

A NEW MINDSET

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GREETINGS It is such a blessing for me to come to you in this Live broadcast of Dynamic Love Web Church where we are just going to celebrate the goodness of God, the mercy of God, the grace of God... His love. We are going to just respond to His embrace in worship and in simply just in enjoying, believing and accepting the finished work of Jesus Christ. Glory to God!

I want to welcome everyone who is watching for the very first time. I want to say to you that here in Dynamic Love Web Fellowship, our vision is to hear, spread and fellowship around the Gospel of Grace where the number one thing is all about hearing His word and having fellowship around His word with like-minded people who are established in the goodness and the grace of God.

The vision that is in my heart is to always just preach the message of God's grace, the message of His love and nothing else. That is what it is all about and it's not to change the message and mix it with old legalism and law but to simply to what Christ has done for it is the ONLY system the only way that can actually bring forth fruit in the earth. I would like to encourage you to go our web page, Bertibrits.com or Dynamicministries.com and click on web church and see what this church is about. Glory to God!

To all of our Web Church members, faithful viewers of this Live broadcast, I would like to welcome you and sat that you guys are a blessing! It is wonderful to be here and just minister the Gospel of Grace together. Glory to God

PRAYER Father, I want to thank You so much that we can be here together today. I want to thank You, Lord, for Your love and Your kindness an Your grace towards us. I thank You that every person that is hearing this message can be impacted by Your grace. Thank You for the opportunity to just share Your message, to share Your love, with people. Holy Spirit, thank You that You speak powerfully through me today and that we can see Your people equipped with the Good News, the Truth for we want to share in Your life, continue to share in Your life, and see Your kingdom advance in us, not by our doing but Yours. Thank You, Lord! Amen and amen

COMMUNION As our custom is, we have Communion together every Sunday.

Romans 9:8 *That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.*

What he is saying here is that the children of the flesh, here he is just referring to physical Israel, that you are not a child of God because of your ethnicity. Then he goes on:

9 *For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son.* This is the word of promise that Sarah would have a son.

10 *And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac;*

11 *(For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)*

12 *It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.*

Paul's argument here is to be a child of God is not found in him that wills or him who works hard but in him who calls. What he is saying here is that it is impossible to be a child of God and when we define child of God here is to have the very nature of God, to be the image of God in the earth. It is impossible to be that by ethnicity or by willpower or by laws or rules or regulations. That is the point that he is trying to drive home here.

I want to just read it again:

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10 And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac;

11 (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calls;)

12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.

I want to just read it again:

Verse 9 For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son. He doesn't say, "Abraham, you will by your willpower and by your doing, you will bring forth a son in Sarah." Although Abraham was the physical father, it was through the doing of God, the promise of God, that Sarah was bearing fruit.

Can you see that Abraham, although he was involved, the whole drive and the power behind the impossible which was for Sarah to bear fruit because she was already old, was not in the parameters of the willpower of a man. It was within the promise and the doing of God because God said, "I will come. I will appear and when I appear, when I get onto the scene, then she shall be pregnant. "

Although Abraham was the physical father, God had to do a miracle in the womb of Sarah so that the fruit was not by the ability of man but it was by the doing of God. That is also what our whole message is revolved around and which I would say is the theme of the whole year and the years to come. I think I am going to preach on this for many years until the Lord shows me something else that He wants to reveal in line with this truth. So here he says that a child is not counted by the doing of man but by the doing of God. That is all that God is actually saying there.

The other example he uses here in verse 10 was with Rebecca and the father, Isaac. It says that the elder shall serve the younger and this he said as the scripture says in verse **11 For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calls;**

Isn't that absolutely beautiful! Can you see the Apostle Paul coming in and just driving this thing home with these two examples? If you read on, he uses many other examples driving it home saying to people: It is not of the works of the Law. It's not of how intelligent you are, how smart you are. It's not about your education. It's not about what ethnic group you are of. It's got all to do with God making a promise and the One who made the promise bringing forth this promise.

