**The Old Man**

Follow up by Charles Strong:

Pat,

The following input regarding the matter is from Arlen Chitwood, who always endeavors to understand/interpret New Testament doctrine by comparing such with antitypes in the Old Testament (a method of study specified by Paul in the New Testament [1 Corinthians 2:13]).  I have always found that such from Arlen always makes an issue more clear; and, at times helps me to see the error of my understanding.  In this case, I see agreement, but the issue is clearer in my mind.

Bottom line.  The darkness remains in all of us, but we may always choose to walk in the Light—please see Colossians 2:6; John 8:12; 12:46, AND always remember that the only way we can walk in Christ the Light is through His (written) Word (Colossians 3:16).

Charles

Arlen Chitwood:

Try "back to basics" on the original type, in Genesis 1.

(See [Eternal Salvation As Seen in the Earth's Restoration by Arlen Chitwood](http://lampbroadcast.org/plets/ppdf5/Sal1.pdf).)

Saved man and unsaved man are both tri-part beings.

In unsaved man, there is only darkness, with both spirit and soul housed in a body.

In saved man, the prior existing darkness remains, but light now shines out of that darkness.  The spirit, through the inbreathing of the Spirit, is no longer dead but alive, with soul and body still connected with the darkness.

In saved or unsaved man, none of the three parts comprising his being is that darkness per se.  In the type, the earth was one thing, the darkness another.  And so it is with man.

The earth existed within total darkness until light shined out of darkness (day one), allowing for an on-going restoration of the earth (days 2-6), with a view to that seen at the end of day six (a completely restored earth, man, the seventh day).

You can do the antitype relative to man.

Also, "crucifixion" could be used and understood in more than one respect.  Christ was crucified hours before He died.  The old man has been crucified with Christ, but is the old man dead?  Compare Romans 6 and Colossians 3.  The old man could only be very much alive, though to be kept affixed to the cross, in the process of dying.

The old man would be associated with that remaining in darkness, the new man with that no longer in darkness.  And the darkness itself is not gradually changed or ever done away with.  The darkness remains, unchanged, until . . . (Revelations 22:5).

Charles Strong wrote:

Reread your response and you state that in “saved man . . . The spirit . . . is no longer dead . . . .”  Another question. Are you suggesting that the “old man” of Romans 6 (also in Ephesians and Colossians) is comparable to the “darkness” in Genesis?

Arlen:

I would rather stay with the word I used -- "associated."

One can't do anything with the darkness, though one could do something with the old man.  But neither can be done away with.

The are only two reals -- light and darkness -- as there are only two realms seen in verses such as Matthew 12:30 or I John 3:9.

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