

LIFE AS A POST RESURRECTION BEING – ELM 89

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Hundreds of evangelists churn out a message wanting people to 'give their heart to the Lord', and to 'accept Christ as their personal Saviour', and ask the public to send them money support their work of spreading the Gospel, but in almost all cases they are not telling you what will happen in your life if you do.

Oh, these religious teachers may suggest that your 'immortal soul' will go to Heaven when you die, or you will play a harp on cloud 9, or spend your time 'casting your crown' before God in worship. Or they may imply that you will be 'Saved' so long as you obey their edicts and follow their doctrines to the letter, including sending them money! But what really is on offer by most Christian religious ministers? What will be the end result if we follow their teaching? This is rather hard to say, as it differs with each of hundreds of denominations, and is so far from what the Bible teaches us that God has in store for us.

Human beings are promised a resurrection, when they will either be restored to mortal life, or raised to immortality dependent upon a number of factors. What will it be like to have a new immortal body?

We may not know exactly the composition of our new body. Mortal bodies are made out of physical matter. Spiritual Heavenly bodies are made out of Spirit Matter. This is not a wispy fog type of body at all, but will have a form and a shape, will be tangible, have hands and feet and a face. It will normally be invisible to humans unless the Spiritual person chooses to take the form of a terrestrial body.

We know that the laws of invisible gravity, centrifugal force, electricity, and magnetic waves exist measuring them and by the effect on things we can see. We cannot see the wind, but we can see the effect on leaves and the waves of the sea.

God is invisible to us, but He has a tangible body which takes up a place in space, and has a face, arms, torso, legs and feet just as we do which is made up of Spiritual Matter that other Spirit beings can see perfectly well.

Philippians 3:20 For our conversation (citizenship) is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: 21 Who shall change our vile (physical) body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious (Heavenly Spiritual) body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

After Christ was resurrected, He could appear to His disciples who could see Him and handle Him, and He could pass through walls with ease. Spirit is not intangible or ethereal, but it is invisible to us, yet is tangible and very real, being made out of Heavenly Spirit Substance.

Notice that the dead are not in Heaven, they are in the earth. When the resurrection to life occurs to those 'in Christ', note that the dead in the graves will be raised **up**, and those who are alive will go **up** to meet their Lord in the air not be brought down from heaven!

1 Corinthians 6:14 And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. 1 Corinthians 15:35 But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?

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Those who are changed at the time of the resurrection 'die' as their mortal body changes into Spirit. Those who are dead simply put on a new body. Like seed which has to die in order to make a new plant, so it is with us.

1 Corinthians 15:37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: 38 But God giveth it a (plant) body as it hath pleased him, and to every (different) seed his own body (or plant).

You do not sow the plant, but just the seed of a plant, then the new plant can grow. We also know that when we eat different animals, not all animal, bird or fish flesh is the same.

1 Corinthians 15:39 All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. 40 There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.

The sun the moon the earth, the celestial bodies and the terrestrial bodies differ in composition and in their glory.

1 Corinthians 15:42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: 43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. 45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

We shall be like Him as He is, and he is a quickening Spirit, one who gives life, and so will we in our future existence. At present we only pass life on by sowing seed, or having children, but when we are changed we will actually be able to impart life to things we create.

1 Corinthians 15:46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. 47 The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven. 48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. 49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. 50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Human beings cannot inherit the 'full version' of the Kingdom of God, but we can be a part of the Kingdom of God in part, in type, and indeed those who are 'in Christ' are already a part of it. At the resurrection we shall also bear the image of the heavenly and be immortal.

The doctrine of the 'Immortality of the Soul' is a complete nonsense. If we were already immortal, what would be the point of putting on immortality? The whole notion started with the serpent telling Eve that 'you will not surely die!' The concept was popularised in Greece in the 3rd Century B.C., inducted into the Christian Churches in the 3rd Century A.D., and that doctrinal lie has been popular with many people ever since.

If mankind was immortal, then Christ did not die, or spend three days and nights in the grave, he would have gone straight to Heaven, so nor would there be any need for Him to be resurrected, and therefore your sins are not forgiven.

Examine the Word of God, and be assured for yourself that the doctrine of Immortality of the Soul is a lie which denies the plain words in the scriptures, and the whole plan of God and of Jesus Christ our Lord, Master, and Creator.

Colossians 1:12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet (fitting) to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: 15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

We have been delivered, saved, by Christ dying for us, and that was done for us mortals by the Very God who Created us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amazing grace!

