did these things.

Brother Jonathan, you're here to bring forth a them. Only the Lord can bring forth the church. I have been asked, "Gene what is your purpose as one who plants a church?" And I have answered, "My purpose is simply to make sure nothing gets in the way of natural growth."

You see, I come to keep the brothers and sisters from getting off on healing. I come to keep them from getting off on Bible study. I come to keep them from getting off on the rapture or the eyeballs in Ezekiel or the bear's tail in Daniel or the dragon's tooth in Revelation, to just make sure they stay on their Lord and their innocence. Remember when you first got saved and everything was Jesus? And then people started telling you about eyeballs and pails and all that stuff. Well, it's my job to make sure this never happens to you. It's my job that you keep that innocent purity and to keep away the wolves who want to come in to this innocent, headless little wonder and keep giving them the food of their spirit and that food is Christ. And to give them Christ and to give them Christ and to show them how to know Christ and then get out of the way and let them find out what they look like when they're together all on their own.

They need a lot of help. They need a lot of Jesus. My job is to keep them innocent so that they can grow up biologically natural under his headship. Tim, I'm going to risk again, you haven't been there very long, but you were with me a month. Was I with you a month or six weeks? One of the biggest questions about me and probably every other worker outside the organized church is how mean is he? How much control does Gene exercise with those people? Tim, give us some idea, if you, it's okay, whatever you say, I'll go with. Over the life of the church? Over the church. In my experience, you don't take control of the life of the church; you give us Christ. You mean you have never seen me order the brothers and sisters around, dictate to them, and tell them what they're supposed to do and not do? You've never seen me do that?

You give them practical help. Yeah, but you've never seen me be authoritarian? Oh my gosh. Have you ever seen me being authoritarian in this house? And I'm going to answer that. When it comes to bathrooms. Well, it comes to bathrooms, oh no, I was authoritarian yesterday, something very uncomfortable about it. I was, I hate to do that, oh I despised it, you don't know how difficult that is for me to do, but I will force myself, no movies in the middle of the night, saints, not while we're doing this. You go back home, you can watch them at 4 o'clock in the morning for all I care, you can sleep till noon, but not here.

Brother, I am capable of it. I walked into a group of brothers and sisters one night at a gathering, and I raised my hand like this, and I said, I take total control of this church. There are no other leaders, and I did, and by the mercy of God, there were a bunch of people in the room who couldn't stand that, and they all got up and left, and as soon as they walked out the door, I did this. I never did it, you may call it a bluff, I don't know if you know the word bluff, but call it a bluff if you want, but if they had hung around I would have been an absolute lord and dictator of that place for a few months because they were people determined to take over the church and control it. I am capable of it. And I fear for the Christian worker who is not capable of being strong.

This is very, very difficult. I'm off the subject, but this is very difficult, to be capable of being strong, but not being strong. Now for a man who is not strong, and he can't be strong, you will be eaten alive. You will be devoured by someone who is strong and gonna be strong. And I

also fear for a church for a man who can be strong and is strong. That's a horrible, horrible, horrible thing. And I said to you last night, when you get in trouble, don't argue. Don't defend. Just be silent. Go about your work. I'm going to tell the story. It's got nothing to do with anything. No, I'm not either. I'm not going to put this on video. I'll tell it after the video is over.

What's my point? God wants a man on earth. God wants a man on earth, and he got him. He got him in Christ, and he also got him and her and them. Them. When he got the church on the day of Pentecost, she is the one who shows Christ visible. We are here for a them. And someday there will come a new Jerusalem who bears that image and who is the ruling and reigning. And we will all be together as one, not just the church in the 21st century, but the church of all centuries gathered together as one. All the believers built together.

But that's in the future. Right now, our business is a girl, and a them, and a him, who shows forth Christ, and that is the church alone. And obviously, this has been lost. Totally, completely lost, and you get it back, most of all this comes back, when a church functions, when a body of believers function, and they eventually function under the headship of Christ.

We have a brother here from one of the cities in the United States. I would say somewhere between six months and a year ago, that group of brothers and sisters came under the headship of Christ. After three or four years of just really miserable suffering, they can move a little bit under the Lord's direction. They certainly move without any human leadership. Now they may have elders someday, but those elders are not going to be over God's people. The sisters will see to that. And the reason the sisters will see to that is I'm going to tell them to see to it. I fear elders. We're going to talk about elders tonight. I really fear elders as the present-day mind perceives an elder.

