

The DEPTHS of the Wisdom of God

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GREETINGS It such a blessing for me to be with you today in this live webcast of Dynamic Love Web Church's Sunday service. I trust that you are going to be deeply impacted by the message that I have for you today and that you will experience the dimensions of the love of God. At the end of the day we have been designed and created to good works. We have been designed and created to experience the dimensions of the love of God. This is what this Service is all about.

If you slotted in for the first time, I want to welcome you to our web church. Those people who slot in regularly, thank you for joining. It is wonderful to serve you on a continual basis. Glory to God.

PRAYER Father, I want to thank You for Your grace and Your love and Your kindness. Father, I want to thank You that You speak powerfully through me today and that You impact the lives of people in a great way. Thank You, Lord, that I know that Your passion and Your heart is to see that people experience Your kindness and Your goodness and Your love. Thank You that we can be on the receiving side of that. It is so good o know You as such a good God.! I thank You, Lord, that people's hearts are prepared to be challenged as well as hearts to obey in the sense of believing what You are giving. Thank You, Lord. Amen

COMMUNION Our custom is to use Communion together every Sunday as an internet church. The passage that I have is from **Proverbs 5**:

1 My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow your ear to my understanding: Then there is a colon there explaining why.

2 That you may regard discretion, and that your lips may keep knowledge.

This is Old Testament language of types and shadows of the real thing. He is saying, "My son", and we can see this in the New Testament interpreted to the spiritual. We can say that God is saying that we should attend to His wisdom. So we ask God, "God, what is Your wisdom?" Today we are going to talk more about the wisdom of God which is Jesus Christ. It is more than just saying that it is Jesus Christ. It has everything to do with what He has come to do. He said, "Attend unto My wisdom." In other words He said, "Attend to what is logical unto God... what is the basis from where He reasons, from where He thinks." Amen! Attend unto that.

It says, *attend unto my wisdom, and bow your ear to my understanding:* What is God's understanding on why man sins? What is God's understanding on how we would become righteous and have a righteous life? As we bow our ear to that, meaning we are willing to give ear, hearing, to what God calls logical, what God calls wise. As we do that then we may have regard for discretion and then only can we have truth in discretion in life. Then only can we come to a place where w share in that understanding and where our lips keep knowledge. That basically means that true knowledge and true discretion is only found inside God's logic and how God understands things and what is logical to God.

It says, "I want you to have true discretion because it:

3 For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil:

4 But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.

It says that deception, the temptation of the Law, is so subtle. It looks so good. Remember, Adam and Eve in the beginning when Satan came to them and said to them, "Eat of this tree." The more he looked at it, the Bible says it became desirable to make one wise, beautiful for the eye. It looked as if it could clothe you and feed you. It looks as if that part can actually bring you to an expected or a good end but the end is bitterness. When the Bible talks about, in this case, it actually talks about war and dying, losing your life.

So, when we have Communion what we are actually doing is we are celebrating the logic of God. We are seeing what God calls wisdom. God calls it wisdom to say that He will take the responsibility to make us holy and to keep us holy and to preserve our lives in His hands. He comes and says that it is wise and it is good to take a man, put the sin of the whole world on Him. There's a lot to say about that and how that works and the mechanics behind it. To see that body broken so that in our minds the belief unto works righteousness and the whole power of sin and death, can be broken in our hearts as we believe this truth so that we can then stand in a brand new covenant with God. It's the covenant where it is not about us keeping our part but where God is keeping His part. As He keeps His part, His part says, "I keep you safe. I keep you holy. I keep you clean. I keep you righteous. I restore your life. I make everything new. I bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in you and I take vengeance on anything that will destroy you. Glory to God!

As we take this Communion we are actually giving ear to, we are opening our hearts to the wisdom and the understanding of God. As you take this today, maybe you are saying that you are new to the message of Grace or you may say that you have just become a Christian and you don't understand everything. What you can do is say, "Lord, I am partaking of Your body and how I see it now is that I am just one with You and I know that You died for me." Maybe you don't know any of the depths of it but as you partake of it, you partake of it with a prayer in your heart and you say, "Lord, as I partake of this I am saying that I am part of this and more and greater understanding will come to my heart."