Colossians 1:16 For by him (Christ) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church (His ecclesia): who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. 19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; 20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. 21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled 22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you (to God the Father) holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

What had been held as a mystery since the world began? That **every** human being, man, woman, child, Jew, Gentile, would all have a part in the Plan of God for age-lasting quality spiritual life. Christ revealed this final part of the good news, the Gospel of God to Paul personally in 63 A.D. years after He was crucified and resurrected from the dead. These verses from the book of Colossians, inspired to be written down by Paul, are words directly from Christ to us in this era to inspire us concerning the reality of our future with Him.

Colossians 1:25 Whereof I (Paul) am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; 26 Even the mystery (concerning our future in Christ) which hath been hid

from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:
27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this
mystery among the Gentiles (All the nations, not just Israel); which is Christ
in you, the hope of glory: 28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and
teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect
in Christ Jesus.

Our hope of 'Glory' is the gift of being transformed from mere mortality to
age-lasting life for ever. We are already transformed into the Kingdom of
His dear Son, but as yet only in type and in a legal sense, but it is ours to
inherit according to the Will of God at our resurrection.

2 Corinthians 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is
written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and
therefore speak; 14 Knowing that He (The Father, God almighty) which
raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present
us with you.

We have a house not made with hands to look forward to, age-lasting in the
heavens.

2 Corinthians 5: 5 For we know that if our earthly house (human body) of
this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house (a
heavenly body) not made with hands, eternal (age-lasting) in the heavens.
2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house
(new body) which is from heaven: 3 If so be that being clothed we shall not
be found naked. 4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being
burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that
mortality might be swallowed up of life. 5 Now he that hath wrought us for
the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the
Spirit.

1 John 3:2 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us,
that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us
not, because it knew him not. 2 Beloved, now are (present tense) we the
sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that,
when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

We do not know how this is going to happen, it is beyond our
comprehension as mortal humans, but we will be taught all about it when
the time comes. There is so much for us to look forward to, not the least is
the lifestyle of the God Family which puts all human ideas of the 'good life'

into the shade to say the least. We will be able to enjoy both the physical and the spiritual, the celestial as well as the terrestrial.

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

Jesus Christ the Firstborn Son of the Most High God is talking to each of us individually now, this moment, in our era, through the words He inspired Paul to write down for our inspiration and joy. Do we realize this, and appreciate what we are we really listening to, and are we believing what we are reading and hearing?

Hebrews 1:3 Who (Christ) being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his (the Father's) person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he (Christ) had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

The express image – Christ looked exactly like the Father. The disciples saw and touched the resurrected Christ, this is not allegory, it is a plain description.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written: The just shall live by faith. 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold (back) the truth in unrighteousness;

Ministers who claim to be of God are to this day holding back the truth by misquoting God's Word, and by their lack of understanding of the Plan of God and His Gospel.

Romans 1:19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Everything in this world reflects aspects of God, including all life being male and female, and down to inanimate things which are made up of atoms which embody positive and negative polarity. Yet most believe in idolatrous

evolution which denies God and the magnificent marvel of His creation. The ecological balance is in itself a miracle to wonder at. How is it that all the millions of species are so ordered that none overruns the entire earth, but are balanced in the manner of the way they feed on each other? As man causes species to become extinct, or causes changes in the atmosphere, this interferes drastically with that delicate balance.

Romans 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

Idolatry is wherever we look, and most people cannot even see that fact at all, they are so used to it all being there.

When we meet God in the scriptures, we always see Him represented as male or in the masculine gender. This is because of His rulership, His authority. Yet in the Kingdom of God there will be male and female. When humans are resurrected they will be male and female as they were in life.

Joseph, who was in disgrace in a dungeon having been wrongly accused of misconduct with the Pharaoh's wife, was given Wisdom by God, and became one of the wisest rulers ever. In just one day, the day which became the Feast of Trumpets, Joseph was raised from the dungeon and found himself second in command in the whole of Egypt. Joseph was a type of Christ who in one day rose from the grave and in one day was appointed second in command in the whole universe on the day of Trumpets also.

The first nine chapters of Proverbs were written by Joseph and were included by Solomon in his book of Proverbs. These chapters are all about Wisdom, Knowledge, and Understanding which are always presented as female or feminine. Wisdom is Sophia, a skittish, witty, playful, wise female. She existed before the beginning of Creation, before the world was formed, she was there when was created.

Proverbs 3: 13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. 14 For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. 15 She (wisdom) is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. 16 Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left

hand riches and honour. 17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. 18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her. 19 The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.

