

The Wood Patent

In addition to the ideas of Stewardship, Salvation & Sanctification, there were three main points that I wanted to bring out in this project. These three points not only parallel the 3 crosses on Golgotha [Jesus' crucifixion, he died on the cross, paid for our sins & rose again], but also are a parallel to the various songs about redemption [one example being "Three Wooden Crosses", sung by Randy Travis].

Regarding the idea of Stewardship, the question is ... are we really acting as stewards of what we've been given? Or are we acting like we're the owners and inventors? Who really owns & invented the things of this world?



What is the Wood Patent?

That's the first point of this essay, ownership. This relates to how much do we think about God & what he created/ invented as well as what He owns.

"Who owns the patent on wood? God [Trinity]...

Genesis 1:11 "Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants, yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit after their kind, with seed in them, on the earth:: and it was so."

Colossians 1:16 "For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created by Him & for Him."

Second point, this relates to the question "Who worked with the very wood that He invented"? "Who was the carpenter & son of a carpenter"? ... Jesus ...

Mark 6:3 "Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James, and Joses, and Judas, and Simon? Are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at Him.

[**Matt 13:55** mentions Him also as the carpenter's son].

Third point... the crucifixion that is so central to our eternity? ..."Who died on the cross? The one that was made out of the same wood that He invented...?" ... Jesus ...

Luke 23:33, 46 "And when they came to the place called the Skull [Golgotha], there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left" ... "And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, INTO THY HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT.: And having said this, He breathed His last".

Salvation & Sanctification

not just you, but also those around you...

I pray this gives you a new perspective on things of this earth, things of eternity,

what your path there is, & what you will DO with it in the meantime.