I fear them, and I have often said, as long as I live, there will be nobody called an elder in the church, not in my day. That doesn't mean they're not there; they're always there. Why ruin them by giving them a name? They are present when a church matures, and you can take a vote anytime of the day or night, everybody knows who they are, but just don't give them any elders meetings. You give them elders meetings, and you'll ruin a body of believers. Those elders will become a fallen Adam, a corporate them - a fallen Adam. That's dangerous. Elders are not the problem, elders' meetings are the problem, so we have sisters, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, we have sisters, thank God for sisters.

Listen, let the sisters show you what this new person is. They are instinctively that new humanity. Let the brothers learn.

For me and my life, I will live out my life on this earth to see that new corporate humanity come together and bear His image. Ultimately, as they grow together, He becomes visible again. Think about it. Christ, visible again on the earth. That's what his Father has absolutely determined, this is what the Father's in love with - His Son visible, and when she comes together and grows into maturity, He's visible again, and that is the pleasure of God. And the dominion, you don't have to worry about the dominion, don't get tied up on the dominion. Don't get power happy. There'll be times when there are needs, on rare occasions, to stand

against the enemy. That takes somewhat of a mature body of believers to handle.

Brothers, these are the clothes of Genesis 1. And never, never, never underestimate God's centeredness on man. God is determined that things become visible. He has made himself visible. And he has called him man, and he has left his Holy Spirit here on this earth to bring forth a body of new creatures to make him visible again. Brothers, make him visible in the presence of a new mankind.

And we'll stop here. And tomorrow we'll go into Genesis 2. And may you hold these things in your heart and hold them sacred and make it burn in you like fire did in the bones of Jeremiah. And for those of you sitting out there on your sofas, probably in the town of Debrecen, probably located on the street called Ballet, I'll just say Ballet, Ballet something. And it's in a house that's number three something, and so if you ever want to find it, you're getting close.

We have here today this morning a lot of new faces, including Jonathan's wife, Dina. And we think maybe that means Diane, we're not really sure. Our American brothers will be leaving us after today, but that's good because we need the bed space in this house really bad. We'll miss you, brothers, we really will, and we won't really tell you how much you've meant, especially that \$200, \$250 a month you put into the food bill, that really helped. I really appreciate that. So, after you leave, there are just going to be two Americans here. These people...who knows what they will do with only two Americans left.

All right. We have finally, after 12 meetings, we have come to the end of Genesis 1, and we're now in Genesis 2. Genesis 2, I'm going to make my little speech again. Genesis 1 and 2 did not happen during the fall. We live in an era of emphasis on evangelism, when evangelism to win people to Christ is everything. It is seen as the job to do. Evangelism is, in fact, in our day, the way we're going at it, is a distraction from the gospel. I'll repeat that so you will know that I did not make a mistake. Evangelism as it is practiced today is a distraction to the proclamation of the gospel and is of great hindrance and damage to the church. We have a philosophy that this is all God wants us to do, is to win souls. And therefore, we have created a New Testament without a church. And we have a religion, we have a faith that has no purpose to it other than saving men from hell. That's all.

We have lost God's eternal, an eternal intention, that which he created for. Therefore, it is good that we return to two chapters that have no fall and no sin, and learn what it is God was thinking when he created us.

So, we have started before creation and we saw things that are not secrets, all of God's purpose is open to us before creation, those things which happened before the foundation of the world, but when Genesis 1 starts, everything becomes a mystery, and the mystery is not revealed until you and I come along down there in Asia Minor and in Syria. And over, was it Joppa or Haifa? Joppa? When the Holy Spirit descended on the Gentiles. Come, come. Joppa. I think it's Joppa. Cornelius and Joppa.

Okay. Now we have looked through Genesis 1 to look again at God's purpose, And the last thing we saw was the introduction of man. And when man came into being, then we began to see clearly what he intended, at least for man.

Now, we come to Genesis 2. Genesis 1 starts off with one verse about heaven, and then it comes down and concentrates everything on earth. Chapter 2 will come down and concentrate everything on man. And then, before the chapter is over, it will come and concentrate on the man and the woman. It's a big chapter.

