

## **ONE IS ALIVE AND THE OTHER IS DEAD**

Revelation chapter thirteen is the text for this writing. Remember what the name of this book is? First chapter, first verse, the Revelation of Jesus Christ (within you). It is not about something that is going on external; as long as we keep this external we miss the whole purpose. Christ has come to live within His people. He has come to indwell His temple. So we have got to stop looking at external things we've got to look internal. While studying in this chapter I heard my Spirit speak "one is alive and the other is dead". To assist you in this writing I have included the entire chapter so you will be able to reference it while reading.

### **REVELATION CHAPTER THIRTEEN**

*1. And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.*

*2. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.*

*3. And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.*

*4. And they worshiped the dragon which gave power unto the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?*

*5. And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.*

*6. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.*

*7. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues and and nations.*

*8. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the*

*foundation of the world.*

*9. If any man have an ear, let him hear.*

*10. He that leads into captivity shall go into captivity: he that kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.*

*11. And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and spake as a dragon.*

*12. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast whose deadly wound was healed.*

*13. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.*

*14. And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of Those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.*

*15. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that The image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.*

*16. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads.*

*17. And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of this name.*

*18. Here is wisdom. Let him that hat understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.*

Now back to the first verse “ I stood upon the sand of the sea” every time I read sand in scripture, what does it tell me? Covenant. Dust, sand and stars, the three covenants. So he says I’m standing upon the sand, and which covenant is the sand? Second covenant. Dust, sand, both of those are on the earth. Now we are talking about earthly covenants. God made three

covenants, but He made two earthly covenants and one heavenly covenant. So He says what I'm going to tell you right now, I am telling you God is going to show you this earthly thing first. And what He is showing you here is Adam. (I'm going to expose it right up front so you'll know what I am talking about.) This beast was the humanity that He created and put upon this earth first. He stood upon the sand the first two covenants, the dust and the sand. Look what he says, "I stood upon this and I saw a beast rise up out of the sea". The sea also can speak of covenants. The sand of the seashore. And He says, "and out of these first two covenants I saw a beast rise up." What beast do you think that is? Natural humanity. Because it was the dust of the earth, wasn't it? So he sees this beast rise up out of the sea having seven heads. What does seven speak of? Complete, perfect. Now this, is a man who was created, we need to look how he was created. We can go back to Genesis 1. How was the man created? Answer: From the dust of the earth. In Ezekiel He says, " he was perfect in all his ways until iniquity was found in his heart." What did he say about Job, " perfect, upright, loved God, hated evil."? We're talking about the man who was created originally, but notice he had seven on his head. Seven is perfection. He was the perfect man, but he had never been tested. Just like someone spoke about in a meeting we had today. All the tests we go through; what and who are the tests for? For each and everyone one of us. God is telling us you are already completed, you are already perfect, and you just don't believe it. You are already in perfection; your Spirit can never be defiled. But you've got to understand we have got to walk through the tests. Adam failed in his test. Did God cast him out forever? No, heavens no.

Now back to verse one:"*and there were ten horns on these seven heads*" and that speaks about the law, it speaks about how humanity loves to have doctrines, formulas, routines, regiments, boundaries, limitations in their life. Because then they can always cast blame upon someone else. If someone else gives you the regulations, the limits and boundaries, if something doesn't work right, it's got to be them because they are the ones setting the limitations etc. God is just laying this out for us. He's letting us see how we keep looking external, for all these external limitations and boundaries, and that's not what it is about. The only boundary you have is the love in your heart, nothing else, the law has been fulfilled. The only law I have is the law of love. And God said that is the greatest two commands there are: "*Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul, mind and body, and love your neighbor as yourself.*" That's the only limitation that I have, and do you know what, I can't treat you bad and say, "**I love you**", that makes me

double-minded. I've got to love you. And if I love you, you don't have to doubt if I love you. Did John not teach us in I John 3:18 "*Love not in word nor in tongue, but love in deed and in truth.*" That means you'll know I love you because I'm not going to do anything to hurt you and if something would happen to pop-up in the scenario that would make you think that maybe I did do something to hurt you. It surely wasn't intentional. If you know my heart, and I'm living my life right, you'll say: "he didn't mean to do that, she didn't mean to do that". See at first you won't accuse, you will first excuse. You won't accuse to start with, you'll say, "no, no, no, that may have happened, but they didn't mean that, that was just an accident." First thing you will do, is not accuse anyone, you will say "wait a minute, I know their heart, even if they did it or said it, it doesn't make any difference, because I know they didn't mean to."

