

What is the Grace of God?

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PRAYER COMMUNION MESSAGE

PRAYER

Father, I want to thank You for Your grace and Your kindness and Your love and Your mercy. I want to thank You that Your hand is extended towards us with warmth, with compassion, with love towards us.

Thank You that You embrace us with the embrace of a Father that cares for us. Holy Spirit, thank You that You speak powerfully through me today and that You impact people's lives. Thank You that I can share in Your passion for people and that we can minister together today.

I also want to thank You that You will stretch forth Your hand to signs, wonders and miracles in reaching people's lives, touching people's lives with Your compassion, Your confirmation of Your message of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Amen

COMMUNION

As our custom is, we have Communion together every Sunday and today I am going do Communion from the “dreaded” Malachi 3:10 which talks about the tithe coming to the storehouse but we are going to use it in its true context today. We will minister Communion through **Malachi 3:10-11**

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.

Many times we have used Malachi 3 as our pre-sermon where we take up tithes, offerings... money. But that was not and has never been what this passage is all about. This passage is all about meat that comes to the storehouse of God. It says, “...bring all the tithes into the storehouse, so that there may be meat in My house.

When Jesus Christ came to the earth, John chapter 6, He said that **His flesh is meat indeed**. So Jesus came to the house of God, which is us, and He provided His meat, His body, as food in the storehouse that there can be meat in God's house... that there can be something in the house of God which is us, that people, His people, can eat. I'm going to read verse 11 again and listen to what would take place if meat can come to the storehouse. I will read verse 11 again.

11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sake, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground
What He is saying here is that the devourer will not destroy the fruit of the ground. What is it that destroys fruit? It's very simple. **It is human flesh under the Law!**

When you are under the Law you cannot produce fruit because of man's inability to bring forth fruit unto eternal life by his own works. When you, by your own ability, your own works, cannot produce fruit, He said that He will rebuke the devourer. **What devours our fruit... A man under the Law.** When you are under the Law and by your own ability you want to bring forth fruit, that law does not have the power to bring forth that fruit! He said that HE will rebuke that and HE will bring forth fruit in your life! So **Malachi 3 talks about the body of Jesus!** Malachi was a prophet prophesying about Christ, talking about the meat that has to come to the storehouse.

When we take the Communion, and we think of the body of Jesus that was broken for us, we think about the tithe that came to the storehouse, which is NOT money, but the tithe was actually the manna that fell from heaven that was put in a pot that was a tithe of an ephah. **The tithe actually talks about the chastised manna which is the body of Jesus!**

So when God was writing and He was saying to Jesus, "Jesus, would You please bring the whole tithe to the storehouse and prove Me!" Listen to what He said to Jesus, "Will You bring the meat?" Jesus was that meat. He was saying, "Would You bring Yourself to the people of God?" Then He said, "And prove Me now if I will not open You (Bertie broke the piece of bread in half to demonstrate) the window of heaven and pour out a blessing and through You there will not be enough room, or enough people, that can receive what I'm about to pour out and I will rebuke what devoured My people, for Your sake!" This is what it is all about!

So when we take the bread and we eat it, we thank God for the Tithe, which is Jesus, that came to the storehouse so there can be meat in the house. And when we take the wine, which represents the blood of Jesus and talks about the ending of the Old Covenant and the beginning of the New Covenant, it's the inauguration of the New Testament, when we see that and we drink that, we celebrate the New. We celebrate that the old life has flowed, and that it is gone, the life of the Law man, the life that was cursed, the life wherein human lives were devoured unto to death and how that was ended! Because of Christ the curse of death was broken over us that we can have life and immortality by HIS doing, where we can have the fruit of the Spirit by the love of God. Glory to God!!!

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

Father, thank You so much for the Tithe, the body of Jesus, that came to the storehouse, that was broken for us and that we can eat the meat that came to the storehouse and that You rebuke by Your power and Your authority in what Christ has done, that which devoured our lives, and You give us life. Amen!

WHAT IS THE GRACE OF GOD?

