

# A NEW LIFE BY THE RESURRECTION

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Today I want to talk about the justification and the power of righteousness. We are going to use Acts 13 and I am going to read from verse 28. This is the apostle, Paul, explaining what he understood the gospel to be.

As I was preaching in Germany and just sharing with the people from my heart and speaking through an interpreter, it just gives a person so much more time to think about what you say. In your message and just to flow with the Holy Spirit. I was so happy to be able to share a gospel that makes sense. A gospel that actually carries the power to save us from sin, to save us from death. One thing we need to realize, Church, is that God has not come in Jesus Christ to save us from His anger. Jesus has not come to save us from an angry Father. He has come to save us from sin and death. GOD IS ON OUR SIDE! He is not on the side of sin or death. He is not having His actions and who He is founded in what we have done wrong. He looks at us and He sees us as people to whom He cannot impute their trespasses and He imputes it to something else which is called death and He comes and takes away death, to take away sin and to give us the justification of life.

Now let us read from verse 28 and just see what the Apostle Paul says here:

**Acts 13: 28** *And though they found no cause of death in Him, yet they desired Pilot that He should be slain.* So, they said in Jesus there was no cause for death. What that means is that Jesus had not broken any law or He has done nothing worthy of death as pertaining to His own works. There was no cause for death. So if He should die, what death would He die? He would die the death of the human race. That is the death that He would die. And he says

*:29 And when they had fulfilled all that was written of Him, they took Him down from the tree, and laid Him in a sepulcher(grave).*

*:30 And God raised Him from the dead:*

*:31 And He was seen many days of them which came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses unto the people.*

*:32 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto our fathers,*

*:33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that He hath raised up Jesus again; and as it is also written in the second psalm, You are My Son, this day I have begotten You.*

*:34 And as concerning that He raised Him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, He said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David.*

*:35 Wherefore He saith also in another psalm, You shalt not suffer your Holy One to see corruption.*

*:36 For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep (or he died) , and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:*

*:37 But He, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.*

Before I read verse 38, which is the punch line of this whole thing, let me explain what Paul is saying here. Paul comes and he says, "I've got good news for you. There is a man to whom the promises that God made to our forefathers, which we have heard about, which is eternal life, has been fulfilled and that promise of eternal life is not only fulfilled towards our forefathers because God promised them but its fulfillment actually has effect on us now and we are now the heirs of what God promised the forefathers. What He promised was eternal life and he comes and he says, Jesus had no cause for death, It is very important that Paul says that. Yet He fulfilled all the scriptures and He died. They laid Him in a grave and after that He rose again and appeared for many days to many witnesses, to many people who are now testifying of the fact that there was a man raised from the dead. That is a powerful message because Paul comes and he says here that we can now declare good news to you. And this is the good news: God has promised that He will overcome sin and that He will overcome death and we can see the first born from the dead which is Jesus. So he says that when Jesus was raised up from the dead, God said, "This day I have begotten you. You are My Son!" What does that mean? That means that the adoption of a son, or when God took Jesus and declared Him as His Son, was the day He was raised from the dead and in the very same way there will be many sons glorified --- which talks about us!

What was the context that Paul shared this in? Paul shared this adoption of sons. Paul shared the declaration or when Jesus was begotten as the Son of God, as victory over death! The big question, and I also explained this last night, the big question is this: If Jesus had no cause for death and He died, whose death did He die? He died the death of those whose sins He carried. Whose sins did He carry.... that of the whole world! So He died YOUR death.

What Jesus did was the following: He believed that the Father would raise Him up from the grave. So He believed, although He was carrying the sin of the world, although He was taking the death of all people on Him, that the promise of the Father is more powerful than death and He believed the Father. When He believed the Father and the Father raised Him from the dead, He conquered your sin and He conquered your death which means that you don't have to conquer your sin, you don't have to conquer death, Jesus has done that and He was raised up by the Holy Spirit. After He was raised up by the Holy Spirit, He was seen by many people proving what kind of salvation He would bring, proving what kind of victory He would have or that He has. He has conquered all sin. This is what the Bible also says that once a person has died, he's died to sin and can sin no more! Isn't that powerful! Then He says that He can die no more. He conquered death... my death, my sin.... your death, your sin! He has conquered it so we don't have to try and conquer it by our own power!