How shall I begin? Those first four verses are really strange, aren't they? Those four verses don't belong here. I would like to have a talk with Moses and say, Moses, the day you wrote this, you weren't thinking too clearly. Moses should have inserted this passage in the record of the sixth day just before man was created. That's where this belongs, but what he did is he left it out of the sixth day, right before Adam was created. And he puts it here in what we call Genesis 2 in order to reintroduce man.

He's introduced man this much in Genesis 1. Now he's going to reintroduce him and give lots of details about him in Genesis 2. So he reintroduces him by telling us about the mist and about the ground not being tilled, and that, earth needs a man.

Just recently, a scientist said, in looking at all the information about creation, he made the statement, it looks like someone was expecting us. Man so perfectly fits into creation, and it was so perfectly prepared for him, he said it really looks like someone was expecting us to get here. And scientists are coming more and more to this all the time. There are too many things happening that they're discovering that if it had just moved a little, it would have never happened. Not one thing, but dozens. And there would have been no place for man. And it's like, well, this was just right, but then this, that wasn't enough. This had to be just right. And then this, and then this. And then it was all there. And everything had happened just perfectly. And then suddenly man comes.

And that's what this passage is telling us, and then man came. All right, a mist, and then suddenly seasons. And I want you to just stop for a moment and look at a verse that says, "and there was no man to till the ground." I just want to talk about that from a spiritual viewpoint.

I proclaim a Christ of grace. I proclaim a Christian life that cannot be lived by man, that you and I are not able to live the Christian life, and I've often quoted Jesus when he said I can do nothing of myself. Now, if you are inclined to be lazy, you'll grab that and say, Well, God can do it all. I'm going to sit here until God moves my arms up and I go... In fact, if I were you and had that attitude, I would stop breathing and say, Only God can breathe. Don't breathe.

There's a beautiful statement. A man cannot seek me; God is speaking. A man cannot seek me unless he has already found me. That heart of yours should be seeking that Christ who lives the Christian life, that heart should be pursuing His doing it all, and you doing nothing. there is a pursuit of Christ, and beyond that pursuit of Christ, there is a cooperation of man and God. These are very strong words, but I'd just like to say God can't do anything without

us, we can't do anything without God, but what is it God cannot do without us? He cannot accomplish his purpose in creation unless he has man; he might as well fold creation up if there's no man. There's no purpose for creation except you. You are his purpose, or at least you are the instrument of His purpose.

Now, from the viewpoint of man, we can do nothing of our own strength. That which is spiritual is for the Lord to do. Now, what can we do? Well, God has given us, and we're going to find this out, God has given us a soul and a spirit, and Paul says somewhere, whoever it is you work for, work for him with all your... Do you know the next word? You're a slave, work for your master with all your... I don't know, no, absolutely not. Well, is it spirit? It's not spirit. No man owns your spirit or can buy it or even rent it. Don't ever rent out your spirit to anybody.

All your soul. Your soul. I've got a soul for earth. I've got a spirit for heaven. So, we do work on this earth, but we don't work to the point that it destroys the place of our spirit in our lives. Will you please remember that? We have to be balanced. Not too much spirit, not too much soul. We'll come to that some more.

I want you to know that God made a planet that wouldn't work without man in it. And God said, there's no one here to till the ground. There's no one here to work. There's no one to take care of this planet, and therefore, he made man.

And now we get a, in Genesis 1, we got this kind of account of man's creation. Now we're going to get a larger one. I think I want to repeat this. In the fulfillment of his purpose, you work with him. He needs you, but as you will see, it is those things that are spiritual that are done by the spirit; those things that are for the soul are done by the soul. Many years ago, I had a dear friend, his name was James Barber, he's dead now, he died of cancer, and when I first met him, he was just leaving the traditional church, and he was a Baptist, and he said, "Baptists don't need God. If Baptists had been following Moses, they would have come to the Red Sea, and every Baptist there would have grabbed a bucket, and we would have bailed the Red Sea dry, and we would have walked over by having emptied the water out of the sea."

And I have to agree with him that we really can work hard with our soul for God when God has nothing to do with it. Recently, a Chinese person returned to China from a visit to America, and the other Chinese in his church wanted to hear all about it. And they asked, What was your biggest impression? And he said, well, my biggest impression of Christians in America is, it is amazing how much American Christians can get done without God.