Okay back to verse 1. "*And upon these ten horns were ten crowns,*" so the whole thing here is ruler ship, crowns, and ten again is the law. So this ruler ship is in the law. Everything that is done in their hearts is controlled by what? The law. Not the law of love. This is that natural man that comes up out of the sea, out of those first two earthly covenants, "*and upon, or in his head is the name*"(the word name is nature)"*is the name of blasphemy or evil speaking against God.*" Man always exalts himself, against God. ALWAYS. Isa. 14:13, 14" *For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.*" That's humanity. God is revealing in this that there is an earthly beast that came up out of these first two covenants.

Verse 2:"*and the beast which I saw was likened to a leopard*". You know what a leopard is? What is the first thing you can tell me about a leopard? They have spots. Do you know what? God said he wanted a church without spot or wrinkle, didn't He. We can't have any flaws in us, but do you know what? We don't have any flaws in us!!! The only flaw is in our thinking. He created us perfect in the day that we were created. God did not make a mistake; it's what we think. All we need is our thinking adjusted, that's all. If we can get our thinking from the dust through the sand and into the stars we'll have no problem, because we'll know who we are. Because we'll have the identity. (Verse 2 "*he looked like a leopard and his feet were as the feet of a bear*") the bear speaks of ferociousness; it speaks of the worldly ways. The bear represents the world. So he's spotted and he acts just like the

whole world. There's no justification in our lives to serve God, when we can say, "they did it". I don't care what they did; I've got to protect that heart that I spoke of previously. I have to protect my own heart. I can't do it because someone else did it. I've got to know in my heart I love God and I love His creation and I can't do anything else. I don't care what they do, that's no justification for me. I don't care if the multitudes of the church realm can fight, claw and bite. I can't do it! We have to walk the way He's called us to walk.

Now to continue back in verse two: "*but his lifestyle (feet of a bear) is the lifestyle of the world, and his (Jesus connected the mouth to the heart: Matthew 12:34) "mouth as the mouth of the lion,"* well you know, we're talking about a lamb here. We're supposed to be like the lamb. We had a brother say, "You know sometimes my speech isn't what it's supposed to be." You see that's that mouth of the lion coming out. Does that make him a bad person? No, but we get dissatisfied with the way we speak, and we can confess it and forsake it, then there is mercy in your life. It's a process; God knows that, He does not want everything in a snap! Now it's done. That's not what He's after, but it's every little bit of our life. Everyday God is revealing something else to us, so we can look at it and say, "that's not the lamb, that's of the lion, that's got to be changed, I've got to forsake that thing." "I've confessed it, I've recognized it, now I've got to get away from it." It's just a process, no condemnation in this. *And the dragon gave him his power; What is the dragon? Isa. 9:15, "The ancient and the honorable is the head"* the thinking, the mind of humanity gives all this power to the beast, doesn't he? So he gave him all his power, all of his authority, and his place of ruler ship, his seat.

Verse 3: "*and I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death and his deadly wound was healed; and all the world wondered about the beast.*" Now, *I saw one of his heads as it were wounded.*" One part of him was wounded, he was wounded unto death, but his deadly wound was healed. I want to come back to this thought process as I get through the text farther, I'll come to that, "*and they worshiped the dragon.*" Now what are they worshiping, remember what is the dragon again? It's the power of the thinking process. They are worshiping their thought process above God's process. GOD SAYS, but they say, "I think". That doesn't work. GOD SAID IT AND THAT'S IT. I can't think above what God says. He even tells us, "*My ways are above your ways, my mind is above your mind.*" Isa 55:9. Man still thinks he can come up with an idea, (and this is no new

thought process); this has been from the beginning. God knows how this humanity works, He created it, and He knows it will come in contradiction to His Spirit continuously. So He says, “*and they worshiped the dragon*” (our thought process)” *and they gave power unto the beast*” (that’s the human man). Whenever your thinking process comes into agreement, and we’re still talking about this natural man, this earthly man, when this earthly man gets his mind lined up with the thinking that he is the greatest, he’ll be the greatest. IN HIS MIND, But that’s the only place he will be the greatest.