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Today I am going to be speaking about the Grace of God and what Grace is. We have friends with us in the studio. I said that I was going to talk about what Grace is. Lorraine jokingly said, "Can't you speak on something with a little bit more punch?" Now you know the Grace of God is exactly the punch of God. We are going to talk about this punch of God that is the influence that God has upon man. You know when you think of Adam, he had an influence on mankind. The influence that he had on mankind can still be felt today and it is thousands of years later. But the Grace of God is the influence that Jesus Christ has on mankind. We are going to look at that in depth. Many times Grace has been seen as God's ability to overlook sin or God not being angry with us or God just not looking at our sin or something like that but the grace of God is much more than that. The grace of God is much more than unmerited favor. The grace of God is much more than God not looking at sin. The grace of God is actually all about God looking at sin. If we define sin, we can define sin as man not sharing in that which God has dreamt. God has come and has looked at what has taken place and what is going on in the earth and what has happened to the dream that He has for man. The grace of God would then be God's influence on how to correct all of that. We are going to look at that in depth today.

When we think of grace, we are thinking of the goodness of God that can bring us to enjoy the quality of life that God has intended for us. You know in Dynamic Love Fellowship the vision that we have is not to see people continuing in bondage. That is not the vision. The vision is not to numb you to your circumstances and the pain that there is in your life because of legalism and law and the flesh. The idea of grace that God has is that you can share in God's quality of life. You can come to the place where your heart can be opened up to what He has really done and where He, by His doing, can bring forth His dream in your life and I want to tell you what His dream is. His dream is to have you as His friend where He can share His life with you eternally. His dream is not to have you for a short period of time. His dream is to have you eternally with Him, eternally in His joy, in His bliss, in the abundance of His life and He wants you to possess that spirit, soul and body in the fullness of human. He wants you to experience that! Glory to God!

I want to start off by looking at the definition of grace. Let's read the Thayer definition of grace. It says, **Grace: that which affords joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness, charm, loveliness:** grace of speech, good will, loving kindness, favor

If we just read grace as meaning that which affords joy and pleasure and delight and sweetness and all those kind of things, it still doesn't really define what grace is. It just says that grace can bring that forth. That is what it basically means. I want to just go and look at the word, afford. It means to yield or produce as fruit. So grace is that which yields or produces fruit to profit, issues, or result. Thus, the earth affords grain; a well affords water; trade afford profit; distilled liquors afford spirit; to yield, to grant or confer; a good life affords consolation in old age.

What it says here is that grace affords is that which can bring forth. Like it says, the earth can bring forth seeds, it brought it forth. It's like if you take fruit like grapes and it gets fermented, it will bring forth alcohol, a spirit. It will bring forth something. It means it brings forth something. So grace is that which brings forth the fruit of the Spirit. That is what it is all about. When I was thinking of that definition about the spirits, it actually is beautiful because it says here, "Distilled liquor affords spirits.

So if spirits come forth from distilled liquor, in the very same way the fruit of the Spirit comes forth from grace. So grace is something that is so powerful that when man sees that and beholds that it can afford or it can bring forth happiness. It can bring forth joy. It can bring forth so many beautiful things. Let us just look at point 2 in Thayer's definition of grace: of the merciful kindness by which God, exerting His holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens, increases them in Christian faith, knowledge and affection, and kindles them to the exercise of Christian virtues. That is absolutely powerful! It says, "Of the merciful kindness of God by which God exercises or exerts His holy influence upon people.

So grace is God being so good to you that it actually influences you to believe upon Jesus. It is God being so kind that the magnitude of His kindness is actually experienced as a powerful influence that turns you to Christ, that keeps you, that strengthens you, that increases you in the Christian faith. In other words it includes Christian growth if you want to call it like that or spiritual growth. It will bring to you more knowledge about who you are and who God is and it will kindle you to the exercising of Christian virtues. That means that God is going to be so good to you that this goodness, that you will see in Him, will be of such a magnitude that when you can behold it and understand what it is all about it will actually turn you to Christ. It will be a divine or Godly influence upon your heart in such a powerful way that it will captivate every fiber of your being. That is what it is.

