

WHAT THE FUTURE LOOKS LIKE FOR THE CHURCH

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GREETINGS in the wonderful name of Jesus. It's a blessing for me to minister to you today, the last day of 2017 where we can just walk with gratitude saying that we experience the grace of God every day knowing that God is a God of love and a God of Grace and a good God! .

I would like to welcome all of you who have turned to this for the first time as well as all of our regular viewers. I trust that this message is going to challenge you and encourage you today. God has put something upon my heart that I do believe will be challenging in what I am going to minister today but it will encourage you greatly. I want you to just relax and open your heart and just say, "God, thank You for your goodness and your love and speak to me in a powerful way.", and you will experience what God says to your heart today.

When it comes to the end of the year and the beginning of a new year, many times people want to hear what is the Word of God for the next year. Then we find so many different kinds of prophecies and I can imagine what will happen in 2018 where we will find people taking the number 2018 and start to read things into that. They will start to read things in the number 8 and the number 18 and the number 2018 and add in all the Jewish feasts. That is not going to benefit anyone.

One thing that I have said every year in my New Year's message is that what you can know for next year is that nothing is going to change! What I mean by that is that God is not changing! The same God that was good to you in this year is the God that will be good to you in the next year! With Him there is no shadow of turning. He cannot change! He can only be Who He was. The God that gave Jesus, the God that gave the earth that gave Adam and Eve what they had when He gave them the Garden of Eden and everything is the very same God that cannot change. The love that He had in His heart when He was hanging upon the cross, knowing that He will bring forth a brand new life in you by His doing and not your doing, has not changed. None of that has changed. What can change in our lives is that in this year we can come to a place where we see more of the unchangeable and where we see the everlasting kingdom and where we see what He has brought for us. We can tap into that and that we can understand more and see in a greater way. So, our understanding of what can never change can change and we can deepen our understanding. That is what I believe and hope for and that is where my expectation is just to see more of the dimensions of the love of God. Amen

To all of you that hear this message today, I know that you are going to be blessed with the goodness of God. Know that you can go into 2018 without thinking, "Oh, it is the year of the judgment of God where He is now going to become tired of some president and He is going to start to kill people. He's never going to do that! He is the good God that will always love, always be there, always be kind, always reach out to His people. He is the God who speaks to your heart and embraces you, that has loved you, that has helped you through thick and thin, who has always believed in you will never change and He will continue to do that for eternity! You might change but He will never change and that's the good thing!

The Bible says that God is love and since God is love He cannot be anything but who He is. He IS love and the love that He is, is something that He is in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and the love that He experiences in His heart toward you is also on account of the beauty that He beholds. He is looking at you with admiration in His eyes. When He looks at you He sees someone, a person, who is actually bringing thoughts and emotions of love!

God loves you because He is love and you need to know that you are beautiful and valuable to Him! It's like I look at my wife and my children, who they are brings and excites this feeling of acceptance, feelings inside me that says that I want to entertain them, I want to be good to them. That is also called love. So, God loves you because He is love and God loves you, as well, because of how beautiful and acceptable you are to Him. Amen

COMMUNION As our custom is, we have Communion every Sunday. I want to read a passage from **Romans 5:**

18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

This says that when sin came in and manifested and became more through the Law System and we saw death, we find that that death went to people all over the world. Sin went all over the world but that sin and that death is not eternal. We find that Jesus came with His life and with His grace, with a greater power than sin and death. If one, Adam in this case, could dump all of mankind into sin and death why can one man not? The man, Jesus Christ, dumped all of us into the System where we can have, as the bible calls here, the justification of life. The punishment, if you want to call it like this, or the consequences of sin, is death. But the consequences of the obedience of Jesus Christ is that God justifies us with eternal life. God's judgment over us, His decision when a judge makes a judgment, that judgment if it is a righteous judge, is always to the benefit of the one that he judges for. When God makes a judgment and He judges us, like David said, "God, judge me." When he said, "God judge me", his mind is that if God can judge me, then I will live. This is what this passage is all about. It's about God's judgment which is unto life.

The obedience that Jesus Christ had was an obedience even unto death. That death was the death of our sin, the death of our death, where when He was raised from the dead, that we could be partakers of His body and His blood. I have said this many times that if we can come to the point where we can realize that we are included in the death of Christ, that Christ actually took the life of sin and death, our life, that He became that and when He died He broke the power of sin and death. Actually He went into the depths of death and in the resurrection He showed that God can actually overcome death and that God can actually overcome sin. We know that sin leads to death and if Jesus can conquer death it means that He also has power over whatsoever would lead to death and that would be sin. That is why through the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we, by the power of God can be set free from sin and death so that we can, experientially live and experience the goodness of God.

