

Committed Future

Rm.15:4-7

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The year 2015 has drawn to a conclusion. What a year; challenges, blessings, failures, surprises, disasters and moments of wonder and awe. There is no going back. Time just doesn't work that way does it.

Rom. 15:4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

The written record of God and His creation and the unfolding drama of His relentless love towards humanity is worthy of our deepest contemplations. No other creature was fashioned in the likeness or image of the Almighty Elohim (the earliest Hebrew name attributed to God and also plural) (Gen.1:26,27; 9:6;)

Since the Creator chose to fashion us after Their likeness, it seems reasonable to believe that They had a plan for doing so. (as a side note - the flood destroyed a contaminated human specie) Genetically speaking, Noah and his wife (Naamah - the sister of Tubal-cain, a descendant of Cain, the son of Adam and Eve. Jewish tradition) are all of our closest common descendents.

Elohim, the plural form for God the Creator of all that exists is the earliest hint of what we today call the Trinity. **“Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.”** (Gen.1:26a)

And Elohim (plural) said “let us”. We are genetically linked to the first man and woman, Adam and Eve who were fashioned by the literal hands of God.

What is even greater than that marvelous thought is that all who are rebirthed into Christ Jesus are now made twice over into God's image. What Jesus, through the power of the Almighty, has accomplished is huge. What Jesus became thru the resurrection is a new supra-human being. (Heb.1:3,6) The first of a new kind. (Col.1:15-18)

Our being reborn into Christ Jesus made us brethren to our oldest sibling; Jesus. And we have received the transforming indwelling of the Spirit of the Living God. (Rm.8:29; 2Cor.3:18; 5:17)

1Co.15:49 And as we bore the image of the earthy man, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

1Jn.3:2 Beloved, now we are the children of God, and it was not yet revealed what we shall be. But we know that if He is revealed, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is.

Since we serve The Living God who has made us more like Him in every respect, ought we endeavor to become more like Him who is our Father? (Rom.12:2) Let us each strive to cooperate with God's intent and purpose for calling us unto Himself.

We have been called into a relationship with the Holy God to be holy also because He is Holy. And we are His children and as such bred for High and Holy purposes: the redemption of the world thru the cooperative participations of the Church. (Mat. 28:18-20) The year of discipleship is upon us. (2Tm.3:16-17) Be one, Make some.