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The Nature of God

To express the nature of God, as 2 Pet 1:4-11, requires a continual growth into His image and likeness. 2 Pet 1:3-4 — The corruption that is in the world, that we participated in, by and through our lusts or fallen desires (Gal 5:24) is now crucified. Or the flesh, or human nature that is fallen to a lesser and lesser resemblance of its Creator, so as to make it impossible for any nation or people dwelling under human government to represent God. Therefore 1 Pet 2:9 had to be raised up on earth for this very expression of the hope of Israel which is now fallen. In Rev 18:2 she became fallen into the resemblance of Babylon the Great.

One person, or even a few people living on the earth, cannot be the witness for the whole earth except they live as a people in all places (Mal 1:11), as a witness, as a nation (Isa 49:6; Mt 24:14). So it takes a nation (Mt 21:43) — not a bunch of individuals living even according to the everlasting covenant (Gen 3:16-19; 9:1-7). But it takes God's very own Spirit and nature living inside of a people who are a nation who can express God's very own nature by doing good works, the purpose for which they were chosen (Eph 1:4,11,21; 2:5-12 like Acts 26:7).

What if there were a nation called the Twelve Tribes of Israel who did exactly what Paul said they did 1900 years ago? Where are they today? Certainly not Christianity!! But to the contrary — absolute contrary. The very antithesis, since in God's sight Rev 18:2 is Christianity's nature.

2 Pet 1:4 says by glory and virtue we, the people of God, partake of Divine nature to show forth His excellencies (1 Pet 2:9). 2 Pet 1:5-11 is the path we are on to the Kingdom (Lk 13:24,23). 2 Ths 2:13 — Salvation by the Spirit — this is called sanctification (1 Ths 5:23; 2 Ths 2:14), obtaining the glory of our Master (1 Ths 1:5; Rom 8:17), if as 2 Ths 2:15 says, you are standing firm in the anointing, holding to the instructions which you are taught, by word or letter, or teaching. Verse 17 — Being established in every good work and word, as Mal 3:16; Eph 4:15. Dan 12:1 — who are wise (verses 3,10). But not all are or will be wise — only those who are purified and made white (Mal 3:3).

