

For He Will Finish The Work; Romans 9 Verse 28

Ge 2:1-2; 1 "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made."

What was the work of God, that God rested from? The work of creation, which included the heavens and the earth, and all that therein is, and God said that it was good. How was it good if sin is to enter in? It was good, because it perfectly fitted the will of God, to show his power of salvation, his vengeance in judicial judgments, and it would fulfill his eternal purpose.

Notice, God only created one earth, but God created heavens. We know from scripture that there is more than one heaven, as seen in: *2Co 12:1-4; 1 ¶ "It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. 2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. 3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) 4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter."*

Here, we see that Paul here speaks of a third heaven, and he describes as the third heaven as paradise, which we know to be the eternal heaven, where God and Christ reside with the souls and spirits of God's children that have gone before us. This tells us that there is the heaven we see with our eyes, there is a heaven beyond this that we do not see, and there is the third heaven, which is the eternal paradise heaven.

God created all things in the beginning and put man in the garden of Eden to dress and keep it. God made a woman to be a help meet for the man, and gave them, the man and woman, commandment, and the ability to procreate, and to fill the earth with people. The earth at this time was sinless and pure, which gives us the picture that God expects to have a sinless place where he communes with his people.

God gave one commandment which Adam and Eve disobeyed, and all the procreation of mankind was brought forth from sinners, who all have 'fallen in sin' natures. They are no sinless people. Because of the 'fall in sin' of mankind, the garden of Eden was closed to mankind, and there is now no communion with the voice of God in the sinless garden, as Adam and Eve enjoyed before the fall.

Again, we point out that God rested from creating. Now, man has fallen in sin, and there is the need for a means to bring God's people back to the state of sinlessness, so the voice of God can commune with them. However, we are told, that in actuality, the preincarnate Jesus Christ did the work of creating, as seen in: *Joh 1:3; 1 ¶ "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men."*

"In him was life; and the life was the light of men." When mankind fell in sin, the light of Christ was extinguished in mankind, and man became dead in trespasses and sins. Now, it was necessary that Christ do something to reignite the light of Christ in mankind. This is why Jesus came to earth in the prepared body of flesh, to finish the work that was begun in the garden of Eden, and restore the light of Christ in God's people. The restoration, of the light of Christ, is the beginning of the restoration of the communion God with mankind, and it is manifested in the new birth.

We are told in: *Joh 4:34 "Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."* This text is from the scene where Jesus saved the Samaritan woman at the well, as well as many others, who believed upon him. The disciples, who were not present because they had gone off to get food, told Christ to eat. And this text is Jesus's response. Now, looking at this text; what is the work of God the Father that Jesus came to earth to accomplish? Obviously, it is the work of salvation upon the earth.

We are told in: *Ro 9:28 "For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth."* What work will Jesus finish? The work of eternal salvation. Just back up a few verses and see this picture: *Ro 9:22-26; 22 "What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: 23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, 24 Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? 25 ¶ As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved. 26 And it shall come to*

pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God."

As we consider these verses, we see that God was not surprised at the fall of man in sin. Just as God used the nation Israel to demonstrate his separation of the saved and lost people of the world, we see here that God suffered sin to enter the world, that he may exact his wrath upon the lost, and give eternal joy to the saved by grace.

Going back to: **Ro 9:28 "For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth."** We can view the "short work" from three different aspects:

From the beginning of the existence of time to the end thereof, is but a short time in comparison to eternity. The time that Jesus spent on earth, in time, was just a very short time in comparison to eternity. Even comparing it to the normal lifespan of mankind, his life was short. In comparison to the length of his life, the time Jesus spent on the cross, under the weight of the sins of all of God's people was very short indeed. In: **Joh 19:30 "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost."** This is how we know that Jesus finished the work of eternal redemption on the cross.

Was the work of Jesus completed with his resurrection? The answer is yes, for the work of eternal salvation. The answer is no, for the work of creating. Here in time Jesus is still creating upon the earth. How? Every time a chosen child of God is born again, Jesus is creating a new heart. We see this in: **2Co 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."**

We are told in" **Joh 14:1-3; 1 ¶ "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."** Jesus rested from creating in the beginning of time. Jesus is resting from the finished work of eternal salvation for God's people. Now, as time continues, Jesus continues working in creating new creatures who are the recipients of God's saving grace.

Jesus is still creating a perfect place for the eternally saved people of God to inhabit. When this place is completed, and the last soul to be saved, is saved here in time, Jesus will return and gather unto himself all the work of perfection that he has created in God's saved people. Jesus will carry these people to a place that is better than the original garden of Eden. How can this be? As we are aware according to the scriptures, the garden of Eden was able to be infiltrated by sin. The Garden of Eden was formed in a time setting and not in an eternal setting.

Wherefore, we declare unto you today, when time is ended: we shall see the revelation of the place of perfection. Unlike Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden; we will not only hear the voice of God and Christ: we shall see him as he is. We shall behold his face, in the glory of his perfection, and fall at his feet to utter thanks, praise, and glory to his holy and matchless name. Praise God, that before the world was, God had a plan for this eternal place, and God knew those who would occupy it.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, creating the earth, heavens, and all that therein is, and for resting from this creating. Thank you, Lord Jesus for coming to earth, and completing the work of eternal salvation for all of God's chosen people. In heaven, on the throne of God, you now rest from the work of eternal salvation, but you are busy again with the work of creating. We thank you, Lord Jesus, that upon completing the work of creating the new heaven and earth, seen in: **Re 21:1 ¶ "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea."** that you will return and take us there.

We, the children of God, give thanks and praise to Jesus that his will was to "**to finish his work.**" We praise our Saviour for the written word, and the new birth, which reveal to us that we will go to a place, which is eternal perfection, and the work of Jesus is completely finished. Hallelujah! Amen!