So to say to me that grace is just God not looking at my sin would mean to me that God is as gracious as what most people can be because I want to tell you if you cannot turn a blind eye to your child's faults sometimes, you know you will kill him. I mean when you look at your children and you see their mistakes, what do we do? We just say, "Well, I see that but let's just not think of that." And we forget about that and we just overlook that. We just love them in spite of what they do. If you look at your kids and you must be legalistic in your house and you must punish every little thing they do wrong, it is not going to be a nice place. If I must tell my wife every time when she has done something wrong, "You've done that wrong and just because right is right and it needs to be corrected." If she lives that way towards me, we are not going to have a healthy relationship. That marriage is not going to work. That relationship with children is not going to work. It's just not going to work out. There will be no life in that.

So when we look at the grace of God, the grace of God is something much more than just the ability to overlook sin. It must be something that is so powerful that it can influence the belief of a person to the point that it will bring him to a place where he will be kept safe. It will strengthen him. It will bring affection to his life. It will kindle that person to the exercise of Christian virtues. In other words, it will set him on fire or set him ablaze. It will actually, like what the law would have an influence to set it on fire the course of nature which the Bible says is basically sin and death manifesting in man. The very same way what God would do in Christ and what the grace of God would be a kindness that is of such a magnitude that when you see it and when you understand that, it will set on fire the very nature of God inside your being. That is what it means.

I would like to look at point 2 which says: Grace is His good will or the loving kindness of God., the loving kindness of God. Kindness is good will, benevolence; the temper or disposition (the character) which delights in contributing to the happiness of others, which is exercised cheerfully (not grudgingly) in gratifying their wishes, supplying their wants or alleviating their distresses. That is absolutely powerful!

The Bible says that grace is the loving kindness with which God comes and exerts His goodness upon us. It is the loving kindness. It is the person of God which, when you see who He is and you behold who He really is, you have to see God in order for you to be in grace. In order for you to be under this power you have to behold God as a person where when you look at His character, when you can say that He cheerfully exercises and contributes to my happiness by gratifying my wishes, supplying my wants and lifting my distresses. Isn't that beautiful! So unless you see a God that happily, with a smile on His face, joyfully comes and look at what your true wants are and what man's true wish is and that He can come and He can supply all of that and you have to see Him as a God that sees your distress and where He would lift or alleviate those distresses with great joy in His heart. If you cannot see God as that person it would be difficult for you to experience grace and what grace actually is.

The grace of God is much more than, like I said, God's ability to overlook sin. The grace of God is actually the love that is inside the heart of God or the influence that there is upon your heart because of how good God is in Him accurately identifying what your true need is, what your true want is, what your true distress is and then lifting that. We are going to look at how that took place. Now I want to elaborate on that point a bit more. When we look at God and His grace, we have to conclude that God sees, and if we look at what Jesus done for us, that God has defined the very need of man as eternal life. The very need of man is to have eternal life. Man was in a place where he was drowning in his inability to obey laws and commands unto life. He saw man that man had such a need for life and that in that need for life He said, "Let Me provide life!" He saw man in a need for love and He provided love. That is what He has come to do. The love of God is defined hearing that He has come and He has given His Son that we may have eternal life and not perish. That is what it is all about!

God has seen that the true need that every person chases after is to have eternal existence in the quality of life God possesses. Every person, from a drug dealer, gangs, people that just do business, good Christian people, Muslims, whoever they are, the deepest desire they have is to live long and be healthy, be prosperous and be happy. That is what they want. That is why many people chase after money because they think that money can bring them life because the thing that they are actually seeking is life. That is what they are actually after. That is what most people are after. Most people want to have the bliss and the joy of being good to others and that's why they would want money because money would give you the power to be good to many people.

So, if you go and look at everything at the end of the day, what man chases after, what man wants is He wants God's life. That's what he wants and he wants it eternally and not fading. That's what every person has. He wants happiness, peace, joy. He wants to love. He wants to be loved. He wants to be kind. Listen, you need to understand this. People have said, "You know we have this inherent evil in us that comes from Adam and everybody is actually evil in his heart and needs to be born again so that he can become good in his heart." That is a lie! It is not the truth! Every person that is born is good. Man is good! The problem is that man, and this is what I thank God for in Jesus and I thank God for what He has done, He so accurately put down the problem that there is in man. The problem was written down in Romans 7. Paul says, "The good that I want to do I cannot do for whenever I want to do good by the law, the good that is inside me cannot come forth. Since this good cannot come forth and cannot come into manifestation, I am dying here. God saw the good that is in every man and He knows how to bring that good forth.

