

DEAD TO THE LAW
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GREETING in the wonderful name of Jesus. It's such a blessing for me to come to you and bring you the Gospel of God's Grace, the Good News of His love and the power of His resurrection that can give you a brand new life today. It's wonderful to know that the message that is preached is the message about the involvement of God in the lives of man where He has come to grant us eternal life as a free gift so that we can rest from every effort we try to make to get eternal life. That is what I am going to be talking about today. I'm going to be talking about the death to the Law and what that actually means. I trust that this message is going to impact you richly. Thank you for allowing me to serve you!

The Bible says in *Hebrews 10* "***Don't neglect the gathering of the brethren.***" The context that the writer in the book of Hebrews said was to strengthen people under the most harsh circumstances. In those days people were persecuted even to death and the power of fellowshiping with one another, encouraging one another in the Good News was powerful enough to encourage people to go through the hardest, most difficult persecution. How much more would the power that is in fellowship, in hearing this Good News on a regular basis and in having a conversation and relationship with people who are like minded is going to help you in the daily things that you are going through.

There is just a wonderful dynamic in family. There is just a wonderful dynamic in togetherness. We, as people are family orientated beings. That's why, even when we build a house, we have a family room. We will have a guest room because we want people to come to our place. We want to go to people. We want to fellowship. We want to meet with people. When we go on holidays, we want to invite friends over because we are in the image and likeness of God and the very same thing is true when it comes to fellowship.

So I am excited that we can provide you this Service where you can have a foundation where you can fellowship around the Gospel of Grace. Check out our website: dynamicministries.com and click on Web Fellowship and you will have all the necessary information you need to slot into one of these fellowship groups that are there.

PRAYER

Father, thank You that I can come and minister Your Gospel, Your message of Grace to people today. Thank You that You love us! Thank You that this Service belongs to You and people will be encouraged all over the world and I can be part of sharing Your heart for people. Thank You for that, Lord! Thank You that I can pray that You speak to us in such a powerful way that we have enlightened minds to see the dimensions of Your love, to understand Your logic, to have Your understanding. Thank You so much for that Lord, in Jesus' mighty name! Amen

COMMUNION

It is our custom to have Communion every Service and the purpose of this Communion is very simple. It is that we can be mindful of the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ and what that brought us as well as to bring to our attention the fact that the blood of Jesus, the body of Jesus, when it was broken, was broken for everybody. **1Corinthians** Paul wrote, "Listen, when you come together to take the Lord's supper, to take the Lord's table, you take it for a certain purpose. The way you take it is to be reminded of what Christ has basically done for you. It's when you think of your innocence. It's a time when you think of your union with God, a time when we meditate on, ponder upon, the end of the Law man when we think of the death of our relationship with the Law and our need for laws. It's when we think of the freedom that came in the resurrection and the access that God has to our lives through what is freely given to us. That's the purpose of Communion.

So when we take the bread and break the bread being mindful of the body of death that was broken. The body of death what Paul talked about the human ability to try and have eternal life. That is what it is all about and the embodiment of that, the place that gave it its stand of death in the earth towards the Law and that was broken forever. So we don't have to be subject to sin and death anymore but that we can have the abundance of the goodness of God, the abundance of the life of God inside us.

His body was broken, His blood was shed and it spelled the end of the Old and the beginning of the New Covenant. Under the Old it was, "You will have eternal life by your works." Under the New it is, "Eternal life is a free gift and you don't have to work for it!" That is what it is all about. Glory to God! So let's take the Communion together and just enjoy what God has given us through His death and through His resurrection. Amen

TODAY'S MESSAGE: DEAD TO THE LAW

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Today we are going to talk about what it means to be dead to the Law. I've had many questions from people asking why I am talking about immortality. In South Africa we had a teaching going out about immortality that basically states that you can be immortal today if you just believe hard enough and if you just put your mind to it enough and just trust the Lord enough, you will enter into immortality today. I'm not standing for that message. That is not what I believe although I believe there is a great truth in believing in the immortality of the human body because Jesus Christ was raised from the dead and there was a reason why He was raised from the dead. He was not raised from the dead for no reason. The reason He was raised from the dead and that plays a significant role in our life today. It is not just a futuristic event. In that day when we become immortal will be in the return of Jesus but there is something very powerful that happens to the person today when he believes that he will become immortal in the return of Christ. That is what we are going to look at because the Apostle Paul in **Philippians 2** continues to point to the resurrection. Paul preached the resurrection to sinners. Imagine that! Paul going to the people on Mars' hill who never heard the Gospel and preach to them about the physical resurrection from the dead and they can have confidence that they will conquer the physical grave. That was his evangelism message. That's what he preached to lost people.