The kingdom of God is an ever increasing kingdom. That means that as that seed is dropped in your heart, it will grow. As you are open to that growth, you will find you grow into a wonderful plant flooded with the fruit of God in your life. Amen

Let me just thank the Lord for His body and His blood.

Father, thank You so much for Jesus and for what He has come to do for us. Thank You that You have ended the power of oppression, the power of sin and death and you have given us a brand new life. Amen

Let us just enjoy the Communion together.

The DEPTHS of the Wisdom of God

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It's such a blessing for me to come to you today and bring you the Gospel of God's Grace. Today we are going to talk about the depths of the wisdom of God and just how the Gospel works. We are going to read from Colossians and just get right into the heart of God for us.

I want to start off with a scripture that I have been quoting every time I have been preaching since Christmas time. I want to read it again;

Isaiah 9:

4 For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

This is one of the most powerful passages, I believe, you can read in the Bible prophetically speaking about what Jesus Christ had to come and do. What we have traditionally understood about Christianity is that God was looking for people in heaven. Now He created people on earth. He gave them a law to obey and then they didn't obey this law and fell into sin. From there He increased the law by giving the law to Moses and to the Jews. The Jews were actually the people of God and the Gentiles weren't the people of God. Somehow the Gentiles got tapped into the Jewish thing and, underlining, we are still obeying the law and Jesus Christ then came and gave us a second chance to heaven. Now we just believe in Jesus and we live as good as possible hoping to make it to heaven. I want to say to you that is not true Christianity at all! That concept has nothing to do with what God had in mind when it comes to Christianity.

The word, Christian, comes from the word, Christ. Christ means Messiah. What the Jews understood about the Messiah was that He would be the King and the Ruler over the earth. He would establish His kingdom in the earth. Back then the Jews believed that the Kingdom would be restored back to Israel and then the Jews would have great opportunity to obey the law and then enforce the law. With the guidelines of the law they would basically rule on the earth as a nation with the greatest wisdom that there is which would be the law. They would even declare that as knowledge, the greatest knowledge that you can have. There would be peace on earth from that law. Their whole mindset was that there would be a Messiah and a Christ that would then be actually then be on earth and rule on earth. They awaited a Messiah.

This Messiah, or this Christ, would then be seen as the King, or the Ruler, the One who is giving the Jews access to the whole world. The kingdom would be restored to them where they can peaceably obey the law. If you study church history, you will see that the Jews couldn't obey the law peacefully. They were always under some kind of ruler, be it Romans or whoever. They were under some ruler. Back in Egypt they couldn't serve their God the way that they wanted to serve their God. These Jews believe that if they could serve God the way they are supposed to serve God through all the sacrifices and everything, then they would be a light to the whole world. This is what the Jews were supposed to do. They were supposed to be a salt to the earth and people would have to come to them and say, "Teach us. Show us." They were then supposed to teach and show them the Messiah that would come that would be the Messiah of all people which then would reign and rule over all bringing the kingdom of God to all people. They didn't do this. They were salt but they lost their saltiness and were then trodden under foot by men and seen as worthless. There was no worth anymore in what they basically did. That was the Jewish understanding of how this whole thing would work. They couldn't freely serve God. They couldn't freely live their passion. They thought there would be a Messiah. Their Messiah would then be also called Christ. From that Christ, or Messiah, we got Christ-ians which would be us, the Christians. The Christians were the people that were actually saying in the early church time that Jesus is the King. He is the Ruler. He is the One who has the rule over us and His kingdom is being established in the earth.