And again, I have to agree, our cooperation should always be with this purpose. So let's stop with that and find out all we can about man, and so we're in verse 7, and I want you to look at it.

And the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living being. And right after that, God made a house for him. I read it again. And the Lord God formed man out of the dust of the ground of the earth and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.

And man became a living soul. Have you read my account of the creation of man in a book entitled The Beginning? You didn't read that far, then I would ask you to do that, and would you also read the same account, different, in The Divine Romance. That will be your assignment for today. Here's my story.

I'll tell you a story. This is not in the Bible. God decides to create a man, and he's the last thing that God creates. So, He and all the angels come to earth. And all of the angels wonder what it is God's about to create, and so God takes dirt and begins to work with it, and one of the angels says, oh we don't know what this is, but it belongs to the earth. Like the cattle, it's out of dirt, so it belongs to this planet earth, dirt, earth. Man will be for this planet, so God shapes this man, and there he is a dirt, beautiful. And they look at that piece of dirt so beautifully made, sculpted like Michelangelo would do with stone, God does with earth, and one of the angels says, "That piece of earth reminds me of something. What is it? Oh, it kind of looks like God would if God were visible.

And then the angels are waiting for man to come alive, and they're waiting to see how he comes alive, and they figure that God is going to take the air on the earth and throw it into man and wake him up, and God turns to the angels and says wait here and God lifts off the earth and rises above the clouds and above the skies and above the heavens and the stars and goes through the door and returns to heavenly places, and then this is what God does.

He takes a deep breath of heaven's air. God is in the heavens now. And He goes and He breathes in the air of heaven. The wind of heaven, the holy wind, locks this of heaven into Himself, returns to earth, bows down before the man, and goes...He breathed into his nose, and the air, the wind of heaven, begins to go down into the dirt of still, unliving man, begins to make its way deep down into his inmost parts, and the angels can see the wind down there circling, and the body of the man begins to glow. And one of the angels says, Wait a minute, this is something.

He's made out of the dirt of earth, but he also has the wind of heaven. Now, I'm an angel and I am made out of spirit. I'm made out of heaven. I'm made out of the things of heaven. I was made out of spirit. And heaven is spirit. Here's a man made out of dirt. Like the cows. And the lamb. And the sheep. And the dog. And the cat. And the horse. And the tree. And the herb. And the fish. They're made out of earth, we're it made out of heaven's wind. We belong to two realms, heaven and earth. Two different worlds.

What's going on here? Here's a man who's made out of heaven and earth. And here's my point. And you must never forget it as long as you live. You don't belong just to this planet, and you don't belong just to heaven.

I need help here on a word in your language. In our country, we will breed a donkey and a horse, and we will get a mule, and we call it a hybrid. And we'll take two different kinds of wheat and put them together, and we call it a hybrid. What's that in your language? A what? Some sort of cross. The crossbreeding of. Okay, you have mules. You do have mules. What's the word in your language? Hybrid. A hybrid, hybrid, okay. Hybrid. Heber, same word.

Okay, good. ...? Leave it to the Hungarians to say something you can't recognize.

Hybrid. Okay. Man is a hybrid. That man is a hybrid. That man, as we will see, is part spirit, and part earth, part heaven and earth, and so are you, and you have a right to both worlds, you have a right to both worlds.

Now, when the spirit and the dirt came together, there was formed a unique soul, not like the soul of the cattle. This soul, wow, this is important, so I want you all to listen to it really closely.

This soul, oh man, you know that we are spirit, soul, and body. Spirit, soul, and body. There's a lot of emphasis put on spirit, soul, and body, and I will put a lot of emphasis on spirit, soul, and body, but I want you to know that your spirit and your soul are almost identical in appearance or function. They are very, very similar. In an unfallen state, I would say that man's soul was in the image of the spirit.

Your spirit and soul are like this. Watch my hands. They don't just touch like this, let me get out of the way here on the camera, they don't just touch, they don't just touch like this, they do this, they interlock like that.

Now, true, you still have a spirit, and you still have a soul, but at least they overlap. And the people who invented the computer gave us a new word, and that word was interface. They interface. They come together, and there's a place where they are common. Now then, it is so difficult to understand the difference between your soul and your spirit that you'll spend a lot of your entire Christian life trying to figure out what soul, what spirit.