Now, if you think of preaching to the lost today, just preachers watching this today, if you think of yourself as evangelizing in the street it would be a very awkward topic to go and tell people, "Listen, I've got good news for you. If you die you can be raised from the grave and you have conquered death and it's all about having eternal life in your body." It's kind of a funny approach. Normally you would come and say, "Jesus loves you. He cares for you. He died for you. He doesn't look at your sin. He accepts you the way you are!" But the Apostle Paul comes from a completely different viewpoint. He talks about identity, who and what we are. He talks about why we are here on the earth and then he simply comes and says that Jesus Christ will come back and He will judge the world. He talks about judgment and he talks about how He will judge the world in righteousness which is amazing and I am going to explain that to you today. He is going to judge the world in righteousness and he says that He has given assurance to every man in raising Jesus from the dead. That says that Jesus Christ will return and He will judge the world in righteousness in making people immortal and giving them what man has always wanted from the beginning.

Now I want to start off by just looking at what happened in the garden of Eden and what man was seeking for. In the Garden of Eden, God created them and then told them, "Do not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil because if you eat of that tree you will die, you will definitely die." He said, "Of that death you will die." In other words, "You will partake of death and that death will start to bring forth things in your life that will to destroy your life." That's what He talked about and after that Adam and Eve ate of that tree of the knowledge of good and evil and they realized their inability to reach immortality. That's what they realized. They saw their nakedness. They saw that they stand naked, that they don't possess eternal life inside themselves by their own ability and their bodies started to die. We saw that death manifest fully in Adam about 900 and some years after God told him that. The Scriptures say that a thousand years is as one day and one day is as a thousand years and we see that the day Adam ate of that, he died in that day. So, he didn't make one thousand years. It just explains that life is not eternal living by the knowledge of good and evil.

My definition of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is to look at something good, to try by doing the good that you behold and trying to apply it to your life by doing good works and so gain eternal life. The thing Adam and Eve were seeking for from that day was eternal life. They didn't want to die. They wanted to live eternally. We need to understand that the death that they died was described by God. The death that they died wasn't a "spiritual" death like we all think. The death they died was simply a physical death because God said to Adam, "Because you have eaten of this, from the dust you were taken and you will return to the dust." That was the consequence for partaking of that tree. When Adam and Eve partook of that tree they went back to that death that they were taken from but inside them they had a desire not to die. Like any person on the earth you have to really be in the greatest of depression, it really has to be an abnormal situation in order for a person not to live anymore. If somebody committed suicide, we just think, "What a tragedy! We don't want that."

This morning on my way back from the Church Service we had in Durbanville, I don't see this a lot in the United States and other countries but in South Africa if there was an accident and a loved one died, at that place of the accident, people put the cross and a name. They would go on a regular basis. People put flowers there and that kind of thing. I saw a mom and a dad stopped at this cross. The man was just standing at the pick-up truck and his wife was kneeling, crying at that cross next to the road. Even if I think of that I become emotional because I can just think in my mind, I mean it could be anybody, in a family or whatever but I think of a child and the mom and dad going to the place where the child died and the horror of death because we have not been made to die. When God designed us He had designed us to live forever and never die. That is what He designed us to have. Since Adam and Eve that was the quest of man. Man's quest was to live forever. The lie of the devil was, "You don't need God to live forever! You are going to live forever anyway!" That was the lie.

Adam and Eve quickly realized that it was a lie and that they were not going to live forever and they started to die and they started to see the death in their bodies. I can think of Adam and Eve and I think of myself. Just in your physical body, when you are seventeen you think you can never die. When you get to forty, you realize that your body is becoming older. It's not that I'm old or that I cannot do what I wanted to do but you realize that you are on this earth for just a certain period of time. That is what it is and there is a desire for immortality. None of us want immortality in misery. None of us want immortality in a fallen world. We want things to be perfect and have immortality in that.