This Spirit that raised Jesus up from the dead was then, at the day of Pentecost, was poured out on all flesh, meaning it was available for Jew and Gentile, for everybody... to do what? To raise us up in the same victory as what Jesus has. Here is a word from God, what is the word from God? The word from God is, "I promise you life!" And God comes and He takes a man, puts the sin of the whole world on Him. There's no cause for death in Him, and yet He dies and then He was raised. When He was raised the Apostle Paul, said:

***:32 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto our fathers,  
:33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children.***

So God promised the fathers, He promised Adam, He promised Abraham, He promised all those people immortality, resurrection from the dead, a Messiah, eternal life! That's what He promised where they would not taste corruption, where they would not die! Here he comes and he says that promise was now fulfilled unto us by this Jesus. He says here that He was begotten from the dead, He was raised up from the dead, never to return to corruption and then he comes and he declares something very

powerful in verse 38: He says that Jesus was raised from the dead by the Holy Spirit, meaning He conquered all sin and He conquered all death and then he says: ***Be it known unto you, men and brethren, that through this man is preached (or declared) unto you the forgiveness of sins:***” meaning deliverance from sins.

And then he explains what he means: ***39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.*** Let me explain this. The Jewish people believed that they could be justified from death or the curse by obeying the Law. That means that if they thought, “If I could have good principles and follow those principles then I will not come into the curse, and then I will live a blessed life.” That is what they believed. So they would be justified away from the curse, away from sickness, away from disease, they especially believed away from poverty, and they would be justified with eternal life in the reign of the Messiah by a certain way, a certain pathway, which was called the Law of Moses. What Paul comes and does here is he writes and says, “Let me explain something to you. The Law could never justify you with life!” Let me put it other words, the Law could never justify you with a pure motive. The Law can never justify you by having true kindness. The Law is a command on what you need to do if it is in your heart or not. It's an outside commandment. It's got nothing to do with your heart. It's nothing to do with bringing you what God has promised you. To put it this way: If I say to you that you can have eternal life, meaning that you will never die. You will never become old. You will never become gray. You will always look eighteen years of age. You will always be young for a million years and never die. If I say, “Here is a command to you: Love your neighbor and you will have eternal life.” You need to be a really kind neighbor to save yourself from eternal death by being kind to your neighbor. Your kindness to your neighbor can never save you from death!

The Bible says that because we are in a system of death, that is why sins and all those things manifest in us. The Bible says that the wages of sin is death. Now if you cannot conquer death by being kind to your neighbor, if you cannot conquer death by your prayer life, in other words, pray sincere enough that you, through your prayer, can be justified with immortality, never to die, to forever stay young. You can't even think of that! It's like, “Bertie, what are you trying to say? We know that is not possible!” In the very same way as impossible as it is to conquer death by being kind to your neighbor, that is how impossible it is to conquer sin by the Law. That's how impossible it is to be justified, in other words, to have what God has promised you by the power of the Law.

So what he says here is everything that the Law of Moses could not justify in your life. The Law says, “You should not walk in lust,” and the harder you try, the more you are in lust and the Law cannot justify you. In other words, it cannot give you a life where you are set free from these desires. It can't justify you and what he is declaring here is that the resurrection power of Christ comes and gives us what belongs to us, which God has promised us, and through the name of Jesus is declared unto us the deliverance of sin. That means Christ comes and lives His life in you! We have reduced sin to just a legal stand wherein we see God as not angry because we have done something wrong and now Jesus came and took away the anger of God so now when we do something wrong, God is not angry and glory to God! Well there is a certain truth in that and that is that God is not angry. **God has never been angry!** Now you might say, “Bertie, now you are really crazy! Understand the context wherein I say this. When a slave is enslaved, God is not angry with the slave because he must make a hundred bricks. Neither is God angry with the slave if he can only make eighty. What God can be angry about is that you are making bricks for a living or that you are doing good works to be alive and you are enslaved to that. Yes, so I don't say that God cannot be angry. What I am saying is our understanding of anger was wrong and therefore our understanding of redemption was wrong. So Christ came to save us from death. He came to save us from our sins. So, forget about the thing of is God angry or not, does He

accept me or not. He's loved you always. He has given His Son to the world that hated Him. His passion towards you was revealed in Christ. He loved the world. He's accepted the world and now, in His love for us, He comes with this wonderful message of: What the Law could not set us free from, He came to set us free from. He has the power to raise Christ from the dead. All the death and all the sin of all the world, could not withhold the Spirit of God raising Jesus from the dead when Jesus believed the Father that the Father could raise Him from the dead. Now that same Spirit is given to us. We see how the Spirit conquered death. We see how the Spirit conquered our death, conquered our sin, for Jesus lives in eternal life where He can never sin, where He can never die, and that Spirit was given to us and by that Spirit we say to God, "Abba, Father!" And as Jesus was begotten from the dead we shall also be begotten from the dead by the very same Spirit. We see the fruit of that now as God conquers sin in our life.

