

# Are You Ready for Eternity?

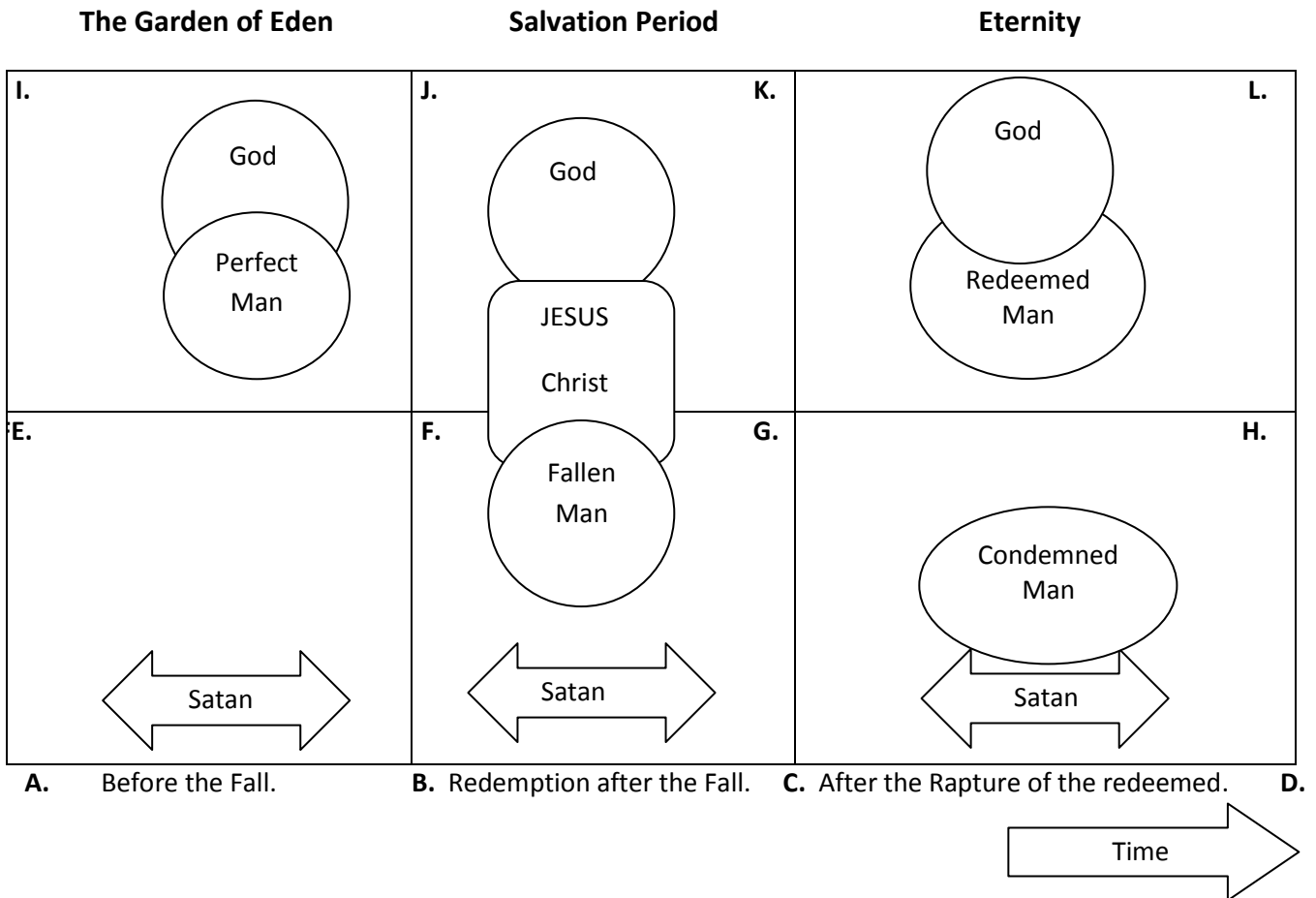


Diagram explanations:

**The Garden of Eden**

In the beginning, which is the first part of the chart (diagram), man enjoyed a perfect union with God as seen in (EIJFE), the perfect state of man. Satan the evil one had fallen from heaven but had no influence in any form over Man as long as man was in the perfect state. Man lived in the divine realm as long as he was obeying God’s commandments which were the basis of his covenant and his adoration to God his creator. We see Satan in isolation without any influence on man and his activity, (AEFBA). This was life in the Garden of Eden.