The point that I want to make is that as Christians we traditionally had the view, at least I did, I grew up thinking especially after I got saved, that it's all about having Jesus save us from this world and take us to heaven and that is accessed through good works. We couldn't do the good works then God gave us a second chance by bringing forth Jesus. Now since we have the second chance, He now gives us the Holy Spirit and now the Holy Spirit gives us the ability to do the good works and obey the law and live a holy enough life. So then we are righteous enough so that when we die we will partake of a resurrection. That resurrection happens when we die and then we go to heaven. That is what I used to believe but as you read Isaiah here, you see that it doesn't have so much to do with that. It has much more to do with God coming, breaking the yoke off the backs of people, bringing a child to this earth which would fit to a certain degree the paradigm of the Jewish understanding of what a Messiah would be or what a Christ would be.

Where the Jews had it wrong was that they thought that God would give a Messiah to deliver them from a People group, to deliver them from the Romans or deliver them from oppression where they were oppressed by other nations. They had it completely wrong. They thought the Messiah would be the Messiah of the Jews.

Isaiah 9:

3 Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: So we find that the job of the Messiah was also a multiplication of nations. They didn't read passages like that. They didn't understand that. They just thought that this Messiah, that they would be the only Christians, if you want to use the Greek word there, for the Messiah would be theirs. But here God comes and said that this child that will be born will not be the Messiah of a certain group of people but He will be the Messiah of the whole world.

The moment we define the Messiah as the Messiah of the whole world, then we have to redefine oppression because we are not oppressed now by a people group. We have to say that the Messiah is also the Messiah of the Greek. We have to say that the Messiah is the Messiah of the Romans and of the Gentiles, the people that are actually oppressing the Jews.

If He is then the Messiah of the people who oppress the Jews, it bears a question, “What would freedom then look like?” What would He be a Messiah of? What would He be ruling over? What would be, as seen in verse 4, the yoke of His burden? Who would be His, then? Who would be the oppressor all of a sudden? The Messiah wasn't to redeem the Jews from the Roman oppression and we find that He didn't redeem them from the Roman oppression. In 70 AD they were really destroyed there. I believe the greatest blood bath in human history took place there and then from there on we find the Jews many times being oppressed by many nations. That would then mean that God hasn't come to fulfill what He has promised in Jesus Christ.

So we have to ask the question and redefine, “Who is the oppressor if it is not the Romans? We find that the oppressor and that which oppressed man was sin and death and we had access to sin and death through a wrong belief and that wrong belief was what I would call, the logic of Satan. That is what it was. So that burden that was on us to redeem our own lives, to protect our own lives, to save ourselves from what destroys us, that is the burden that God came to take off our backs. The burden to bring forth life in us was now upon Jesus. It was now for Jesus to redeem us from sin and death. What did He come to give us? What did Jesus Christ bring for us? It says in verse 4 that He came to break the yoke of this burden.

4 For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder..

Yoke in Jewish understanding, back in the old physical, was just a yoke that was on an ox. But yoke also was understood by the Jews as a doctrine or a teaching. So, this yoke that was then broken was the doctrine, their belief, was broken that Jesus was only the Jesus of a certain group of people. That oppression was then defined as being oppressed by another nation when God redefines oppression in Jesus Christ. He redefines who His people are in Jesus Christ. He redefines the love of God. He redefines what salt truly is and what life truly is. The true definition is coming forth in Jesus Christ. It says that He comes ***to break the rod of the oppressor as in the day of Midian***. He has come to bring forth the joy. It says that He came to manifest a kingdom in the earth.

The Bible clearly says that the meek will inherit the earth. If the meek inherit the earth and God's plan is to destroy the earth and end the earth, and take us to a place called heaven, then He is squandering the inheritance of the meek. When we look at Jesus and we look at what He has come to do on the earth, we find that He, in His glorified state after His resurrection, He does not exclude physicality. That means that His physical body was raised from the grave leaving the grave empty and that was then glorified. That glorified body is now in heaven and the promise was that He will return to the earth to do what? The Bible says in Romans 8 that creation waits for the manifestation of the sons of God. In short terms, He is waiting that God would then manifest the people who are His in this eternal glorified form and this will then include the glorification of the physical earth. This glorification is not a taking away of humanity from the earth but it is actually a unification between heaven and wherein the earth, the temporal is glorified with the eternal. Now that might sound very theoretical but what I want you to understand and even in the Communion that we did in Sunday message here, we spoke about having the understanding and the logic and the wisdom of God.