When we take the bread and break it, we, as a web church, a web community, come together on this last day of 2017 and we are doing it in remembrance of the end of the old life. We are doing it in the remembrance of how Jesus' body was broken and how the embodiment, or the system where we were enslaved through sin and death, was broken and we eat this broken body. That means it is our food to meditate and think and believe that the Old has been done away with. That is our food. That is what we eat and we feast on that. Glory to God. As we eat this bread and as an internet church as we come to the end of this year, we are saying, "Thank You, God, that the man, the law man, is broken. The old man has passed away. Glory to God! The beauty of eating this together also talks about Jew and Gentile and that there is no separation anymore. We are all now the temple of God, the body of the Lord Jesus Christ and that is beautiful! .Amen

When you think of the blood of Jesus and the Bible says that without the shedding of blood there cannot be forgiveness of sin, please don't think that God demanded blood in order for Him to forgive you.

Before Jesus even died, God didn't live with something inside Him that said, "Unless I kill someone or punish someone, then I can't be set free from the anger in My heart!" The blood of Jesus didn't wash the heart of God. The blood of Jesus is the revelation of the ending of an old life and the beginning of a new life that washes our minds and our hearts from what we believe about God and ourselves. The blood of Jesus is not for God. The blood of Jesus is for us. The reason why God needs blood is because of our need for blood.

In one of my books I wrote about my son who was playing tennis. He accidentally hit his racket on the ground and it broke. He was playing for the team at school and he said, "Dad, I need a racket." I told him that when we go to church on Sunday, we will quickly go to the sportsman's warehouse and we'll buy a racket. I walked in the warehouse and the salesclerk said, "Sir, what do you need?" I said, "I need a tennis racket." The moment I said that, I was thinking of the blood of Jesus and I got this revelation: I don't need a racket. I don't even play tennis but my son needs one and because he needs it, I need it. What we needed to see is the death of the old man. We needed to see that. We needed to believe that and that's why God needed that and He brought it forth so that we can believe and be set free.

Never, when it comes to the blood of Jesus, never think of a blood thirsty God that wants to punish. Think of a God that is willing to give His life to redeem you. Like the one person says, "Imagine I am walking next to the Zambezi River where there are the biggest falls in the world. You stand at Victoria Water Falls and I say to my wife, "I love you so much! I will show you my love." She says, "How will you show me your love?" I jump into the river and I go over the falls and die." What does that mean? It means nothing. If I just show that I can die because I love you that means nothing. But the substance of my death is should I have died in order to save her life, then it means something. In this very same way, when it comes to the blood of Jesus, God came and He saw man in their sin, in their death, and He said, "Let Me come and give My life to bring a brand new belief forth inside them and a truth in humanity that they can believe on and it will save them." What God did is He ended the Old and He brought forth a brand new life in Jesus Christ, a physical human being which sits at the right hand of the spiritual God which is the unseen God. He is a physical human that when He walks on sand you can find His footsteps in the sand. He is a physical man who doesn't have a body that is in a grave. He died and He conquered sin, conquered death, as the Son of man. Now, He is seated, the Son of God as a man at the right hand of God so that we can have a brand new reference point, a brand new belief about humanity, about man. And that saves us! Isn't that beautiful! That is what we celebrate in the body and the blood of Jesus Christ. As we take the Communion, we do it mindful of what Jesus has done for u

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It is such a blessing for me to minister to you today and to bring you the word of God's grace, the message that will never change and that you can hear it again today. The vision and our passion that I have here at Dynamic Love Ministry is not to change the message but to continue to preach the very same message every year... to continue to preach the love of God, the grace of God and what He has done with an open heart to understand more and see deeper into the goodness and the kindness of God towards us. Amen

Before I get into the message, I would like to thank every person that has just supported this ministry in 2017. Sometimes I feel I don't thank you guys enough. Many times I forget about it and don't think about it and I only think of what I want to do in the ministry. You have been so faithful in giving and supporting this ministry. Those people who are faithfully sharing the Gospel on line and with people, thank you so much for that. It is really highly appreciated! Your support has just blessed us and the wonderful thing about it is that it is not born from manipulation or control but just something that is born from a heart of generosity.

So, as you have given towards this ministry this year, and there are many people who have given on a monthly basis, people who give annually, thank you so much for your financial contribution as well as just your moral support of this ministry. The people who go on Facebook and click on 'like' or you share a video, those things are just wonderful and it's a blessing to see the fruit of the Gospel and just how you are part of this ministry.

I also want to publicly thank all the web pastors for what you have done in 2017 and how you have loved upon people, how you have loved me. I know that so many times in your lives you were going through difficult times, losing love ones and having challenges of your own and yet the grace of God has empowered you and you were faithful to the Good News. We could see the faithfulness of God manifest inside you. I just want to say that I appreciate all of you!