This morning in church I asked the question, "If someone promises you something, who is it up to to fulfill the promise?" If I come and I promise somebody a hundred rand, is it for that person to fulfill the promise to get me to do it or is solely up to me to bring it forth? It's up to me. The one who makes the promise is the one who must fulfill the promise. And that is what God says. God goes so far and says that if it is not done by Him fulfilling His promise, it is not counted as born from God.

In other words, if it is not for free by the doing of God, it is not counted as anything in the eyes of God. When it comes to the Communion, we are thinking of that old body, that system of works, that was broken. That body where it was about ethnicity, where it was about the “Jewish” people and their laws whereby we were determined to be insiders and outsiders, how that was broken. And not just that body but the body that was actually carrying, what Paul was calling, the flesh.

The Greek word for flesh is sarx. Everyone would have a human body but something that Paul refers to as the flesh or what we would call the inability of man to perform the very ability of God or the character of God or the life of God, inside us. In the old language we would call it the sinful nature or the sinfulness of man or what Paul would call, “In my flesh, that sarx part, dwells nothing good.” That flesh, that body that carries that sinfulness, was broken and then a body was raised without the flesh. A physical body, without the flesh, was raised. That is what we are celebrating today. We are celebrating the end of the Old. We are celebrating that old man, where we thought it was not by promise but by works, passed away and the New Covenant and the blood of Jesus Christ where we are now made partakers of the New and we are raised up in Him in a flesh where the sinfulness is washed away, kept away, by the doing of the Holy Spirit.

As we take the Communion, we do it together mindful of what Christ has done for us. Let us enjoy the Communion together.

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Today we are going to talk about what it means to have a brand new mindset and how this new understanding brings forth a new life in you.

We are going to look at the resurrected Jesus and what this resurrected Jesus is all about and how we are included. in this finished work of Christ. As we have this new mindset we find that Christ brings forth a brand new life in us. Glory to God! That is beautiful and wonderful for us.

Colossians 3

1 If you then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God.

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

I want to read that again: *2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*

I want to go into that word, affection, because it is a powerful word and as we see this word, affection, it really brings forth a greater understanding on what the Apostle Paul meant and how the early Church did things.

Thayer definition says it means to have understanding or to be wise or to feel or to think.

So what he is saying here is, “Set your understanding or your wisdom on the things that are above. The word, understanding, is a great word there. He is saying, “Let your understanding be in line with the finished work of Jesus Christ. Let your understanding be as everything to do, the way you logic, from where you reason, from where you think, let it have everything to do with Christ and where He is today. Our understanding many times is found in the circumstances of this world or our understanding is in dos and don'ts or legalism and law or the old way of doing.

In the beginning of the year I was saying, as I say in every year, is that this year is not a special year. 2018 is not the Year of new beginnings. I see where many people take the number 8 in 2018 and they say that the number 8 is the Lord rested on the seventh day and on the eighth day everyone walked in what was new. Than means that 2018 is the year of new beginnings. The number 7 in 2017, means it is the number of completion. Then 2016 must have been the Year of Man. People would call 2015 as the Year of Grace because 5 is the number for grace. Now, what would 2010 be, the Year of the Ten Commandments? I want to tell you that God does not operate in the shallowness of years. God operates in His passion and in His love for people! 2018 is not the Year of New Beginnings. If you want to call it dispensation or something like that Paul talks about the dispensation or the revelation of the divine influence of God on humanity, called grace.

If you want to talk about a new beginning, the Year of the New Beginning is when Christ was raised from the dead and He now is, from His resurrection, making everything new by Him having dominion over sin and sickness and disease and death itself. So, we can say that is the Year of the New Beginning.