We are going to get deeper in that in Colossians 2. because understanding brings forth fruit. If you don't understand something, it cannot bring forth fruit in your life. You need to understand. The Bible clearly says in Matthew 13 that the seed that falls in the fruitful ground is he that hears the word of the kingdom and understands it. He who hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it is he where the seed is sown on the road and the evil one, the wicked one, comes and snatches away that seed and he bears no fruit. So, understanding plays a vital role.

Right there where you are say, "Lord, I want to understand. I want to understand this whole thing that was recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John." We need to come to a place where we realize that Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, and the epistles of the Apostle Paul and James that most of the inclinations of those writings was to explain to people, to the Jewish people, that the Messiah was now the Messiah of all people or to explain to the Gentile that they don't have to seek after a Jewish Messiah but that they actually have their own Messiah. To redefine what freedom is and to see this kingdom manifest in the earth where God brings forth righteousness and holiness in people and where He sustains them and where He keeps them holy and where He keeps them righteous. Where a holy life is not called the deeds of the law any more but actually a fruit of the very Spirit of God. Amen That means that the holy life I live is not me living but it is what Paul says, "It is Christ living in me."

So at the end of the day what Jesus Christ came to do was He came to break the yoke of sin. He came to break the yoke of the bondage of the law where in sin, through the law, had access unto killing us, manifesting its death and wickedness greatly in our lives. That is what he came to deliver us from. So when we talk about Christ or when we talk about the Messiah, we are not trying to tap into Judaism. I want to talk about that today.

If you are not a Jew I want you to know that there is absolutely no reason for you to ever feel like a second class citizen. The Jewish people are loved by God with all of His heart. In the Old Testament they are called the apple of His eye but many times referred to as the loved people, the people of God. But we need to understand that the privilege they had was to be used as the nation that would speak of what God is going to do. Amen. If we, today, look at the Jewish people as a people who are more special than other people, you are not understanding what true Christianity is. You are not seeing the dimensions of the love of God. Many might say that it is dangerous to talk like that because it is anti Semitic and many Jewish people were oppressed through talk like this. No, even if it was like that, it was truth that was eventually abused to abuse people. If those people understood true Christianity, they would never oppress a Jew. This is Jesus is not the Messiah over sin and death instead of being the Messiah over a people group, no Jew will ever be able to be saved.

The way Paul got saved, the way Peter got saved, was by Jesus being the Messiah over their sin and death, preserving their lives. Even to the point that even after they had physically died, that unto them is a promise made of a resurrection of their bodies into a new, greater form of physicality. That is what it is all about. That's how Paul got saved, saved from sin and death. The Bible says, "You shall call His name Jesus (Why?) For He shall save His people... not from the Romans. He shall save His people from their sin. Amen. So that talks about saving the Jews from their sin in rejecting the Messiah. If they can come to the belief that He can save them from physically, what they done there, as well as, and this is the real focus of it, the manifestation of the fruit of the flesh, taking them out of defining themselves in their flesh into having their definition in the glorified man, Jesus Christ, seated at the right hand of the Father. Glory to God! That is what it is all about.

In this introduction I just wanted to lay the foundation that you know it is about a kingdom where God has come to end the old, to end the old system of a Messiah for a certain group of people. When the Bible talks about we are grafted into, what he is actually saying is he is talking, what I would call, becoming a Jew for the Jew and a Gentile for the Gentile language. It is still coated with types and shadows where he is actually saying is, "Listen, this whole message of having a Messiah is actually true for the Gentile as well. And the moment it becomes true for the Gentile, we have to redefine what the Messiah is for and what He saves us to. Amen!" That is such good news if we can just say, "Lord, I want to grab a hold of this. I want to hear this." We will see the fruit in our lives.

The reason I say this, to make it practical, is simply this: A wrong understanding of the Gospel produces a powerless life. At the end of the day, what this whole thing is about for me is I want to share in the power of His resurrection and I want you to share in the power of His resurrection for that is the very will of God for us. That's what He came to bring us that we can have a life where we have conquered sin and death.

