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Now we know that in the progression of sixes, he is not talking about six hundred and sixty-six. He is talking about 6, and then 66, and then 666, all having reference to an identifying mark of persons comprising of two essential characteristics:

- 1. The first characteristic is a false claim to being a son of God without being submitted to God.
- 2. The second characteristic is carrying out living in the economy of the sweat of the brow and carrying out the false hope that you shall be as gods on your own.

One cannot simultaneously claim to be of Christ without submitting to Christ, and also live by his own economy.

Because the plan from the ages, when God designated it to be so, was that we should live in Christ, that we would be clothed upon by Christ—propitiated, if you prefer, by the covering of Christ.² And of course, the word 'propitiation'³ means covering and is analogous to the Ark of the Covenant. We have gotten into that before. I will not repeat what has been said there but rather, in the summary of it, to say that, in Christ, God attributes all of His relationship to Christ, covenantally established to you—you who are in Christ, the assembled members of the Body of Christ. God attributes that all to you.

Christ, on the other hand, who has sent the Holy Spirit to reveal Himself to the members of His Body, requires then, over time, a transformation of your nature to take on the character of Christ Himself, and analogizes this to the refiner's fire that produces pure gold which then may be stamped with the image of Christ and refined to reflect the likeness of Christ. So, in Christ you are

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¹ See Revelation 13:18: "Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number *is* 666."

² See Galatians 3:27 BSB: "For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." See also Romans 13:14 BSB: "Instead, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh." See also Romans 3:21-26.

³ The word 'propitiation' in the Greek is *hilasterion* - https://biblehub.com/greek/2435.htm

actually going to be made to conform to the standard who is Christ.⁴ There cannot be another way. Propitiation requires, on the one hand, covering to secure you, to present you to the Father blameless, in the same status as Christ who is blameless before the Father, inasmuch as He lived the perfect life and is acceptable to the Father.⁵ Christ did not count it robbery to be on equal terms with God, but made Himself a servant to establish righteousness in His Body so that we who are members of His Body might be grafted in and made righteous by His righteousness.⁶ But whereas we are initially positioned in Christ and initially given His righteousness, in the workshop known as the Body of Christ, we are actually conformed to the exactness of His character. He conforms us so.

I spoke at length about five graces. Speaking in summary of those five graces, they reflect the power of Christ, the power that Christ has been given by the Father, to rescue us from the domain of darkness. So, to start with the raw material, to rescue us from the domain of darkness, this process is called salvation, where we are saved out of one kingdom and placed into another Kingdom.⁷ This is vastly different from the typical Baptist doctrine that speaks of salvation as going to heaven when you die. Salvation is not a destination; salvation is a change of status by changing who rules over you. The prince of Egypt once ruled over the Israelites, and then they were saved out of it by the hand of God to be delivered into the promise He made to Abraham, the timing of which had come. And so, Egypt could not keep them as slaves, and the Red Sea swallowed up the opposition even as Israel was set free to go up and possess the incidences of the promise God gave to Abraham and which attenuated to them—a type and shadow of Christ. So the grace of salvation is one of five graces, and it is about being set free from the control of the

⁴ See Romans 8:29: "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren."

⁵ See Ephesians 1:3-6: "Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved." See also Colossians 1:21-22.

⁶ See Philippians 2:5-7: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men."

⁷ See Colossians 1:13 BSB: "He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of His beloved Son, ..."

evil one, liberated from the domain of darkness and delivered into the Kingdom of God and the rule of the Son of God. There is no condemnation now for those who are in Christ Jesus. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus sets us free from the law of sin and death, which is, if you sin you die; the wages of sin is death.⁸

And there is the grace of reconciliation. God reconciles you to the vision of who He saw you to be before you were in your mother's womb. From an eternal perspective, there is a vision of who you are to be on the earth; it is how God means to live in you. So God restores that vision to you and reconciles you to that vision. There is the grace of reconciliation and the grace of conformation; God confirms and conforms you to that and reconciles you to it.

So,

- The grace of salvation,
- The grace of reconciliation,
- The grace of conformation.
- The grace of maturation is where He grows you up into it. That is where you especially encounter the fire, where you leave behind the dross, the soul's pull, the soul's imperatives, as you shift from a person led by the soul to a person led by the Spirit of God in fellowship with your spirit, and the soul is restored under the rule of your spirit. And the grace of maturation is that; He matures you in the process.
- And the final grace is the grace of exact representation.