It is wonderful to be part of an internet family where we know that there are people that are hearing the Good News and their lives manifested the true life that is inside them and just to see how this message has empowered people and how we can see the kingdom of God manifest in people's lives. So before I get into the message I just wanted to thank you and I also want to pray for you:

Father, I want to thank You that I can pray for all of the supporters of Dynamic Love Ministries who have faithfully supported this ministry in living the heart that You have put inside them. I am grateful for them and I thank You, Lord, that I know that there are people who have given to this ministry that gave out of the abundance of what You have given them and they have blessed this ministry. Thank You for that, Lord, and the spreading of the Gospel and blessed Helena and me and not even thinking of spreading the Gospel but just loving on us. Thank You for that Lord.

And then there are people who gave and they were in deep need and out of poverty they gave to this ministry with love in their heart. I want to thank You, Father, for when I look at those people, especially the poor that gave, I see your kingdom that is greater than the powers of this world, greater than the fears of this world. Thank You so much for that Lord that we can see the fruit that is abounding to their account. The good word of what God can do in a person's heart, where the love for others can supersede what can happen in this world, the fears of not having and so forth.

Father, thank You for the family that You have provided for us by the internet, people that are all over the world spreading this message. Glory to God! Thank You, Father, that I can sit here today and minister to them. I want to say to You, Lord, in front of all of them, that I realize the responsibility and I realize the love that You have for them and that they are Your people. Thank You, Lord, that You will always continue to empower me to minister to them in a way where they can always give You glory. Amen

My heart is really touched when I look back at last year and I see what God has done in people's lives and that is what we want to see in the year to come. When it comes to the end of the year and the beginning of a new year, in the traditional Charismatic circles that I have been in, it has always been, "What is God's new word and what is the fresh manna that is going to come from heaven?"

I remember that I was always thinking, "God, I need to have fresh manna. Many preachers who are hearing this message, I say that we can so easily fall into the trap of thinking that we mean to produce a new word in 2018. We need to have a deeper revelation. We look at preachers who are on television or some of you may look at me or at some theologians, or you may look at people that God has gifted to understand the scriptures. We look at what they share and then we feel that if we don't get a deeper word or a greater revelation then I don't have a ministry and what will other people think if I just preach the same message again. Well, I've got Good News for you! There is only one message. There is just the simplistic message of God who has conquered sin and death and who manifests His life in His people and so is manifesting His kingdom in the earth in those who believe. That is the beginning and the end of the Gospel and He does all of that because He loves us. There is no greater message. That is the Gospel. That is the Good News and there is nothing more. I would say that when it comes to the Good News stick with the Gospel of Grace and not change.

The challenge that there was for Jesus, when He was in the desert, was to prove His sonship by His works or to find a more sure word than the Word that came from heaven that said, "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased!" We cannot believe in circumstances. We cannot have our faith in our circumstances. We have our faith in what God has done for us in Christ. Although we see a change in our circumstances, although we see good things coming our way, we cannot have that as the foundation of who and what we are.

Today, I want to encourage preachers first of all. When it comes to the whole message of the fresh manna and what is the new thing that we are going to have for next year, I want to say to those who listen to this, that preach the Law Message, there is something new for you in 2018 and that is to grab a hold of the Grace of God in what He has done and start to preach that. And to those who already believe the Good News, I want to say that the key for this year to come is to stick with this message and ask God, open your heart and say to God, "Show me the depths of this truth." Your heart will be so established in this that it becomes every fiber of your being and it can never change and that will be the only truth you believe in.

So when it comes to fresh manna, I want to just talk about fresh manna from Numbers. The way I see fresh manna is the people went every day to get manna. They couldn't keep manna over for the next day because the manna would rot but only on the Sabbath the manna would last another day. They could only have a certain amount of manna per person. In my book, *Jesus is the Tithe*, I spoke on this manna and what it actually talks about. The manna talks about the bread that came from heaven. You couldn't just go out and eat manna. Every man had a certain measure of manna. That measure was an omer of manna. An omer was a tithe of an ephah. So that manna had to be put in an omer which means to be chastised. It had to be chastised and put on Golgotha. That is the meaning of that pot it was put in and every day you had to go and get fresh manna. That meant, and this is how the manna worked: The manna fell from heaven and fell on earth. As it fell on earth that manna had to be put in that pot which signified Golgotha and to be beaten, chastised, with a whip. That's what it means.

So, the way that I see fresh manna is to go, every day, and take what God has given from heaven and apply it to the earth. God takes the manna and puts it on the earth and on the earth it is chastised. It is put on Golgotha and it was beaten and every day we freshly look at how God applies Jesus to this earth. How God comes, gives His Son and applies the death and the resurrection of Christ to this world. That is what we do. We cannot go into any other revelation but that revelation. The only revelation there is is the revelation of how God applied Jesus to this world and how the death and the resurrection applies to me. That is what we do. In 2018, we can take that as true for every day and we can take it as true for every year. So in this year, the only thing you are going to hear from Dynamic Love Ministries, is how Jesus came to the earth and how He died and how He was chastised for me, personally. That's what it means and what that brings into the earth and what is the promised land that we can move into.

