

GOD PRAISES HIS PEOPLE

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GREETINGS in the wonderful name of Jesus. It is a great honor for me to bring you the Gospel of God's Grace, the message of your innocence and union with God in Christ. The Gospel is the message of how God has come to conquer your sin and conquer your death, for free, on your behalf. You can effortlessly trust and rely upon Him to give you eternal life and to give you a place with Him, a place inside the Godhead with Him where you can share in His quality of life... a life of love and kindness... a life that is of such high quality that it can last forever.

I want to welcome everybody that is watching for the first time. It is an honor for me to have you here and I trust that this Service of Dynamic Love Web church will deeply impact and bless you and encourage you and help your heart to understand the praises that God sings over His people. It is so important to know that God praises you. God speaks well of you. That is what we are going to look at today.

I also want to welcome all of you who come regularly. I trust that you are going to be blessed. It is so good to see how we, as a family, can walk together and how we can stand in the goodness of Jesus. If I look at the comments that some of you post on FB, and how you just boldly stand in the Grace of God, my heart is just flooded with such joy just to see how the Gospel is now in your heart and starts to flow out. I'm not saying that those that don't write anything don't have that boldness in their heart or don't have a good understanding. You need to understand that I can only see the understanding of people by what they do on Facebook because we live in different countries all over the world. It is so great to see the spiritual growth and deepening understanding that comes to so many of you. Glory to God!

COMMUNION

Colossians 2:

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

9 For in him dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

10 And you are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

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:

12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also you are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who has raised him from the dead.

13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; This is absolutely awesome!

When it comes to Communion, we are celebrating the body of Jesus, the physical body of Jesus Christ! Back in these days there were Greek philosophers that taught that a physical body is basically just a useless thing and not needed. They taught that our spirits are holy and our spirits are righteous and that our body is just like a cage, a jail, keeping our spirits in this jail. While we are in this body, God will teach us and train us holiness and righteousness. And since we are holy in our spirit, we can then resist the flesh and so become so strong in the spirit so that one day when we die our spirits can go to heaven and be with God and be in this eternal bliss with God as we have rejected the lusts and the passions of the flesh. This is what they tried to bring into Christianity as well and tell them, 'Listen, don't worry about physical death and resurrection of Jesus. That just means nothing! He was just a spirit living in a body and one day your spirit will leave your body and will be with God. That's what it's all about.'

The Apostle Paul came and said to them, "Don't be fooled! That is not what it is! The fullness of the Godhead dwells in Jesus bodily. What he was saying was that we are not just going to experience fullness in our spirits leaving our bodies and going to heaven. That is not the salvation plan. The salvation plan is that God would come in Christ and circumcise the flesh. That means to cut us off from the body of the sins of death. They didn't say our physical bodies. It says that He would cut away that which is deadly in our flesh and so save our flesh and glorify our flesh and bring immortality to our bodies as well.

In Christianity we are not having a message where we are waiting for the glorious departing where we are departing from our bodies. In Christianity the message is the glorious glorification of our bodies which is called the manifestation of sonship where we find that the fullness of the Godhead. The fullness of God will manifest in our bodies and we will experience the bliss and the power and the glorious life of God as complete humans. This message believed brings forth and manifests power inside us that sets us free from sins in the flesh and actually, as this passage says, renders the law of no use where we don't need the law anymore. It can just be blocked out where there is no need for the law.

What the law was saying and what the law was all about is putting the flesh under and denying the passions of the flesh where Jesus Christ comes and He heals that flesh by taking the old man away and bringing a glorified human into existence which the Holy Spirit shall manifest in our lives. Glory to God!

So I want to say to you that when you take the Communion, when we take the body of Jesus and we take a piece of bread or whatever you use, as you take that and break that, you say, "The body of sin was broken!" That doesn't say that it's your human body. When it talks about the body of sin, He talks about that where sin dwells, the whole package that manifested sin was broken. It actually died and then in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we find a glorified body. And that is what we expect because as we believe this and as we have repented of trying to have life by our own works, we trusted in the life of Jesus, we receive the Holy Spirit. What does that Holy Spirit do? What is the promise of the Holy Spirit or what can we expect since we have the Holy Spirit? What has this Holy Spirit come to do?