In this chase after immortality, in this chase in getting your body to a place where your body will not die, the way that Adam and Eve thought that would be possible was by doing good, by beholding the way God lives and trying to do the good they behold. That is the knowledge of good and evil. They were beholding a good life and they were trying to copy that good life and have life by that. I will read some scriptures to prove that was what people were seeking:

Romans 2: 7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, (will be given) eternal life:

So, what the people were looking for, what man was seeking for, is through patient, continuance in well doing, they were seeking for glory and honor and immortality, to them will be given eternal life. This same thing is true for us today. Those who through patience, continuance in well doing... well doing is not defined as works of the Law but well doing is defined by the new Law which is called the Law of Life, which is to believe in Jesus. So, through continual belief in Jesus, we shall have immortality. That is what it says but the people of the Old Testament, the scripture is clean in **Hebrews 10:3-5** where it says that the people of the Old Testament, the Jews, believed that they would be come immortal by obedience to the Law. That was also called the righteousness of the Law or the good deed of the Law.

So the Jews believed that if you would obey the Law then you would live and not die. That's what they believed. If you just obey the Law, that Law code is so good it helps you with what you need to eat to have a healthy body. It helps you with how to deal with people that you will not die but live. It talks about forgiveness. It talks about everything to live in peace. It was like the perfect model to have eternal life and not die. For us as Christians this is a very difficult concept because we have been so indoctrinated through Greek philosophy that what was just common knowledge to the Jews back in David's day and Solomon's day is not common knowledge to us. We have this thing where we say, "We are going to live forever. It just depends on where you are going to live." That is not scriptural. The Scripture doesn't point to that. The Scripture says that God is the only immortal and He has come to give eternal life as a free gift to those who believe upon Him that God can actually grant it to him. That is what this is all about and He wants to give it! Immortality is the greatest gift you can ever receive!

We need to understand and if Scripture means anything, if Biblical history means anything, we have to look at this. The Jews believe that through obedience to the Law they can be immortal.

Romans 10:

3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believes.

5 For Moses described the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which does those things shall live by them.

He says here that Christ is the end of the Law. In other words if you understand what Christ has done then you will see no need to obey any law anymore. That's what it says. If you truly understand what Christ has done you will see no need to obey any law. So as long as you are still thinking there is a need for the law in any form or fashion be it any spiritual principle, sowing and reaping, tithing, binding devils... whatever you think, whatever principles of obedience to commandments and those kind of things, whatever law you still think you need or that you thought came by through the cross and is still relevant today, it is just a sign of your lack of understanding of what Christ has done for it says clearly ***for Christ is the end of the law for righteousness***. What the Jews came and do is they tried to establish their own righteousness. What it talks about there is it says, "***For Moses described the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which does those things shall*** (have life) ***live by them*** (or live in them.)" Another way of explaining that is, Remember this is in Romans 10 and it comes from Romans 6 explaining the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life. Romans 8: that we shall be manifested as immortal. Then Romans 10 says that they want to work up their own life by works. They want to preserve their own life by good principles, trying to follow the principle to preserve their own life. That is what it says. There's a problem with that and we are going to get into that problem. I am going to explain to you why a physical body had to be raised from the dead in order for us to be set free from the Law and why God had to do it that way. .

I want to read ***Romans 10:5*** again: ***For Moses described the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which does those things shall live by them*** (or have life by them).

Let us just back up again and I want to say what I said and put it as point number 1. The greatest desire for man is immortality, eternal youth, and I'm not talking about a zombie. I'm talking about eternal joy, eternal bliss, eternal quality of life that cannot die in a human body. That's what I am talking about. Since the fall, that was what man was seeking and the way man was seeking it was by doing good. They wanted eternal life by doing good. So what we look at and what we need to understand is that the goodness of God sets us free from that which destroys us. If we look at that, it is very important to understand that the Law is the righteousness that we work up for ourselves to have eternal life. That is what it is all about. So God had to come and set us free from that.

Now, there is something very devastating about the Law. Paul says that through the Law is the knowledge of sin and that the power of sin is in the Law and the wages of sin is death. So the more you try to have life by the Law, the more you die. So what Adam and Eve did was they implemented a system where they aimed for eternal life and immortality by the works of the Law. But Paul said that he has come and has seen that there is a way that seems unto life, that seems unto immortality, but the end is death. What he calls that is basically the Ten Commandments. He says that the more that I try to obey the Ten Commandments the more I find I die. That is a very important thing there. We, in our minds, think of ourselves as Christians and I would love for you to believe what I am saying. I know there are some people who will find what I am about to say to be very controversial and you may not want to follow this ministry after I've said what I am going to say. But fortunately I cannot be touched by who follows me. I am only touched by what I see and perceive as the truth. It will be sad for me if you don't want to hear this but this is the words of life. I'm talking about life. I'm talking about what God has come to give man. I'm talking about a message that can set you free from the power of sin and the power of destruction in this world, where you can have true peace and true joy. It might be difficult for us to understand what I am about to say because we have been influenced through wrong theology and wrong understanding of God, but please bear with me. Hear me out in this and see what God says to to your heart.

