

Maranatha, Part 3

Mediator and Advocate

2 Pet 3:9 — We've reached the blood, but we still must come to full repentance (Lk 9:23,24). We have to take up our cross daily for this. 1 Tim 2:4 — This is speaking about those who are *outside the Body*. They are saved by reaching the blood in the waters of baptism. Our Master doesn't want any to *perish*, but to come to *Messiah*. First He gets us, then He *restores* us by the Holy Spirit. 2 Pet 3:9, though, speaks about those *in the Body* perishing. Christianity can't *distinguish* the difference. Why?

One reference speaks about those *in the Body*, while the other reference is concerned about those *outside the Body*. 1 Tim 2:4 is talking about the *Minchah* where we pray for men outside. The Mediator is for people *in the world* (1 Tim 2:5). Advocates are for those *in Messiah* (2 Pet 3:9). This is so we can come continue to *confess our sins* and come into the *Kingdom*.

1 Tim 2:4 is a letter instructing us to *pray for outsiders*. It's not *written* to outsiders. Is this book supposed to be read by Christianity? No, but by those who are in the Body of Messiah. *Christianity is not the Body of Messiah*. It's a *religion*. The New Covenant is for those “in the covenant.” It's *life for life*. Those who have reached the blood have received the Holy Spirit. He wants none of those *in the Body* who have reached the blood to *perish* (through disobedience) and go through 1,000 years of discipline. Rev 2:21; Mt 6:13; Jms 1:14,15 — The sin must be *confessed* or else that sin leads us into *greater temptation*.

Not Completely Fallen from God's Glory

The people of the Nations (who were righteous) weren't so *degraded* that they had fallen *totally* short of the *glory of God*. After they *paid for their own sins* (which weren't such that irreparably hurt others, weren't *abominations*) they were given a *second life*. The ultimate glory (that man had formerly fallen short of) could be *recovered* by paying for his own sins in Death.

The righteous will be resurrected to a second life where God's ultimate aim and glory will be *re-instated*.

Adam didn't have Divine Glory dwelling in him, but we, through Messiah, have the Divine Spirit and glory dwelling in us. We have the potential to reach *total restoration* through Messiah. We are being made into a dwelling of God by the Spirit — “the Holy City.” Those who *overcome* have God's Spirit dwelling in them and will reign over the Nations. There will be a great, marvelous *relationship* between those in the Holy City and those in the Nations. The Nations will bring their *glory* into us.