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## WHO ARE WE? and WHY ARE WE EVEN HERE?

Surely, we all have wondered about this, especially as we read things as in the book of Ecclesiastes, that "**All is vanity,**" and in **Psalms 8:4**, "**What is man, that thou art mindful of him?**"

Are we here to just take up space and breathe air, or to live for three score and seven years, or more, *that is but a vapor which appears for a little time and then vanishes away?* Or is it perhaps to have a chance to accept Jesus as our Lord and get to go to heaven? Or maybe, if we fail to do so, cast into hell and burn forever, as some believe. There must be more to being here than any of this, and there surely is.

In the natural affairs of life, whether it is in the political arena, the world's social stage, or it is in the halls of religion, we become and serve that to which we give ourselves. Some of these who are served may not know they have those who follow after them, and would never rule over them if they knew, while others know very well, and they use their powers to their own gain and with no regard to whether or not it causes harm, suffering, or destroys lives.

Sadly, many who fall under the rule of their master's hand believe that they have no tethers, not realizing they are about as free as an organ grinder's monkey. The little critter may be cared for; but he is on the end of a chain, and the mystery is, the monkey pities those of his kind who

are in some of the jungles/nations of the world with no one to look after them, and they have to work to make a living for themselves. What a marvel!

We have family members, friends, and acquaintances who are of all walks of life. Some are Conservative in their views, some are Liberal, and others are neither. They hold to no political views at all. For a few of them, their lives revolve around things such as sports, beer, money, business, and, of course, the opposite gender.

On the religious scale, we have Protestants, Catholics, Jews, etc., while others may belong to no religious belief system at all. However, there are some who are so joined in mind, spirit, and body to political, religious, even non-religious ideals that they take on the very character of those systems. They can be identified as being ***Conservative, Liberal, Protestant, Catholic, generic Christian***, or one of those who are simply ***of the World***. Most people are so ingrained with who they are that outside of a miracle, they will remain so until they die.

Changing anyone is usually no more successful than changing an ape into a man, or a man into a woman, which is not even a debatable subject. For cutting off and rearranging parts of a male human being will not make him a woman. Rearranging the anatomy of a bull and injecting him with female hormones, may dampen his desire for a young heifer in her time, yet he is still a bull; but all he wants to do afterwards is to eat and sleep. Likewise with the human being. Enough said about that...

There are things that we say confirms who we are; but there are other things that regardless of what we declare will not alter a thing. We are by nature that from which we are born. However, our conditioned minds can form ideologies and cause us to express ourselves in various manners which can be part of our identity. For instance, listen for only a moment to those who are politically or religiously inclined; such as,

being *Liberal, Conservative, Jehovah's Witnesses, Baptists, Mormon, Jew, Messianic Jew* etc, and you will know very quickly by what spirit they were conceived and groomed. And all the while, they truly believe they are free thinkers and without nefarious influences upon them. Let them think on with such delusions of the leaven of the Pharisees and of Herod; but they will not inherit the Kingdom of God. They will surely reside in the Kingdom in the age, or ages to come; but they will not inherit it.

### **Are We As Free As We Might Think We Are?**

We cannot keep from having noticed that when people habitually listen to and adhere explicitly to a certain *political party*, they often become very much a part of them in mind and spirit. The same goes in the field of religion. If they follow after one or two, or several, religious *ministers* of the same doctrine and values, they may not be as free as presumed whether politically or religiously and may have been made in their leaders image. Jesus gave us a good example when He accused those whose father was the devil. He said, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves." **Matthew 23:15.**

Those who are brought into their fold are so consumed by them that they look like their captors, they talk like them, they act like them, and they are most usually very subservient to them. They will do almost anything that is even suggested. If they are told to scream at people and officials of an opposing party in restaurants, saying, "**GET OUT! GET OUT! YOU ARE NOT WELCOME HERE!**" many will do it, and have done it. Or if they told to move to the jungles of Guyana, South America and drink cyanide-laced Kool-Aid, they just might do it as well.