Many people say that the Holy Spirit just comes to do signs, wonders and miracles and to have the power to testify. I want to tell you that is just the smallest drop in the bucket! The reason we have the Holy Spirit is this: The Spirit we have is the down payment or the proof of our immortality. That means that this Spirit that indwells us shall quicken our mortal bodies and bring eternal life to us. Glory to God! That's why we have the Holy Spirit.

So when this body is broken, we are saying, "The body of sin, the body of death, is broken. I don't have to just have the blessed hope of leaving my body but I can have the blessed hope of this body, even if I died and rose and be immortal since the fullness of the Godhead dwells in Jesus bodily. The wonderful thing about Jesus is that after the resurrection, He had Communion with people.

So, when we partake of this, we are not just partaking in the context of the broken body. We are also partaking of this in the context of the blood that flowed which is the New Covenant, the covenant where we are not enslaved anymore but where we are free. Glory to God!

As we use this Communion, together let us do it in the knowledge of our innocence and in the knowledge of the fullness of the Godhead that dwells in Jesus bodily. Glory to God! Let us enjoy the Communion together.

TODAY'S MESSAGE

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The message that you are about to listen to is a message that I recorded earlier this week. I thought it would be good to take this recording that I made for a local TV station and share it with you. It's all about the praises that God has over us. It's a wonderful message to share with people who are just introduced to the Gospel of Grace as well as a wonderful message to encourage those of us who have been walking the path for a long time, reminding us of the good that God speaks over our lives.

The reason why I am playing a recorded message is simply that I had to record this message earlier because this Sunday I am preaching in Johannesburg and by the time you watch this, I would be back in the air from Johannesburg to Cape Town. So as I was sitting down to record a message for Sunday, it came to my mind to share this message because I preached it with so much enthusiasm and power in me and just an excitement on how good God is to us. I thought it would be good for you to hear.

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I am teaching on the blessing or the blessedness that there is in Jesus Christ where He speaks well of us.

EPHESIANS 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

Let us read it again and I want you to take in what is said here. It says, ***3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ***, (See the first word, ***blessed***, there. Then it goes on and says again, ***"who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ"***) The word ***blessed*** there is the Greek word, adorable. The word, adorable, in Websters means: in a popular use, it is worthy of utmost love and respect.

So when we look at this passage, we see that the Apostle Paul writes from the perspective where he said, "***Blessed be the God and the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ!!!***" Many times when we read it, we read it as a somewhat religious manner, lacking excitement. That is not what the whole spirit behind it is. Some commentators say that this talks about an outburst of joy where Paul comes and said, "BLESSED BE THE GOD AND THE FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!" That is how it was written. That is the heart of Paul. It was as if he was starting off with the first verse where he said, "***Grace and peace to you from our God and Father and our Lord, Jesus Christ!***" When he wrote that we just think that the Father gives Grace! The Son gives Grace! The Father gives peace! The Son gives peace! Oh, my goodness! Adorable is the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

When you hear the Gospel, you must always hear the Gospel from the perspective from where you cannot but say, "God is absolutely adorable!" Our Gospel must be a Gospel that leaves God in the parameter of adorable where you say, "I cannot but adore Him! I cannot but say that He is worthy of the utmost love and respect!"

Many times, and I think of my life I would think that God is worthy of the utmost love and respect because He is God and since He is God, we have to adore Him. We have to love Him. We have to respect Him. God doesn't have to demand respect from you. Who He is fuels respect in our hearts. It fuels love in our hearts. Whenever you read any topic in the Bible, even if it is on finances or sin or disobedience, whatever it is, when we read that it must leave us with a concept of, "Adorable is the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ!"

