Scripture has been written to the saved,  
not to the unsaved. ([I Corinthians 2:9-14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=I+Corinthians+2.9-14&t=NKJV))

**For whatever reason I've always tried to find and understand**

**"the BIG picture" of most anything encountered. ~*Pat***

**Why did God Create Man?**

**God's Plan, Exceedingly Oversimplified! What I call "the BIG picture."**

God's angel, Satan, God-appointed ruler of the earth, desired rulership over the entire universe, like God. He, and 1/3 of all the angels under him, rebelled against God to gain that rulership. ([Isaiah 14:12-17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+14.12-17&t=NKJV); [Ezekiel 28:14-16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ezekiel+28.14-16&t=NKJV))

God reacted by making the earth uninhabitable -- without form and void. ([Genesis 1:1-2a](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.1-2a&t=NKJV))

God then restored the earth and created man, and man's wife, to *replace Satan's angels when Christ replaces Satan.* Satan and his angelscontinue to rule the earth ([Genesis 1:2-25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.2-25&t=NKJV) [2b]; [Isaiah 45:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+45.18&t=NKJV))*.*  Remember, the earth had been brought into existence for *a purpose* – “*to be inhabited*,” ([Isaiah 45:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+45.18&t=NKJV)) and Man, likewise, had been brought into existence for *a purpose, which is regal* ([Genesis 1:26-28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.26-28&t=NKJV)).

God made man [Adam], and man's wife [Eve], to rule the earth together. God required the earth be ruled by man and his wife ([Genesis 1:26-28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.26-28&t=NKJV)). In the antitype Christ is the man and overcomers ([Revelation 2:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+2.7&t=NKJV), [11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+2.11&t=NKJV), [17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+2.17&t=NKJV), [26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+2.26&t=NKJV); [3:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+3.5&t=NKJV), [12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+3.12&t=NKJV)) His wife.

God began preparing Adam and Eve -- make them ready ([Revelation 19:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+19.7&t=NKJV)) -- to rule. Before completion, Satan interceded and enticed Eve to sin. Since Adam could not rule without Eve, Adam sinned also ([Genesis 3:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+3.1ff&t=NKJV)). Had Adam and Eve eaten of the tree of life, not the tree of good and evil, they would have received the wisdom and knowledge to rule and therefore be ruling the earth now ([Proverbs 3:13-18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Proverbs+3.13-18&t=NKJV); [Revelation 2:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+2.7&t=NKJV)).

God then began a restoration process for fallen man, exactly as He had for the earth ([Genesis 1:2-25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.2-25&t=NKJV) [2b]); but man was not faithful [as Adam and Eve weren't], not even national Israel, who is God's wife. So God placed His Son on earth as the Living Word with the focus on Jewish repentance first and salvation of the Gentiles second ([Romans 1:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+1.16&t=NKJV); [2:5-16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+2.5-16&t=NKJV)). The Jews refused the offer ([Matthew 23:37](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+23.37&t=NKJV); [John 3:1-3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+3.1-3&t=NKJV)) and God, following His Son’s resurrection, set them aside ([Matthew 21:43](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+21.43&t=NKJV); [28:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+28.19&t=NKJV); [Acts 13:46](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+13.46&t=NKJV); [18:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+18.6&t=NKJV); [28:28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+28.28&t=NKJV)).

Fifty days following His Son’s resurrection, God established "a new creation" at events surrounding Pentecost ([Acts 2:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+2.1ff&t=NKJV)). Those at Pentecost, all saved, became "new men in Christ" [called / saved] and out of the called some will be chosen [called out of the called (saved)] to become Christ's wife. Christ's wife will rule and reign with Christ during the 1,000 year rest, the Millennial Kingdom, which is the same plan as for Adam and Eve before they fell ([1 Corinthians 12:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+12.13&t=NKJV); [Ephesians 2:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+2.15&t=NKJV)).

Jesus' works of shedding blood and dying for our sins, brought grace into play. To be spiritually saved by grace, one has only to believe and receive Jesus' works on the cross -- becoming "a new man in Christ." No works of man are required since Jesus' works on the cross satisfied God.

Believing and receiving Jesus' works places one in a position to enter and run the race for a future inheritance. The winners will receive that awaiting inheritance -- become Christ's wife to rule and reign as co-heirs with Christ in His Millennium Kingdom ([Philippians 3:13-14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Philippians+3.13-14&t=NKJV)).

However, without a continuing impartation of spiritual truth flowing into one's saved spirit, one remains immature and fleshly [carnal], following the fleshly impulses of their soul. Therefore, one spiritually saved must be controlled by the Holy Spirit, not the soul, necessitating a moment-by-moment filling of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit must have His way relatively ungrieved in the life of the spiritually saved so he/she can fulfill his/her role in God's plan:

Qualifying the spiritually saved [new man in Christ] for the awaiting inheritance -- salvation of the soul - leading to ruling and reigning with Christ ([Romans 12:1-2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+12.1-2&t=NKJV); [Colossians 3:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Colossians+3.16&t=NKJV); [Galatians 2:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Galatians+2.20&t=NKJV)).

Those spiritually saved who through self seek to bring about this change will always affect outward change rather than inward change. At the time of the birth from above the Holy Spirit began a work that He will continue until the Judgment Seat. No works on the part of the spiritually saved can help the Holy Spirit effect this change.

When there are enough overcomers (those qualified and ready to rule) to replace Satan's angels, all Christians will be raptured to appear at the Judgment Seat.

At the Judgment Seat, the place all those spiritually saved appear, each is judged by the amount of 'righteous fruit' they have allowed the Holy Spirit to produce through them. Those with enough righteous fruit to please Christ will be "out-resurrected" to rule and reign with Christ, as His wife, in His Kingdom. Those without enough righteous fruit will be sent to 'outer darkness' during the time of His Kingdom, one millennium, 1,000 years, before entering eternity.

Gold, silver, precious stones vs. wood, hay, straw. ([1 Corinthians 3:11-15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+3.11-15&t=NKJV))

God will then bring about the Tribulation, causing Jewish repentance and restoration so that during the millennium all blessings to the nations will flow through Israel. Satan and his angels will have been put down and replaced by Christ and his wife, as planned for Adam and Eve before they fell.

Thus, the central purpose presented in Scripture surrounding man’s redemption is *that man might ultimately occupy the position for which he was created — to rule and to reign over this earth.*

The Spirit of God is in the world today searching for *a bride* for God’s Son, with the search being conducted among those comprising *the one new man*. And once *the Spirit has completed this work*, the one new man will be *removed,* with a view to this new man being dealt with in relation to *the reason he had been called into existence*. Then God will resume His dealing with Israel (during seven unfulfilled years [tribulation], completing not only Daniel’s unfulfilled Seventieth Week but Man’s Day as well).