Talk about **coveting** & the recent lottery of 1.8 billion.
We should learn to be content and thankful to God for his blessings in our life.

Because the eternal riches we will receive through our carful obedience to all of God's words ; heaven out shine all the wealth one could desire in this present dying world.

Revelation 1:5b-6 (NKJV)
5b Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, **6** And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Colossians 3:1-4 (NKJV)
1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitting on the right hand of God. **2** Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. **3** For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Colossians 3:1-4 (NKJV)
1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things above, not on things on the earth. **3** For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, our life, appears, then you will appear with him in glory.

Colossians 3:1-4 (NIV)
1 Since then you have been raised with Christ, you should set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. **2** Fix your minds on things above, not on earthly things. **3** For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, who is our life, appears, then you will also appear with him in glory.

Colossians 3:1-4 (ESV)
1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek the things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth. **3** For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Colossians 3:1-4 (AMP)
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Man's Earthly Habitation

1.1 God's original purpose for mankind:

Genesis 1:26-28 (NKJV)
26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; **let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the fowls of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."**
27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; **have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."**

God's original purpose for mankind's earthly habitation changed when Adam sinned.

This is not to say that God was taken by surprise.

Nothing happened in our present world to surprise God. Before the world was created, God had already plan to make Jesus according to Ephesians 1:4 "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:"

But as finite creatures it is essential, according to God's design, that man function under God's authority.

Man was not created to be able to function apart from God.

"God is demonstrated by the very fact man, when he chose to reject God's authority, he fell into sin."

God was going to teach men authority orientation through Adam's failure.

God will ultimately bring man back to his original purpose for creation, which is to function under the authority of the God man, Jesus Christ.

Adam's sin affected everything in creation:

Romans 8:19-23 (NKJV)
19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waits for the manifestation of the sons of God.
20 For creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;
21 because the creature itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the liberty of the glory of the children of God.
22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pains together until now.
23 And not only that, but also we themselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we themselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

including his own seed, so that now even his children are born with the sinful condition, separated from God.

After Adam's sin God then initiated His plan, from before anything was created, to restore man's fellowship back to God.

This plan is designed around His perfect righteous standards, not man's. **Perfect righteousness is the result of God's perfect holiness. Man's righteousness originates from God, it is sourced in God.**

Psalm 89:1-2 (NKJV)
1 I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.
2 For I have said, "Mercy shall be established forever; Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens."

Man's sin progress to a new:
1st - to believe in Jesus Christ's justification gift. And then
2nd - To begin learning the word of God so that we can start living our life incrementally in obedience to His revealed will; with a mindset of the eternal rewards, resulting from that obedience

Jesus Christ laid down his life on the cross and became God's only perfectly righteous, and acceptable substitute to pay the necessary penalty for sin in man's place.

God's only requirement for our forgiveness therefore is to **believe what Jesus did on the cross for us**. And nothing else is required. Man cannot produce anything good enough in himself that God will accept.

God will only accept what He provided through Jesus Christ, by belief/faith alone in Jesus Christ alone.

A written prayer:

God, You sent Your son Jesus into the world to save mankind from their sinful condition that began when Adam rebelled against Your authority. This sin separated me from You.

John 3:16 (NKJV)
16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Thank you God for sending **Your Son Jesus** to restore mankind back to an acceptable relationship with You.

God, I believe that Jesus Christ paid for my sins on the cross, so that I could be forgiven.

1.2 What was "**Finished**" on the cross?

John 19:30 (NKJV)
30 So when Jesus had received the vinegar, He said, "**It is finished!**" And bowing His head He gave up His spirit.

bowing that of things were **accomplished**

Jesus — in the name, letter, character, and nature of Jesus, **LORD** — Jehovah, God, Lord, master, Lord

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