The first thing that He had to do is He had to end our union with what destroys us which was the law and works righteousness. He had to end that! So God looked at man and as He looked at man He saw that man is dying and he is under something that is destroying him and that is a belief system that he has to have eternal life or a desire for eternal life and that he has that good in him, that natural thing, that natural good that's inside him, I want that good, I want that life but he was using a system which cannot produce that. Man was married to that system in the blindness of his mind, in his is unrenewed mind, in the wrong belief about who God is and who man is. What God knew He had to do was He had to end that and He had to do it in such a powerful way that this love will influence man to the point that the very life of God can effortlessly manifest in man.

So I want to say this to you: Every person on this planet, and maybe this is a shock to you but we thought that in Adam we were all made sinners and we inherited evil and we are just born evil. No! Man and every man and even Adam was born with an inability to have eternal life by his works. When God made man from the dust of the earth, man was good but he was naked. Naked means that he doesn't have the ability to possess eternal life by his own works. He doesn't have that. So if he doesn't have that what needs to take place is God needs to come and He needs to give man that eternal life as a free gift and He needs to sustain man. He needs to have the upkeep that is necessary for man and bring that forth. Let me say that again. Man doesn't have, and this is the problem with man, man doesn't have the ability to have eternal life by himself, by his own works. He doesn't have that and what happened with Adam and Eve is Adam and Eve didn't believe that and they tried to use their inability and bring forth eternal life by their own works. That's what they tried to do. They tried to do that. They tried to bring that forth but they couldn't!

And as they entered into that, they were dying because they were tapping from a source which is dust or human ability, and they couldn't have that life. And God came to end all of that. God came to bring His eternal life to man. That is what this is all about. He came to end that. So God saw His good people, that He made, without the ability to have eternal life by their own works since He's the only one with eternal life, He made a vessel that can harness eternal life if they allow God to come and live in that. That is how He made man. When man wanted to stand away from that, had a wrong belief about who they are and who God is and entered into a place that destroys their life, He said, "Let Me come and fix this!" This is what it is all about. "I want to fix this. I want to end this and I want to bring them to a place where I influence their belief in such a powerful way that My eternal life can actually indwell them. Glory to God!

Strong's definition of grace: Graciousness as gratifying or a manner of act abstract or concrete, literal figurative or spiritual especially the divine influence upon the heart and its reflection in the life. Let's read that last part again. It says, "especially the divine influence upon the heart and its reflection in the life. "

So, he says that grace is the divine influence upon the belief of man and it's reflection in the life. So when we look at the grace of God, we have to look at the grace of God in such a way that it would be an influence upon your heart. Now how could God ever influence man in such a powerful way that the beautiful person that you are can actually manifest and that the lid or the veil would be lifted from you. He had to do it in a way that includes us which we can behold as a truth about us. And as we behold that truth about us and we see that truth that it will be so vivid and so clear and so explicit that we cannot but come to the conclusion that we have a brand new life and become to a completely new truth about ourselves.

Now, before I explain what He has done there which is just a simple gospel of the cross and the incarnation, I want to talk a little bit about the veil. I think two or three Sundays ago I spoke about the veil that is over a man's heart by the reading of the law. You know the thing about a veil is this: When a veil is put over your face we always think of a veil is put over us so we cannot see properly. If I put a veil over my face, it is true that I will not be able to see properly but I would still be able to see especially if it is some of these thick veils where you cannot see the person's face. I can still, out of those small holes, still kind of make out what's going on around me but the biggest hindrance is in the eyes of those who are in the outside. They cannot see my face. They don't know who I am. I'm veiled. You know if you look at, and this is not hate speech or anything, but if you look at the Muslims and some of the veils they wear, you can only see the eyes of people and some of them are so thick and it covers up so much that you cannot even see the eyes. You cannot see the person. They can be a person inside there that is the most beautiful, most attractive woman that's in there and you will not be able to see her and that is actually what the Law does.