God knew that there was an enemy to His handwork, Satan, so He endowed man with the capacity to love and obey Him; but nevertheless, He gave man the power to make choices, since He made man out of His own image. The Word of God tells us that we become slaves to whosoever we choose to obey; either to God as a slaves of righteousness or to Satan as a slaves to sin (Romans 6:16). This explains why today people are bound in habits, lifestyles and attitudes from which they cannot free themselves even though they do not like them.

## Salvation Period

The middle part of the chart (diagram) shows the effect that resulted from man's disobedience to God when he decided to selfishly and unlovingly exploit the freewill that God gave him. We see man living out of the divine realm in which the Almighty God had placed him because sin cannot dwell with God. More importantly we see another person, Jesus Christ the righteous, re-connecting man to God; intersecting the divine and the human spheres and at the same time safely keeping the fallen man from Satan's fellowship and influence. This is because He is the One Who bore man's sins and became his Savior; (BFJKGCB). This period is called the period of Salvation. And the Bible teaches that it is now! (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 6:2)

## Eternity

In the last portion of the diagram, we find a very interesting and soul stirring truth. We find two types of men here; the redeemed and the condemned man. The redeemed man has fellowship with God while the condemned man has fellowship with Satan. We also notice that the separation between the two types of men is distinct without any possibility to reach one another neither is there any possibility for the condemned man to reach God. This is the period called Eternity, (CGKLHDC). Any person will be saved in eternity if he believes in Jesus as his Savior. On the other hand, anybody will be condemned in eternity if he rejects Jesus as his Savior (John 3:18). Dear friend, are you ready for eternity?

## Where are we?

It is of prime interest for us to know that the period in which we are living corresponds to the period for salvation (BFJKGCB). We were not there when our father Adam ate the fruit and disobeyed God, bringing a curse on the earth and on mankind, so we have no account to render per the fall of man. But the responsibility to which we are accountable is that of **accepting** that there is a sin problem in our lives and that of **believing** in the divine solution that God Himself has put in place to redeem us. The Scripture puts it that Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God that was slain from the foundation of the world, (Revelation 13:8) for our sins.

It is impossible for God to have fellowship with sin because of His holiness and it is impossible for God to allow sin go unpunished because of His incorruptible justice. Yet His love for man would not permit Him to abandon man in the sin-born misery that had encompassed the fallen man alienating him from his God. In this love coupled with His infinite wisdom and foreknowledge, He found a solution even before the fall of man, in the person of Jesus Christ, the redeemer and Mediator between God and man, (1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:5).

In Christ, God Almighty miraculously merged both divinity and humanity, making Him the only link between God and man. The attributes of the Redeemer was not only the combined status of divinity and humanity but also more importantly the holiness or sinlessness of His atoning blood, (Hebrews 9:14; John 8:46). The Word of God says without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins, since a testament is enforced only after the death of

the testator (Hebrews 9:16-22). That is why it was expedient that Jesus should die on the cross to fulfill all the divine requirements for the redemption of mankind though He was the son of God, and though He did not commit any sin. The torture He underwent and the painful death by crucifixion explains the severity of divine judgment per the sin of mankind that was imputed on Him, (Isaiah 53:5-6). This elucidates the immutability of divine principles.