We have seen ourselves as spirits. I have news for you. You are not a spirit. You are a human. The Bible clearly explains what human beings are. The Bible says that God took the dust of the earth. He blew the breath of life into that dust and what came forth there was called a living soul and a living soul is not a spirit. A living soul consists our of a human body that has a mind, will and emotions and feelings inside of it. It is what we would call a spirit combined with dust. So if you take spirit, the breath of life, and you combine it with dust, what comes forth there is you. You are not either one of these two. You are the combination of these two. You cannot live with either of the two. You need a body and you need a spirit. Your soul is called your life. So, you need both of those to be human. What happens is our hearts, the human heart is not inherently bad but good. Paul says that the good that I want to do I cannot do because of this body of death. This body is dying. This body is decaying. This body is going backwards. It would almost be like somebody who has a very healthy heart but really struggles with arthritis. He cannot run a marathon. It's like somebody who has a very healthy heart but he has cancer of the liver. It doesn't matter how healthy your heart is, with a liver full of cancer, you are dying. So what happens is we have a physical body that doesn't have the ability, by its works and its understanding and its knowledge and its application of wisdom and all those kind of things, to attain to immortality. That body doesn't have that ability. Although we have an inner man that wants to live forever but the only thing that he can use is he can use this body. The more you use a sick body the sicker you become. If you have liver cancer, the last thing you need to go and do is run a fifty mile marathon. You're going to kill yourself! You don't need to do that! You still might have life in you but you are going to shorten your life drastically by applying the thing that is killing you.

When Adam and Eve sinned, the inner man wanted eternal life but he cannot have it because of this shortcoming here. The more you apply that which is not made to give eternal life which is the human body and human understanding and human willpower to have eternal life, the sicker you become. I hope you understand what I am saying. We, so badly, and I think this is just a plan from the devil, we so badly want to have immortality outside of the human body because if we can have immortality outside of the human body all the devil got right was to tell you that Jesus died for nothing. That's all. There was not need for a resurrection. There was no need for death because Jesus Christ came to condemn sin in the flesh and since I am a spirit why would He condemn sin in the flesh? It has nothing to do with me. I am just a spirit.

Secondly, the physical resurrection means nothing because why would I want to be resurrected because I can just pass on and go to heaven. That would be one hundred percent what the Gnostics believe. That would be one hundred percent what the Greek philosophers believe and everything but what Christianity stands for. I know this is radical for a lot of us especially in our Charismatic circles where we made a lot out of spirit, soul and body and we made nothing out of human being. Jesus Christ, God became flesh and the Word dwelt among us and God will forever be a human and we need to understand that. There's significance in that and that can set us free from certain things that we struggle with.

Now, the moment I am under the Law, what I am doing is I am engaging human will power which does not possess eternal life. I'm engaging that which comes from dust. In other words, I'm taking dust and from dust I want to produce eternal life. It is impossible! I'm taking something that has not been made to produce life but to be the place wherein life is manifested and I want to produce life by it. That is devastating to humans. Paul says that in my flesh dwells nothing good. In this human body, in other words, if I by human willpower want to be good, at the end of the day it is not going to be good. You can find people by human willpower will go and say, "We are going to build hospitals all over the world and inside those hospitals you find politics and fighting and stealing of money and bitterness and whatever you imagine. It doesn't matter what man wants to do. Paul says, "The good I want to do I cannot do and I find that in this body wherewith I want to do the good is nothing good to produce this good." So the last thing you would want to do in order to have life is to engage that which destroys.