I said last time that no political group, no political party, will ever, ever, it will never be eternal! No political party possesses the power to deliver a human from the power of the flesh. Wherever this is seen in South Africa we can use different political names here. I can also use back then when Nelson Mandela lived, you can use a glorious figure like Nelson Mandela. Do you know what is the problem with Nelson Mandela as a leader? The problem with him is he cannot save man from the sin of the flesh. He cannot save a man and preserve his life eternally. He doesn't have that ability. He, himself, is in need of a Savior.

The reason why I preach this is simply because the eternal kingdom is the kingdom of this Messiah which is found inside the parameters or the bounds of a God who is not commanding His people to love a holy life. He is not commanding His people to be free from sin and is not commanding his people to be in a certain way. He is a God that says, "I have a kingdom and this kingdom will manifest from Me ruling." The way that Jesus will rule is that He will rule over the hearts of people. He will rule over their belief. He will rule over the power of sin in their lives and He will manifest His life inside them. As His life starts to live in every person, we would find life manifest everywhere.

There's a story going around., I don't know if it's true, that one of the ministers said that the greatest cause for dying is death. I don't think there is anything more true than that. That is so true. The greatest cause for dying is death as what the greatest cause for true living would be life. The greatest cause for death is dying. It is so true. The reason why there is death in the world is because people are dying inside. There is death inside and unless that death is taken away and life enters, you find the life. That is exactly what Christ has come to do. The Messiah was not the Messiah of the Jewish people to save them from the Romans but He is the Messiah of humanity to rule over the death of people. That's why we as Christians or followers of the Messiah, are happy about the resurrection because now He has conquered the death that is causing my dying.

As I believe on this life I can now already see that life starting to find its growth in my heart and that seed is growing. As it is growing, we find what is called the first fruits which is love and joy, kindness, temperance, faithfulness and all those things. Love, peace, we find those things bring established in our hearts. As we find that being established in our hearts, we know what our end will be, what the expected end will be. The expected end would then be eternal life and not referring to going into heaven. Yes, we will go to heaven for awhile but then we would find in the resurrection as the Christ returns, He will bring those who have died, into His life which we saw on the earth included a physical resurrection. We don't know what that new life will look like in the physical, but we know that it will be a new form of physicality wherein we are more physical than what we are now.

Do you know that your physicality today is temporal? It lasts for only a few years but in the resurrection, that physicality is eternal where you will be more physical than now but it will be a glorified kind of physicality where heaven and earth collides where there's a oneness and a union. That is what the whole thing with the Jews was with the temple. The temple was the place where heaven and earth collided, where you find a different form of physicality, where you find the almighty, unseen God, coming into this world where there's a bright light and a shaking. It's that union, that place of connection. That has now changed not to be that temple anymore.

That temple is now being rebuilt and that temple is you! Glory to God! Now we are the place where heaven and earth collides and we can already see this collision taking place in the fruit that God has in our lives through the Messiah, not ruling over a nation or saving a nation from another nation but where He is actually coming to save us from sin and death.

I want to say this for people all over the world. I have a lot of knowledge of Africa and also a little bit about the politics in America. I want to say this: God is not going to save us from the white people and God is not going to save us from the black people. God is not going to save us from the Asian. God has come to save the white and black and Asian from what destroys them. That is the definition of the Messiah and God doesn't want us to under the burden of sin and death. We can see how He is conquering sin. We know now that He has physically conquered death in the message of the resurrection and then in the end we will see the truth manifested in us.

Colossians 2:

1 For I would that you knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;

2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

This is so powerful! He comes and says, "My heart is burdened for every person that is in Laodicea and even for those who have not seen My face in the physical. My heart is for them and I want their hearts to be comforted being knit together in love." (I don't have time to explain that knitting together. It has everything to do with the Jews and Gentiles, as one people before God.)

... ***and unto all riches*** He says there is riches, there's a richness and riches that manifests that comes from ***the full assurance*** that comes through understanding.