You many ask me why I am against that kind of a teaching. This is simply why: Should 2018 have been the Year of New Beginning, which would then be like when Christ was raised from the dead, it would be okay with me. But the problem that we have in saying that 2017 is the Year of Completion and 2018 is the Year of New Beginnings, when we say that, we are actually believing and programming the sub-conscious mind that God in other years would be keeping away what we are receiving now. Some think and believe that 2018 is the year where we are just going to have everything for free. That is a lie! Everything has been for free for thousands of years. God has made His resurrection power available and the mindset from where many people think is the old Jewish mindset, the old legalism, feast driven, Jewish culture mindset which Jesus clearly says we have been set free from.

Getting back to the point in the scripture, it says, ***1 If you then be risen with Christ, seek*** (or have your desire or have your heart toward) ***those things which are above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God.***

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. Set your understanding on what is above. We cannot set our understanding on what is not above, on the earthly things. Earthly things, again, and some people might say, “Bertie, you are hammering this thing too hard!” Well, I just feel this is what the Holy Spirit puts upon my heart. I feel that this is the truth that the Apostle Paul was preaching here in Romans, in Galatians and in Colossians. In Colossians, he is basically saying, “You should not put your affection, you should not have a worldly understanding. The Apostle Paul referred to a worldly understanding as an understanding that was based on the world of that time which was the Jewish people believing they are going to get a Messiah that is now going to release them from the oppression of the Romans and that the Gentiles are outsiders and the Jewish people are insiders. He said, “We should not have our understanding from that platform.”

The word, understanding, means the ability to put something together. You can put it this way: If somebody has taken a car apart and just gives it to a very good mechanic that understands very well the functioning of an engine. He understands how the diesel injector works. He understands the whole diesel pump system. He understands the four-stroke engine. He understands everything. If he understands it and you just give him the spare parts, then he will be able to assemble that engine without ever seeing how it came apart. His understanding will enable him to put it together. Now here Paul is saying, "Let your understanding, let the platform from where you put things together, be Christ at the right hand of God."

What does it mean when we say, "Christ, at the right hand of God"? It is very simple. Let our understanding, let our approach to this life, let our way of reasoning about our future, let our way of reasoning about our family life, our relationship with our children, our businesses or our jobs, boss, whatever, let your understanding of how to be blessed, of how to conquer sin, of how God blessed, be put together from the understanding that there is a man in the Godhead. There is a man in the Trinity and He is the Christ. He is not just a man in the Godhead. He's more than a man in the Godhead. He is THE Christ.

From the Jewish understanding, Christ, meant the Messiah or another way of saying it, He would be King. So when you want to understand how you will be blessed, let it be from the perspective that there is a man that is now the King or the Ruler, or the One who has dominion over sin and death and over my sin and my death. He rules over since I am now, willingly, a subject of His kingdom. That means that He will now exercise judgment and righteousness in every area of my life setting me free from sin and death. That is what he is saying. When we look at this and we have that as our understanding, we cannot come with all humans that 2018 is the Year of New Beginnings or something like that because what would our logic be? Our logic would be Jewish numbers and feasts and all of those kind of things, which is not life giving, Church! The only thing that could ever bring forth fruit in my life, the only hope that I have to see a change in my life in areas where I have not seen change, is the power of God.

I just said in our Communion part of this message that in Romans 10 that the promise that God made, he said that His children is not counted by ethnicity but by promise. Then he goes on and says:

Romans 9:

10 *And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac;*

11 *(For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calls;)*

What he is saying here is that when Rebecca was pregnant with twins, God said that the elder shall serve the younger. By that he was saying that it is the logic by which I work is not a logic which was according to the customs and the rules of that world, according to the laws of that world, which says that the younger will serve the elder. But God said it the other way around to show to man that the way God works is not in accordance to man's system or legalistic systems or the customs of that time but according to God that chooses and God had chosen that He will bring forth fruit in people by HIS doing.

