

Counting up... 3... 6... 7... 8...

God made us... male and female... each with 3-parts—body... spirit... soul (mind, will, and emotions).

*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them (Genesis 1:27)**

and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ... (1 Thessalonians 5:23)

There is only one God with 3-persons—the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of Israel—the Father... Jesus Christ, the Son... the Holy Spirit.

And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment (Mark 12:29-30)

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost (Matthew 28:19)

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**... And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth (John 1:1,14)*

*His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and **his name is called The Word of God**. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS (Revelation 19:12-16)*

*For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, **the Word**, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one (1 John 5:7)*

There are also 3-parts for human life to carry on—the husband... the wife... the children—the family. For a detailed discussion see... [The Family Fortune](#).

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love (Ephesians 3:14-17)

For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone (Ephesians 2:18-20)

Is the... “3” ... part of the *image of God* and His created... man?

*And God said, Let us make man in **our image**, after **our likeness** (Genesis 1:26)*

[**our image**... masculine noun**... Strong’s H6754... tseh'-lem; from an unused root meaning to shade; a phantom, i.e. (figuratively) illusion, resemblance; hence, a representative figure, especially an idol:—image, vain shew—**our likeness**... adverb, feminine noun**... Strong’s H1823... dmuwth dem-ooth' from [1819](#); resemblance; concretely, model, shape; adverbially, like:--fashion, like (-ness, as), manner, similitude.

The **Image of God** ([Hebrew](#): צֶלֶם אֱלֹהִים, [translit.](#) tzelem Elohim; [Latin](#): *Imago Dei*.**]

So... with the theme of... “3” ... in mind...

the natural man trusts in his... natural body ... natural spirit of man (“breath of life” from God)... natural soul.

The natural man forgot that God gave him life and its rules...

the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul (Genesis 2:7)

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die (Genesis 2:17)

so... he ate from the wrong tree.

And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die...

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat (Genesis 3:4,6)

Adam and Eve didn’t trust God... their Creator... for the food they could eat...

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the... (Genesis 2:16,17)

and... today, it still hasn’t changed.

And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things (Luke 12:29-30)

God created man on the 6th day of the creation week (Genesis 1:26-31).

Could we say the number “6” represents the natural man?

The first man Adam was made a living soul... that which is natural (1 Corinthians 15:45,46)

[Maybe... two 3s (3-part—mind... body... spirit) combined together equals one... “6” ... *Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh (Genesis 2:24)...*

and...

maybe... the two 3s combined into one “6” ... who then bear another “6” *in their image*... equals a... “12”—a family... *and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth (Genesis 1:28)*. Said another way... “two of a kind are working on a full house”.

The “12” tribes of Israel are the foundation of the House of Israel... *the natural olive tree (Romans 11)...* *the household of God (Ephesians 2:19)...* the Family of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of Israel... *For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named (Ephesians 3:14-15).*]

If “6” represents the natural man...

would the natural man “6” be living a “666” life*** so to speak—living from the... natural body (6)... natural spirit of man (6)... natural soul (6)—all created by God on the 6th day of the week?

For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him (1 Corinthians 2:11)

The natural man puts his confidence in...

- his natural physical body—the workouts... the body building... the suave and sexy clothes... the bling...
- his natural “spirit of man”—his own strength...
- his natural soul—mind... will... emotions—I... “just dream it” ... “just speak it” ... “just do it” ... are slogans he lives by.

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned (1 Corinthians 2:14)

And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do (Genesis 11:6)

The natural man is born depraved and sinful—he doesn't recognize, or rejects, that... God rested on the 7th day.

And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made (Genesis 2:2-3)

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23)

When Jesus Christ completed His work at the Cross... He said... *It is finished.*

Jesus... said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost (John 19:30)

He was now able to validate the offer He made to the natural man.

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David (Isaiah 55:1-3)

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28)

The natural man who repents of his sin... and, accepts Jesus Christ's work at the Cross... Jesus Christ becomes his Lord and Savior—he's no longer just a "natural man"... he's also a "spiritual man"—a new creation.