Unfortunately, your soul is not like Adam's soul. It's fallen. And yet you have a beautiful spirit.

This soul that you have cheats. This soul of yours will lie to you. Your soul will get in there and say, I'm spiritual. God told me that I was going to become the man in Revelation who comes out of the East. A man told me recently that your country would be the most Christian country on earth in 10 years. I would like to predict that that's not true. And that man cannot distinguish, in my judgment, between his soul and his spirit.

In the United States of America, every city I've ever been in, someone has walked up to me and said, God has shown me there's going to be a worldwide revival and it's going to start in our city. I've heard that in Denver, I've heard that in Los Angeles, I've heard that in Santa Barbara, California. I've heard that in Houston. I've heard it in Dallas. I've heard it in Fort Worth. And I've heard it in Little Villages. And I've heard it in Albany. And I've heard it in Maine. Now, every one of them says there's going to be a worldwide revival and it's going to start in my town. Now, somebody is having a problem with their soul and their spirit.

I want to tell you something. Your spirit is like this, your soul is like this, there is a difference, but they are also very similar. Daniel, that's the worst news you will ever hear. Oh, it's very difficult, brother, for us to understand the difference between our soul and our spirit, but I can

tell you one way you can always tell the difference. You owe me a thousand dollars. You owe me a lot of money.

You will not find this in the Bible. You will not find it in books. I'm going to tell you, there's one time and place you can say what's of the soul and what's of the spirit.

The soul does not want to go to the cross, and the spirit does. The soul does not like to be crucified. The spirit does not mind. The soul does not like to suffer or be inconvenienced or in any way feel any kind of pain whatsoever; the spirit's perfectly happy to suffer. That's one thing.

I've said all of that to come back and say to you that Adam, when he was created, had a soul that was almost identical in personality to his spirit. And when that spirit from heaven, that breath from heaven, and that dirt of earth joined together, there was formed a soul. A soul that belongs on earth, serves on earth, and tills a garden, works in a garden, works the earth. That soul moves toward the body to help the body serve the earth, and it moves toward the spirit to work with God to carry out God's purpose.

But that soul of Adam is almost identical to his spirit in personality, in desire, and in disposition. Very similar. Now, Brother Tim, if a soul and a spirit interface, they interlock, they overlap, and they are virtually indistinguishable, how can they be distinguished?

Spirit of God. Only God can separate the two. And he does it with a sword. Now, what in the world is a sword? Well, according to the best Bible Greek scholars, that reference to that sword is to the spirit, not to a Bible, but to his spirit. And I have or had a Greek translation of the New Testament. It did not have a single footnote in it, except on this page, and it said, This refers to the spirit. It is the spirit that divides like a sword.

Now, why would you say sword? Because a knife, because sometimes the only way you can distinguish your soul and the spirit is through the pain that comes from Him. And through the cross. And through the work of the Spirit in your soul and on your soul.

Now, I have to tell you all, I'm way ahead of my story, because Adam's soul was not like the soul you have. Adam's spirit, not exactly like your spirit today either. So let me just stop and make a very important point. Adam fell one day, right?

Say yes. Did he change? Yes, a great deal, he changed. Now we've been saved. Did that bring us back and make us just like Adam before the fall? No. So Adam changed after the fall, and then we get saved after the fall. Has there ever been a man who has ever existed who was like Adam? The Adam who was previous to the fall? That's a good question. We're going to stop and think about it.

His wife. Woo! Yes. Abel would come up with an answer nobody's ever thought of in all of human history. You are correct.

Then I will have to say, has there ever been since Adam and Eve before the fall? No. No, there never has been. You said, What about Jesus? No. No. No, different. Fallen man,

different. Saved man, different. So, keep in mind from this point on, as I talk to you about Adam, that there's never been anything like him since then. And there are several differences, but I'll tell you the big one.

Alright, let's meet Adam. Adam is a pile of dirt. God breathes into him something of the heavens, and man becomes a living soul who has a spirit and a body. Now this is important. He is soul. He is spirit. And he is body. In that order. Or I should do it this way. He is soul, spirit. Daniel, give me your hand, and he is body. All right. Thank you. Do you see the three parts? Do it again. We'll do it like that. All right. Okay, good. There we are. Soul, spirit, and body. Jesus Christ came to earth. He was spirit, soul, and body. Fallen man is not a body. He is body, I'm trying to find that, there he is. Alright, there he is, folks. He is flesh. Body or flesh and soul with a dead spirit. That's fallen man.