Yes, I do believe that the law and by the reading of the law you cannot see clearly on who God really is but one of the main things the law does is it veils the glory that God has placed in a man. God has made man for His pleasure. He has made man to have a friend and when man came and believed a lie, who he really is cannot shine forth. That is what happened in the old and the type and the shadow in **2 Corinthians 3** when Paul was looking at the law. What Paul was doing is he was taking that law system and when he looked at that law system he said, "This blocks what God has planned for man. It blocks the glory that God has put inside a man. It blocks the life that God has designed for man and brings forth death." He said it was Moses had a veil over his face. The veil over his face so that the other people couldn't see the glory. That is what it is all about. So when we come and we look at the law and we want to define our life by works and we want to have life shine forth by works, do you know what is going to happen? It's going to veil your life! That is what the law does! If I have love for my wife and she goes and puts a list of rules on my bedside table with what I must do to win her favor, it doesn't matter how much I love her, when I try to do those things it's going to veil my love for her. Who I truly am will not be able to be expressed. That is what it will do.

So, God came and according to the definition of grace, which is in His loving kindness, He had to come in such a powerful way and in that kindness, that word, kindness, there, meaning the character which delights and contributing to the happiness of others which is exercised cheerfully in gratifying their wishes. He had to come and look at what is the true wish, the true desire of man. If I look at my son, I can look at my son and I can say, "What is his true desire?" He might think his desire is this thing or that thing but his true desire, the true desire of my children, the true desire that is inside every child, is to know God. That is his true desire. His true desire is to know God and have the very life of God. That is his true desire and as parent who knows the love of God, knows the grace of God, I can identify that in him and in seeing, looking, at where he is, what age he is, I can come and I can know by the wisdom of God, what to give to him at that time in lifting his distress because I can look at his distress and he can think that his stress is not having an Xbox. He can think that is his distress. But his distress might be something completely different. His distress might be in finding his identity in what toys he has. I can help him in lifting his true distress and I can do that with love in my heart and kindness in my heart and when he sees what his true need is and he can see how I have come to help him in that, do you know what it will do in his life? It will influence his heart to a point where he will experience true life and true freedom. Glory to God. So grace is the divine influence upon the heart and the acting out in the life including gratitude.

Now, if we look at grace, what is grace? This is the only way wherein we could have grace: The only way we could have grace was by God influencing our heart in becoming a man. The greatest thing that will ever influence you is a mirror. The greatest thing that will ever have an influence upon your life is what you see in a mirror and we see that today. We find that in the way people dress themselves. A while back on a Sunday I said things about a preacher on television and afterwards I actually felt bad and felt a bit judgmental in what I said but at the end of the day I just tried to communicate what law does. When we find our identity in how we look in this life, we will start to dress funny. I'm using this example, not in judgment but you can find a preacher put so many rings on his fingers that he struggles to life his hands. You would just look at that and say, "There's something weird there! Something is not right!" And you can immediately see when people's worth is in how they dress and all those kind of things because your identity is found in what you see in that mirror. We are beings that want to see ourselves. When we see ourselves and what we behold there affects us. We are born by what we see in a mirror. What God had to come and do is He had to come and bring forth a truth about us that when we look into that we can see a mirror and when we see something in that mirror, it had to be something that reflects everything we ever desired. The moment we can see everything we ever desired, in a mirror we will stop from our works which is the law or the veil. It will be lifted from us and the glory and the truth about who we are will shine forth. That is it! That is grace! Grace is God bringing forth a mirror or a truth wherein when you look into that mirror you can see everything you have ever desired, fulfilled there. Glory to God!

