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God planted the tree of life in the middle of the garden, in Eden, so that Adam might eat from it, as well as from the other trees, except from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The Tree of Life represented the family tree of the holy, sinless, and deathless descendants that God had planned for Adam and his wife and for all mankind that would multiply eternally from them. However, this divine purpose was never fulfilled because of Adam's sin that introduced death to all his descendants.

The consequence of Adam's disobedience, who preferred to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, was the multiplication of the descendants with sin and death; that is, the family tree of death, as is shown in Genesis chapter 5, where the expression "and he died" is repeated over and over again.

But the first human beings to eat from the Tree of Life will be the children of God, the resurrected and glorified members of the Church, whom the Lord Jesus Christ will take to Paradise, to the Third Heaven, to the New Jerusalem, in the glorious event of the Rapture. At the Judgment Seat of Christ, this glorified Church will officially receive the first promise that corresponds to the eternally multiplied descendants, which means to bear holy, pure, sinless fruit, as God established it before the foundation of the world, and ordained it from the beginning in Genesis 1:28: " 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."

Therefore, in Hebrews 6:13-20, the Lord says that the promises He gave Abraham under oath, which are, "I will bless you and multiply you," are immutable: "... that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for

refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us." (Hebrews 6:18). We, the holy Church, have this hope as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast. Hallelujah!

Traditional theology has never taught this hope of the immutable promise of eternally multiplied descendants. On the contrary, theological books and churches have affirmed that there will be no descendants or multiplication in eternity. This teaching, contrary to Scripture, directly attacks God's attributes: His immutability, His faithfulness, His truthfulness, His omnipotence, His wisdom, His goodness, and all the other attributes of our Almighty and Eternal God.

God has never changed His eternal promises, for they have never been fulfilled because of man's sin and death. But God has determined to fulfill His eternal promises, which He gave in Eden and confirmed in all his covenants, especially in the New Covenant, because the Lord Jesus was incarnated, died, rose in glory, and ascended to the Third Heaven to give us the necessities requirements to receive the eternal promises that Adam lost; these requirements are: the holiness and eternity of our body, soul, and spirit. Romans 15:8-12 says:

⁸ Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises *made* to the fathers, 9 and that the Gentiles might glorify God for *His* mercy, as it is written: / "For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, / And sing to Your name." / ¹⁰ And again he says: / "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!" / ¹¹ And again: / "Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! / Laud Him, all you peoples!" / ¹² And again, Isaiah says: / "There shall be a root of Jesse; / And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, / In Him the Gentiles shall hope."

We are the gentile Church, which formerly belonged to the nations, and we were not a people, but Christ forgave us, sanctified us, and reconciled us to God the Father by His infinite love and mercy. Therefore, we will receive, for the first time in the history of mankind, all the eternal promises, especially the main one, which is the descendants who will multiply forever because we will eat from the Tree of Life, as God promised in Revelation 2:7.

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We and our holy descendants, eternally multiplied like rivers, will worship God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit forever and ever, from generation to generation. We will praise God, glorify Him, and worship Him. Hallelujah!

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