What's a Christian? He is spirit, soul, and body. No, wait a minute, that's not true, he is spirit, soul, and a fallen body. Thank you very much, Daniel.

Did you understand that? Ok, let's do it again. Adam is soul, spirit, and body. That's not the proper order for Adam, it's not the proper order for Jesus, it's not the proper order for the new man who will come. The proper order is spirit, soul, and body. Spirit, soul, and body. Man is soul, spirit, and body.

He rises up. I tell you something, folks, he has a body similar to the body you're going to have someday. Only your body's going to be a little better than his, but he has a body that is translucent. Gosh, how do you say that in your language? Not transparent, but translucent. Do we have anything in this room that is translucent? Yes. That light shield right there, that globe is translucent. It's not transparent. That window is transparent. Your glasses are transparent. That is translucent. It'll let light out. Okay. Let's hear from the Polish brothers. You don't have anything translucent in Poland. No, you must. There must be, huh? We have lights, so... Okay, but that's light with a fog. He had a translucent body that could radiate light out. And he was clothed in light.

He had clothes. He was clothed in light. God is clothed in light. Adam was clothed in light. Where was the light coming from? The light was coming from his spirit, and Adam stood up, now remember, nothing like this ever existed before and has never existed since. Adam stood up, and he could see God. Now God was invisible, but he could see him anyway.

Adam looked around, and he saw the angels, and the angels were really mystified. Now what's going on here? How can someone who is visible see the invisible, and how can anything see that which cannot be seen? And he could see the unseen. Now that doesn't mean he could just see God or that he could just see the angels. Do you understand that there is an element of seeing the unseen? Have you ever seen the unseen? There comes a moment when you see something that's not visible.

This is revelation. That's why we are having these morning meetings. We are talking about the ability to see the unseen. When you see your Lord, oh that what he like, oh that my

Lord. There's a burst of revelation, and you see the unseen.

Well, Adam had a perception of spiritual things. He had insight. He could see into the ways of God. He could see the unseen. Now, brother, you have a corrupted, fallen body, but you have a living spirit, and you have the right to see things unseen. Maybe you can't see them all the time. Maybe they come in little spurts, but you have a right to see what man cannot see.

And brothers, we should declare, sisters, we should declare the unseen. And Paul said, Judge me by how much of the mystery I can declare. Judge me by how much I can declare of that which cannot be seen and that which is not known.

Adam stood up, and he could see God, he could see angels, and he could see the heavens. And nothing like that ever existed before, and actually will never exist again. Not exactly that way. And Adam had a soul for tilling the earth to do his work. He could command his body with his soul, and he could communicate with his spirit. And he could see unseen things. He could see God with his soul and spirit. He could work the garden with his soul and body. I'm telling you, this man belonged to two realms. He could see the spiritual, he could work the physical. This was one incredible human being.

What more can I say of this man? He was really good-looking. Young man. How old was he? I don't know. I've always thought he was 30. You think he was 20? I always think of Jesus. Probably looked like one of these fellows who does this. Yeah. Oh, I really think he was beautiful. I have no idea. He was not tall. He was not tall. Because tall comes from the fall. Oh, never, never question that.

I am taller than I should be. My grandfather was 5 feet 4. I am 5 feet 11. All of the people of the ancient world were short people; we call them short, but they didn't know they were short. I went to Japan in 1965, and every Japanese person on the train was exactly the same height. The men were all exactly this tall, and the women were all exactly this tall. There was no difference, and we walked through there like giants. Today, this is not true. The Japanese are all different heights. Do you know why? Because we introduced a breakfast food called Wheaties. Wheaties, made out of wheat. Wheaties. And we put artificial vitamins into it that cause us to artificially grow taller.

Now, fortunately, we cannot judge how fallen we are by how tall we are. Thank goodness. All right, did you see Abel point at Henry? Henry, point at Abel. The Americans are taller than me. Yeah, the Americans are extremely tall. And by the way, just for the record, Californians are the tallest people in America.