In Genesis chapter eleven when they had the tower of Babel, God said, “*if they get together and find out what they can do, they can do anything.*” They can accomplish anything if they get this mind hooked up with the flesh, and get it all working in the soulish realm, they can accomplish anything, but that is not the way we are supposed to do it. “*I can do all things through*” (who?) Not through me, not I can do all things through Dave, but “*I can do all things through THE Christ,*” Phil. 4:13. So I’ve got to turn this whole ruler ship thing over to Him, but we’re talking about this earthly man right now.

Verse 4:”*and they* (that’s the ones that live in the dust and the sand, the earth covenants) *worshiped the dragon which gave power unto the beast; and they worshiped the beast* (that’s themselves) *saying,*” *who is like unto the beast?*” “*Who is able to make war with him?*” “This is the Adamic beast.

Verse 5: “*and there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.*” Now here’s what is amazing. He was given power and authority to speak all kinds of blasphemies and evil things, but he was limited. The natural man has got a limit. Forty-two months. He has only a set time. In Rev. 12:12 “*the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he has but a short time.*” HE’S LIMITED. The church preaches he’s unlimited; he’s more powerful than God. I’ve got a problem with that. **He has no power.** God gave him power and authority to speak forty-two months. He’s limited, and guess what that forty-two months can end pretty quickly, since it is symbolism. He’s got a certain time to do something and then he is cut off. John saw something when he saw this, and I think he saw it in the first verse. Let’s go back to verse one. When John saw this “*standing on the sea, and he saw this beast rise up*”. I think he saw the perfection of humanity and it’s creation. I think John was taken back at this time to see what God did from the beginning. He showed him everything;

he showed him the creation of humanity. He saw the perfection of humanity. When God had created, creation what did he say when He finished? He stood back and said, "*This is very good*". Did God make a mistake when he said that? **NO!** Then why should we condemn ourselves? God said when He created us, "*you are very good*." He is very pleased with what He did. He is not angry with us. He is not trying to destroy us. John saw this perfection. John saw also, in these passages we've reviewed so far, the duality in our thinking. It wasn't that he just saw what went on in Adam he saw it in himself. So when you see this passage you have to look at it and see "*this is me*" and see the duality in *my thinking*. I have to know that God has created me in His image and His likeness. I am *perfect* in His image and His likeness, but my flesh was not created in His image and likeness. (Hello). My Spirit was created perfect in His image and likeness. This flesh was something He formed from the dust of the earth. "*He placed his breath,*" the King James says, but the word is *Spirit* within that. That is the perfection we have to look at. Paul says later on "*we know no man after the flesh*" *ICor. 5:16* we see the man after the Spirit. John saw this and this is what you have to see, by the Spirit. *Hey! This is me, in these verses; he's speaking about ME.* We've got to see this thing as *internal*. It's about me; it's about you, individually and corporately. If you can't see this, you can't see what God is doing. How are we going to get in God's purpose and fulfill it? We've got to find out how to get inside God's mind and by His Spirit we can do that. He has revealed *all things unto us*. John said, "*we have an unction from the Holy Spirit, we have an anointing of the Holy Spirit and you know all things*". See it's in us, but we've got to take the time to listen to what God says. Hear what His Spirit is saying to us. Then there will be no problem with it.

Verse 6. "*and he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name (or his nature) and his tabernacle*" (lit. this word tabernacle means to prefigure indistinctly or disclose partially. Lit. it's a *shadow*). If you just see something indistinctly or partially, what would that be? It is just a *fleeting shadow*. So he came to *blaspheme his nature and his shadow*. Well what was his shadow? *Adam*. Adam was the shadow of Christ. Was he not a shadow and a type? He came to blaspheme that. So really what we're talking about, we're not talking about this devil or this dragon, we're talking about humanity as thinking itself was blaspheming itself. Doesn't that sound like condemnation? Isn't that condemnation when you say, "I'm not good enough". What do you think Adam was crying out? "I'm not good enough, I have failed, I've had the wrong thought process in

