

## Procreation

**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."

We see in this text; God is telling us of creation and how things came to be. God made a sinless man, male and a sinless woman, female, and commanded them to procreate, and to fill the earth with people. Keep this thought in mind as we move forward.

We see in Genesis chapter two, the details of how God created the man, the male, seen in: **Ge 2:7** "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." And we find how God created the woman, the female, in: **Ge 2:21-24; 21 ¶** "And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; 22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. 23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. 24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." We notice in verse 23 that Woman and Man are capitalized, which prophesy to us of the coming of the Church, the Woman, and Jesus Christ, the Man, and their relationship to each other.

As we look at these verses of creation, we see that God created marriage between one man and one woman, and through them created procreation on earth.

We notice that God also said of the man and wife "**and they shall be one flesh.**" There are two pictures here: One is that through procreation all mankind would all be of the same flesh. The second is that the man and wife are made one when they bear children, because it takes both the man and the wife to procreate, and they are combined in the children they bear. We point out: there was no procreation until after mankind fell in sin.

Now, let's look at the prophetic picture this paints for us. Jesus Christ, Man, the Son of God, came to earth and created the church. The church is identified as a Woman. This Woman Christ created was to procreate and bring forth children after the manner of their creation. "**and they shall be one flesh.**" In other words: Jesus was created in a prepared sinless body and came to earth as such. The church, the Woman, that Jesus created, was of himself, and was also a sinless body, just as the Man and Woman God created in the beginning. How do we know this? **Eph 5:23** "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body." We are also told in: **Col 1:24** "Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:"

Jesus also told us that we are one with him, seen in: **Joh 17:22-26; 22** "And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. 24 ¶ Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. 26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them." What glory does the child of God have that is like the glory of Jesus Christ? The new creature in Christ is sinless; as the prepared body of Jesus was sinless. How do we know that the child of God is sinless, even as the Woman in creation was sinless before the fall? **1Jo 3:9** "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." Therefore, the Woman, the church, that Jesus created when he came to earth in the prepared body, is sinless and is one with and in Christ.

We are told that the collective church, every child of God, is the one body of the Woman, the church, seen in: **1Co 12:12 ¶** "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ."

As we consider the beginning of creation and procreation, we see that it is a prophetic picture of the world of the church and the inhabitants thereof. Now, we know that the first created man and woman fell in sin

through disobedience to God, and all their procreation is born in the same fallen state, which they were in when they began to procreate. This was the cause of Christ coming to earth to deliver God's children from this fallen state and make them a part of himself, and to be the created body of the church, the Woman.

Jesus, in his prepared body, which was sinless, became the sacrifice for the sins of God's children, that the Woman Jesus created would be of himself, and would also be sinless. As God took the rib from the man Adam and created a Woman, So Christ gave of himself and created his bride, the Lamb's wife, the church on earth.

Now, let's look at an eternal prospect of procreation. We are told in: **Mt 22:30 "For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven."** We understand that the angels of God in heaven were created beings, and that they do not procreate in heaven, just as the resurrected bodies of God's people will not be procreating in heaven. Wherefore, it was necessary that procreation take place on earth. Just as it took the natural procreation process to fill the created earth with males and females, so it took the coming of Jesus Christ to the earth to create the sinless Woman, and to populate the eternal heaven with his seed.

We understand that when all of God's people, the separate parts of the body of the church, are procreated here in time by the Holy Spirit power of Jesus Christ, procreation will be completed. When the last child of God is created a new creature in Christ on earth, there is no longer a need for procreation. Why? God has already accomplished his will of procreation of the children of God. Each one that God foreordained, and Jesus created as a new creature in Christ, will be in the eternal place that Jesus has gone to prepare for his bride.

What a glorious prophetic picture we see in the beginning with creation and procreation, as demanded by God. What a glorious end, for the procreated children of God, for they will be like Christ, seen in: **1Jo 3:2 "Beloved, now are 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."** How shall we be like him? We were all born in bodies of flesh on earth, as Jesus the God Man was born of the virgin woman. We will all be resurrected from the dead as Jesus was, or we will be changed in a moment, if we are alive when he returns to collect his purchased wife. As Jesus had a sinless body in time and in body resurrection, we will have glorified and completely sinless bodies in the eternal resurrection of the dead in Christ.

Remember what Jesus prayed to God the Father in: **Joh 17:24 ¶ "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world."** There, in our eternal abode, we shall be like him, and we shall glorify Jesus in eternity, even as Jesus on earth always glorified God the Father. Then will have come to pass what we read in: **1Th 4:13 ¶ "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words."**

We trust that you have seen the prophetic picture of "**in the beginning**" God created a sinless Man, a prophetic picture of Jesus Christ. God took of the sinless Man and created a sinless Woman, a picture that God is using the sinless Jesus Christ to create the sinless Woman, who will be the bride of Christ in eternity. Thus, we look forward to the time when procreation is completed; for then, we can with rejoicing say: "**So shall we ever be with the Lord.**" Hallelujah! Amen!