When we think of Numbers 3, you remember when the people came and they were in the desert and then the manna fell. Then the Bible says that they said, "We want true bread!" They actually wanted meat. They said, "We don't want this light bread that falls from heaven. Our souls loath this bread!" They actually said, "We hate this bread! We don't want this light bread that falls from heaven." Immediately fiery serpents came and bit them. What this talks about is that the moment we are not at the place where, everyday we don't take how Christ is applied to the earth and how He died and was beaten and how He was resurrected and the consequences of that and what it brings to me, if we don't want to do that anymore then the serpent comes and he bites us. The bite of the serpent is very simple... it's the poison that comes out of the mouth of the devil. That poison is called legalism and law and that will poison your whole thought pattern. It will poison your way of thinking and it will destroy you!

So, I think that the most important thing in a ministry is to stick to the simplistic message of God loves people, He cares for people. He is not mindful of their sin. He's not mindful of their shortcoming every day but He is mindful of their value. He wants to redeem their value and He wants to apply the end of the Old and the beginning of the New on their heart and in their life. That is what I believe every ministry should revolve around.

There are different gifts. There are different ways of communicating this but that is what I believe what fresh manna is. Fresh manna is every day, looking again at the very same thing that gave you life yesterday and that is the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. That is what it is. Fresh manna is not to try and find some new revelation that is different from anything that anybody has ever seen and where you feel that you are now the man of God with a powerful hour. That is not going to help anybody.

For you that are ministers, I have good news for you. If you want to measure if you are on the right path, simply measure it this way: Is your message about how God came to earth, how Jesus died and how He rose again and is that applied to the individual's life so he can find life from it. That is it... So go everyday and get the very same manna and apply it afresh to people's lives every Sunday. Glory to God!

Today, I want to talk a little bit about the phases I went through in Christianity. The first thing that happened to me in 1998 is that I received Jesus as my Lord and my Savior. After I received Jesus as my Lord and my Savior it wasn't long before I fell deeply into the Law. The reason why I fell deeply into the Law was simply because of my lack of understanding of the Gospel. In this lack of understanding of the Gospel, I would go to churches and read the Gospel because I wasn't tutored in a good way. I didn't understand actually what the Gospel was. I just thought that I was a sinner. I would drink some alcohol. I would walk in lust. I would do some bad things and I would say some swear words and curse and cuss and those kind of things. Then somebody came and said to me, "You can accept Jesus and He can save you." Then I understood that salvation as, "Well, I don't have to burn in hell anymore. I can go to heaven." Then I accepted Jesus as my Savior and I was very excited but I didn't have knowledge in what I got saved into. Neither did I understand the dynamics of it. That's why I could quickly fall away and thorns and thistles would come up and choke the seed in my life and I found that I became very legalistic.

We need to understand that that is the faith that many are in. You may have friends who received the Lord and are now in that phase of feeling very legalistic and Law minded. It is not our job to judge those people. All that we can do is love upon them and be who we are. What they go through and who they are can never be the source of our life. We continue to look at the manna that fell from heaven and we apply that. We see who we are and how much God loves us and how much God loves them. From there God gives forth a love and a love for them.

The next step in my life, and it took some years, was when I started to realize that God doesn't look at my works but that He loves me just for who I am. He loves Bertie Brits. He doesn't judge me by my works and that He didn't want me to be saved by the Law. I started to understand righteousness by faith. I would say that was the next major phase in my life. The first stage had different stages to it as well which I don't want to get into but this second stage is when things started to go well with me. I started to just feel joy at home and joy wherever I go, although I was even being persecuted for preaching that through the obedience of one many are made righteous and that Jesus died and He was raised and I am now seen as righteous. I was so happy!

The joy that was in my heart was and still is in my heart, is the joy knowing that God is not angry with me and that God doesn't look at my works. He doesn't judge me according to my sins. That the sins are passed away and everything has become new. I now have a seat in the Godhead, in the Trinity, with Christ. I was so happy that I can now go to heaven although I have some mistakes. It was almost as if there was a belief in me that it doesn't matter what I do, God will still love me. That was the Good News to me and it is good news. It is good news to know that God loves you. It is good news to know that you don't have to be saved by your works. It is good news to know that God doesn't confuse you with what you do. It was good news to me. I want to say that is also a phase in my life. It is almost a place where you test the boundaries of how much God loves you. It's like, "Well, it doesn't matter what I do. God loves me!" Even if you would do some things that you knew is not beneficial for you or those around you, it doesn't matter because God loves me.

But as you continue with that you feel that there is something wrong. This cannot be it. I know that God loves me. I know that God is good to me but you still feel, “Is this life that I am living now, is this what God can give me in Christ? Is this the highest quality of life?” You feel that need for something but you don't know what it is because you already know now that you are in the Grace message, the Love of God message. That is what I want to get to today.