my head.” God’s is just revealing it to you. “I’ve known it all along, who do you think put it together?” It’s not condemnation. That’s not even what it is about. Adam hid behind the fig leaves. And he’s revealing that: *“he came to blaspheme his nature, his shadow and them that dwell in the heavenlies.”* Well where are we called to live? Paul says “*we’re seated now in heavenly places.*” Well I’m going to tell you something; Paul didn’t make it a reality. Paul just told you something that was already going on. Ephesians says “*we were chosen in Him before the foundation (or the conception) of this world.*” Right? Well then Paul didn’t seat me in the heavenlies, God put me in the heavenlies from before the foundation of the world. So he is not changing anything. All Paul is doing is revealing what’s been in us from before the foundation (or the conception) of the world. It’s just confirming what God has already done. He’s revealing it to us.

Verse 7. “*and it was given unto him to make war* “ (not with), but the word is meta (met-ah’) (Lit. says amid or in the midst of) where does the war with you rage? It’s not raging in the world out there today. Every war we have rages between our ears. That’s where the battle is. That thing inside of me, that natural man is warring against the Spirit of God. It wants to get to the throne. It wants to exalt itself above God. It’s not going to, I read the last part of the book a long time ago and WE WIN. It can’t win the war its already been won and we won it because we were IN HIM. I can say, “ We have won the war” because we were IN HIM. The battle has already been won, because of Him. Whatever HE did, I did IN HIM. When He hung on the cross, did we hang on the cross? YES. When He resurrected, were we resurrected? ABSOLUTELY. If not then we’re still dead. I’m alive today. Let’s continue, “*and was given him to make war within the saints, or in the midst of the saints and to overcome them, and power was given to him (him who, the beast) over all kindreds (or tribes, all the twelve tribes of Israel) all the nations and tongues and all the nations (Gentiles)* So he was given power over all humanity. We were born in this thing. We didn’t ask for it and this fleshly thing overcame us. That’s where He said, “*he had power to overcome the saints.*” The seed was not mature in us yet. How could we possibly stop this natural, fleshly thing that God placed within us, if God’s timing hadn’t come about yet to bring that Spirit to life to overcome that thing. It’s in God’s time that every man shall be brought forth. It’s not about us doing anything. No wonder he could overcome us. Because God gave it to him to overcome us so we would fight and struggle through all this stuff we live through so we could overcome. If we didn’t have that negative



in our life, what good is the positive? It's got to make the loop it's like electric. It's got to make the loop or it's no good.

Verse 8: "*And all that dwell upon the earth*" (and it means permanently, the ones who are not planning on going to the heavenlies, the ones who are of the dust and the sand, the first two covenants that he's talking about) "*shall worship Him* (he didn't say they might) he says, *they shall worship him*" (who? The beast, the dragon the beast) "*whose names are not written in the book of life of the lamb slain (or sacrificed) from*" ( what? The conception, the word *foundation* is literally the word conception of the world or the cosmos, the orderly arrangement) God revealed to me that this was Adam, and He spoke to me the exact time when Jesus the lamb was slain (not before the foundation, literally at the conception). When Adam said in his heart " I WILL". Instead of listening to what God said, he said " I WILL". Right there he slew the lamb in his own heart. That's the very instant the lamb was slain before the foundation. He was slain before the conception of the cosmos, the word cosmos means " orderly arrangement". God had an arrangement and man decided in himself and wanted to rearrange it and make it his way. That is what this is about. Whenever man decided, " I'm not going God's way, I'm going to do my own thing" right there is where the lamb was slain. The arrangement had been changed in our thinking process. God was no longer in the forefront in humanity; he put Him in the back seat. It has to be changed.

Verse 9: "*If any man* (in the original writing, the word " man" is excluded)" *have an ear, let him hear.*" All He is saying here is there is something spiritual coming on. A big truth, you really need to pay attention to what is being said. It's the same in the old covenant when He said; " they lift their eyes and looked afar off " they looked into the Spirit. It's not any different when you have an ear. Hear what the Spirit is saying to you. He is saying the same thing to everyone, but the all can't hear it.