I want to use an example. The other day we went to a beautiful castle in the southern part of Germany, the Neuschwanstein Castle. It's the most beautiful castle in the world. As we went there, there were a lot of people. As we were walking there, I was thinking by myself and then I started to speak to Helena. I said, "Do you know what? As I am walking here I find the selfishness inside me and I, basically, was thinking, "I wish all these people that are walking here weren't here. I wish I had this place just for myself." I was just, basically thinking, just selfish thoughts and when I was thinking that, there was, with that, a hope that came to my heart as I was thinking about the gospel. I said to Helena, "Do you know, Helena, these people that walk here, God doesn't feel that they irritate Him and that He needs some time alone. He loves them! He wants to be with them! He says, "This is My destination. This is where I want to live forever. I want to be with them forever!" Now please hear me. I am not saying that we cannot have time alone. Jesus, even Himself, went and hid Himself from the people and He had some time alone to pray with the Father, and that kind of a thing. I am not talking about that. I'm talking about selfish thoughts here. As I said that, I also said to Helena that I am so happy that I don't have to conquer this in my own life. I have a wonderful word that Jesus was raised by the Holy Spirit from the dead never to see corruption, never to be able to walk in sins, and I have received the Spirit of the promise which was made to our forefathers, Abraham and the others, that we would have eternal life. That was promised us. It was promised to the people of old. Jesus came and was raised from the dead by the Spirit. He conquered my sin. He conquered my death, therefore I know that the Spirit that indwells me is more powerful than any sin or any death and that I don't have to try and change this but I can believe and make myself available for the justification where I can go to a place and actually enjoy it. It doesn't matter how many people there are.

Today, Helena and I were married twenty-one years and we said that today we are just going to go to a beautiful place in the southern part of Germany and then we went to Austria and that's where I am right now in a hotel. As we did this, there were just so many people at this place as well. The boat went on this beautiful lake and it was jam packed and do you know what? I just found that it really didn't frustrate me and I was actually realizing that now as I was speaking to you. It just comes so naturally. You just find the Lord bringing this, giving birth to this. As I was saying to the Lord yesterday, I said, "I'm available for this." It's actually a scary thing to say, "Well Lord, I'm available not to be irritated with too many people around me when I maybe want to be alone for a moment. It's like No, I have my right and I have this but when I just said, "Lord, You know, I don't even want to think of what is right and what isn't right. I just want to say that my life is freely available for Your resurrection power and there are things in my life that I can never conquer by my own power but I have a wonderful word here and it's declared unto me and I can declare unto you, Church, "Let it be known unto you, therefore, brethren, that through this Man, Jesus Christ, is preached unto you, the forgiveness of sin (the deliverance, the setting free of sin), and where you knew what was the right thing to do and you couldn't do it and the law couldn't justify you with true peace, couldn't justify you with true life, Jesus

justifies you with that. And who will have that? Those who believe. So, if you don't believe this, you won't have that justification. It's as simple as that! It's not that God says, "I won't forgive you. I won't be angry with you!" No, but as we believe this truth, we find the truth enter our hearts and that Spirit gives birth to that life in us. **So, forgiveness is not about God not being angry. Forgiveness is about God giving you His life! Glory to God! Amen! You are justified from everything that could not be justified by laws, rules and regulations!**

I want to end off by saying this: As you find things in your life that are very difficult like, you cannot love your father, you cannot love your mother, you cannot be kind to people or anything. Why don't you just go and say, "The Law that says, 'Honor your parent', cannot bring honor in my heart, for my parent or for my child or for my father or my mother, or those in authority over me, or a boss or whatever, but God conquered everything that destroys our lives and He comes and gives me, gives birth to me, justifies me with a life that is just in accordance to what is His plan for us. Years ago I used to say that justify means just as if I have never sinned. That is a rubbish definition! Justify is not just as if I have never sinned in a legalistic context of "I haven't done this sin." No, justified means that God had an original plan with us and it is unjust that we don't have that life and be taken away into slavery and bondage. As we believe Him, that He restores our life and we can see the proof of how He has conquered our very sin and our very death, He justifies us with His life manifesting in us and He will even justify us with being born from the dead, meaning you will have an immortal human body! Glory to God!

Thank you so much for listening. We have come to the end of this message. I always like to pray for those of you who need prayer and if you have not received Jesus as your Lord, I would like to pray with you.

Father, I thank You that I can pray for people watching this right now. I thank You for the people I have encouraged and blessed. I want to pray for people who have sickness in their bodies. Thank You for justification. People who have sin in their lives, thank You, Lord, that sin is not the issue anymore. You come and justify us by we believing that You have conquered our sin, conquered our death and You justify us with life! Thank You for that, Father! You are an awesome God! You are a loving God! You're a caring God!

People, if you have not received Jesus as your Savior, please pray this prayer with me:

Lord, Jesus Christ, You have always loved me! You conquered my sin and You conquered my death. I believe that. You were raised from the dead and I receive the Holy Spirit that raised You from the dead and You raise me up, right now, into a brand new life! Your life is mine! My old life has passed away. I am forgiven, meaning that You are not angry, but I am also being forgiven. You are setting me free! I have a brand new life! Amen and amen!

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