We see that also in **Romans 9:**

8 *That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.*

9 *For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son.*

He is saying that He didn't say to Abraham, "Go and have a son." He said, "There will come a time when I, God Almighty, will make Sarah fruitful and then she will have a son." So God had to come into the scene and heal the womb of Sarah, make her young again (She was about 1900 years old.) and then she could have a child. So, Isaac was not born of the doing of Abraham but he was born of the promise of God. When God promised, it came forth. So that we today can have our logic changed. We can have a new mindset. Our mindset is not the mindset of legalism and law. Our mindset is the mindset of Christ. Our understanding, the way we understand the future. The way we understand what God does for us. The way we understand how a new life comes forth. The way we understand how we will prosper in the future. The way we understand how our marriage will work out successfully and how we will conquer sin and death and how we will walk a righteous life is not from the perspective of the flesh or in that wills by the willpower of a man or by the law but by the promise of God. God has promised us good works.

You have heard me say this thousands of times: A good life is not what God commands or demands. It is what God has promised. It is for the one who made the promise to bring forth the fulfillment of that promise. The Bible says that the fruit of being in the Spirit is love, joy, peace, etc. That is the life that God has promised us. So the logic that we can have is that there is a man seated at the right hand of God, who is called the Christ or the King and He is now the ruler over sin and death. Since the day that He went into heaven to be seated at the right hand of God until now, is just one year, one Age, one dispensation if you want to call it like that and to this kingdom and this doing, there shall be no end. The advancement of this kingdom shall not end.

I want to tell you that I don't care what political party you vote for but unless that party is finding its logic inside this Gospel and the logic and the flowing of that is the full doing of God, based on the resurrection power of God, that party will end one day. In our case I can look at all of our political parties and I want to say that there is not one of them that has eternal life. I looked at the political parties in America, I've looked at the people in Germany, Zambia, Zimbabwe and there is no eternal life in any of those. They are all going to pass away because none of those parties possess the ability to save man from their sin, to save man from a desire for alcohol abuse, to save a man from missing out on eternal life. None of those parties can do that. They have their systems and their laws and their rules where they think that they can preserve the life of that nation. But I want to say to you that it might help a little but it will be short lived.

We need to come to the understanding that the truth, the power, the eternal life is in Christ being the King. I want to tell you that the only king of this earth, I am talking about a physical king, of this earth, the true King is Jesus Christ. He is the King of this earth and His way of ruling is not trying to get people to just follow His rules and commands. No, He dominates and the way that He dominates is He enters the heart of those who believe upon Him and He then rules over the sin and the lust and the desire in the heart of man. Then He brings forth a kind, meek, flooded with temperance, a contented human being in the earth and that is how His kingdom advances in this earth. That is how He brings forth a manifestation of the kingdom which He already got a hold of 2,000 years ago. Glory to God!

The message today is on a new understanding, a new mindset.

When the Bible says, Let your mindset be...

Colossians 3:

I If you then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God.

2 Set your affection (your understanding, the wisdom by which you live. When you want to make a wise decision, set it upon the Christ, the One who rules over sin and death... let that be your wisdom from there. Affection also means to feel or think; to have an opinion of oneself; to think of oneself' to the modest not let one's opinion, thought, just of himself to exceed the bonds of modesty; to think and judge of one's opinion is. In other words, if you want to think or judge what your opinion is, let you think or judge, have your opinion about your life, about other people's lives, all be set inside the parameters of a human being seated at the right hand of God that has conquered death under whose dominion I am now where it is not for me to drive out that which is evil in my heart but where it is up to Him. Amen!) ***on things above, not on things on the earth.***

If I am under the dominion of our law system in South Africa and I find that somebody comes and harasses me or my children, or someone, it is not for me to get them off of, out of my life. If somebody comes and threatens my wife or threatens my life, it is not for me to take the law into my own hands and I am now going to threaten him back and have him murdered. Or, it's not for me to take him and lock him up in my back yard to keep myself safe. We, even in today's understanding, we know that we cannot do that. Even the laws of the country demand that it is for the one that you are under to make sure that you are safe. You must just inform them.