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit (John 3:5-7)

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new (2 Corinthians 5:17)

This natural man has "put forth his hand" to... receive Eternal Life—the Life of Jesus Christ.

And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever (Genesis 3:22)

Could we say the number “7” represents the completed work of God... or, to rest in God’s work?

If so...

the natural man that “reaches out and eats of the Tree of Life”... is he living a “777” life*** ... so to speak?

For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief...

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:10-11,14-16)

This man trusts, or rests, in Jesus Christ for his...

➤ (7) Body...

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you (Romans 8:11)

Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular (1 Corinthians 12:27)

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth (3 John 1:2)

➤ (7) Spirit...

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you (John 14:26)

Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts (2 Corinthians 1:21-22)

even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God (1 Corinthians 2:11-12)

➤ (7) Soul.

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell (Matthew 10:28)

But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul (Hebrews 10:39)

This man has been given the Life of Jesus Christ—the Holy Spirit—the Spirit of God.

So...

➤ he's living by the mind of Christ...

But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:15-16)

➤ he's living by the "will of God" ...

And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day (John 6:39-40)

Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:17-18)

➤ and... when he rests in God... his emotions are brought under control.

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things (Philippians 4:6-8)

He's building his life on "the rock" ... the Life of Jesus Christ—"the chief corner stone".

For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is (1 Corinthians 3:11-13)

Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed (1 Peter 2:5-8)

He'll be able to weather the storms of life.

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. (Matthew 7:24-25)

He can say... "It is well with my soul".

*Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God **your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless** unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it (1 Thessalonians 5:19-23).*

It Is Well with My Soul... Horatio G. Spafford, 1873

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!—
My sin, not in part but the whole,

Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live:
If Jordan above me shall roll,
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.

But, Lord, 'tis for Thee, for Thy coming we wait,
The sky, not the grave, is our goal;
Oh, trump of the angel! Oh, voice of the Lord!
Blessed hope, blessed rest of my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

It is “well with his soul”... he knows it’s “saved”—could that be the end of the story?

The... so to speak... “777” man... “rests” in Christ in hope of... glory.

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life (Titus 3:5-7)

So... what about the “glorified man”?

Is there a number... “8”?

*And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations. This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised. And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you. And he that is **eight days old** shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed (Genesis 17:9-12)*

*And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a woman have conceived seed, and born a man child: then she shall be unclean seven days; according to the days of the separation for her infirmity shall she be unclean. And **in the eighth day** the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised (Leviticus 12:1-3)*

And when **eight days** were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, **his name was called Jesus**, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb. And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord (Luke 2:21-22)

The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the Lord... Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord: **on the eighth day** shall be an holy convocation unto you... **on the eighth day** shall be a Sabbath (Leviticus 23:34,36,39)

Now the Jew's feast of tabernacles was at hand... In **the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.** He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) (John 7:2,37-39)

In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward **the first day of the week**, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulcher... And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen... (Matthew 28:1,5,6)

And spared not the old world, but saved Noah **the eighth person**, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly (2 Peter 2:5)

Let's see... on the 8th day...

- “a sign” for a life with the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of Israel—in the Old Testament was performed...
- the Christ Child was also circumcised and He was then called by His name... Jesus...
- Jesus proclaimed the offer to receive His Life—Salvation—with the New Covenant He was about to establish...
- and... He did—Jesus Christ was resurrected on the 1st day of the week following the 7th day (the Sabbath) of the week. Could this 1st day of the week be considered an 8th day—the day that follows after the last 7th day of the previous (old creation) week? Does this 1st... or 8th... day represent “the dawn” of a... new week... new beginning... new creation (the glorified “new man” ... new heavens... new earth)?

Let's not forget... there was Noah... **the eighth person**, a preacher of righteousness... representing the “born again” ... “restart button” ... for “new life” to emerge from the condemned watery grave the world was under.

The number “8” seems to be significant.