So, when we look at what Jesus Christ has done and what He has accomplished, we see that He became a man. The mirror is not just a glimpse into Jesus at where He is today but it is a whole story. He became a man. He took all of our life upon Him. As He took all of our life upon Him and He became our sin and what we saw ourselves as to be, we saw ourselves. We saw our inability. We saw how we couldn't have eternal life by our own works. We saw all of that and when He saw all of that, and He saw the death that came into man and He could become into all of that and He became all of that, we could see Him being baptized in the baptism of John taking all of the sin of the world upon Him. Then we saw how He walked to the cross and how He carried the curse of sin and became sin. We saw the full manifestation of death upon the cross. When we see all of that and where we see that He actually came to a place where we were, where we would look at God and say, "My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?" He even took that upon Him and became so fully us that we could see ourselves in Jesus right there, a life that's dying the curse, cursed upon a cross. Cursed is everyone that hangs upon a tree, where He was hanging upon that tree, where He was having all that curse where we see us, where we see that reflection of our lives because so many times we feel we have a cursed life. Our life is cursed.

I'm thinking of people that might be having cancer at the moment. People watching me might have hiv aids. People who might have sugar diabetes and are dying. People that are losing their eyesight. People who have children who were born completely disabled and you're going through very difficult times. People that cannot have children. People that live in pain day and night and there's no medication that can take it away. You can look at yourself and say, "Cursed!" You know, this is not life. He became all of that and took it upon Him because that is what we can reflect with. That is what we can identify with and He became that life and He showed that life and He died in that state and became the fullness of all curses which is death. He became that and then we continue to see this mirror story where our life is mirrored and He was raised without sin, above death. He was seated at the right hand of the Father. As He was seated in immortal human flesh, wherein His physical body (I just feel so touched when I say that!) where His physical body was taken from the grave and didn't see corruption, didn't turn to dust and His life was preserved, we see the story of man and we see what God has come to do with us and what He has come to do on behalf of us and what He has come to do with our lives.

He repainted the picture of man and He put man at the right hand of God where we can look at Jesus and we can see the glory of God in the face of a man. As we see this truth it influences our hearts and all this goodness that can influence you is called grace. That is the grace of God. That is why we need to preach grace radically! We need to preach how God has NEVER confused man with what man did. We need to preach how God has NEVER, EVER, confused man with works! We need to preach and say how God has always, always, seen the value, the treasure of man that was inside man but that that treasure could not come forth. That life couldn't blossom. That seed of life couldn't come forth and manifest fully. We need to see that God always saw that value and that God saw that man is His valuable man, His valuable people, was under a wrong belief that was destroying them and that He had to come and change that belief. You know when we look at Jesus seated at the right hand of the Father and we look at the doing of the Father and we see how God raised Jesus from the dead, we can only come to this conclusion: we cannot save ourselves but God came and saved us from our death. And as we believe this, our lives change and that's why I want to end off with **Romans 5:**

1 Therefore being justified by faith (having life by faith), ***we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:*** (That peace doesn't mean that God isn't angry. It means harmony.)

2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation works patience;

4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

5 And hope makes not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

I want to read verses 1 and 2 again:

1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand... and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Isn't that powerful! He says that we are in the grace of God, the influential power of God upon a human being has been made available to all people. For when Jesus became sin, He included all people. Do you know what you needed to be in Christ? If Jesus became sin, do you know what you needed and what actually included you into the the finished work of Jesus Christ? It was not your faith. It was sin. What caused you to be in Christ was sin because He became sin and your whole life was flooded with sin. So when He became sin, it included Jew and Gentile and everyone was put in Christ. So if you can say that you have any sin, you have to conclude that you were in Christ upon the cross. If you say that there are sinners out there, you are saying that they are in Christ. That's what you are saying because Jesus Christ became sin. That is the picture. So now when we see that mirror, when we see this grace, we can say the whole world stands in this grace and by faith we have access into this truth. In other words, it is true but as our hearts are persuaded of this truth, as we behold our perfection in the resurrection and we start to see how God has influenced mankind and how He has influenced your life to immortality in the resurrection, do you know what takes place in your heart? You find that you are now rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection where you are saying, "I see a man at the right hand of the Father, above sin, above death, above everything that is bad. I see He is good. I see that He is full of life. I see He is full of kindness. I see all these things and I see His life as the truth about me.

When I see that, what happens is it kindles me unto true Christian virtues to the point that Paul writes, if you read on in Romans, he says that it actually kindles me and empowers me to have patience in tribulation. Isn't that powerful! Glory to God! The grace of God is such a powerful influence that it supersedes what this life can actually bring to us.