If you look at John 3:16 it says that God loves me and the Good News to me was that God loves me. “For God so loved the world” Yes, God loves the world! It doesn't say that God loves the Church. It says, “God loves the world!” That was my joy. That was what my whole Gospel was about. Today you might still be at that place where the greatness of your joy surrounds around the fact that God loves you. That is wonderful and good and true and yet there is something else. There's something greater! You might say, “What could be greater than God loving us?” I want to explain to you what is greater: It is to have that love defined and to know what that love amounts to and what it brings to you! Because if I sit here and my son is on drugs and my son knows that I love him, wherever he is on drugs or wherever he is busy with whatever is not right or lost somewhere and he knows I love him it is good but at least he can now come home but the goodness is that I love him so much that when he comes home that I can restore his life. That is what John 3:16 says.

There was a phase in my life when I understood that the love of God was about Him making me righteous, Him taking away my sin, Him seeing me as innocent and Him seeing me as His own. It just gave me a brand new identity. It gave me strength and yet there was something else, something more.

I took my son on the motorbike trip. I only have one motorbike so as he was sitting on the back as I was driving. I did over 7,000 kilometers and he was with me for 6,000+ kilometers. As we were going together the first part was very tiresome for him because he was ill and he wasn't fit for riding because he was basically never on a motorbike. It was difficult for him on the first part but then towards the end he said, “Dad, I want my own motorbike. I also want to ride.” Do you see that there is a difference between somebody that is just enjoying the ride with you and actually also sharing in what you are sharing?

The only time when they will feel what it feels like for me to ride the motorbike is if they have their own bike. That is the only time where they will actually share in what I have if they have their own. I think in the very same way, I was feeling that God loves me and God cares for me but I am not sharing in His life. I am not feeling how it feels to love and to be kind and to be good. I'm not sharing in His kingdom and I've come to realize that the scripture says in **John 3:16, *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that we should not perish but have eternal life.*** If you say to me that you love me then I would say to you, “So, what do you give me?” Because your love would be defined on how I can benefit from that. That is how love works.

John 3:

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

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

The way that I understood condemn was that God loved me so much that He won't condemn me... condemn defined as meaning that I don't have to feel guilty. That is also true but the true context of condemn here means to kill. It says, "God so loves the world and He didn't come to destroy or to kill the world but He came to give them life." They were part of a system that kills them and destroys them but He loves them so much that He says, "I cannot see that they would die. I cannot see My future without them. I want them with Me!" That is what He was saying and that was what was in His heart. Therefore He said, "I will come and I would redeem them to share in My quality of life." That is what I would say, what I feel, is happening to my heart. It's the same Gospel but I am going into a place, since that is where my heart moves into, I am sure you have heard this in the last two years but it will be even more so in this year to come. Since I'm moving into that I cannot but preach what is in my heart and what God is busy in doing in my life.

So what I am going to minister in this year to come is this part wherein we are talking about God bearing fruit in our lives where we are not on the back seat anymore taking a ride with God but where God has inspired us and empowered us to ride with Him. In other words, He is still leading. He is still taking the lead but we are riding with Him in a way where we can experience His kindness and His goodness and His love not just as toward us but also in us and through us... not by the Law or, 'Well, now I'm a mature Christian and I must start to love people' but as a fruit of beholding His unconditional love.

So in 2018 what I am seeing is that we will continue to hear the love of God and how good He is and how unconditional His love is as pertaining to the Law and how conditional His love is as pertaining to value, which I will quickly explain for those who are watching for the first time, and how we will then experience it to the point where we, as the Church, say, "Lord, I am not afraid of fruit anymore. I am not afraid of seeing a manifestation of who You are in me, given that it is by Your doing and not my doing. What I found is that there was a stage in my life, the stage that I just moved out of, there was a time where I would be scared to hear about good fruit. The reason I would be scared about that was because I was still not understanding that it is something that God brings forth. Neither was I understanding that it was my destiny. The bible says that we have been created to good works. We are His workmanship created unto good works. That means that He is the Creator and He will create you to the good works. It's not your effort. It's not your work. It's your destiny by His doing!"

Let me put it this way and this is how it came to me a couple of years ago: If I'm afraid of loving people, then heaven would be a bad place for me because in heaven there is only love. If I'm afraid of being generous then I shouldn't go to heaven because in heaven you are only generous. Now we are even saying in church that heaven is now coming to earth. That means that life which you will have in heaven, which we have always preached as just something we could have in heaven, is now, by the power of the Almighty God, by His Spirit, manifesting His kingdom in us, coming to our hearts where we can joyously share in that. Like Jesus said, "Count it all joy when you are persecuted for righteousness." Let that be a happy thing because you are now actually sharing in the quality of life that I have.