So if somebody comes and threatens my life or threatens the life or the safety of my children, what do I do? I call the police. It is the police's job to see that that thing that threatens my life is removed from me. It is the very same way with Christ. With Christ it is for the Ruler, which is Jesus to end sin in my life. You might say, "Bertie, you just want to say that I can just go and sin as much as I like and that it is for Christ to end the sin in my life and in the meantime I can do whatever I like." Let me put it this way: As you have the logic of Colossians where you set your affection, your understanding, your wisdom, your opinion of yourself, on the things that are above where Christ sits, you are saying is that you are acknowledging that I can never, by my own power, end these things that are bothering my life. I cannot. Let's make this very practical for every day life. You cannot stop lust for money by your own power. You cannot stop your fear. You cannot stop your anxiety. You cannot stop your lust for another man or another woman. You cannot stop your desire to eat too much... whatever it is! You are acknowledging that you cannot stop this. The reason why you are acknowledging that is because you know that you are not the Christ. You are not the Ruler in your life but that you and every part of you, even the sinful part, was put under the dominion of Christ. Now He judges against that which wants to destroy you and by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the heart of the willing person, He now recreates and brings forth a brand new man and so mortifies the deeds of the flesh. Glory to God.

The only way that we can have a holy life is when we look at Christ at the right hand of God and we are saying that we are under His rulership where we are not taking matters into our own hands. We see it so many times. Even in normal law, you cannot take matters in your own hands. It is the very same way with the kingdom of God. The way we are seeing the dominion and the rulership of Christ in our lives is when our logic is the logic that says when the opinion of ourselves is an opinion which is all about a human in the Godhead and this human is the Christ and Christ means He rules over sin and death. That is it.

Remember the passage where the Apostle Paul came and said, "It is not I who live but Christ that lives in me." This is what was taking place: Paul was living a good life. He was living a life where He was willing to die for other people. He loved other people. He was generous and cared for others. He was not chasing after money. He was willing to be crucified, beheaded, die, for the spreading of the Gospel. He was not self centered but other centered. Then he said, "The life I live is not I who live this life but it is the Christ." You need to understand that Jesus was born and then He lived a life where He was obedient. He died and He rose again. He then sat at the right hand of the Father from where He rules. "What does He rule over? He rules and has dominion over that which He conquered which was the sin He became and the death He took upon Him.

So, Christ rules and He has shown His power over sin and death and He has shown His power over the powers and principalities of this world which in today's terms which simply means the kings and the governments of this world. He has shown that He is more powerful than governments because the Sanhedrin as well as the Roman empire decided to kill Jesus. He then said, "Kill me and see if you can keep Me dead!" Then they did everything that there was to do in the power of a human being to destroy a man and then Jesus laughed at that. He was raised from the dead making a spectacle of powers and principalities greater than any government, greater than any authority system of this earth. That means that what I am part of and what your children are part of, as you believe this Good News, is greater than the educational system of this world. No school can ever teach your child and bring forth holiness in your life as what Christ can bring forth. All you need to do is believe this Gospel, teach this Gospel to your children and let them know this Gospel. Let their affection, their logic, their opinion of themselves, that by which they decide what to think of themselves be Christ at the right hand of God from where love and kindness and goodness is born. Let it be that!

Let it not be something like, "Well, this is the year of this blessing... that is the year of that blessing." What has that have to do with Christ and Him crucified and what has that to do with Christ sitting at the right hand of God from where a brand new life flows? It has nothing to do with that. It is simply human logic that has no power to a brand new life. God has come to give us a new life. God has come to rule and reign and have dominion over that which destroys our lives. That is why Paul said, "It is not I who live but it is the Messiah. Who has come to save His people from their sin which is actually showing His dominion and His power and what He is really in my life." I want to say that from my heart. "The good that you see in my life is not me following principles. It is me living the life. The life that I am living is not I who live it. It is the dominion and the rulership of Christ bringing those things forth in my life."