So sonship in Christ is a progression wherein the soul is saved. When you are assembled to Christ, you must be brought to maturity. I am astonished, and I have said this many times, I am astonished at the near complete absence of teaching on the requirement of growing up and maturing. It is because everybody has been hoodwinked, deceived, by a partial gospel, the partial gospel that says you get saved so you can go to heaven when you die. No. You get saved so you may be conformed

⁸ See Romans 8:1-2: "*There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death." See also Romans 6:23: "For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

to the likeness of Christ, that you might carry His presence in the earth in exact representation. That is why He saved you. Salvation is not a destination as is popularly spoken. And that is why, today, you have all kinds of immature people, both running the church and being the church, and one cannot help the other. That is why they are easily led by every wind of doctrine, the foolishness of men who catch them in every silly scheme. That is why. That is why the QAnon proponents have replaced preachers for influence among the evangelical church. And frankly, the preachers deserve that replacement because they did nothing to further the gospel of Christ. They heaped to themselves believers, they collected believers, for the purpose of their economies and for the purpose of their fame. And they deserve to be stripped by people even less worthy than they. But again, we are simply changing deck chairs on a sinking ship.

This conflict comes to a head, and the culmination of both righteousness and wickedness reaches the apogee. The people of the earth are taken in whole into the kingdom of Satan. The fact is, when you are not in the Kingdom of God, you are already in the kingdom of darkness. It should come as no surprise. If you do not walk with God, you are under the domain of Satan. That is why, when this beast creates the seven systems and as it perfects the seven systems that it creates, all of humankind are captive to it because they already are in it. What is being distinguished is those who are in the Body of Christ, and they are being distinguished from those who claim they are in the Body of Christ. So a great falling away was inevitable.

The compendium is the last three sixes together—666.

- 1. The first six—6—was Cain.
- 2. The second two sixes—66—represented Babylon, and especially Babylon at the time of Nebuchadnezzar. Because Babylon is where the migration of the spirit of Cain ends up in entrapping the whole world, or the known world, so it is an adequate type and shadow. It is a sufficient type and shadow enslaving the whole world and pretending to be God.
- 3. The third sequence is that of three sixes—666—representing the ultimate configuration of claiming to be God, and that claim resting upon an economy of the sweat of your brow.

By now, this claim, these twin imperatives that actually began before the Garden—(1) the claim to be the legitimate heirs of God, (2) and to strive to achieve that by your own power, "You shall

be as gods, knowing good and evil," and the curse then of the economy of the sixth day—those things reach their fullest expression in the sequence of the final three, 666. The final expression is that of three sixes. It begins with one six, goes to two sixes, and then it becomes three sixes. It is the ultimate expression of this principle—being god without being submitted to God and sustaining that by the sweat of your brow—capturing mankind and forcing them into that system as its basic view of how rule is accomplished. That is what it is.

It is not some number, six hundred and sixty-six; it is 666. It is three sixes. Yes, you may speak of it as 666, and to convey the meaning of it, people may use the word six hundred and sixty-six, because 666 is six hundred and sixty-six. But it is not a number that means six hundred and sixty-six. It is a number that means the final three sixes together, the ultimate expression of that which began. And on the earth, the first expression of it was Cain, the number of a man—"With the help of the Lord, I have brought forth a man." So, it will have all of that.

We have gone through and have extensively discussed the systems of the *kosmos*.¹⁰ We have discussed the little horn that speaks blasphemous things against the Most High.¹¹ We have discussed the terror of a system in which you cannot buy or sell unless you have received the mark of the beast, which is to submit to the rule of the beast.¹² In a sense, it is the perfection of the capture of the whole earth by the evil one in this kingdom. He gives his power, his throne, and great authority to this systemic capture of all mankind,¹³ except those who dwell in heaven, those who are the sons of God.

It still remains the truth—and I should not even say "still" because it was never in doubt—it remains the truth that the children of God—the Seed of the woman, ultimately being the person of

⁹ See Genesis 3:5.

¹⁰ See *kosmos*, Strong's Greek 2889 - https://biblehub.com/greek/2889.htm

¹¹ See Daniel 7:8,11, 20; Revelation 13:5-6.

¹² See Revelation 13:16-17: "He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

¹³ See Revelation 13:2: "Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like *the feet of* a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority."

Christ and those who are in Christ—have the destiny, as sons of God, of having God decree in their favor and against the systems of the *kosmos*.¹⁴ From the beginning, where the struggle was first defined, this was the designated outcome.¹⁵ There cannot be a different outcome. The systems of the *kosmos*, collected together and organized in the fashion of this great beast, is an invisible kingdom, a spiritual reality. Unlike the other kingdoms designated by the lion, the bear, and the leopard, the predatory predecessors of this kingdom, this one is a spiritual kingdom. It is largely invisible, though like everything spiritual, their invisibility is no bar to their effectiveness and to the effective working among human beings.