Any preacher does not want people to not listen to his teachings. You guys know that I am just honest in my preaching. I don't want people to say, "I don't want to listen to Bertie's messages anymore because he is now preaching about the fruit and I'm not ready for the fruit now." Or maybe it is becoming legalistic or something like that. I don't want that but I want to say this: If it is that some people are going to turn away from this, what can I do? It is the truth. It is the Gospel. It is the very Good News that the only eternal life that there exists is now being shared with those who believe and want it.

God has convinced my heart so much of love and kindness and peace, goodness, generosity and those kind of things as the highest quality of life that I have come to a place, more than ever before in my life, where I am saying, "Lord, I am entering into it. I have already entered into it and I am more than ever ready to enter into the fullness of this by Your goodness. I am available for the manifestation of it and that will be by Your grace and not by my works for I know that You love me. You know, God didn't start to love us when Jesus died. God didn't start to love us when Jesus was raised. Now that God starts to see you as the victim of sin and death when Jesus died and when He was raised. He saw you as His long before Jesus died. He gave His Son for His sheep. He even said that He has sheep of a fold the Jews knew nothing of. He called the Gentiles His sheep. The problem is that the whole world belongs to God and we don't see that. We think that all people on the earth are goats and then they become sheep the moment they believe. No, all people are the sheep and those who believe will not be lost anymore. The goats would then be seen as those who refuse to believe the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The Good News is that He has two sons. The one son was working at home which was Israel and the other son was lost was a Gentile. But they were still sons. They were just lost sons and the Father's love when the son was lost or when the one son was in works, didn't change! He loved both sons the same. The Father already had the fatted calf for the lost son! He loves His children! He values them! He sees them as His own. He sees them as valuable and everything you can imagine. The Father's heart is never closed to a person that is lost and in sin. Yet the Father loves that person and wants to share His life with them.

If you enjoy something, you like to take a picture and then you want to send that picture to someone because you want that person to feel like you feel like when you took that picture. In my case I like HDR photography. It's a high dynamic range. It looks almost like a painting, over exposed colors, a high contrast. It almost doesn't look real. I would take a picture like that and then I would edit it and put it on Facebook. People would say, "Wow! It is beautiful!" Helena says that it looks fake. It does look fake but I edit it in a way so that when somebody looks at it they will not see where I was but they can feel what I felt when I saw that! That is why I have to make it in a way so that people can see what I feel and that is exactly what I feel where God's heart is.

God knows what it feels like to see all people as valuable. He knows what it feels like to see someone so valuable that He is willing to give of Himself and of His own life, to benefit that person. And do you know what? That way of living is the only way that can last. The world system, the way it works today, the system of democracy, communism, all these isms, our wars and everything, those systems cannot last forever. The only system that can last forever is a self-sacrificial love system which no man can copy. It can only be born from God when the person who beholds it sees his life united with that life. Where the only God that is self sacrificing gives His life for us and where He duplicates that life in us where it becomes life to us. That is the only system that will last on the earth. That is the only way that will be forever. Every other system will end. I want to tell you that all these systems of we are going to shoot the Muslims. The Muslims are going to bomb this. We are going to protect ourselves with guns. At the end of the day, when Jesus comes back, it will die! It is not an eternal system. You can quote Scripture until you are blue in the face, and you can be angry with me, you can stick to your guns, you can do whatever you want. It doesn't matter. The truth is that that which Jesus has shown, which was, "I am not defending Myself but I believe in the God that will justify Me with life!" That proves to be greater than death itself and that is the very thing that God is bringing forth in our lives. That is what I am expecting and what I am moving into, into preaching and sharing in our web church. Those of you who want to walk the path with me, you are welcome! That is what I am seeing and that is what I want to experience.

Why, and I've said this before, why could Jesus go to Jerusalem and fall down on His knees and weep and say, "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, those who kill the prophets, those who will stone the Son of God." Why could Jesus have tears in His eyes and say, "Like a hen gathers her chicks I wanted to gather you. I give My life to My own who do not even recognize Me." Why could He, on the cross while they were nailing Him to the cross, say, "Father, forgive them." He can do that, not out of the shallowness of obeying a command that says you should love your neighbor, but out of a love that is born in His heart, that is greater than the situation. Yet I have to behold that quality of life and then follow a law and try to copy it. No, God has not dreamt for us to behold the life of God and copy His life. God has dreamt for us to come and live in us and the only way that He can live in us is through our belief where we can see ourselves in Him and see Him in us. Glory to God! That is it! That is what we are going to go into. Then in the last few minutes I want to go to Isaiah. Remember last week when we I gave the Christmas message I said that I am going to continue spoke about this a little bit.