Verse 10: "*He that leads into captivity they shall be led into captivity, if anyone kills with the sword*" (what's the sword? The Word.) Do you know how many people that are living in those first two covenants are killing people with words this very day? Words of condemnation, guilt and low self esteem. God is not talking about a steel thing with a handle on it that you chop people up with; He's talking about the words that come out of our heart. He said, "*out of the heart of man comes every evil abomination that you can think of*", but when our heart has been exchanged for that new heart

spoke of in Ezekiel, guess what? We are going to bind up the broken hearted, we are going to pick up all the lame and crippled, we are going to love ALL OF HUMANITY, even the ones wielding the swords. “ *They must be killed with the Sword* “ (or literally, *in the sword* “(word)) If they kill with the word, they have to be killed with the word.

One might ask the question: “ What does that mean? “ If I kill people with the word of God, if I am wielding a harsh, vile word, condemnation, hell, devils and all this crazy stuff and I am killing people spiritually with this word that I am speaking, this is the letter of the word, which kills, but the Spirit gives life. Right? So if I’m doing that, then I am going to have to die, because I’m not dead yet. If I’m still killing people with the letter of the word, then I’m not in the Spirit. So I’m doing everything with the intellect of man, and while I am doing that, I will have to die by this same word. Adam was the beast that was slain; I will get down to this in another verse or so, He was slain with the sword, he had a deadly wound, but he did live. Didn’t God say, “ *If you eat of this tree, you shall surely die*”? Now wasn’t that the word of God? The word of God represents **the sword**. So what did he die with? The word of God. The word of God dealt with him in his life. When Christ was on the cross there was a man hanging on either side of Him wasn’t there? One man said, “ *if you be the Son of God*” the same as the mind that tempted Him in the desert in the temptation, and the other man on the other side of Him said “ *Lord remember me when you enter your Kingdom*”. The Lord said “ *You will be with me today in Paradise*”. When Jesus spoke He was speaking the word of God (the sword of God healed the man and restored him (humanity) back to his place. Now notice this what He says: “*Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.*” This is patience he says, “If I lead into captivity, I’m going to go into captivity. If I kill with the sword, I’m going to die with the sword, here is the patience of the saints.” If I don’t kill anyone, then I am not going to have to die. If I don’t put any one in captivity, then I don’t have to be in captivity. That’s the love of God. I can stand in patience and peace in this because no one can intimidate me or put fear in my life, because God already said, and what is more important (GOD SAID!) It’s more important than anything anyone else says, man can threaten all he wants to threaten. What difference does it make? It’s just like a barking of a dog. It doesn’t mean anything. God has already said.

Verse 11: “*And I beheld (or I saw) another beast coming up out of the earth;*” (now notice this, it came up out of the same place the first one came

from didn't it? Literally the earth is humanity.) What are we made out of? The earth. Now look this is a different beast, but it's in the first beast. Now watch this: "*he came up out of the earth (or humanity) and he had two horns.*" Where are horns on the anatomy of an animal? They are on there head. Two speaks of what? Duality, here we are speaking of duality. "*Double minded*", James said. So he sees this beast come up out of the earth, he's double minded he has two horns on his head (that's his mind). He has two authorities, he has the mind of Christ and he also has the mind of Adam. That's the way it was from the beginning. Look what is said "*he had two horns like a lamb, and spake like a dragon.*" In this he's speaking about those who say they are Christians; but what do they talk like? (Like a dragon). Do you think there might be some double mindedness there? Well this is the religious beast. It came up out of the earth, it acted like a lamb (it tried to act like Christ) but the only problem here is that they were only "acting like". Our call is not to be like anything. Our call is TO BE THE LAMB OF GOD. There's a difference here. I don't want to be like Jesus, I don't want to be like the Christ. I've got to be the Christ. I've got to be able to walk it out in this earth and give life to someone. I can't just be like something. I don't want to be an imitation; I've got to be the real thing.