And I say this, because quite a number has already done so. Perhaps

you remember in the 1970s around a thousand followers of *Jim Jones* moved with him to a jungle in Guyana, South America. In November 1978, U.S. Rep. Leo Ryan of California flew there to investigate claims that some of the members (U.S. citizens) were being held against their will. He arrived with a few journalists and interviewed a lot of the members. When they were preparing to return to the U.S., they were ambushed and killed before they could board the plane on the jungle runway near Jonestown, along with one defector.

*At the same time, the ones in the commune were being told to take and drink their master's unholy communion.* With some it was under duress, but others voluntarily drank the deadly concoction. If the ones who would not drink it, or refused to make their children to do so, they were murdered (909 of them). Thirty-Three escaped into the jungle. Jones was also shot in the head to spare him the agony of cyanide poisoning, either that, or to get rid of the chief witness of the CIA mind control experiment, as it has been reported by more than a few.

Five or so years later, one of the subscribers to *The Pathfinder* called us from California asking if we could give him a minister friend's phone number on the east coast. He knew we were friends of this minister friend of ours who was a mutual friend of one of those who had escaped the Jonestown massacre and had been running for her life since. She was with this brother in California and told him that leaders of Jonestown had tracked down several escapees and murdered them, and she knew she was also being hunted and was desperately seeking a sanctuary. I called our mutual friend on the east coast and he did know her, and that she had gone to Guyana with Jim Jones. He gave me permission to give her his phone number. She called and he and his wife welcomed her into their home where she lived with them for around a year, if my memory serves me correctly. The point is, even after five years, those controllers were still getting rid of witnesses.

So, without wavering, some may believe every word their favorite minister speaks or writes, which could include Elwin Roach. Ha! I hope not, but if so, they are not free! What if I wrote, saying that:

*Jesus has been appearing to me and giving me new revelations every day. One is that the five acres we live on is holy ground, so holy that whoever lives on it will also be personally visited by Jesus, and He will share with them all the mysteries of God, His Kingdom, and His entire creation. However, since five acres have space enough for only a limited number of small homes, you must act fast if you wish to move to these holy grounds. It is a first come first serve basis. Also, the Lord said that you are to sell your homes and everything you own and give it to me so I can build your little house on this piece of paradise and, of course, so you can be taken care of as well.*

*(I pray that no one quotes this paragraph without the one above it.)*

Would you drink such swill? Some, perhaps would. But if you are free, you would not. If anyone looks to Elwin as more than a brother in Christ whose calling is to write and share his thoughts in newsletters, they can be in danger, and might not be as free as imagined.

There are multimillionaire TV evangelists and those having congregations in the thousands who are accomplished artists at making people feel good. They are motivators and masters at getting people to follow them. By doing so, those followers give millions to their coffers that are never full. Sadly, they are deceived servants to those hucksters and are not free at all. Jesus said: *Leave them, the blind lead the blind and both will fall into the ditch.*

Please do not mistake what is being said. It is honorable to be one with those who minister the word God to those of the same Spirit and

true vision. It is good to be able to share with and receive from them, to encourage and strengthen one another; but being servants/slaves to them or anyone else is another matter. And that also applies, of course, to those of the world's social and political fields. There are so many things with which we can be involved and interact with, and not be slaves to them but is not always the case.

Like the eagle, we all want to be free, and just about everyone will say that they are. They might go on to say that they are *free moral agents* with *free wills*; yet, their heartbeat says that they want someone greater than they are to rule over them. They have been led to believe that they need protection from deception, and especially protection from the devil. It is ingrained in them that they must be covered by someone who is much more intelligent and spiritual than themselves, someone who hears the voice of God that is imperceptible to them. It is also believed that there is safety in numbers, and if they leave their church, they will be easy prey for the devil, for heretical deception, or worldly temptations. Margit and I know this by experience. We were warned of this after we heard the call to "*come out of her,*" and I told the pastor we would be leaving and not joining another church.

As I sat in his office with his ordination certificate hanging on the wall behind him, he told me that I needed the checks and balances from someone who had been trained in the "word," and without having a shepherd over us and a congregation surrounding us, we would mistake false teachings of the devil as being true. Without him and the church, we would surely embrace the devil's lying spirit rather than the spirit of truth. With strong emphasis he said that God would not approve of our leaving by *forsaking the assembling of ourselves together with them,* and His Spirit would be withdrawn as we made our abode in the wilderness of the world. Moreover, I was told that if I left "*the church,*" even if I wasn't deceived, I would never have anyone to minister to. He delivered

a frightful warning; but I knew the voice of the true Shepherd. He was, and is, my Master, and another I would not and will not follow.