Before I get into that, let's just summarize. This is what I want you to grab from this first part of the message. There are phases that I have walked through and by my experience I will say that I believe there are many people who will also walk through that. If you are at a place where you are still under the law, just open your heart and say, "Lord, show me Your grace." Those of you who are under grace and you are still actually rebelling against the Old System, don't think that you are not on the path or that God is against you now or anything like that. That's where you are. Just keep your heart open, have your mind focused on the message of God's grace. Then you get to a place where you start to say, "Lord, I am so grateful that You love me. I'm so grateful that I am the 'apple of Your eye'. I am so grateful that You always care for me! Yet I see the quality of life that You have where you can see a person that is in the midst of all of this and love him like that, but I also want to share in that life. I also want to have that. I also want to see that manifest but I know, God, I cannot do it by my works. It's not a law thing! God didn't command us to live this way. He promises us that life! Amen! We are open for that.

I think the last place then would be where we actually experience and walk in that life more and more and more until we see the day of the return of Jesus Christ and immortality manifest and the glorification of human bodies in this physical planet since this physical planet has always been the plan of God. Amen

So, continuing in this last phase that I want to share. it says:

Isaiah 9:

2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

3 Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

It says here that God has increased the nations. The Jews didn't want to hear this. He said he would increase the nations because, all of a sudden, all nations are now part of the redemption plan and it is for all people and it is made clear and that the Jews were not now the special people of God anymore but that humanity is God's man.

4 For you have broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff off his shoulder, the rod of the oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

5 For every battle of the warrior is with a great noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be the burning and fuel of fire.

I want to read it from the Septuagint:

5 *For they shall compensate for every garment that has been acquired by deceit, and all raiment with restitution; and they shall be willing, even if they were burnt with fire.*

6 *For a child is born to us, and a son is given to us, whose government is upon his shoulder: and his name is called* (wonderful, or in the Greek it says, “wonderful on account of the act of salvation(, *Counselor* (Messenger of great advice purpose, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace) *and counsel: for I will bring peace upon the princes, and health to him.*

7 *Of the increase of His government* (His rule, dominion) *shall be great, and of his peace* (and harmony) *there shall be no end: it shall be upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish* (order) *it, and to support* (establish) *it with judgment.*

I want to say this. This is what this means: He is saying that man was walking in the darkness of works righteousness. In the darkness of we, and the church, walk in darkness where they thought that they must advance the kingdom of God in the earth. You don't have to advance the kingdom of God in the earth. God has already put the whole earth under His dominion and He is now persuading people of His dominion and as people believe on this, we see this dominion and this rulership, which is already there, starting to manifest and be established in the earth by God. It is not our work as the church to try to establish the kingdom of God in the earth. It is God, in Jesus, bringing forth and manifesting the kingdom in those who believe in Jesus.

So for me and for you, let's make it very practical. Maybe you have fear when it comes to your finances, fear when it comes to your children, fear when it comes to your money. I tell you that I have seen it so many times. The poor have fear because they are ever going to get money. The rich are afraid because they don't know when they are going to lose their money. Then they invest their money and the way they invest their money they are so scared because in all the places where they've invested their money, the safer the investment is the less interest you get. It's like we don't even know if the dollar is going to stay strong. We thought that gold was the biggest thing then we find bitcoin coming and other cryptocurrencies and then we find this and that.

This world system cannot provide peace for you but what God is saying here is that is a burden that is upon your neck.

Isaiah 9:4 *For you have broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff off his shoulder, the rod* (that which was beating you) *of the oppressor, as in the day of Midian.*

He says here that it is the job of God to end your fear. It is not your job to decide not to fear because you are a Christian. It is the job of God to stop fear in your heart. It is the job of God to bring forth holiness in your life. That is what it says here: ***For a child is born to us, and a son is given to us, whose government is upon his shoulder*** (his neck): The yoke to govern us into holiness and righteousness and bring forth righteousness forth in the earth is not on your neck. It is not on the neck of the preacher or the father or the mother or the child. It's on the neck of Jesus! It is for Jesus to make you holy and that making holy is not a theory where you are just seen as holy but where you are seen as in Christ is manifested in your life by the doing of God. Where we are open for it because we are so at ease in the presence of a loving God that we feel comfortable with Him manifesting His life in us.

You know, if you want to have open heart surgery, the only way where you would go into that operation is if you trust the doctor. Unless you trust the doctor, and trust has come by knowing how many successful operations he has made, you will not go into that operating theater with peace in your heart. Only when you know that he is not going to hurt you, he's not going to want to kill you, he's not going to try and prove a point, it's not an ego thing for him, he is just going to do his job and he is a stable person... only then will you have peace. It is the very same way with the message of the Gospel. The more we hear that God loves us, the more we hear that He does not look at our sin, the more we hear that He doesn't judge us, the more that we hear that He brings us life, our hearts become comfortable with this heart transplant that He's bringing forth. He says, "This is what I want to bring to you. It is the better life. It's the best! Like forgiveness... if somebody frustrates you. You know, sometimes when I get upset or somebody makes me upset, I think, "Man, if this guy does that I am taking him to court!" You can take him to court and win the case and be very tired. But you would have found that peace wouldn't come in after you won the court case. Peace only comes after you have forgiven him. Why? Because it is the highest life. But that life of forgiveness is not possible outside of God bringing it forth in you. Amen! That is the Good News and that is what he is saying here.