Verse 12: "*and he exercised all the power of the first beast*". Now let's look at this. Here's this religious beast that came up and he didn't exercise the power of Christ, he exercised the power of the beast. The earthly man. If that isn't religion, then what is it? That what the church system or religious system is doing today. They are walking around in their own intellectual power and strength. They are not walking in God's Spirit. It's their own way to do things. We'll do it my way. Well praise God there is a HIGHER WAY Isaiah spoke about "*and the lion can't get there not even the vultures*". They can't even pick the dead carcasses. Back to the verse "*before him (or in his presence) and caused the earth and them which dwell (permanently) there (or in the earth) to worship the first beast*" (Now which beast is it?) This is that natural man. Worshiping self, my own thought processes. "I couldn't possibly be wrong"! Has any one of you ever said that? See that is worshiping the first beast. To never be able to take an honest look, a really legitimate look, at someone when they complain about what you are doing. If I think that anything that goes through my head is absolutely right and has no possibility of being wrong; then I am worshiping that first beast. (SELF) I've got to look at every word and every accusation that comes along. You have to stop and take time to look at it. You can learn from this. It may be true and it may false, but you have to sift it out to

see if it is right. If there is anything that needs to be changed we need to change it. We need to thank God for these things being revealed to us and change. Now back to the verse: “ *whose deadly wound was healed* “ (or the one whose deadly wound was healed).

Verse 13; “ *and he does great wonders* “ Who? The first beast. This word (first beast) I need to explain, back in verse 12, the word “ first” is the word *protos*. The word in the Greek is where we get our English word “ prototype “. So you can understand this “ prototype beast” (Who would this possibly be?) It’s the first beast created. The first thing made is the prototype of anything. Example: If an airplane is made, they make a prototype to see if it will work (or fly) from the original design. God didn’t build a prototype to see if it would work, He knew what was going to happen. That is what He is trying to tell us. “*So that he makes fire* “ (what is fire? Judgment and purification)”*come down from heaven to the earth*”. Now the first man he’s going to do all these signs and wonders, and he’s going to make fire come to the earth. He’s going to make, because of the duality of his mind and the strength of his intellect, he’s going to rain fire, which is judgment and purification, to the earth. **Well that ought to make you happy**. It’s not destroying the earth, its bringing purification and judgment to the earth. God’s judgment is not destruction, it’s correction, and God corrects what man does. Man, in doing what he does, is only fulfilling what God wants. He’s right on course. Man is doing exactly what God wants and they will bring His correction. Matthew 24:24 is a scripture that says “ if it were possible, even the very elect would be deceived.” **IF IT WERE POSSIBLE**.

Verse 14: “ *and deceives them that dwell (through not by) the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight (or the presence) of the beast* (it’s speaking about the mind) *saying to them that dwell on the earth that they should make an image*” (an image is not reality, hello!). There is the problem with the church; they are worshipping an image of God. They are not worshipping the reality of God. That is why, in the old covenant, Israel was constantly worshipping idols, because they had never seen the reality of God. Was it their fault? God said, “*Man cannot see God and live*”. The word for man here is “Adam”. The natural man can’t. Until God had brought Christ to the earth to purify this temple that He can dwell within man now, man can’t see God. You know the problem is still today. People believe they can’t see God. Well I’m here to tell you the temple is cleansed

and God dwells within humanity. I can see in the windows of humanity and see God in them.

There is life within each one of us and we can look into the windows of someone's life and see the God in them. The way we live our lives, how we love and accept people, not for the things they do right or wrong, but for who they are. It's not the issue of right or wrong. It's about God in them and God in us. Let's go back to the verse "*and he deceives them that dwell on the earth*" note something here, as long as we stay in Passover or Pentecost that is on the earth. Dust and sand, the first two covenants. Those people have no opportunity, as long as they stay there, to go on. I'm telling you that all of us have started in Passover, we step into Pentecost, and only by the grace of God, if you read Hebrews chapter 6, "*if God permit*" we'll go on beyond these foundational principles. This isn't a choice about us, it's a choice that God has made and he's placed His heart within certain vessels and those vessels will go on, because God has permitted. We can't do it if we want to, we can only do it if God gives us the want to and then we will. It's not a want to anymore it's a will. "*And he deceived those people by the miracles that he had power to do in the sight of the beast: saying to them that dwell on the earth (permanently), that they should make an image*" (not a reality, and these people don't really care about anything except an image.) We have got to get beyond images. We can have any image we want in our minds. I can make God be that long brown haired, blue eyed, slender, good looking, handsome guy that they hang on the wall, but you know that's not where I see God. I see God in so many shapes and forms I can't even begin to tell you. It's not about that image I have about that one God, cause if you would ask me to draw picture of God right now it would be so difficult because He would have millions and millions of faces and millions and millions of hands. How are you going to draw that picture? We can't have an image of God any longer in that way. That thing (the beast) deceived the one's that dwell in the dust. He'll give them dust, he'll give them images that are not the **reality, they are just images.** That's what they are going to live on, images.