It's interesting, by having no one to minister to, as he warned, since 1982 around a quarter of a million *Pathfinder* Bible studies have been mailed in the U.S. and other nations of the world. Our website's homepage has had almost 600,000 hits, and including over 300 articles posted, I am not sure how many million can be added. Not to brag or be spiteful, but I wouldn't call such a count as not having anyone to minister to.

Notwithstanding, we can fellowship and be one in Christ's Spirit with all the saints, but as for a *pastor*, there is only one. It is He who saved and called us into His life and service. Jesus was, and is, our Shepherd, our Pastor, the one who teaches us His truth from within. Whether it is quickened to us as we read the scriptures, it is from within. Whether we receive it firsthand by revelation, or whether we hear it by His Spirit as another is ministering, that truth is taught to us by the Spirit that abides within, and it is the same with you. It cannot be any other way.

The plain truth is that the Kingdom of God cannot be built by or upon that which is of man. Such foundations and buildings will crumble when the heavens and earth are shaken. For that matter, the shaking has already begun, so expect a great fall of man's church system and governments of the world, as well as the one wherein we presently live. This also goes for kingdoms within our own being. *Every kingdom, inside and out, will become the Kingdom of God and His anointed*, as noted in. **Revelation 11:15**.

A number of our Shepherd's sheep have been gathered back to Him; but there are untold numbers that are still scattered. Some are alone in the world and without any religious structures, while just as many, or more, are confined in the churches of Babylon. But the Shepherd will

not let them stay scattered. He loves them too much to be forever without them. His sheep will be found and brought back home. His voice is being sent forth into the whole world, and He is bringing them back to the abode of truth and righteousness. When His displeasure with religious taskmasters has come to a head, and His elect have been proven, He will do something about it.

"My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them. Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, because my flock lacks a shepherd and so has been plundered and has become food for all the wild animals, and because my shepherds did not search for my flock but cared for themselves rather than for my flock, therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against the shepherds and will hold them accountable for my flock. I will remove them from tending the flock so that the shepherds can no longer feed themselves. I will rescue my flock from their mouths, and it will no longer be food for them." **Ezekiel 34:6-10 NIV**.

He went on to say:

"For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie



in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel. **I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord GOD. I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment."** *Ezekiel 34:11-16.*

Please note that it is only He who is the true Shepherd, and that Shepherd cares deeply for His sheep. When we understand that He is the true Shepherd of the sheep, then we will know that the true under-shepherds walk in the ways of the true Shepherd. They speak the words of the true Shepherd. They work the works of the true Shepherd. Rather than to themselves, the under-shepherds always direct the sheep toward the true Shepherd. They always herd the sheep in the direction of their Master. They never think of themselves as being chief shepherds in their own special right that some office has bestowed upon them by man.

When Jesus came forth from God, He was God's answer to the needs of the scattered sheep. He was the One that the prophets spoke about. It was He who would come and gather the scattered sheep and cause them to lie down in quiet pastures. He had the heart of God, and therefore, had compassion for the people and healed their infirmities.

Moreover, Jesus knew all that the Father had given Him would come to Him. They would come and hear His voice. The voice of others had a foreign sound. It was not quite right, and there were no strangers that they would follow.

But even in that day there were sects and divisions among the people. There were scribes and Pharisees, Sadducees and Herodians, as well as the Zealots. They all wanted to be heard and have a following, but the true sheep would not hear them. Jesus spoke of those who listened to

other voices when He said that He had many other sheep that did not belong to their fold; but that He would bring them also, so that there would be one fold and One Shepherd. By the time His work is done and He finishes what He was sent to do, not one will be lost.

At first, the Church was filled with truth and spiritual power. The book of Acts gives an account of those wonder-working days. Innumerable multitudes of men and women have experienced supernatural encounters with God since that day. It started when the first one hundred and twenty were assembled in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost.