If I look at my kids and what is in their life and the beauty that I see in their lives, I can truly say that it is not me being a good Dad. It is Christ who lives in me that loves them and it is Christ in them that is shaping their understanding, shaping their lives and living in them. When we see things in their lives or in our lives where we find that this is not right, it's still wrong, I've got good news. The Bible says, "Of the increase of His government, there is not end." So it is not up to you to get yourself to be holy. It is up to Him to manifest you as holy, righteous, and immortal. Glory to God!

I know that I am repeating myself many times but let me read again, **Colossians 3:2** *Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*

Have your understanding, let your basic logic, let what you feel or think, or let the opinion that you have of yourself be CHRIST AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD. That means that the One who rules over sin and death in the equality of God, the eternal King.

I want to ask you, "Where is the Roman Empire today?" It's gone! It will never be again. I want to tell you that the Illuminati, all these things, are going to pass away. It doesn't have eternal life. It is not eternal. It will be done away for whatever is not under the dominion and the rulership of Christ shall die and perish! The systems of this world, doesn't matter how evil it might be, how powerful it might be, it does not have the ability to exist forever. But God, has shown eternal life in the physical when Jesus was physically raised from the dead. Now He in a physical form, in a new type of physicality, is ruling in this earth. He is ruling over your hurt. He is ruling over your rejection. He is ruling over your weight problems. He is ruling over your low self worth. When you look into a mirror and you hate what you see, He is ruling over that. All that you need to do is not to take matters in your own hands. Practically, for those men and women who when you look in a mirror and you don't want to look in a mirror and don't like to see a video of yourself, you hate yourself. When you look at that go and just say, "Christ, my mindset is not of this world. My mindset is not found in the Hollywood models and all of that rubbish. My mindset is found in Jesus being the Christ, being the Ruler over this emotion and fear in my heart.

A fear grabbed my heart the other day. The first thing that happens when fear grabs your heart is you start to make plans in your mind. The human ability quickly tries to kick in as, "Now I'll do this... I will do that." About twenty minutes in, I felt that this is not how I want to live the rest of my life! I went outside and was on the driveway standing next to my car and I said, "God, I cannot live like this. You are the Christ. I cannot stop this but You rule and I see that You are the One who rules over this." My mindset was in this passage. My understanding, my logic, is Christ, the One who rules over this.

What happened was, in this case, it just happened immediately! I just felt how that fear rolled off of me...supernaturally by the power of God! I want to tell you that it will never return! It's never going to return for if Christ has set you free, if the One who rules and has dominion sets you free, you shall be free indeed! Alleluia! You can do that with money. You can do that with fear of your children's future and all of that . You can do that with money. You can do that with a fear of your children's future. You can do that with sickness and disease. You can do that with whatever there is! Let Christ be the Christ in your life by having this logic!

The last point of the Greek definition of affection is to be of the same mind. In other words, to agree together; to cherish the same view or to harmonize. That is what he is saying. He is saying, "Let your mindset. Let your view of yourself be the same mind as Christ!" Now, what we have done is we have done it this way: "Well, Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father, therefore I take dominion and I rule over this!" I don't know why it is but it is a fading glory. I've seen that. I tell you that I have rebuked fear in my life many times. Then I would bind that fear. I would rebuke that fear. I cast that fear out. I stand on the Word of God. That means that I closed my Bible and physically stood on the Word of God. I've done that! I stood on the Word of God in the sense of I quote a scripture.

That is not standing on the Word of God. Standing on the Word of God is to believe that Jesus is the Christ and He rules and dominates, that area of your life and He brings forth the manifestation of His kingdom in that area of life as we acknowledge this truth... through the acknowledgment. Acknowledge means to acknowledge as truth. In other words it is to have an affection for, to be of the same mind, to agree together, to cherish as the same view, to be harmonious. That is what he is saying. So when we come and we acknowledge we are actually having the same view as Christ has. As we have the same as what Christ has, we find that Christ manifests His dominion in us and He rules in our lives. Glory to God! I want to tell you that is a much, much, more powerful way of living than trying to quote scripture every day!