God by Wisdom founded the earth, she was there with Him. She is the little known feminine influence in the Life of the God Family.

Proverbs 8:1 Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?
2 She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths. 3 She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors. 4 Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man. 5 O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart. 6 Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things. 7 For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips. 8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them. 9 They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge. 10 Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. 11 For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it. 12 I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.

Wisdom was with God before the foundation of the world.

Proverbs 8:22 The Lord possessed me (Wisdom) in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. 23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. 24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. 25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: 26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. 27 When He (God) prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: 28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: 29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: 30 Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;

Verse 29 implies that Wisdom was with God as one is with someone brought up together. Verse 30 gives a fascinating insight about the relationship between God and Wisdom. Wisdom personified is here as

being daily God's delight, and rejoicing always before Him. In the Hebrew, it gives a very different feel than the language of the KJV!

Wisdom was "daily God's (YHWH) delight" perhaps "consort", and "rejoicing always" before Him. In Hebrew these expressions appear to imply play, frolicking, teasing, flirtatious behaviour, all in a kind of serious way that is not just allegorical, but more than that.

Every human on the face of the earth can benefit from embracing Wisdom, and appreciating her qualities and the wealth and the contentment she (Wisdom) can bring to a person. And in the Kingdom, we will be able to appreciate her qualities, as God clearly does.

Proverbs 8:14 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength. 15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice. 16 By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth. 17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. 18 Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness. 19 My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver. 20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: 21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.

1 Peter 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

This verse in Peter's epistle is forceful in the Greek. Husbands and wives will be heirs together, but more than that, joint heirs in the Kingdom, male and female, but not married as there is no marriage as we know it in the Kingdom, but people will be together nevertheless. Our post resurrection life will have similar characteristics to our human life, but on a completely different plane, the God plane.

When Jesus resurrected Lazarus from the dead, he came back to life as a mortal man.

John 11:43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. 44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

When Dorcas was raised from the dead, she came back as a mortal woman.

Acts 9:39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. 40 But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

These people who were raised back to mortal life are a type or picture of what will happen when we are raised to immortality.

Christ was resurrected at 30-32 years old. He is the standard we look to, so we will probably be resurrected with a body of a similar age, one that is in its prime. Bearing in mind that the new body we will inherit will be free of defects we might have had in this life.

Colossians 1:12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: 15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

We will be delivered from the power of darkness, and translated into the Kingdom. We are already 'dead' to this world, when Christ died we 'died', and we are now citizens of Heaven with Christ, sitting with Him on the right hand of the Father in type legally speaking, yet awaiting our actual translation at the resurrection.

Colossians 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.
2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.
3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

When Christ was circumcised, we were 'circumcised'; when Christ died, we 'died'; when Christ rose from the dead, we 'rose from the dead', that is how we can be reckoned legally speaking as already being 'in Christ' sitting at the right hand of the Father, and enjoying a foretaste of this future life in our minds and hearts.

Ephesians 3:1 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, 2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: 3 How that by revelation (in 63 A.D.) he (Christ) made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, 4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) 5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

Paul was taught personally by the living Jesus Christ the secret of the mystery which God had kept to Himself of His Plan that salvation and age-lasting life, although first to the 'Jew', would also be given to the Gentiles or the Nations, and in fact every human who had ever lived or who would ever live would become members of the God Family.

Ephesians 3:6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: 7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. 8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; 9 And to make **all** men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

This is the prime example of 'progressive revelation' that God has released and revealed more of His Plan as centuries of human existence have passed.

The Pharisees and Sadducees, the rulers of the 'Jews', observed that miracles were occurring, sickness was being banished, demons cast out, yet they said Christ was doing all this with the power of Beelzebub, but Christ said, no, this is evidence that a type of the Kingdom of God is among you.

Luke 11: 20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

What the 'Jews' wanted more than anything was their version of the aeonic Kingdom, the Messiah to come as a King on a white horse who would free them from the Roman occupation, not as some humble carpenter on a donkey!

Christians who have the earnest of the Holy Spirit in them, and who are walking with Christ, are 'resurrected with Him' and are already legally, in type 'in the Kingdom'.

John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting (aeonian) life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

There are some problems with the translation of certain words in the KJV. When in 1611 King James commissioned the translation of the manuscripts by the seven sections of scholars, each given part of the whole Bible, he gave them specific instructions that they should not translate anything that might appear to be against Church of England doctrines. The King did not want to offend anyone, or stir up dissention among the hierarchy of the Church.