This little band of believers, along with those brought into the fold, were filled with the Holy Spirit. They entered such undefinable glory. There had never been such awe, wonder, holiness, reverence, and godly power in the world. It had never entered the minds of men that a Kingdom like this with Jesus Christ as the Lord of lords would be born when He returned to them in Spirit and mighty power. They could not imagine that He would literally dwell in them and transform their hearts and lives. Even they were amazed that He came and reigned upon the throne of their lives. How they sang the songs of Moses, the song of deliverance! How the praises of God echoed down the corridors of their souls and reverberated upon the citadels and battlefields of celestial realms! The wonder-working signs, miracles, and power that bore witness to the returned presence of God's Christ were indisputable!

His *meek sheep* turned the world upside down as theological minds whirled like dust devils. People had seen wildfires in the world, but never **Godfire** that swept over souls that consumed men and melted their religious heavens while standing on their feet. It was like a worldwide prairie fire that the called ones could not escape if they wanted to. Kings and despots trembled in fear, as those holy flames scaled the mountains

and crossed the seas.

His sheep were severely persecuted due to the threat of their presence and powerful word, and their numbers grew exponentially; for God was mighty in the midst of them. As the prophet had previously said, "...The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea." **Habakkuk 2:14.**

This heavenly wonder from the throne of God could not be stopped. Untold thousands were drawn to God's consuming fire and drank from our Lord's River of Life. Many thought the glorious Kingdom of God that had come into the world would continue to grow and could never dim or wane. They believed that every mountain (kingdom), small and great, would crumble and be made flat while every low valley would be made high. But it was not to be, not as they had imagined at that time.

It was awhile before the true under-shepherds were pushed out to make room for the age-old hirelings, the self-serving shepherds of darkness. And it was not the result of persecution that brought this about. It came subtly, and from within. Men promoted that which appealed to man's psyche, the flash of the eye, those things that looked good, such as the same impressive attire of the fan-fair pagan religions of the day – special robes, stiff collars and head gear that made the religious leaders stand out from the crowd. It was then that man's religious kingdom began to rapidly grow. It served people's basic mental images of what holy men must be. Surely, they could not dress and appear like common people, for they were *special agents of God*. And now, rather than Rome being the one persecuting the true believers of Jesus, it was Rome from within that raised up the counterfeit religious kingdom that usurped His name and authority.

What we call *Socialistic Marxism* today has not changed since its inception, which it seems to me started with *Babylon Mystery Religion*,

*the Church of Rome* that came from the heart and soul of carnal man and inspired by the spirit of their father, the devil, the liar from the beginning.

Those men began their pursuit of power, their drive to take over and rule the world. Even before the apostles were martyred, *religious Babylon* began to raise her sanctimonious head to seduce the masses.

Like fig leaves, those religious adornments to cover their nakedness have continued to this day: rules, regulations, creeds, catechisms, dogmas, the liturgical observance of "*holy days*," ritualistic sacraments, traditions and ordinances, elevating these "*men of God*," so called, over all others. This unholy rabble of men, masquerading as the body of Christ came to be revered as lords over the people. They were given the highest recognition and place of honor in the courts of kings all the way down to homeless street paupers. Today they are given austere titles to insure their pseudo stature of righteous honor over common people: *Pastor, Reverend, the Most Reverend, Father, Monsignor, Bishop, Cardinal, Your Holiness; and certainly **the most blasphemous of all, "Holy Father," the Pope.*** Frankly, **we have but one Holy Father, and He does not reside at the Vatican in Rome,** the world's smallest independent state of 110 acres! Our Father's home and throne in His many members is much larger and greater than that.

Of course, they and the people enslaved to their religion may claim that Jesus is Lord, but much of the time it is only lip service. That to which they are confessing as the Lord is often a figure they have of Him in their minds of what they imagine Him to be. In this sense, Jesus might only be a statue on a cross in the cold corridors of stone buildings that are called churches and cathedrals. He could also be nothing more than a figurehead, part of their religious ideology and mental enigmas akin to what Buddhists, Hindus, Jews and other religions have of their gods and

lords.

When there is no living reality of a higher entity, they cannot be worshiped in spirit and truth, only in the imaginations of religious minds; and men are masters in creating their gods in their own image and likeness. This is why there are so many mean, angry, unforgiving, diabolic gods that are elevated and worshiped in the world. Men have created them according to their own evil nature and imaginations. It is unconscionable that people bow to such imaginary despots and are even willing to die for them.