I have a good quality battery drill which has worked for seven, eight years now. When I used it the other day, I heard it making a funny noise. The price to repair the thing is the same as buying a new one. So I had to go and buy a new one but now I see this old one there and when there is a need for drilling or something I can not use that thing because there still is life in it but the moment I use it I'm destroying it. There may be a little bit of a sentimental thing about it, or whatever, but if I put it to use, I destroy it. That is what it is all about. Paul said, "The moment I get under the Law and I want to do good to have eternal life... (Remember that Paul was not seeking to go to heaven. That was never his vision. You must realize that I am not saying that we are not going to heaven. I do believe and I am still persuaded in my heart with a strong persuasion that when we become one spirit with the Lord we will go to heaven but that is not what Paul preached. You can go and look in the Bible. Paul did not go about preaching how to go to heaven. He never did that. Peter never did that. John, especially, never did that. They did not talk about how to go to heaven. They talked about how to have immortality in a human body. That is what they talked about. Paul said, "I, Paul, who I really am in my heart, the kind, loving, caring person that I am." I believe every person is. I believe the worse drug dealers there is something good inside them. There is something inside them that wants to see good to somebody. You will find, even in gangs, they want family. They want someone to be good to them. They want a place to belong. They want to protect.

There is something there that is good somehow inside that man but Paul says, “The good that is inside me, who I am in my heart, I die. I was alive without the Law once but when the commandment came, sin revived in me and it slew me and I died. I've come to this conclusion, the moment I engage human ability to gain eternal life, I die.” Remember in **Romans 7**, Paul said, “*The way that seemed unto life...*” What does that mean? “The way that seems that by doing these good works I can have immortality in the human body, I found that those commandments killed me!” So what God had to do was, He had to save man from the Law. In other words, He had to come and make the Law obsolete. He had to come and make the Law of no use so there would be no use for the Law. The only way you can do that, where you can get people out of the Law, because through the Law is the knowledge of sin and death, the only thing that you can do is if the Law promises eternal life, come and give the eternal life for free. Because if you can give eternal life for free then why would there be a need for a Law? Are you understanding what I am saying?

Let me recap. The Law works like this: Man came and Adam and Eve entered into a system which brings destruction to them, that kills them, which is, I'm going to behold the good and I am going to do the good and that is going to give me eternal life. Since that day, man was seeking for immortality. Man was seeking for immortality of the human body. That is what man was seeking for and that is what Christianity is all about. The way they were seeking for it was by a very deadly system which is to use laws and willpower to do good and by that have eternal life. When you do that you are abusing the human body. The human body has been made as a place wherein the life, that is freely given, manifests. Now you use something that is supposed to be a place of display and you are using it as a tool to bring forth life and you are destroying your own life. As your body is being destroyed through the system, you are killing yourself, who you are.

Just as you go through life, I remember one day, we had all the kids, they were small and the ministry and we were going through tough times and Helena said to me, “Do you know what? I don't even know who I am anymore. I think I died. I don't know who I am.” We get to that sometimes where there are so many things that you don't even know who you are. It's as if the real you is dying and that is what takes place when we are under the Law. So what God wanted to do is, He wants to preserve your life. The way He has to do that is by taking away the power of sin and the ministration of death and that is the Law. The way that He is going to do that is to give you what you are chasing after by the Law, for free. It's like saying to somebody, “You don't have to tithe to prosper. You can just prosper by the love of God!” All of a sudden you will see people stop tithing. That's exactly what a person wants. You want people to stop applying the Law! That's what people fear many times when it comes to finances. You tell people that they don't have to give to be blessed then they will stop to give! Exactly! What can happen then is the very being of God can be born in them, generosity can be born in them because they are now united with the life of God. When they are united with the life of God, generosity can be born in them and then they can actually live as generous people and not try to seek life by works and then you benefiting from it. So when we look at God's doing, He comes and he says, “Let Me give you eternal life, immortality, as a free gift because if I can give it to you as a free gift you will see no more need of the Law.” **Romans 10:**

4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believes.

5 For Moses described the righteousness which is of the law, (What is the righteousness of the Law? The righteousness of the Law or the goodness of the Law is) That the man which does those things shall have life by them. So the promise, the good deed, the Law promises, the equitable deed, the Law says that if you do what I say, I will give you eternal life.

Now listen to this: **Romans 8:**

1 There is therefore now no condemnation (no death) **to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.** (Who don't seek righteousness by the flesh.)

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: (Why?)

