

The Lost Dominion Regained

What was lost when Adam sinned in the Garden of Eden? God gave Adam dominion over all the earth, seen in: **Ge 1:27-28; 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.**" When Satan tempted Adam and Eve, and Adam chose to disobey God's commandment, Adam yielded the dominion on the earth to the devil. When this happened: Adam and Eve, and all their descendants, became servants, servant means slave, to Satan. This is the state into which we are born in nature. Our flesh nature, like that of Adam, is under the dominion of Satan.

To demonstrate, how God worked out in our lives the regaining of the dominion that was lost, let us examine the scripture in: **Eph 1:22-23; 15 ¶ "Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, 16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; 17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, 19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."** There is much to be said of these verses, but what we want to remember, for now, is who has dominion, which is Christ Jesus.

How was it that Jesus could gain dominion over all things? We start by pointing out: Satan has always fought against God, striving to have dominion over God. He lost the war in heaven, and Satan and the fallen angels were cast out and came to earth. To gain dominion on earth he tempted Adam, and when Adam yielded to him, he got dominion on earth.

To regain this dominion, it was necessary that another Adam be born, over whom Satan did not have dominion. This was effected through Jesus Christ, who was born of a woman, but who was not of the flesh of Adam, because he was the Son of God, seen in: **Heb 10:5 "a body hast thou prepared me:"**

Satan, having now another obstacle presented to him, tempted Jesus in the wilderness, after Jesus had fasted for forty days, in an effort to gain dominion over him. Jesus, unlike Adam, did not fall for the filthy lucre that the devil presented him. Satan continued to attack Jesus, and when Jesus was hung on the tree of the cross, died, and was buried, Satan thought that he had gotten victory over Jesus, and retained the dominion he got by deceit. However, Jesus Christ arose from the dead and ascended back to heaven, having accomplished the will of God the Father, in remitting the sins of all of God's chosen people.

What did Jesus's resurrection effect for us? **Eph 1:17 "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:"** With our new birth, we are given the spirit of wisdom, and the revelation that Jesus is the Christ, who has redeemed us to himself and regained dominion of ourselves to himself. This is Christ in you the hope of glory. What does this have to do with dominion? Who is now the owner of your bodies and souls? Jesus Christ.

Eph 1:18-19; 18 "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, 19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power," With the new birth and being made a new creature in Christ, you now have Christ in you, the Holy Spirit, by which this new nature in you has dominion over the old nature of the flesh. This does not mean that Satan is going to cease attacking you. Remember, the devil continued to attack Jesus. What it does mean is: If you follow the commandments of God and Christ, you will be enabled, just as Jesus did when he was tempted in the wilderness, to say to temptation, **Mt 4:10 "Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."** Through the Spirit of Wisdom and

Revelation, we can utilize the weapon called all prayer, with the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, and we can turn Satan from us. This is the power of the resurrection of Christ in you.

Eph 1:18 "and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints," What is this glory? The revelation of this glory is, seen in: ***Eph 3:16 "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; 17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."*** This is Christ in you, in the here and now.

How do we know this? Because the second man Adam, the man Christ Jesus, now has dominion and authority over all things as we see in: ***Eph 1:20-23; 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."*** The power of dominion over all of God's elect is given to the resurrected Christ. When walking in obedience to "***thus saith the Lord,***" we are empowered, by the authority of Christ in us, to resist temptations and life lives glorifying to God.

Scripture testifies, of the full effect of the resurrection of Christ from the dead, in the eternal resurrection of "***the dead in Christ.***" In the eternal resurrection, we will see the effectiveness of the power of Christ in eternal remission of sins displayed. All the bodies that are raised, or changed, to eternal life in Christ, will be sinless, which demonstrates the power of the blood of Christ. We shall know the fulness, of the riches of the glory of God, when we are resurrected in sinless, glorified, immortal, bodies, made like unto the body of Jesus.

We enjoy the restoration of dominion over the flesh nature, here in time. This gives us the right to partake in the Lord's Supper. When we come to the commemorate supper table, we are to remember it was Jesus Christ, the second man Adam, who restored this dominion to us, and granted us this privilege. To Jesus Christ be all the praise, all the honor, and all the glory, forever, Amen!