It was such religious nonsense that began to take the place at the inception of Rome's church, and the saints of the Lord found no place to express the power and glory of the Spirit. They became subservient to the *lordship* of the *church* leaders who claimed that only they had a direct line from the throne of God, and He chose each of them for those exalted positions, because they were ordained by their bishop. The masses began to believe the colossal lie. They really believed that only those with prestigious titles and positions knew the mind and word of the Lord, which is largely still believed to this day.

The phenomena that had once turned the world upside down was reversed. The beauty of holiness and victory over sin, sickness, and death that swept over a dark world was derailed. Any similitude of spiritual truth became a grievous threat to some and a laughing-stock to others. It was certainly despised by the elite of man's religion at that time. As these hirelings gained recognition and took the place of the Lord's true under-shepherds, His Spirit, like the doves of Samaria, flew over the walls of men's religious kingdom, *leaving them with a diet of asses' heads (men's knowledge), doves' dung (the residue after the Holy Spirit has flown away), and their own babies (new converts to their religious organizations)* (rf. **2 Kings 6:24-25, 28-29**). Although

they had indisputable power and wealth, their kingdom was spiritually bankrupt, and it has not changed!

Perhaps it is unknown by most that the word for *shepherd* and *pastor* is the same in the Hebrew and the Greek texts. The words mean the same whether it has to do with natural matters or that of the spirit. The heartbeat of the true shepherd/pastor, those called into service by the head Shepherd/Pastor, is to feed, nurture, care for, and protect the flock. Not to fleece them for gain or butcher them to sate their hunger, but to lay down their lives for them.

Frankly, it would be good if the word **"PASTOR"** was stricken from all Bibles and mind-set of Christians today. If such an office was so important in the kingdom of God, one that is to lord it over the sheep of Jesus Christ, you would think the word, the title, would be prevalent throughout the scriptures, especially in the New Testament, but not so. The English word, **Pastors**, is found only once, and Strong's Exhaustive Concordance translates the word as **shepherds**. It is used seven times in the Old Testament and Strong's translates as **to tend a flock**, i.e. **shepherds**. **Pastors** is the same Hebrew word, *raw-aw*, that is translated thirty-eight other times as **shepherds**.

In spite of what has been shared concerning the role of **true under-pastors** in the Church, without thinking, or perhaps out of habit, many will continue talking about **"their pastor."** **"Their pastor"** can often be heard referring to **"his"** or **"her church."** Such as this lifts he or she higher than the rest of the members of God's family. Moreover, When Jesus was suspended between heaven and earth, He did not pour out more blood for certain ones and less for the not so worthy. He poured all of it out for every soul in the whole of humanity.

God places **under-shepherds** amongst the people to make sure they

are fed and refreshed by living springs water; while the ***pastoral position*** was devised by men to gain control over others, and to stroke their vanity of being recognized as someone extraordinarily special. If it was such an austere place among others and honored title, we might wonder why the title is alien to the written word, even in various translations, and when it is used, shepherd would be a better. Moreover, it was not to be found in the early church. The religious titles, *father* and *pastor*, were inventions of men whose agenda was to gain power and control over others.

Please check to see if this is true or not; but we could find no place where any of the churches that were raised up by the apostles had overseers called *the pastor*. Of course, there is that one place already mention in Ephesians that spoke of *pastors* in the plural form, which is in ***Ephesians 4:11***, but there is no indication that one person was over a congregation with the title of *the pastor*. There is simply no record in the New Testament where men were elevated to the position of *pastors* that ruled over others. If such was a cardinal statute in the church, then certain ones would have been justified in saying, "I am of Paul", or I am of Cephas." But without that being one of the statutes, the true believers either said, "**I am of my Lord Jesus Christ,**" or "**I am of my heavenly Father.** Period!

Surely we can see that anyone who takes to themselves the title of *the pastor* transgresses and usurps the place of *the true Pastor, the Lord Jesus Christ*. This fact does not stop churches from that practice of having pastors. Some *churches* have more than one. They either have an elected or self-appointed "*senior pastor,*" "*associate pastor,*" "*assistant pastor,*" "*co-pastor,*" of course, there are also "*overseers,*" "*elders,*" "*the head elder,*" ad infinitum.