So when we understand there is a full assurance and that assurance we have before God brings forth riches in our lives. Amen! I'm not talking about money but a rich life the same life that is in God.

Now he explains what this understanding and this full assurance is. This is when you understand something to the point that you can acknowledge the mystery of God. What is the mystery of God? The mystery of God is what I have been talking about. The Bible says that the mystery of God is Christ in you the hope of glory. Let me explain what that is. Many have preached that the mystery is that Jesus is living in everybody. No, that is a lie It is not the truth.

The context where Paul explains Christ in you was the mystery that was hidden for ages and generations from the Jewish point of view was that God is also the Messiah of the Gentiles and that the Messiah is now in, or in the Greek you can also use the word, among, the Gentiles. So the mystery was this is the mystery that was hidden that God is not the Messiah of a certain group of people to save them from another group of people. But, He is the Messiah that saves you from sin and death and that is true for all people. That saving is also now the establishing of His kingdom where He rules over the practical things like how you treat your wife, how you treat your husband, how you treat people, what you think about yourself. Where He rules over the power of the flesh where, as we are going to read today, we have been circumcised with a circumcision that is not made with hands but the circumcision where the flesh is cut out of our hearts where we can now actually experience the quality of God's life, the resurrection power of Jesus Christ, to a brand new life. Amen

I am asking you to bear with me. I know that a lot of what I said is very technical but it is actually so simple! Unto us a child was given who will rule over sin and death, that will manifest His kingdom on the earth, that will make everything here new. Where it is not up to us to try and rule and reign. Let me say this to you: The scripture in the bible where God said to Adam, "Have dominion." That was given to Adam which was the representative of the whole world and that Adam in the New Testament is Jesus Christ. It's not for us to try and rule in the earth but it is for us to open our hearts to the rule of the Messiah. Open our heart to the rule of the King who is King over this earth. I want to tell you that God is King over the leader of North Korea He is King over Putin. He is King over Jacob Zuma. None of them are true kings, none of them. He is the King of kings and their kingdoms and their way of governments, all of those things, are subject to God and eventually in the end of it all, all those things will not be.

The only thing that will be are people that are flooded with a love and the goodness and the kindness of God where God so lives in us. Like Paul said, "It is not I who live but Christ who lives in me." As that takes place in everybody and as that takes place through a great event, the physical return of Jesus Christ, and people are manifest as immortal, the dead are raised, we will find that through loving hearts sharing in the life of God, Jesus will be the Ruler of this world. Where it is not an outside government but a n inside governing by God being King over our hearts where He rules over our thoughts, our emotions, our passions. Glory to God. The beautiful thing is that kingdom was always promised and that kingdom is now in the earth and it is manifesting in the earth.

I find that towards the end of all things that evil will become more evil because there will be people who resist this. No earthly king wants to hear that he is not king. No earthly king wants to hear that he is actually just a subject of another kingdom and that there is a greater kingdom that is greater than his that will overthrow his kingdom. They don't want to hear that and there will be some people that will resist this. There will be an end to those. I am not saying that everybody will be saved. What I am saying is that good will become better manifesting in this world and I believe, that evil will become less but the evil that is left will be very evil and then eventually it will completely end in the physical return of Jesus Christ. So, we will be, in this earth, glorified with God in the life that God has dreamt for us.

Let's get back into **Colossians 2**:

3 In whom (this Christ) **are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.** So what I am sharing with you now, inside this Christ where He is the Ruler over your heart is the treasures of all wisdom and all knowledge. The treasure of having a healthy marriage, the treasure of having good relationship with your children, the treasure of treating your servants well, the treasure of having good friendships is all hidden. All the treasure of the wisdom and the knowledge is hidden in this logic of Jesus being the Ruler over sin and death in your life. It's not a Messiah of a people group but the Messiah of humanity. Amen

Listen to what Paul is saying here:

4 And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.

5 For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

He is saying, "I am not with you but I am hearing how you are standing in the true Gospel and how the order in your church (He is not talking about the order as in cleaning the church and all those kind of things. It talks about the order in the way they serve God.