If somebody is good, that good that is inside him, will show in every area of his life. There will not be some areas that are bad and some areas that are good. If God is good, you can see the fingerprint of good and love all over who He is and whatever pertains to Him and this is what the Apostle Paul says. He basically says, "I have just spoken to the Father. I have just spoken to the Son and He has inspired me to write you this letter and from Him, He says, 'Grace to you and peace from our God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'"

Just a quick recap: When the Bible says that Noah found grace in the sight of God, what it says is that Noah looked into the eyes of God and saw grace. That's what he did. That word, grace, comes from a root word which means, "to want to put up camp or pitch a tent with someone."

So what Noah was saying is, "You know, when I look into the eyes of God, I don't see a Law maker, a punisher, someone who is sin-conscious. I see someone who wants to come and live with me!" That is what the scripture says to find grace in the eyes of God, where you see someone who wants to abide with you, that loves you the way you are, that cares for you! This is what the Apostle Paul says in ***Ephesians !: 2 Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ.***

And the next verse, an outburst of joy because grace--- I want to live with them! I want to be with them! I want to surround them! I want to pitch My tent with them! That's what I want to do!" That's what Paul says so whenever we hear the Gospel it must always be from the perspective of, "God is adorable above all things!" That adorableness, if you want to call it like that, or that respect, should not be something that is born from a command in the Bible. It must be something that is fruit in your life on account of the respect that God brings forth in our heart and how He honors and loves man.

The second part of that passage

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us... That second word, blessed, "**who has blessed us**" is what we are going to look at right now. It means to praise, to celebrate with praises, to invoke blessing, to cause to prosper, to make happy, to bestow blessings on.

That passage says, **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, (or adorable, or worthy of our praises, is the God and the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ). **who has blessed us** (praised and celebrated us with us with praises!) Isn't that absolutely powerful!

It says here, **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, praiseworthy is the God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ... worthy of all love and adoration is the God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has praised and celebrated us and invoked blessings upon us and caused us to prosper and to make us happy and bestowed blessings upon us." That is what Paul wrote. He said, "Let's praise the God who has praised man!" So many times we think, "Oh, no, you can't say that God would praise man! I don't think that God worships man as in worshiping a god, but I do believe that God would praise man. Let me explain that. We who are earthly fathers and are evil in our own ability, means we don't have the ability, by our own works, to produce eternal life or eternal security for our children, we know how to give good gifts to our children. How much more, will our heavenly Father not give us all things freely in Jesus Christ, will give us the Holy Spirit, will give us eternal life.

If we as earthly parents know how to be good to our children, how much more will God not be good to us. I say that and now I want to use this example and then bring it back to God praising us. It's amazing when you go to a school, especially a primary school, and you see the kids in the first grade running their first 60 meter dash. You will see the parents standing there at the finish line. The kids would be at the other side. When the shot goes off, some kids will run this way, another run that way and some run straight ahead giving their best. When they get to the other side you will see the parents grab that child, embrace that child in such a powerful way because he doesn't want that child to experience rejection. He doesn't want his child to have the identity in if he lost the race. You will hear that mother or that father praise that child. He will say to that child, "You are the best! You did so well! I'm so proud of you!" He would praise that child!

Why do we as parents do such a thing? It's because we know that our children cannot survive in this world without our praises. If we cannot speak well of them, it will not empower them in this life. If we cannot speak well of them, it will not give them that, "Yes, I can do it! I can push through!" If we don't praise them we know that the whole world is against us. The whole world, on the whole, is negative. There's crime. There's sickness and disease. When you need to do something, you need to study hard to get somewhere in life. You need to work hard to make a rand or a dollar. It's hard work out in this world and you will find that the world won't easily praise you. That's why parents will praise their kids because that praise brings strength. .

The Apostle Paul comes and he says, "Adorable is the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ!" or "Blessed be, well spoken of, is the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ who has praised us or who has spoken well of us, with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places."

It says, "**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings...**" That word, where it says, "spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus. That word, blessings, means fine speaking, that is, elegance of language: commendation that is, (reverently) adoration. Isn't that powerful!

Let's look at that again. It says, "Fine speaking, eloquence of language, commendation, that is reverently adoration. Isn't that absolutely powerful!"

The scripture says, "Adorable is the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who has adored us, who has spoken well of us, who has praised us, who has invoked prosperity on us, who has been good to us!" It says, "He has spoken well of us, the finest most eloquent commendation and adoration that can be found in the heavens!" Isn't that absolutely good news! That is who God is and He hasn't changed!