Now back to the verse: "*and deceives them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles*" today the church is living for one thing; give me a sign, give me a wonder, give me a miracle. I'm not looking for that, if you're looking for that, that's what you'll get. That is not the reality of Christ. The reality of Christ is the maturity of Christ in my life. I'm not just interested in being a Son of God, because I am a Son of God, but I'm

interested in being a “*huios*” Son of God, a mature Son of God. Every time they refer to Jesus He was the “*huios* Son”. The mature Son, and that’s all I’m interested in. I’m not interested in just being a son, because we are all Sons. We need to be that mature, obedient Son that we have been called to be. “*saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had a wound by a sword and did live.*” That’s the place where normally I would have said, that was Adam, he died by the word of God in Genesis chapter 2:16. **Don’t do it.** Genesis Chapter 3, **he did it.** Did he die right there? It was a spiritual thing. He died one hundred and twenty years later, Genesis Chapter 6. It’s not about right at the moment, and because our mind drew an image that was not of God, and Adam did that. When Adam did not die instantly when he took of the tree, what do you think went through his head? “Huh, huh, huh, God was lying to me.” Just like we do. We can point at Adam, but we might as well be pointing to ourselves. We think that when God says something and it doesn’t come instantly, we start thinking, “Oh, He really didn’t mean that.” **He meant what He said.** But he was wounded by the sword (the word of God) and on the cross God restored Adam (all of humanity). He restored humanity. We can look at it as one man, but I see it as all of humanity, and I am talking about one humanity (in Adam) we all came from him. The seed came out of that man, for everyone of us, Adam was our father in the flesh; and that the whole humanity was restored, in that one man on the cross.

Verse 15: “*and he had power to give life unto the image of the beast*” (it wasn’t a reality it was just an image, just like in peoples minds as they think of themselves) “*in order that the image of the beast should speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed*”. Now notice this, he said, “*that they didn’t speak or worship the beast*”; what did they cause them to do? **They were killed.** Today doesn’t religion teach this? If you don’t walk like me and you don’t talk like me, you’re going to hell. If you don’t bow to their image, their idol of what God is, you see there is a Baptist God, a charismatic God, a Catholic God, a Jewish God, a Hindu God, and so on; we are all talking about God, but we’ve made an idol of Him. There should be no idol of God. That’s why there has never been a picture of God through out history other than man’s rendition. There has never been a picture of Christ. Why? **You can’t put all those faces on one canvas.** It’s impossible. Da Vinci, the artist who painted the last supper, how could he have painted Jesus. There are so many faces; it is impossible to paint such a thing. He didn’t have a clue; it was just building images in the peoples heads.

Verse 16: *“and he caused all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads.”* Now notice in the first part of the verse: *“and he caused”* what tense is the word caused? Past tense. Now they can talk about this beast that is going to come and all those futuristic things, but that word is (past tense). For example, take a group of people and label it as all humanity. Now if that group of people was to pass away and we say there is somebody coming to cause all of them to receive a mark; how can you mark someone that is dead and buried, rotted and beasts eat the bodies? How could you mark those people? Could you? The only one who could mark everyone would have to be alive from the beginning. This was Adam. He was the only one; he put his nature in all of us. In the flesh, Adam was the seed that we all came from. Not in the Spirit, but in the flesh. So he put this mark (this mind of humanity) in each one of us, and he put it in the “rich and poor, great and small, free and bond”. Being born in this vessel of flesh, you’ve got the mark. It’s not something you are going to get. He (Adam) caused it. Isn’t that what this verse says? The beast caused everyone to receive the mark, and he caused it not on his own will. Who set it up? **God set it up.** He’s just trying to teach us who we are, and teach us about the nature of our self and how desperately wicked it is as He says in Jeremiah: *“the heart of man is desperately wicked and evil above all things”*. In Genesis chapter 6 He says, *“When man is left to himself his heart is only continually evil (wicked)”*. He is trying to expose when we are left to ourselves we can’t do anything right. It’s just going to be a mess. Now back to the verse: *“he caused all to receive this mark in their right hand.”* The right hand speaks of power and authority. Does my power come from Adam, the natural humanity, or does it come from God? God. Humanity, in it’s religious realm, tries to do it all in their self (or soul). *“and he set a mark in their foreheads”* What is in our foreheads? Our mind. So what is my mind working on, is it working upon God, is it thinking upon God, is my work centered upon God, or is it centered upon self and what I can do for myself? Which one should it be? It should be focused on God, but you see Adam already caused us to receive that. We were born with this mark of the beast. The scripture says, *“we were born but brute beasts made to be taken and destroyed”*. I’m not speaking about anything other than the flesh; I’m not speaking of the Spirit, because the Spirit cannot die.