There was a time when we frequently drove 90 miles south to El Paso where a small group was meeting in the borrowed basement of a church on Morehead Avenue. That is where we became friends with Preston and Lorain Eby and the others of that fellowship. He was the one who primarily shared the rich word from on high. For a time he was considered the group's *pastor*.

We had not known them long before he announced that he would no longer be their *pastor*, saying that he and his family would continue attending the meetings, but not as their pastor. I can remember him saying something to this effect, "There is only one Pastor, and you should look to Him for guidance and care rather than to me." He made it clear that Jesus was their Pastor. He let them know that if he had something to share, he would share it, and everyone else should do the same. The small body of saints were told that our Lord's way is to have a body ministry, not a one man or woman production.

One thing, even back then in the early 1970s, he would not allow anyone to call him "*the pastor*" of their group. I also remember him having written about this, saying: "I instructed the brethren among whom I labored in years past that they should never call me 'the pastor' or 'their pastor' because the Lord alone **IS THE PASTOR**. I may be 'a pastor,' but never 'THE pastor.' If anyone comes inquiring about 'the pastor' they should be told that the pastor is the Lord.

"Should the inquirer pursue the point they could then explain that Bro. Eby is one of the servants, an under-shepherd, along with elders and ministries; but **THE LORD IS T-H-E P-A-S-T-O-R**. We have been so completely saturated, so thoroughly brain-washed in the errors of the religious systems that we do by rote and speak by habit the ridiculous absurdities imbibed in the



pews of Babylon. How astounded we are when once we learn the truth and discover that the cherished teaching or hallowed practice we have unwittingly assumed to be godly and spiritual is not only unfounded in the Word of God, but is actually an abomination in the sight of God! And should any who reads these lines doubt what I say about the absence of the ministry of 'the pastor' from the New Testament church, I invite him or her to look up the term in Strong's Concordance." — End quote.

So now, who is our shepherd, our pastor? From where or whom have we come? In what church were we born and baptized? Who or what exactly are we? Is it someone or something in the great metropolis of man's religion? Is it football? Hollywood? Politics? Or perhaps we are totally of self? All of these are engaged in the spirit of war contending for supremacy over the Lord and goodness in one way or the other.

Does our life, perhaps, revolve around and subsist on multimillionaire religious motivators, or is it **Jesus Christ**, the one who said, ***I AM the way THE TRUTH and the life, and THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE? (rf. John 14:6 & 8:36)***. So, if you don't mind me also asking, what is your origin, what is your makeup, and if you are free, what or who made it so? Was it the world of the first Adam, Did the religious orders of those such as the Baptists, the Assemblies of God, or the Catholic Church make you free? Or was it **The Truth, Jesus Christ?** The answer should be very clear.

Now, we know who we are and are not. **We are the offspring of God!** We are overcomers and co-heirs of Jesus Christ. But, for sure, **we are not of the world of religion, of politics, or popular society. We are not of any of the sects or daughters of Mystery Babylon.** This we know, but there is more.

In a nutshell, let us be reminded of what Paul said:

"For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for **the manifestation of the sons of God**. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope. Because **the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.**" *Romans 8:19-21.*

Therefore, since the whole creation is being held under the bondage of corruption, and death, that is anxiously waiting to be liberated by the sons of God, you and me as overcomers – **In particular, THAT IS WHY WE ARE HERE!** It is not for God's pleasure only, or ours, but especially for others; namely, creation. They are in mortal death-throws, and if we are the sons of God, we are here to relieve their sorrowful groan. We are here to replace those groans with liberty, happiness, and peace to them **ALL!** Every last one is to know the life and joy of the Lord! **That is their destiny, and without manifestation of the sons of God, it would never happen.** What a pity that would be.

**THAT IS WHY WE ARE HERE, to help DELIVER THE GROANING CREATION and why WE SUFFER MUCH TRIBULATION UNTO VICTORY!**

How could we have ever wondered, "***WHO ARE WE,***" and "***WHY ARE WE EVEN HERE?***"

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