He has a government. He has a kingdom and of the increase of this government, there is no end. We think there is no end of the increase of the evil on the earth. Rubbish! Of the increase of His government there is no end but there is an end to the increase of the devil's kingdom! There is an end to the increase of selfishness. There is an end to the increase of self-righteousness. There is an end to all of that! That's why God says that the kingdom of "saved by your works" cannot last forever so don't live in that kingdom because you will perish with that kingdom! But become part of the kingdom which is forever and God will be the master by His Spirit. He will bring this forth in you and you will have eternal life! Amen! Glory to God! That is what He has come to give us.

I've come to the end of my message. I could still preach another half an hour on that and share it with you but I want you to see the dimensions of what God's kingdom is. I don't believe in New Year's resolutions. This is not a New Year's resolution but I want to just focus on the Grace Church. I feel in my heart that in 2018, that the Grace Church will start to understand the dimensions of the love of God. They will start to move away from just saying that God loves them the way they are but the Grace Church in 2018 will start to see, (and I don't see it as many but here and there, we will start to see specks of it, and that will increase) of churches saying, "We are going to define the love of God outside of legalism." The problem that we've had is we had in the Grace, people grab a hold of the Grace message and then they wanted to produce the fruit and then they mixed law into it. "Well, since you are in Grace, you must do these things." That's not the Grace message!

But now, since we are comfortable enough with the love of God knowing that He is not going to dump us into works. He's not going to tell us to do works we cannot do. He is not going to condemn us. He is not going to bring guilt and shame upon us but that He loves us unto His quality of life. As we are in that, we are going to start to see the love of God defined as God manifesting His kingdom in our lives. That's what it is all about where the beauty of the Gospel will be the resurrection and the new life, the glorification in our understanding, the glorification in our love towards people, being more kind, being more friendly, being more generous and not because we decided we are the Grace Church and now we are generous but where you could not help it! Do you know that God, basically, could not help Himself when He gave us His Son? He could never NOT do that because of the love that is in His heart. Yes, He has a choice but He will always choose to give His Son.

Jesus will always choose to look at the joy that was set before Him which was you sharing in His quality of life when that caused Him to endure the cross. So, that is our destiny, being the very image of God! If you go to an idol temple and there is an image of the god, that image is now representing who and what that god is. So now we are that image and God has now made everything possible and by His Spirit and those who are willing to, they will have.

The other day I went for an eye test. I have to go there willingly. As I willingly sit there, that lady with all her expertise, tests my eyes. Then they make me a pair of glasses and then I can see again. So it is only for me to be willing. It's not for me to try and now see. We thought you go to the doctor and then you must heal yourself at the doctor's office. No! When you go to Doctor Jesus, it is His job to heal you! It's His job to make you holy. It's His job to bring His life forth in you since it is the only and the best life there is and it only belongs to Him. It's for Him to share it with you and bring it forth in you. Amen! Glory to God! That's what I see for the Church.

So, Church, in this year to come, we are going to hear about the extravagant love of God which is so great that He brings forth His life in us where we are set free from the fear of making decisions in business because we are so afraid we are going to mess things up. Where we are set free from fear when it comes to our children... fear about cancer... fear for this... fear for that, where we are really set free. Where we talk about the dimensions of the love of God where we are open for Him to share that in us and we are going to see that manifest in our life. That's what I feel this coming year is going to start to take place and it will continue until the return of Jesus Christ and then forever. There's no end to this kingdom! Glory to God!

Let us pray together:

Father, I want to thank You so much for Your love and Your grace. I want to thank You, Lord, that You love people greatly. I want to thank You, Father, that as we go into 2018 we're not dealing with a 'weird' God but we are dealing with a loving Father that loves us and that cares for us, that embraces us.

Thank You, Father, that in this year to come, that we can simply be ourselves in Your presence. We have a God that has all wisdom and all knowledge and that we are simply trusting and relying upon Him and that You bring forth eternal life in us.

Father, this internet church, this ministry, everything we do here, we want to acknowledge that it is Yours to use and to spread Your Gospel, the Gospel of the Kingdom where God comes to share His quality of life with us and where we can be open for it and actually share in it for it is the only life that will last forever. Thank You, Lord. Amen and amen.

I want to say to you, "Happy New Year!" I trust that you guys are going to enjoy 2018!

In 2018 I am planning to travel to the United States, Europe and also to some African country. I know that it is going to be a very busy year with the television station we also have and so forth but I'm excited about the year! I will keep you guys updated about my whereabouts and I'm looking forward to seeing you soon!