Look what he is. Now, brothers and sisters, he was beautiful. and he stood up and he walked with God. And they walked around and talked. Now, I don't think they spoke. I may be mistaken, but I have a notion they communicated with their spirits, God's spirit, and man's spirit.

Now, if Adam's soul was similar to his spirit, then you have to say his spirit was similar to God's

life. I'll do that again. Man's soul was similar to his spirit, and his spirit was similar to the spirit of God, but God's spirit is also life. So, man had an exalted life, very similar to God's life.

And now we come to the problem. What's wrong with this man? There's nothing wrong with him. He's the highest visible creation. He's number three on the scale of life. Biologically, he's number three. Number one is God. Number two are angels. And number three is man.

Is there sin in his body? No. Is the body perfect? I can't find anything wrong with it. I'll trade with him right now, for a while. Look at his soul. His soul, we have to say, is perfect. Not only sinless, but perfect. And he has a spirit, and his spirit is like the Spirit of God. Not of the Spirit of God, but very similar to the Spirit of God. What's wrong with this man?

It has been wisely said that man was as perfect as God could create. And therein lies the problem. I repeat it. Man was as perfect as God could create. As far as creation goes, he was perfect. God can go just so far in creating. And that's the end of it. God can't go any further. And man lacked, as Abel just told us, he lacked something uncreated. And God proposed that he have something uncreated.

I told you yesterday that nowhere does it say, Did God say to man, multiply after your kind. God did not want Adam to multiply after his kind that way. Man was an unfinished creature. He lacked something that was not in him.

Why did God not put God's life in man? And rather than answer that question, and rather than give you an answer, I would rather stop and cry at the question. I would like to just cry and cry and cry. I want to say to my Lord, Lord, go ahead and put your life in him. And theologians have wondered for centuries why God didn't just go ahead and put his life in him? And the theologians have come up with every theory in the world. I'm going to give a very non-theological answer.

Do you remember the day you got saved? I remember mine. It was very spectacular. Very powerful. Did any of you have a day that was very, you really can remember that time you got saved? We have one, two, three, four, five, six. Like that, I mean, like that. Some of us grew up in Christian homes and kind of grew into our salvation and then found the Lord. It's very simple.

My salvation was a head-on collision with the Lord. Let me tell you something. I was running as fast as I could toward God, toward God, screaming and hollering I want you. Now do you know why? Because I had seen both sides. I perfectly knew both sides.

And I wanted him, and I wanted him bad, and I knew when I got him, I got what I needed and got what I wanted, and there was appreciation and gratitude. I was running toward him.

Adam sinned and ran away from God. When God finally caught him, and really it's God that catches us, we don't catch Him. When God finally caught him, then Adam broke down and talked about his need of God. Lord, I'm naked.

I guess it has to do with the fact that we need to know both sides and then make up our

minds and make our choice. And then we will forever remember what both sides were like. Now that's the best guess I've got. I'm sure it's correct. And I'm sure that Thomas Aquinas and St. Augustine and Martin Luther and John Calvin would all agree with me, that they were wrong and I am right.

Come back to Adam. I want Adam to talk to us for a minute.

I can see that which cannot be seen. I can walk with God and talk with Him. I have a beautiful, perfect body. I have a flawless soul. There are two things that I do not have. I do not have an opposite. I do not have an "other" than me. And I do not have God as my life. Now listen to that sentence. I do not have God as my life. I have me as my life. All of my life sources are within my soul. All of God's life sources are located in His spirit.

Now, Adam was a very spiritual soul; he was a very spiritual man. He was to rule the earth and know the heavens. I am here to rule this planet, and I'm here to know heaven. That's not what God wanted. I'm going to get way out of here on a limb, and I may be wrong. I may be wrong is what I'm about to tell you, but it may be that God wished for Adam to rule heaven also.

There have been theories that if Adam had eaten of the tree of life, he would have been the son of God. I don't like that, that makes me very uncomfortable. I don't like that idea. Therefore, I have to say this is all a theory, and my real feeling is that God knew Adam was going to sin when he created him. And therefore, it's not a question to even be discussed.

Now, let me ask you a question. Who was the first person ever kin to God? Truly, biologically kin to God the Father? Hmm? God the Son. There's some principle here that the oldest child gets to take the throne. He stands in royalty, and he can have the throne of God. He has a right to it.

