

RESTORATION (Part 2) Allan Hamblin – April 30, 2017

Why did God create mankind? Why are you here? God created mankind for <u>a specific role in His creation</u>.

The Power of the Resurrection is the Power to restore your role in His creation.

"Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."²⁷ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.²⁸ God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth." <u>Gen 1:26-28 (NASB)</u>

God gave Adam the first 'Great Commission'.

Mankind was created to...

- 1. Reflect God.
- 2. <u>Rule</u> in God's name.
- 3. **Reproduce** and fill the earth.

God passed on the commission to Noah...

"And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth." Gen 9:1 (NASB)

God passed on the commission to Israel...

"God said to him, Your name is Jacob; You shall no longer be called Jacob, But **Israel shall be your name**." Thus He called him Israel. ¹¹ God also said to him, "I am God Almighty; **Be fruitful and multiply**; A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, And kings shall come forth from you." <u>Gen 35:10-11 (NASB)</u>

Where Adam, Noah, and Israel failed, Jesus Triumphed!

God has restored the role of humanity in Jesus!

- 1. Jesus /S Reflecting God. (Col 1:15)
- 2. Jesus /S Ruling now and forever. (Rev 11:15)
- 3. Jesus /S Reproducing and filling the earth. (1Cor 15:20-22)

To be restored to the role I was created for, I <u>MUST</u> <u>TAKE HOLD</u> of God's commission.

I take hold of God's commission when I...

1. Reflect God.

"But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.¹⁷ For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.¹⁸ So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image."

2Cor. 3:16-18 (NLT)

2. <u>Rule</u> in God's name.

"for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light⁹ (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), ¹⁰ trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them;"

Eph 5:8-11 (NASB)

3. **<u>Reproduce</u>** and fill the earth.

"And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matt 28:18-20 (NASB)

Q: Who are you asking to help you take hold of God's Commission?