Two words among many others which they consistently mistranslated then were 'olam' and 'aeonian'. These were translated 'eternal' or 'everlasting' often to refer to a future life. These English words give an incorrect meaning because they simply imply a period of time, but there is no point in an 'eternal' life that has no quality, or is full of pain and suffering.

What God is offering and will be giving to human beings is an exquisite quality of an age-lasting existence, with Christ ruling us in a life of constant joy and happiness and freedom from pain and suffering.

John 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting (age-lasting) life.

John 6:54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal (age-lasting) life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

These verses are actually saying that we 'have' (present continuous tense), already in type, but not actually until the resurrection, a supreme quality of life forever ahead of us under the rule of our Elder Brother, Christ.

1 John 5:11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

This is the brother of Christ, the one who canonized the New Testament under inspiration, through whom Christ is talking to us today.

In the book of Hebrews, which when correctly placed, is in the centre of Paul's fourteen epistles, after Peter, and before 2 Thessalonians, that once we have been enlightened by the Holy Spirit, if we drift away, we will miss out on being in the Kingdom of God, and ruling with Christ in the Millennium.

Hebrews 6:4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost (Spirit), 5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, 6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance (in this lifetime); seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

Hebrews 10: 14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

To be born again is to be resurrected from the dead, but in type we are already 'born again' once we have the Holy Spirit, not just 'begotten' but 'born'.

Nicodemus, a master of Israel, came to Christ at night as he did not want to be seen!

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

You cannot see the wind, but you know it is there because of the effect on things you can see, like leaves. As humans we cannot see the Spirit. We are not yet composed of Spirit, but we will be, but we are already 'born' of the Spirit if we have the earnest of the Holy Spirit because we have become a new creature.

1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

John 3:9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? 10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

It is hard to believe that many of those who call themselves Christians really believe or understand the true nature of their calling and their inheritance, for if they did it would definitely change the respect they have for God and alter the way they live.

1 Peter 1:24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: 25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you...

1Peter 2:1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, 2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: 3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

Peter says “born”, desire the milk of the Word. Begotten embryos in the womb do not desire milk! Babies only have a use for milk after they are born.

Our actual birth will be at the resurrection, but nevertheless we are ‘born’ now if we have tasted that the Lord is gracious with His gift of the Holy Spirit. We will have the knowledge, our mentality and the character we have now, but hugely changed to that similar to Christ.

We will then have to learn how to be a Spirit Being. We will have to grow, not in a series of seminars, but by actual experience of being a Deity. This will be a process of development, and learning what our new life and powers are all about will not be instantaneous.

Isaiah 66: 5 Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the Lord be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed. 6 A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the Lord that rendereth recompence to his enemies. 7 Before she (Zion) travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child.8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things?

Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.

This is nothing like anyone has ever seen before, a multitude will all be 'born' in a day to life age-lasting. It will be totally amazing.

Isaiah 66:9 Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the Lord: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy God.
10 Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her:

Now observe the development of those that have been 'born'. They will grow and develop as Spirit Beings like human children develop, but no doubt in a very different way.

Isaiah 66:11 That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory. 12 For thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees. 13 As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

We who are raised and born in a day without labour pains, will enjoy the milk of the Word, the sensation of being satisfied at the 'breast', 'carried on the hip' as mothers carry their children, and 'dandled on the knee', in the process of being nurtured experiencing our development, and being taught how to be a post resurrection Being. We shall grow in maturity of Spirit. God's power is Infinite, but God has revealed in His Word that He has grown over time in His Creative Power, Strength and Wisdom, and is continuing to do so.

As we grow, we will have a part in cleaning up the earth which will be in a terrible desolate condition after the wars, and the destruction of man's fighting Christ at His coming. There are indications that this might take 70 years before the Millennium can start in earnest. This interestingly would leave 930 years of the Millennium to run, the same as the length of Adam's life.

There will only be a few humans left, as depicted by futuristic post Armageddon films. And where do the producers of such films get their ideas? Christ warned that were it not for His intervention, all flesh would be destroyed.

Matthew 24: 21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Isaiah gives a dramatic description of the state of the earth at the return of Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 24:24 Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof. 2 And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him. 3 The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the Lord hath spoken this word. 4 The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish. 5 The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. 6 Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.

There will be an enormous amount of work to be done to repair, restore, and prepare the earth for the peace and productivity of the Millennium, and those who are newly Members of the God Family will have a part in that process.