4 That the righteousness of the law (The eternal life that the Law promised) **might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh** (the Law), **but after the Spirit.**

What is he saying here? Very simply, he is saying that there is a system inside man: the more you want to do good by your works the worse it goes, it goes bad. You start to die. So God comes and He says that He condemns sin in the flesh by giving eternal life as a free gift. So the moment you get eternal life as a free gift you will not be living by the Law anymore and by that which kills you for you will see no need for it because it is given for free. It's like I remember years ago, I lived about ten kilometers out of town and I was just not in the mood to drive into town to buy a tool I needed. My gosh, I didn't want to drive there. Eventually I drove to town and bought the thing and came back just to find what I was looking for, right there in the garage. The frustration of that is so bad because what happened is that I had to put in a lot of effort which was at that point of time not what I wanted to do and it was frustrating. I stood in frustration. I experienced stress, short temper and all those things because I didn't want to go and buy this thing but I had to. But imagine I saw that tool before I left. I would have been saved from all the frustration. I wouldn't have applied that. I wouldn't have done that. The frustration would have been gone. I wouldn't have engaged in that. I wouldn't have used that.

It's the very same way with the Law. The moment you know that eternal life is a free gift for all, for everybody, He's come to give eternal life for all, those who can believe that Christ became their life, became their sin, became their death that they are in and He conquered their death, conquered their sin and made a body immortal forever seated at the right hand of God as our life, the person who really believes that is finished with the Law. He will not be doing the Law. Remember, the power of sin is the Law. So what happens when you realize that that eternal life is a free gift and it's yours? Sin loses its power over you and you start to live a holy life! Isn't it wonderful!

That's why when you believe in the immortal human body, not a spirit going to heaven, Church, I know this is offensive to what we believe, but the moment you believe in the immortal body, because sin is in the flesh my friend. We don't have to believe that we are going to just leave this flesh body behind, worthless dirt bag kind of rubbish. No! The problem we have here is you can have a good heart but you have a sick liver. What you need to have your good heart expressed and have eternal life is you need the healing of your liver. What Jesus Christ came to do in this analogy I am using, He came to heal the liver. That's what He has come to do. So when we hear the message of God conquering death and conquering sin and giving the promise that the Law promises, should we obey the Law, for free to us. The righteousness of the Law equals immortal, human flesh. We have made the righteousness of the Law as the requirements of the Law.

When the Bible talks about that the righteousness of the Law be fulfilled in us, it doesn't talk about our righteousness connected with the Law. It talks about the good equitable deed of the Law, the righteous thing the Law will do. The righteous thing the Law will do is it will give you eternal life if you can obey all its commands. But now God comes and He gives eternal life as a free gift so you don't have to obey any of these commands and since you are not under those commands anymore and you are not trying to obey the commands, you're not engaging a sick, dying, body to try to produce eternal life from a sick, dying, body and you rest in that area and you believe upon the Lord therefore you are stopping the power of sin in your life. That's why the Bible says, "Shall we continue to sin now that we are under grace and not Law?" Then it says, "No! God forbid!" How does God forbid the power of sin in a human's life? By promising him eternal life and rendering the Law obsolete of no need whatsoever since what you were chasing after by the Law has been freely given to you as a free gift. Since you are not under the power of sin, which is the Law, under the administration of death, which is the Law System, what happens now? Death is not yours anymore! Sin is not yours anymore and that's how God resists sin in you! That's how God stops sin in you and what happens when that takes place is we see this Spirit, which raised Jesus from the dead, bringing forth love and peace and kindness and goodness in our lives and in the end this Spirit, the Bible says will even conquer the last enemy which is physical death. We know that will happen in the return of Christ.

So the path that we are in is on the path of life. That's what we are in. That is why it is so important for me that all you who are in this Church hearing my voice, to emphasize the physical resurrection of Jesus and that we should not just see ourselves as a spirit going to heaven. That is a very watered down Gospel. I want to say, "It is powerless! That is why we find so many churches where the people wear nice suits and all those kind of things but when you go into that church you see a corruption there. You see a death there. You see something there that you don't like. You see something there that when the world walks in there they look at it just for a day or two and they say, "Something's wrong here!" It's because we have not been set free from the power of sin because we don't see this resurrection thing of the healing of our bodies.

The Bible says that of yourself you can do nothing. ***John 15: Abide in Me and I in you and you will bear much fruit.*** Keep this scripture in mind.

John 6:

51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. (You see that Jesus came to give flesh for the life of the world. Why? Because life needs to come to our flesh. That is what it is.)