I want to end by just telling you that you are deeply loved by God! His grace is your inclusion in the man, Jesus, seated at the right hand of God and the man, Jesus, will return! His life is your life. The grace of God is the merciful kindness of God. It is the character trait that joyfully, that joyfully, comes and lifts our distresses. We were under the distress of works righteousness. We were under the distress of a wrong belief about ourselves. We were under the distress of thinking God is a slave master. We were under the distress that thinks there is nothing good, that I am not good. When Paul said, "There is nothing good in my flesh", he was not saying that he is not good. What he was saying is, "There is nothing good in trying to have eternal life by my works, for inside human ability is no eternal life!" That is what he was saying. He wasn't saying that man is bad.

Just look at yourself. Even people who are not Christian, when they looking at folk that are going through hard times, you will find that most people will feel compassion. They might turn a blind eye and just walk away because they will not have the ability to bring forth the life that is inside them and then that life within the the lie would then be fading away and it will end in destruction and death. Yes, but you can find people out there who want to save the whale! They want to save dolphins. They want to protect nature because they even see value in nature. They see value in humans. They want to save lives. Most people want to save lives because man is inherently good. He's not bad. The only thing is that this good person does not have the ability to have that good life preserved eternally by his own works. It can only be preserved in the atmosphere of a loving God. It's the only way and can only be preserved by seeing the life of that God as your own life! That is the only way! There is no other way.

I said to Helena that when I look at this salvation plan sometimes you want to have an accusation in your mind and say, "Why is it so complicated? Why is it that a man has to come and die and it's all about a God who would love you. By seeing that love your life would be preserved and that man, naturally, without the love of God would die. Why is it like that? Why is that the only way that things can be? Asking that question is almost like my son saying to me, "When I was born into my father's house, why is life found in communicating with one another and sharing our hearts? Why is it like that?" It is because the father is like that. I cannot help it. That is who I am. In the very same way, that is who God is. There is no other way and being upset about it is not going to help at all.

When we look at the whole thing, we look God who has eternal life and He is the only being that possesses that. You must remember that God is the only immortal. He possesses immortality above angels and demons or anything. He's the only immortal, the only one who has perpetual life, unending life. The only one! Then this being came and said, "I want to share this with something. Anything outside of Me doesn't have that. So I am going to create an earth. I'm going to create a heaven. I'm going to create a place where whatever I have in heaven can be duplicated in and then from that dust I am going to create a being and give him life. That being will have life and I will preserve their life. The only way that their life can be preserved is inside the parameters of My reality which is relationship! And He grants that life to those people.

I'm going to say something that is going to be very shocking but if you're shocked by this, let it be. This is what I believe in my heart. If man was taken from the dust of the earth and many people say, "I didn't want to be here. I didn't ask to be here." Now, look at this perfect plan that God has. He takes dust which is not eternal and He makes it alive. He gives it life and grants that life, while it is alive, to be presented with the voice of God in the very inner being of that person and then present that person with life. That is why I am so glad that God didn't make us eternal from the beginning but made us from dust so that those who don't want that life, they can go back to the dust and die. As God said to Adam and Eve, "From dust you were taken and if you are not in a place where you find Me preserving your life, the life that I've granted to you, you will lose it." Isn't that what Jesus said? Jesus said, clearly, "If you find your own life, in other words, if you look at your own life and you find your life as the source of your life, you are going to lose your life. You are going to die!"

The whole thing about Christianity is not about heaven and hell. It's about life or death and He has come to grant us life. He is not a God who wants to torture any man! That's why when He made man, this is what I believe, He made man out of what is temporal so if man wouldn't love Him and didn't want life from Him, that man can go back. He presents man with that life. He presents man with that goodness. He is not a God that would love to torture people who don't obey Him. He's not a God who wants to bring harm to anybody's life.