So many times we think that Jesus was friendly when He walked on the earth but when He returns, that is when we must be scared. Let me tell you something: Jesus didn't go to heaven to have a personality change. He went to heaven and the very same Jesus that said to Thomas when he was doubting, "Put your hand in My side." The very same Jesus, when He appeared to the disciples who had deserted Him, showed His hands and His side and said, "Peace to you!" The very same Jesus who greets us with peace, the very same Jesus who appeared to the apostles after they denied Him, and He greeted them with peace, the very same Jesus is the one who is returning! As He returns, He will greet us with the same words! He is a loving, blessed God and in His return He will manifest everything He has promised us in Jesus and grant eternal life and immortality to those who believe.

Unfortunately, for those who don't believe, will enter eternal destruction not because God murders people but on account of their unbelief. No person can have eternal life by his own works but only by belief in Jesus Christ. Like in the flood of Noah God was warning those people night and day for 120 years and the bible says that the Spirit of God will not always strive with man. That means that the Spirit was striving and in the Hebrew it means, pleading the case. The Spirit was pleading the case for the people for hundreds of years, that they would not be destroyed by the flood. These people walked in unbelief in God and they tried to uphold the universe and keep everything in balance by their own ability and God saw that they would not be able to do it. So He was warning them and saying to them, "You brought an imbalance in the earth. The firmament that is above, the waters that are beneath, are not in balance anymore and this earth is starting to be battered, as the Hebrew word says. The waters, the deep, is going to break open, the heavens are going to pour out water and you are all going to die. He came and preached through Noah for 120 years wanting to save them. In the end they did not believe and they all perished on account of their unbelief and the effect it brings. It is not God murdering people! God is not a murderer.

Imagine God just going and killing people when they don't want to do what He says. Then we say, "Well, since God is our Father and we are in His image and in His likeness, who are we not to do the same as our Father. If someone doesn't want to listen to us, we just execute the judgment of God on them!" We cannot live like that. God is only a good God!

The Bible says that "all spiritual blessings" means all eloquent, well speaking, that can be found in the heavens. That's how God speaks about us! Jesus is the Word of God. Jesus is God's eloquent speech about you! So, if you look at Jesus, you see what God is saying about you!

I want to explain how a man in the Godhead says something about you. I used to have a big dog and when that dog would lie and sleep at the gate, that dog would speak a universal language. That dog would say, "Pain, injury, hospital, 'I'm on guard', 'Don't enter!', 'Don't steal here!'" Even while that dog sleeps, his presence says something. His presence warns. His presence says something. He has a message that he brings forth.

In the very same way, if we look at the new South Africa when Nelson Mandela became President of South Africa, it gave a message to the whole world. When Barack Obama, became the first Black president in America, it gave a message to the world. There is a message in that man which is beautiful and which is good. In the very same way, as Barack has a voice in who he is, is what Nelson Mandela has a voice in who he is, as what a dog would have a voice where he is sleeping, in the very same way a man in the Trinity has a voice about humanity.

So what God thinks about Jesus is what God thinks about you! God glorified Jesus, gave Him eternal life, a seat in the Godhead, a freedom from sin, immortality in human form, in glorified human form. The Bible says, "In Jesus dwells the fullness of the Godhead, bodily. Whatever God would say about Jesus, is what God says about you! Jesus is the voice of God about humanity. It talks about forgiveness, innocence, acceptance, your sins have been taken away. You are loved by Him! That is the voice! When you hear that word, and that word produces faith in you, that you can believe that that is the truth, then you are born of the Word and you are born again!

I want to read this passage again and I want you to hear it from the perspective in how I have explained it. "Blessed be the God the Father. Adorable is the God and the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who has adored and praised us with all spiritual all spiritual blessings, or the highest, most eloquence speech of commendation that can be found in the heavens. Glory to God! If you read the next verse, it says, "just as He has chosen us before, in Christ Jesus." In other words, "These well speaking is on account of God choosing us.