52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?

53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except you eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

54 Whosoever eats my flesh, and drinks my blood, has eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

There is a scripture in **Matthew 27** which is bit of a controversial scripture but let me read it to you. It is a shocking, powerful scripture that is not preached on but that has stopped now!

:50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. (In other words, He gave up His Spirit. He gave up the life that was in Him... Beautiful!)

:51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; (In other words, rock tearing power... the rocks were tearing... the earth was shaking)

:52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the (dead) saints which slept (which had died hundreds of years ago) **arose,**

:53 And came out of the graves after His resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

Yes, I'm reading from the King James Bible. So I am not going to settle for this spiritual resurrection rubbish. Forget that!

“You know, Bertie, Lazarus could have been raised because he was dead for four days.” Listen, four days, four years, four thousand years... dead is dead, my friend!” Lazarus wasn't less dead. When you're dead, you're dead. I mean if you want to go and raise the dead, I want to tell you that you need the same faith as what a person needs to raise a man from dust because dead is dead. So listen to what happens here.

:51 The earth shook. The graves opened and then after the resurrection came these people. Now listen, :52 And the graves were opened; and many dead bodies of the saints which slept, arose...

Many dead bodies of these saints arose. These saints that believed, that were buried there, that everyone knew, this was so and so and he was dead hundreds of years ago, and was buried there. When, Jesus was raised from the dead the sign of what that implies was seen right there. People who had already turned to dust in that grave, where there was no more remains but just a heap of dust, they came forth and they appeared in the city. After that, Jesus went and he appeared to five hundred people at one time. He cooked fish. He touched them. He said, “Touch me for a ghost, a spirit, doesn't have a body.” What He was saying is, “I am not a spirit. I am a human and what I have come to do and what you see here is the promise of God, what you have always chased after, which is an immortal life above sin.” Remember, Jesus is above sin. He can't even be tempted with it. He's above sin, above death, that which you tried to reach through the Law. “Look at Me! Here am I. I became your sin. I became your death. I died your death on account of all your sin that was upon Me, I gave up that spirit and do you know what happened? After three days I rose up and this life you see Me is My promise to everybody because it included all of you!” The moment you see that, you find no need for a Law anymore!

The moment you find no need for a Law, but have that as your reality, you find that sin has lost its power over you. Peace floods you. You're not scared that you are going to lose your life because in this world we so want to preserve our life with our money and our things but since we know eternal life is promised us, we are set free from stinginess. We are set free from bitterness and all those kind of things. We find a passion in our heart for others. We find we want to give our lives to people. We want to invest in people. We are not scared to take some of our life and give it away because we know immortality has been promised to us. Our lives can never end. We see the promise of God. We see those old saints come out of the graves. Glory to God!

I want to tell you this straight out that there are some that preach there is no resurrection. Then there are some who preach the resurrection has already taken place and overthrows the faith of man. I want to tell you this: I don't care how long a body has been dead. There we see those saints dead. Some of them could have been dead for hundreds of years. The graves opened and then after the resurrection these people came forth and they showed themselves in the Holy city. Isn't that awesome! So this resurrection talks about the healing of man's flesh which puts us at the place where we can expect that immortality that the Jews sought for back in the Old where we are not mixing it in with Greek philosophy or Gnosticism but where we see God healing our flesh. The Bible says that His Word is health to our flesh. What do we need to be healed from? Death! How are we healed? Christ has healed us from that. What do we do today as pertaining to this promise? How do you obey a promise? You just believe it! That's how you obey a promise. You cannot do anything about it.

I remember and I've see that with William Branham when he passed away, believed you can be immortal today, tried to make this thing work for him by faith. It didn't work. The only thing you can do about this promise, the Bible says, "And we patiently wait." That's how we inherit the promise. We just believe this! The most wonderful thing about being, not lawless.... Listen, if you live without the Law, without belief in Jesus, that's called lawlessness. But if you believe in Jesus, you're not lawless because you are under a different Law. It's called the Law of life. That means there is a law that says since Christ's life is a promise to you and you're not living by the Law or the Ten Commandments anymore but under the principle that would say, "His life is your life that has set me free from this but it is also set me free from sin and death." People who are just rebelling against laws, that don't believe in Jesus and just want freedom, peace children... that is not freedom. That is not freedom from sin. You see the promiscuous life that comes forth from that. You see the life that is not eternal in that but the moment you believe in this immortality and you believe the promise what man has always been chasing after, the eternal youth, seeking not for just eternal youth, but seeking for immortality in eternal bliss in the quality of God's life which man was seeking for. My goodness, when that is given as a free gift why would you chase anymore after that! The proof is in the resurrection of Christ! Since He had my sin and He died my death that means that resurrection is mine.