My son is in the University and I pop in their for a coffee and he's busy doing something, I would come to him and say, "Hey, Son, do you want to go out and have lunch with me?" If he says, "Dad, I'm busy here", at least I've given him the opportunity. If he doesn't want that let him continue with what he was busy with. At least I gave him the opportunity to share in my life, to have coffee, to crack some jokes together and be kind and friendly. Glory to God! So I want to say to you that the grace of God is God's influence to take man and bring forth a mirror of truth where you can behold yourself inside what you have always chased after. When you can behold yourself and when you see the truth about yourself, and you can realize that that resurrected Christ is your life, the influence that has, the influence God had in taking man and putting man there plus the influence it will have on your heart and the effect it will have in you is called the grace of God. Oh, alleluia! That is why you can go to the Book of Acts where they could say, and they would preach and see people getting saved, seeing people getting healed and they would say, "And they saw the grace of God!" Why? They saw the influence God had upon people in bringing life and joy and peace and the fruit of the Spirit to them and even bringing, testifying to this immortality that was preached and the eternal preservation of life that was borrowed to you. When that was preached, that life was preached inside a human body, do you know what happened? The Spirit of this life came and testified of this immortality by conquering certain shortcomings in people's fleshly bodies since this life includes the human body and healed the sick, and conquered sickness and disease. Blind eyes were opened. Deaf ears heard. And that is what is available to us inside this message of grace. Glory to God! While we will see signs, wonders, and miracles yet awaiting the hope of this glorious gospel which is the resurrection from the dead or in the twinkling of an eye, the change to an immortal body. Glory to God!

I know that many of you are touched by this message but I want to tell you that as you hear this you will feel the life of God inside you. It's so wonderful when I sit with the Web pastors and I teach them what I believe about this what comes from their mouth is, "Bertie, as you say these things, I know it is not of a man. I can feel how life comes in me. I feel how the life in me wells up or swells. It is almost like I become bigger." It's life because it is the message of life! Glory to God!

PRAYER

I would like to pray today especially for sick people. If you have sickness in your body I would like to pray for you. I thank God for healing that is yours. I thank God for signs and wonders that testify to this message of grace. This message of the goodness of God of how God has come to influence man. I want to say this before I pray. I'm not here to try to get followers for Dynamic Love Ministry or try to please man. I've never been like that and I am never going to be like that by the grace of God. I'm talking about when I'm under the grace of God, I'm not going to preach something that wants to tickle the ear. The old traditional way of looking at things tickles our ears and that's what people want to hear. I'm not going to stick with that. I'm going to be true to what I believe in my heart and I'm going to preach that. Those of you who want it, glory to God! Those of you who don't want that, I want to say as Paul says, "God will convince you of this truth." That is it! Glory to God! It will bring life to you.

Let me pray for you.

Father, I want to pray for every person who is watching now and I just stretch forth my hands to this camera. As I stretch forth my hands to this camera, I know in the Spirit I'm right there with people in their houses, in their living rooms where they are watching this because Your Spirit is omnipresent and that Spirit is inside me, it is inside them, and we speak by that Spirit and I can speak Your word of healing, right now, to people that are sick and I say, "a confirmation, signs, wonders and miracles take place and I thank You, Father, that as you stretch forth Your hand right now to signs, wonders and miracles. That I can preach this word with boldness, my Lord. Thank You that cancer gets healed right now. I thank You, Father, that different miracles take place. Back problems are healed, people with fused backs that cannot move are being healed. Thank You for that, Lord. Knee problems, back problems, sugar diabetes, whatever, I just see in my Spirit, I see like an explosion taking place in people right now. As it touches their bodies and heals them as signs of this truth, thank You for that, Lord! In Jesus' mighty name.

I also want to pray for people who have never received Jesus as the Savior that saved you from death. If you want to receive Jesus and you want to acknowledge, you want to receive this in the meaning that you see this truth and you acknowledge this as the only truth, I want to pray for you right now. I want you to repeat this prayer with me if you want to receive the Lord:

Lord Jesus, I see a man, immortal, above sin and death, at the right hand of God and I see that life is my life. I receive it and I believe it and I receive Your Spirit that has raised Jesus from the dead and raises me up now and it sets me free from alcohol abuse. It sets me free from drug abuse. It sets me free from marital problems. It sets me free from pain. I am saved. Amen and amen!

Thank you for allowing me to serve you with the Gospel of Peace.