The order in the way they serve God is it is God, the Father, that gave the Messiah and He is the Messiah of us, Gentiles. That's the order. The order is that God rules over sin and death and His life is my life. That was the order that there was. It was not an order where they said, "Well, God, Jews with their Messiah, and we then have to be circumcised in the flesh, physical circumcision, or we have to try to be tappered into Judaism in some form and then obey the law." That is not the order. The order that he talks about here, I believe can also be linked to the order of Melchizedek which talks about the order of an endless life which is the resurrected Christ. .

6 As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk you in him: What he is talking about here as he is referring to the Gentile people, he says to them, "You received Christ as the Christ of the Messiah, the One who rules over sin and death. As you've received Him, and the context here is, physically, not circumcised. In other words, you've received Christ as the Messiah without knowing about the Jewish feasts, without knowing about Judaism, without even having access to the reading of the Ten Commandments. You just heard that Jesus was raised from the dead and that when He conquered death, He conquered something that so many people possess. All people were possessing death. All people were possessing sin and since He became victorious over sin and death, because these Jews didn't know how could their Messiah could die. What would be the significance in their Messiah coming here, not redeeming them from the Romans, dead for three days and then be raised and going to heaven and then pouring out the same Spirit that raised Him from the dead, on all flesh. All of a sudden people talking different tongues when the Holy Spirit comes and people, from all over now, hearing the message. And this is the Good News of the resurrection being preached by the Holy Spirit and the Spirit comes on the Gentiles!

So they had to redefine who and what the Messiah was. They had to come to the conclusion that the Messiah is the One who saves us from sin and death and He is saying to the people in Colossae, "Watch out for the Judaizers! Watch out for the people who want to bring you back under the law, that want to destroy your life. They are going to destroy you by taking you back to the law because they don't want you to serve Christ, walk in Christ, as you are, uncircumcised. They want you to change your flesh. They want the men to be circumcised and include Judaism into Christianity, talking about a mixture between law and grace and this is what he said. He said, "I want you to fully understand how the Gospel works how God is the Messiah over sin and death and where our willpower, where our contribution is not needed where He is the only Lord and King. As we understand that and walk in the full assurance of that, we will not be tempted . We will have the right order. It's not us and Judaism and laws. It's just Christ and Him ruling over it and we believe Him. That's the order., the order of His endless life manifesting in me by His doing where He rules where He enforces His life into our lives as we believe upon that.

Paul is now warning people. He said, ***As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk you in him.*** Don't now go and mix it with the law for it will destroy your life. .

7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men,
Can you see here that they didn't follow the Jewish traditions yet the Messiah was their Messiah and now people wanted to get them back to the Jewish feasts and Jewish numbering, the Jewish this and Jewish that. Jesus is your Messiah and you need to understand what Messiah means. Amen

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy...

That word, spoil there means to carry off as a captive or a slave; to lead away from the truth as a subject to one's own way. What he is saying is, "Let no man make you his slave." What he is saying is if you believe anything else about the Messiah, you will be made a slave again. You will be made a slave because the moment we incorporate the old system again we are not allowing the Messiah to have His rule in our hearts and what will happen? Sin, death, jealousy, the fruit of the flesh, love for money, evil concupiscence, all those things will start to manifest in our lives because now we want to govern it by how we fast or how we keep some feasts or how we try to resist sin in some form and those kind of things instead of having an open heart to say, "I am a subject of the kingdom of the Messiah. Amen"

It goes on and says that we will be spoiled or taken captive through philosophy. That word philosophy doesn't talk about philosophy as we know it today. I am going to read the Greek word here for you. It says, "Jewish sophistry. That means, the word sophistry, means the use of clever but false arguments. The teaching that you must try and get rid of the flesh, you must crucify your flesh, you must lay down the flesh, are all clever but false arguments. That's what it is. So he is saying here that you don't have to have any of that in your life. It is all over! It is gone. It is not part of what God has for you. Amen

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men after the rudiments (the basic principles)of the world, and not after Christ.