What about those who do not have bibles? What about those that believe that Jesus just died for them, He rose again, conquered their sin and death and now they are now awaiting Him as the King to rule in the earth? What about those? They don't have all the principles. They don't have our logic that we traditionally had in the Church. They don't have that. Don't they have a future? Yes they do!

I am not saying that it is wrong to read your bible. I am not saying that it is wrong to quote the scriptures. Jesus quoted Psalm 22 when He was upon the cross. Glory to God. As He was quoting that what He was yielding to the rulership of the Father who has power over death to raise Him from the dead. He was not trying to save Himself from death. He was resting in the Father who could save Him from death. That is the thing that we needed but as we normally do in normal things we take matters into our own hands. I want to say this: If somebody comes to my house and he wants to harm me, I am not saying that I can't defend myself. I'm not trying to speak politics here. I am just using it as an example to explain something much greater. Let's not take matters into our own hands as pertaining to a brand new life and what God will do in the earth. The Grace message cannot be harnessed by a network or a system. You can start great networks, you can start all kinds of things trying to harness it. It is grater than man's ability to harness it. It is the work of God in the earth that shall never be harnessed by a man where no man will have dominion over it, where no man can stop it.

Look at the early Church. When they were persecuted nobody could stop it! It was a small thing. A man was raised from the dead. They could just say that it was a lie, which they did, and then kill all those who said it. But they couldn't stop it because the kingdom of God is as a seed that is sown. It's a mustard seed. It's the smallest of all but it will become the biggest of all and all the birds of the air will find their rest there. So I want to say to you that you are a part of a kingdom where Jesus is King, where He is Lord where He lords it over your shortcomings. Amen

Colossians 3:3 See the logic that Paul has now. See the new mindset that he had.

3 For you are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall you also appear with him in glory.

The way understand this passage is it talks about the return of Jesus Christ. What shall happen is we will appear with Him in the very same glory that He has. That means to be equal with God which means being immortal. So when Christ appears we will be glorified into this glorification. He will rule over our physical death and we will be immortal. That is what Paul says. Yet, as we now, before that day, believe in Jesus, we do find that Christ's rulership and His dominion does appear in our lives and we find peace and joy, love and kindness, and all those kind of things what we call the first fruit of this rulership manifest in our lives.

5 Mortify (see as dead) therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

He is not saying to them, "Stop fornicating!" He is saying to them, "You are dead and when Christ appears, you will appear with Him in glory and since you have already died with Him, you can now, mortify or see as dead, not just you that died but since your flesh with its evil desires died with Christ, we can now also come to the conclusion and say, "Fornication is dead." Uncleanness, inordinate affection is dead. If you have an affection that is inordinate, it's not in order with nature, you can see that as dead in Christ. Glory to God! You can be set free!

People can be upset with me as much as they like. You can be set free from transgender problems. You can be set free from homosexuality for it has died in Christ! Just come and say to the Lord, "Lord, I experience feelings of homosexuality. I love the same sex. It is inside me. It is as part of me as a person that is straight. That's how much it is a part of me. It is greater than what I could ever resist. I've tried and it doesn't work." But if you can come and say, "But Christ, this inordinate affection has died and my logic is not that I've been born with this." You don't find your logic in Hollywood. You don't find your logic in political correctness or in Oprah but you find your logic in Christ seated at the right hand of God! As you find that logic you say, "Lord, I see how You ruled over this and Your kingdom is an ever advancing kingdom and You already worked in my heart to feel loved by You, but this area of my life I know and declare that it has died and it is under Your rulership." Do you know what you do then? You leave it there and continue to see it like that and Christ... not you trying to quote the scriptures, you "in the name of Jesus" trying to get rid of homosexuality! Christ and only Christ will manifest His appearing in that area of your life and set you free. I will not be told that God cannot set a homosexual free... Sorry. I will not be told that God doesn't love homosexuals but I will also not be told that he cannot be set free.