### **The Nature of Eternity**

God's sacrificial investment to save mankind becomes humanly comprehensible when we consider the last part of the diagram that depicts eternity. Eternity is by simple definition an endless period. What makes it more important is not just the endlessness but also the irreversibility of its state. Unlike in the Garden of Eden epoch and the Salvation time in which there exist a way man can seek for an amending solution to his situation, eternity holds no requirement for amendment. It is a period preceded by divine eternal judgment and reward. Those who had entered into the divine realm through Christ secured an everlasting joyful life whereas those who were disobedient to God's offer in Jesus Christ remained with Satan in everlasting torment and regret in hell.

This is a clear message worthy of our highest attention because through it we have the knowledge and opportunity to lay hold on eternal life before crossing the irrevocable decision line (CGK) that represents the second coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to rapture (take away) His church for eternity. (1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:16-17).

Dear friend, have you been born again in Christ? Are you part of the Body of Christ? Are you keeping yourself holy for God? Are you prepared for the second coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? Are you prepared for the Day of rapture? Are you ready for eternity?

If your answer to any of these questions is "NO", it is not too late to make it "YES", because you are still living and the Lord Jesus Christ is ready now to accept you as His child and make you a new creature, born again in Christ. (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:10) All you have to do is to be sincere with Him. He knows you better than yourself. But He wants you to acknowledge your helpless situation and cry to Him for help. He was not ashamed to go to the cross and die a public and humiliating death for you (Heb. 13:12-13), so do not allow shame to make you miss eternity with God. Jesus Christ is alive! He loves you so much and has been waiting for you all these years speaking to you in diverse ways to make you believe in Him and decide to surrender your life to Him as your Lord and Savior so you may be saved.

### **How to Receive Jesus Christ for Your Salvation**

In order to be saved in Christ you must:

- 1-Believe (in Jesus, as the only Savior from sin and eternal death).
- 2-Acknowledge (your sins).
- 3-Confess (remorsefully your sins to him).

4-Ask for Forgiveness (of the confessed sins).

5-Surrender (your life to Jesus that He may live in and through you henceforth).

You may be going to church, working for a church, helping a church or have a position in a church; these do not make you a saved soul. God is not a respecter of persons neither can He be bribed as if He needs anything. He, in his justice has established righteousness in Jesus Christ of Nazareth by which men should willingly come to, for redemption both Jews and Gentiles (Romans 10:4). Salvation is not by your works, but by complete faith in Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8,9).

If God has spoken to you in this message and you want to accept His salvation to prepare for the imminent second coming of Jesus and thus for your eternity, then sincerely repeat this prayer from your heart where ever you may be:

DEAR LORD JESUS CHRIST,

I AM A SINNER WHO HAS LIVED IN SINS THROUGH MY WORDS, MY ACTIONS AND MY DEEDS. I NOW COME AND I SURRENDER MY LIFE TO YOU FOR SALVATION. I BELIEVE THAT YOU DIED ON THE CROSS FOR MY SINS AND YOU RESURRECTED FOR MY JUSTIFICATION. I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE COMING BACK FOR THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH AND I WANT TO BE A PART OF IT.

OH LORD, FORGIVE ME OF ALL MY SINS AND CLEANSE ME WITH YOUR PRECIOUS BLOOD.

COME INTO MY HEART NOW AND CHANGE ME TO BE BORN AGAIN. FILL ME WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT AND LEAD ME TO SERVE YOU ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE. IN YOUR NAME I HAVE PRAYED.....amen.

If you have prayed sincerely to God then your name has been written in the Lamb's book of life now in heaven (Revelation 21:7). You are now born again into God's royal heavenly family.

Get a Bible immediately and join the others who worship God in truth and in Spirit and start serving and praising God. Tell others about the love of God in Christ Jesus that you have received. In doing this you will be obedient to God and grow spiritually. Abide in the faith, waiting for the imminent second coming of Jesus Christ to rapture the Church. May God richly bless you in your new life!