Because, really, what we are talking about is what is the system behind the things we are seeing? And nobody should consider that a strange inquiry. I mean, what is the spirit behind the economy of gain and profit? What is the spirit behind that? Is there a spirit behind it? Or is it just benign, everybody doing wonderful things, or at least thinking they are? No. It is a spirit of greed. There is a spirit of greed behind it, an invisible spirit of greed. Now, as the people of God, you are allowed to participate in this system, just not to be caught up in the spirit of it. You are allowed to make money. God gives us wisdom to gain wealth, but not as a consequence or not at the expense of the loss of our souls to the spirit of greed. "For what shall it profit a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" The spirit of greed exacts perhaps the heaviest of all prices. But we may, by the Spirit of God, use the world though we should not rely on it. The moment you rely on the spirit of the thing, you are part of the domain over which that spirit rules.

I have often said there are many things we can do in form, like the world, but we must separate ourselves from the spirit that is behind that form. Martial arts is a good example of this. Most Eastern martial arts have a philosophy to it. There is a spirit to it, but the movements are not especially spirit. So a believer may participate in martial arts and learn the movements of martial

¹⁴ See Daniel 7:21-22: "I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made *in favor* of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom."

¹⁵ See Genesis 3:15 BSB: "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

¹⁶ See Mark 8:36-37.

arts, so long as he or she does not buy into the spirit of it. So many things are like that that the world comes up with. And I think sometimes Christians get caught up in how much they can do that is like the world, or whether the best approach is to avoid it altogether. God allows the believers, and God allows even unbelievers, to benefit from things that are in the world. He lets the rain fall on the just and the unjust, but the unjust never becomes the just without a transmission from the one state to the other. So we are free to use medicines of every kind because God often gives that for the benefit of His people even if it comes through the unrighteous. However, if you depend upon medicine in replacement of the sovereign care of God, then you have crossed the line from the one to the other. So these are important things to know about the age that we are in.

There are systems to the *kosmos*, and the spirit behind the systems always opposed Christ. Because there was an evil spirit who opposed the sons from the beginning, and continues to do so, and will until he is destroyed just like his kingdom is destroyed. That will be the case. Now, how we are to move in the world is never by legalism. Because we know certain things are true and certain things are false, we ought not then to create a kind of by-rote existence; then, we will not even have the benefits that God intends for us to have. The alternative to any legally-based approach to these things is to walk in the Spirit.

There is a lot of foolishness about the mark of the beast. Some even consider, at this point, vaccines as the mark of the beast. Grow up. Grow up. They watch as people all around them die from the disease, refusing to take the vaccine. Now, I am not saying that everyone should take the vaccine. I am not. But the foolishness that says you cannot take the vaccine because it is the mark of the beast, that is ridiculous. That is absolute rubbish. And it is based in this speculation and conjecture that I have spent so much time in the Scriptures trying to show otherwise. Is this going to change anybody? Probably not. Because if you have decided that what you believe is true, not even God is going to change your mind. If you have decided that what you believe is true because that is what God showed you, then not even God can change your mind, and you will suffer the consequences. This is a time when you cannot rely on these kinds of presuppositions.

The One who helps us navigate the systems of the *kosmos* is the Holy Spirit. We have our own revelation and insight. We have our own relationship to God. Our economy is not about the

avoidance of the world's economy. Our economy literally comes from the wisdom of the Spirit of God who shows us how to walk through these times. You better hear what I am saying. Because at the present moment, our economy is still largely subject to us. But the time is coming when it will not be. And if you have taken on these legalistic follies, you may well be part of that which falls away when the great separation comes, indeed even now has come, between the sons of righteousness and the sons of the devil. There is a remnant to be saved. There is a remnant to be saved, and you cannot be saved by having previously decided what pleases you. You will be saved walking through all of these things by the Spirit of God who has been sent to us to convict the world regarding sin, righteousness, and coming judgments.¹⁷

Now this should settle the matter, although it is foolish of me to hope that even the truth will settle the matter of the mark of the beast. Because people have bought in so deeply into their own mythologies that even when men of understanding bring forth wisdom from the throne of God, they will not be received because the folly of men's own personal convictions about things will replace even the revelation from God. Many see and do not see; they hear and do not hear; neither do they choose to understand. But there are those who are designated as blessed. Jesus said to His disciples, "Blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. And so to you is given to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven." The Kingdom of Heaven is revealed in terms of the secrets being revealed, not by the traditions of men or by the vain speculations of the immature and the foolish. I am speaking as plainly as I can because I do not wish to hold a matter back and cause others to continue in their folly. If you choose to continue in the folly of vain speculation, your blood is on your own head.

I am Sam Soleyn. Now we will continue with the 14th chapter of the Book of Revelation. See you then. Bye-bye.

¹⁷ See John 16:8-11: "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged."

¹⁸ See Matthew 13:16-17: "But blessed *are* your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous *men* desired to see what you see, and did not see *it*, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear *it*."

See also Mark 4:11-12: "And He said to them, 'To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables, so that "Seeing they may see and not perceive, And hearing they may hear and not understand; Lest they should turn, And *their* sins be forgiven them.""