Verse 17: *“And that no man might buy or sell, except he that had the mark, or the name (or nature) of the beast, or the number of his name.”* What is he

speaking here? He's saying if you don't have this mark, you can't buy or sell. He's not saying that you can't go down to the local market and buy a loaf of bread unless you got the number "666" tattooed on your forehead and on your right hand. I preached a message once and people have this image that it's 666, UPC Codes, or computer chips. I took a piece of masking tape and put it on my forehead and right hand with "666" on it, and some laughed, some cried and some were mad. Then I took it off and replaced it with a UPC code sticker on my head and hand. I got the UPC sticker from a package of Charmin, toilet paper. I was going to use a computer chip, but they hurt when you stick them on your forehead. So I just told them about the chip. I was breaking Idols (images) that day, "false images." People have this image in their head that this is what God is talking about; this is not what He is speaking of. This is not the image He is speaking about. I have the mark in my works. Are my works for me or are they for God and His people? Is my thinking process centered upon I, me, ego is it focused upon humanity, or is it upon God? Which one is it? You don't have to answer the questions, except to yourself. What is your mind centered on? Is it centered on "what I get out of this life, or what I can do for anyone else"? Jesus never came to see what He could get out of this life, did He. As the Christ upon the earth He said, "Father not my will, but your will be done". That is what our life is to be. It can no longer be about me. It is about "we".

Verse 18: *"Here is wisdom. Let him that has understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of (not a man, the "a" is added, it's the number of man). What day was man created on? The sixth day. It's just the number of man. I have heard all kinds of quote "spiritual" things about this number. 666, (Spirit, soul, body). I do not totally believe that. What I do believe is this, II Corinthians 13:1 Paul starts out this chapter saying, *"This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established"*. Additional scriptures: Matt. 18:16, John 8:17 all of these just speak about the "witness of two or three". In the Old Testament, Moses writes, *"in the mouth of two or three witnesses everyone will be condemned or judged"*. This was when the law was being written down so this is not some new thing. Everything is being done by the witness of what? 666, all it is, is a witness of humanity. I am a man; I was created a man (in the flesh) that's all. This flesh vessel is being used to perfect my thinking and to bring me back to my identity. That is all God is doing, He's bringing us back. He's not separating us on individual walks, and setting one person on one mountaintop and another person on another mountaintop, He's bringing us together. It's the Feast of Tabernacles, the*



Feast of Ingathering, and the Feast of Oneness. It is not dividing and subtracting, it's adding and multiplying. That is God's view and I'll speak that wherever I go. So this "666", "*here is wisdom. Let him that has understanding count the number of the beast: for it's the number of man; and his number is six hundred threescore and six*" or literally "666". He is just giving you a witness of everything he said. It is just man, man, man.

Be encouraged there are good things coming from this understanding and what I spoke of at the beginning of this message "**ONE IS ALIVE THE OTHER IS DEAD**"; God is exposing the death that is in your flesh, and if it is dead why does it affect us. Jesus was the last Adam, right? He died on the cross. I don't have to acknowledge Adam any longer. I must reveal the glory of the Christ in me.

**May God give you a revelation of the last Adam dying and the Christ, the Day Star rising in your heart.**

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