Well, he came to earth, and he was the son of David. David was the king. We talked about this yesterday, but I don't think the camera was on, was it? He's a king on earth, he's a king in heaven, which leaves him the only human being who's ever lived who could claim to be king of heaven and king of earth. Adam could not do this because he was not of heaven; he could see heaven, part of heaven was in him, but he was not the son of God.

How are you a Christian similar, and how are you a Christian unlike that Adam who is unfallen? Ok, let's look. Adam had a body. We'll start on the back side. He had a body. Do you have a body? Do you have a body as good as Adam's? No. Unfallen Adam. We're just on unfallen Adam now. Unfallen Adam had no flesh. He was body. Flesh is the body plus sin. Now, where does sin live in you? Where does sin dwell? Sin dwells in your body. And that makes flesh. Body and sin make flesh. Have you ever been really, really, really, really desperately sick? Have you ever been about to die? Have any of you really been desperately sick? I have. And I made a discovery. I stopped sinning. I mean, even in my mind, I was nearly perfect, folks. My body was so far gone. If I sinned during that time, I don't remember anything. I have no recollections of being anything but very, very pure during that time. I

couldn't move. I couldn't do anything. And my mind had no connection with my body in that my body could not appeal to my spirit, my soul.

Okay, so I have a corrupted body. Now, why, if I have a spirit today as a Christian, why can I not see the unseen? And the answer is because of my body. My body is a shield to my spirit, to keep me from seeing things. I think I told you all that one time we were discussing having an operation, and I told the doctor, who was a Christian, I said, it'll be really difficult to operate on me because when they cut open my body, they're going to be blinded by my spirit.

I have a spirit inside of me that's beautiful, powerful, but it has the shield of my flesh, and it's a veil. Do you understand that the scripture calls my flesh, body plus sin, a veil? Alright, that's the differences in our bodies, and I'm angry about that. I don't like the fact that my body prevents me.

My soul and Adam's soul, what's the difference? Unfallen Adam, what's the difference? The difference is he had a perfect soul, and I've got a big soul. My soul's bigger than Adam's. Adam couldn't think very well. I can out-think Adam. Adam couldn't reason very well. I can out-reason Adam. We say this is terrible. No! Adam relied on his spirit. Unfallen Adam. I don't rely on my spirit. I rely on Aristotle. I'm going to think about what I should do as a Christian.

There is one of our parachurch organizations that says that God has given us the spirit of a sound mind. Therefore, they teach you to have a sound mind. That's not true. God has given you the spirit of a sound mind. That's his mind. And it's spirit. But your mind is not trustable.

Adam had a soul that tended toward and moved toward his spirit, and brothers and sisters we've got to learn to make our soul tend toward our spirit, because it tends toward Aristotle, it tends toward logic and reason, but we have Adam, we're ahead of Adam in one way, a Christian and unfallen Adam, a Christian is better off in spirit than Adam because Adam only had a human spirit and you and I have a divine spirit.

We're going to stop there. We're going to come back tomorrow and put Adam in front of the tree of life, and we're going to learn more about this. You have a spirit like Adam's, except yours has been raised from the dead, and you have God's spirit, and the two are joined. Adam had a wonderful living spirit, but it could die, and the life of God was not in it. And this is one of the reasons that Adam did not eat of the tree of life. He had not already the life of God in him.

Jesus will come along. He won't be like unfallen Adam, and he won't be like you and me. He will be totally unique. He will be what God wishes to have in a man. We have a lot to discuss. Is this Friday? It'll be Tuesday morning before we, no, it'll be Monday morning before we get back to this; we have a lot to talk about and a lot to learn Monday.

Let's leave Adam in the garden with a functioning spirit like heaven and with a soul that is really ready to carry out earth, to rule on earth, and to work on earth. A soul that can move to the body and a soul that can move to the spirit. Let's leave him there. He has no home.

Monday, he will get a home. And Monday, or Tuesday, he will lose his home. And that's something else we've got that Adam doesn't have: we have a home. And that home needs to be made available in Poland, Hungary, the United States, and Romania.

Brothers and sisters, we thank you for staying with us in what today has been sort of almost like a Bible study today, hasn't it? And we'll come back Monday morning and be with you and discover all sorts of things about our friend Adam