On... **the eighth day**... *the last day, that great day of the feast*... Jesus said... **out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water** (John 7:37-39). Does this day represent the time when the Wife of the Lamb of God—the New Jerusalem—exists?

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God...

And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God...

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it (Revelation 21:2-3,9-10,22)

I’ve helped deliver a lot of babies—in my younger days, I worked in a “cow maternity ward”. I was on a team that assisted about a hundred first and second calf heifers to have their calves every year. Heifers this young can have trouble in birth and sometimes need to be delivered by hand. I’ve seen a lot of “water breaking”... and, when it does... get ready to go into action to bring “new life” into the world.

Am I stretching for it... or, is there a correlation between the natural example of giving birth and the “life giving water” that flows from the Wife of the Lamb of God—the Bride—the Church—at the end of the Age?

*And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations... **And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely** (Revelation 22:1-2,17)*

Will this... *pure river of water of life*... flow during... **the eighth day**? And, is this why Jesus mentioned... **out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water**... on this day ... *the eighth day shall be a Sabbath* (Leviticus 23:39)... *the last day, that great day of the feast* [Feast of Tabernacles] (John 7:37-39)—the day that possible represents the Age of the Wife of the Lamb of God—Eternity?

I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given

him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed... But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever (Daniel 7:13-14,18)

Are they just reiterating the invitation to Eternal Life they're making today... or does... *the Spirit and the bride*... literally say... *Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely*... during the Age of the Wife of the Lamb of God?

I don't fully know... but, I wonder.

All said and done... during the Age of Eternity... we have a glorified... Body... Spirit... Soul.

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together (Romans 8:17)

So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body (1 Corinthians 15:42-45)

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God... Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit (John 3:3,5-6)

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever (1 Peter 1:23)

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever (John 14:16)

Would the number "8" be representative of the *incorruptible*... the glorified "3-parts" ... a person possesses in Eternity?

I'm not a numerologist... or, a Greek and Hebrew language expert... but, some think... eight is the number of Jesus, whose name in the Greek adds up to 888.****

[Strong's G2424 *lēsoús*—Jesus, the transliteration of the Hebrew term, [3091](#) /Lōt ("Yehoshua"/Jehoshua, contracted to "Joshua") which means "Yahweh saves" (or "Yahweh is salvation")...

Original Word: Ἰησοῦς, οἷ, ὁ... Part of Speech: Noun, Masculine... Transliteration: Iésous...

Jesus (Ιησους) = 888.]****

Maybe it all doesn't really connect... but, again, I wonder.

Remember... God created man on the 6th day—He also created the natural “beast” on the 6th day (Genesis 1:24-31). Is there a connection between man and beast... and the... “6th” ... day?

A natural man who rejects God... the Son of God—Jesus Christ—in turn... acts like a beast.

Let his [Nebuchadnezzar's] heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him (Daniel 4:16)

But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him: And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven... (Daniel 5:20-21)

they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie (2 Thessalonians 2:10,11)

Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness... (Romans 1:22-29)

No longer is the virtue of the natural family of a... man... woman... and children... honored or protected—it's been reduced to the existence of beasts... and, in some cases... below that.

The man who trust in himself... and, not in the Son of God—the salvation through the shed Blood of Jesus Christ at the Cross—is he living by... or, will he receive the wrath of God because of... the mark of the beast?

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: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath

understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six (Revelation 13:16-18)

[An observation—men that do not walk with Jesus Christ are mentioned in a verse referenced by... 6:66.

*From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him (John **6:66**)*

Said another way... whether a man lives to actually receive this mark... or, he dies rejecting what Jesus Christ did at the Cross... he worships the natural man... he lives by the spirit of the antichrist—his destiny is the same... the Lake of Fire.

And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world (1 John 4:3)

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name (Revelation 14:9-11)

And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone (Revelation 19:20)

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:15)

This is a man who actually worships... *the god of this world*... Satan.

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. (2 Corinthians 4:4)

This man loves the world.

*Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For **all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.** And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. Little children, it is*

the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time (1 John 2:15-18)

He believes the natural physical body will fulfill *the desires of his heart—the lust of the flesh.*

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh (Galatians 5:16)

He believes the world... when he sees it through the window to his soul... will fulfill *the desires of his heart—the lust of the eyes.*

The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness (Matthew 6:22-23)

He believes in this world he can “have it all”—*the pride of life.*

And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God (Psalm 78:8)

He doesn't believe...

Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart (Psalm 37:4).

It's the natural man's “unbelief” that keeps him from entering into God's... *seventh day Sabbath rest...* and then, on into *the Promised Land.*

So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.) Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end... And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? (Hebrews 3:11-14,18)

For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest. Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief... (Hebrews 4:4-6)

*Thus says the LORD, “Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind And makes flesh his strength, And whose heart turns away from the LORD. “For he will be like a bush in the desert And will not see when prosperity comes, But **will live in stony wastes in the wilderness, A land of salt without inhabitant** (Jeremiah 17:5-6 NASB)*

It's the “belief” in Jesus Christ's sacrifice at the Cross that leads a man out of the land of... *six days of his own labor...* away from... *stony wastes in the wilderness, A land of salt without*

inhabitant... into... the land flowing with milk and honey... where he... will not be anxious in a year of drought Nor cease to yield fruit.

For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works... (Hebrews 4:10)

Let no man therefore judge you... in respect of an holyday... or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ (Colossians 2:16,17)

*And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them. But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, **a land that floweth with milk and honey**: I am the Lord your God, which have separated you from other people (Leviticus 20:23-24)*

*“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD And whose trust is the LORD. “For he will be like a tree planted by the water, That extends its roots by a stream And will not fear when the heat comes; But its leaves will be green, And **it will not be anxious in a year of drought Nor cease to yield fruit** (Jeremiah 17:7-8 NASB)*

For evildoers will be cut off, But those who wait for the LORD, they will inherit the land [earth]. Yet a little while and the wicked man will be no more; And you will look carefully for his place and he will not be there (Psalm 37:9-10 NASB [KJV])

Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds... (Hebrews 1:2)

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ... (Romans 8:17).

So then let no one boast in men. For all things belong to you, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or things present or things to come; all things belong to you, and you belong to Christ; and Christ belongs to God. (1 Corinthians 3:21-23 NASB)

*He that overcometh shall **inherit all things**; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. (Revelation 21:7)*

The land where... the Wife of the Lamb of God resides... and, the “river of Life” flows.

By the river on its bank, on one side and on the other, will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither and their fruit will not fail. They will bear every month because their water flows from the sanctuary, and their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing.” (Ezekiel 47:12 NASB)

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there

the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations (Revelation 22:1-2)

Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen: Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen. For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses. One shall say, I am the LORD's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the LORD, and surname himself by the name of Israel. Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God. (Isaiah 44:1-6)

We were created on the 6th day—our... body... soul... spirit—and, if we stay in this natural state, we act like the natural beast also created on the 6th day.

If we accept Jesus Christ... we “rest in His work” as He did on the 7th day.

Now... we rest in hope we'll be resurrected like He was on the 8th day (the 1st day of a new week)... to be His Wife... *if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.* (Romans 8:17).

Resting in Jesus Christ and “counting up” is the way to go—trusting in man and the world while “counting down” gives us... no hope!

This is just how I see it... it doesn't mean I'm right... checkout the scriptures in context for yourself.

*All text reference scripture quoted or discussed is King James Version unless otherwise noted. Bold, colored lettering, brackets [my understanding of things] and underline—mine. You can do a search at BibleGateway.com to see them in context.

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***Other than the number... 666 (the mark of the beast)...the numbers... 777... 888... are not mentioned in the Bible. I'm just looking at representations and patterns in context of the “3-part” components that make up our personal life—body... spirit... soul.

***<http://www.biblestudy.org/bibleref/meaning-of-numbers-in-bible/8.html>
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