How many times do you hear teachings on this is just a basic principle. Principles like sowing and reaping, tithing principles... all these principles. He is saying, "Beware! Be Careful here!

9 For in him Listen, this is what the Jews preach. The Jews preach and say to them, "Yes, Jesus died for you but in order to have the Messiah rule and reign over you, you have to become a Jew." That means that you have to be circumcised. You have to be a proselyte of Judaism. The Jews were teaching that there is something wrong with your flesh. There is something wrong with your ethnicity. Listen to what Paul's argument is here: He says, ***For in him dwell all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.***

10 And you are complete in him (in His physical body; your body lacks nothing. You are not in need of a circumcision. ***which is the head of all principality and power:***

He is saying that principalities and power is not talking about demons there. It is talking about the system, the Jewish system, of the time. He is talking about the Roman system of that time. He says, is "Listen, you don't have to submit to that rule!" In this specific case he is talking about the priestly priests and the Jewish system which was a principality or a the power in that time, a ruler or a governor of that time. He said, "Jesus' flesh is perfect. You are in Him. His body is perfect and you are now become part of His body. There's nothing wrong with your body. He is ruling and reigning over your body. He is bringing forth, ending the fruit of the flesh, bringing forth the fruit of the Spirit in your body." That's what he is saying. He says: ***II In whom also you are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:***

He is just saying that Christ's death and His resurrection, His bodily, physical, resurrection and what that means and as we believe on this truth and we don't mix it with the message of the Judaizers, the philosophy, the false wisdom, and we believe upon this, the effect of that is Christ circumcises, takes away, the power of the flesh in us free from our power, willpower, contribution, or anything. It is the result of the rulership of Christ. The way the Messiah rules is that He came to kill the enemy and He killed death and He killed sin. Now to have that reign in our hearts we have access to that through faith and that reign is called Grace.

As we believe on this by faith, we have access into this Grace and the Messiah rules! That's why it says in verse **11: *In whom also you are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:***

In whom also you are circumcised... How are we circumcised? We are circumcised without a physical circumcision. How? In the ***putting off of the body*** (the governing body or the place from where government takes place) ***of the sins of the flesh*** How does that take place? It says that we are circumcised. Our circumcision that we are partaking in is the power of sin is circumcised out of us by the circumcision of Christ. What is the circumcision of Christ? Christ was circumcised out of life into death. His life was cut away and He became sin and death. It was cut away and then He was raised in a new form of physicality and that is now our life. Therefore the fullness of the Godhead dwells in Him bodily and we are complete. We need no Judaism laws, rules, regulations, whatever. All we need is this truth.

Combine this with last week's message and how do we see ourselves? The Bible says,

Colossians 3:2 *Set your affection* (Let your wisdom, let the depths of the wisdom of God, let your opinion of yourself, let what you think of yourself... the Greek word there for let your desire be or let your eyes be focused on, it says, Let your opinion of yourself, what you think of yourself be Christ) ***on things above, not on things on the earth.***

My opinion of myself, my opinion of this ministry, my opinion of our internet church, my opinion of how I would live with my wife and my children, is the Messiah rules onto a successful, peaceful, life flooded life by His rule in my life and that is true for you! Amen

PRAYER

Father, I want to thank You so much for Your rulership. Thank You for Your kindness. Thank You for Your love that You have towards us.

Lord, as I'm praying, I'm thinking of everyone that is hearing this today. I thank You, Lord, that You are their Christ. You are their Ruler. Thank You, Father, that You have come to circumcise them with the greatest circumcision, that which is unto life.

I stretch forth my hands toward them and I speak to those of you who are physically sick, "In the name of Jesus Christ, you are healed right now by the power of God, the power of the Christ who in bodily form has conquered all sin and death. I declare you healed.

Those who are lacking understanding I speak over your mind that you will be enlightened to see the dimensions of the goodness of the love of God. Amen and amen

I want to thank you so much for watching and I want you to know that God loves you and He will eternally love you! Amen