Romans 6 clearly says that if we are in the likeness of His death, we shall be in the likeness of His resurrection and since Jesus has conquered all sin and all death and lives unto God, that is how we mortify the deeds of the flesh. How do we mortify the deeds of the flesh? It's very simple... by seeing the death of Christ, by seeing Christ, by seeing His life and not living under the Law. That is what it is all about, Church. That's the importance of the resurrection.

In summary, you are not a spirit. You are a human being. Ask God to help you with that. I can't help you with that. Paul said clearly, "I pray that you would be strengthened in the inner man that you can believe what Christ has done." Paul said that because he knew what he was about to say and when people see the love of God, people's heart might wax cold and weak because this is too much. Like when he said, "If you eat My flesh you will have eternal life." The problem that we have had is we have eaten heaven. We haven't eaten the flesh of Christ. We are not feasting on the death and the resurrection of the physical body anymore. That's why we are not seeing life in the church or life in our lives. We are feasting on, "This is just a bad life and we are just hoping for the rapture." Oh, that's nothing! Just get that rapture thing out of your mind. Rather, see the rapture as being caught up in an immortal body in the return of Christ. That will help you much more. God has come to give you eternal life. That's what He wants to give you and the only way you can have eternal life is by eating His flesh. Eating means belief upon His flesh. He has given His flesh so that we might have eternal life and that He might raise us up in the last day.

The Bible says, "This is the will of God that none of those that He has given Me will be lost. That none of them will be lost but He will raise them up in the last day." (John 6:38) The will of God is your immortal body. That is the will of God. God, what is Your will? That you will live and never die! That is His will and the will of God and the path unto that eternal life is to be set free from that which administers death to you, which is the Law. As you get free from the Law, you start to see the first fruit of the Spirit, love, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, meekness, gifts of the Spirit and all those kind of things. The last of the fruit of the Spirit that you will see is an immortal body. That is the salvation plan. That is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That is the very, very, absolute Good News! The Good News is not that Jesus sits in heaven. The Good News is that Jesus conquered death! Because we are a being, you cannot live without a liver, my friend. As humans you need two things. You need the Spirit of life and you need dust, and that's what we are. Let us not confuse ourselves with angels! We are not angels. We are humans. Let us honor the love that God has for us where He came and became a human and where He saved humans from their sin and from their death.

Church, I know that what I have said is very radical in theological circles but according to the way I see the scriptures it is the only truth. It is what brings power to my life. It's what brings joy to my life. It's what makes sense on why God had to become a human being, why He had to die, why He had to be raised, why He will return to the earth. It makes sense out of passages like **Romans 8** where the Bible says that we shall receive the adoption which is the salvation of our bodies. The only way you can be adopted to the full life of God is in an immortal body, my friend, because flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. What he is talking about there is you cannot, by your own will power, inherit the kingdom of God. God will glorify your body and that's when full expression, to who and what you are, can take place.

Why can't we just believe that God has given an immortal body, eternal life, eternal bliss, as a free gift! Why come to a place where we make nothing of the resurrection? The traditional Gospel was preached with a message that doesn't need the physical resurrection of Jesus. All it needs is Jesus dying and His Spirit going to His Father. That's all. It doesn't need a grave opening up. I want to tell you the graves are going to open up! There is salvation for your body. There is eternal bliss for you in a physical body where you can have immortal life. That's why we welcome signs, wonders and miracles, where our hearts are warmed towards signs, wonders and miracles and the supernatural because those are first fruits pointing, signs, of what God will do to our bodies. He has given us eternal life and we see those signs, wonders, and miracles taking place. It makes our hearts rest that we don't need to obey laws to try and have life but we can rest in Him. The more we move away from the Law, the more we move away from the power of sin and the power of death. Glory to God!

It's wonderful for me to serve you with this message! I want to encourage you to go and pray about it and ask God to show you the truth of His life. Take your concordance, put in the word, life, on your computer and print out all the words that say, life, and read them in one sitting and you will see what the Holy Spirit does for you! Glory to God!

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