Here is is: "... *fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence* (evil sexual desire... that is what it says there) , *and covetousness* ---a love for stuff, a love for money where you have such a love for stuff that it dominates your thoughts. You can't stop thinking about that new boat. You cannot stop thinking about this and that! You are not bad if you think those things. Those things are trying to destroy a very good person. God has come and said that things like covetousness, concupiscence, inordinate affection, uncleanness, idolatry, fornication--- those things are stronger than you. It bullies you. You cannot get rid of it. Therefore He came and took that on Him, took the full consequences of that, which is death, on Him, and He conquered it and now He, as a human, is the Christ and He has shown it to all of us. He has conquered all our sin and death and as we now see our inclusion in this resurrected Christ, what do we do? We are saying, "Glory to God! That truth is the truth about my life and it's up to Him to manifest that fullness in my life!"

Paul says: ***3 For you are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.***

4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall you also appear with him in glory.

He says that the appearing or the manifestation of Christ is to manifest who He is in you. It doesn't say that since you are a Christian, you've got to start to live holy. No, he is saying that Christ brings this forth. The thing is that as Christians we need to get that logic, that understanding, that new mindset into our heart. .

5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication... mortify, see as dead because you have also died with Christ.

9 Lie not one to another, seeing that you have put off the old man with his deeds;

What is he saying here? He is saying that the old man, with his deeds, was conquered by Jesus as the Christ and wherever Christ appears we appear with Him in glory and even unto the final appearing which will be our immortality manifesting in our body where the graves will be opened and the dead will be raised. Even now we can actually become free from the fruit of the flesh and live in the fruit of the Spirit. How? By the Spirit bearing fruit in us as our affection, our mindset, is put on the finished work of Jesus Christ.

I will end up by reading a very well known passage from **John 3**. This is going to bless you.

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

15 That whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. Those who trust Him, HE will give them life. That is what it is. We have made salvation being saved from hell instead of being saved from sin and death.

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

He said that those who believe that God will save them through Christ they will have life. But those who believe that Jesus was raised from the grave but I must save myself from sin so that the Father will not be angry with me and send me to hell, you will be lost in your works! Amen!

I want to say to you, "God loves you! God cares for you! His embrace towards you is an eternal embrace. He has taken matters into His hands. He has taken the matter of your holiness and ending sin in your life into His hands. Let us see it for what it is and have a new mindset which is Jesus as THE Christ!

We've been robbed in thinking that Jesus is just the Messiah for the Jewish people and we somehow tapped into this. That is shadow language! It is not the truth. It is not the substance! The true substance is that Jesus is the Messiah of humanity. We want the Messiah to save the Jews from the oppression of other nations instead of the Messiah saving mankind from the oppression of sin and death granting them immortality and eternal life! Alleluia! Jesus is Lord! Jesus is King and His kingdom is forever!

PRAYER Father, I want to thank You for Your love and Your grace. I want to thank You for Your warm embrace. I thank You that You love us, that You care for us and that Your power is extended towards people.

If you have sickness in your body, if you have a problem with sin and sexual inordinance or any of those desires, covetousness and all those kind of things, I would like to pray for you.

Father, I want to thank You that I can declare that Jesus is Lord over the sins in people's lives. Jesus is Lord over evil concupiscence. Jesus is Lord over sexual immorality. Jesus is Lord over homosexuality, drug abuse, etc. Father, I want to come and in the name of Jesus and declare to these people that freedom is yours in Jesus' mighty name.

Father, I also pray that those who are struggling with these things that they open their hearts wide and that they see themselves perfected in Christ. They see how accepted they are, how loved they are, how new they are in Your finished work and that You come right now as that truth enters their heart, Your dominion will flood their hearts and You rule over those affections and hurts and pains and even physical sickness and disease... in Jesus' mighty name. I declare you healed in Jesus' mighty name. Amen and amen!