

JUSTIFICATION OF LIFE

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GREETING Today we want to welcome you to Dynamic Love Web Church. I have the privilege to share the Holy Communion. Those of you who do not know me, I am Pieter Swart and we want to welcome you, those who are regulars and those who are listening for the first time. I believe that you are going to be blessed today as Bertie speaks on justification of life. I am looking forward to hear his sermon.

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1 Corinthians 11: 23 where Paul says:

23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

What is wonderful about this New Covenant is that it is established by Jesus and Jesus is keeping this Covenant for us and we are not trying to do it through our own ability. We are not trying to keep this Covenant through the Law of the Old Covenant or any behavior modification. It is by HIS Grace, by HIS love. We can look at Jesus as our Savior, as the One who keeps this Covenant. Therefore, we share in the inheritance. His body was broken for us so that we can be whole, so the body of Christ can be whole. He shed His blood so that we can be sanctified, redeemed and be righteous through His blood..

This is the wonder of this New Covenant: We are separated from the Old Covenant and made one with Jesus. That's what the word, covenant, means. Jesus said to His disciples, "This is the New Covenant in My blood." It is His blood and not the blood of goats or any animal but in HIS blood. Therefore, He keeps this Covenant for us.

Today, if you have any issues in your life that you struggle with remember that Jesus has already provided for you. If it is forgiveness, you already have forgiveness. That's the New Covenant. If you need healing, He has provided His provision. Whatever the problem is, Jesus has done that for you.

As we break the bread we say, "Thank You, Jesus, that Your body was broken for us so that we can be whole as a body.

Father, we thank You, today, that we can have the privilege to be one with You through the Covenant in Jesus Christ. We thank You that every person who is sharing Communion with us, that they are one with You, today. They have the right and they have been qualified through the blood of Jesus Christ to share in the New Covenant. We thank You, Jesus, that Your body is broken and we thank You, Jesus, that You shed Your blood and therefore we are righteous and justified and we stand before You just as if we have never sinned. We thank You that these are elements here today but in the Spirit it is real and we thank You for that. Amen

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Greetings! It is a blessing for me to be with you! Today I am going to be talking about the justification of life. Before we get into our message let us just pray together.

Father, I want to thank You for the great opportunity I have to preach this message where you have come to justify us in Your life, where You have come to justify us with Your fruit, with a life that is flooded with love. Thank You, Lord, that You are not a legalistic God but that You are a God that is relational. You are a relationship orientated Being, a God who relates to us as Your very own. You've come to do that which is just towards us. Thank You for Your goodness and Your grace, Lord.

I thank You, Father, for everyone who is hearing this message that they will have an enlightened mind to see the dimensions of Your love for empowering me to preach this. Amen

I am going to talk a little bit about the difference between righteousness and justification because there is a difference between the two. You are also going to see that the way where we are justified. It doesn't have that much to do with a legal process where we have been guilty and now God doesn't see us as guilty anymore. In my book, *Born from Innocence*, I explained what innocence is. Innocence is declared by God as the ability not to harm. In other words, what God has done in Jesus Christ is He has come to bring us to a place where we can experience His innocence. God has come and brought innocence to everybody, the platform from where we can live and have His life and live a life where we don't harm ourselves or harm others because of His life in us.

So many times we have thought that the Law is the way to life. That is what the Old Testament people believed about the Law. They believed, as Paul wrote in Romans 7, that it is the way that seems unto life. What he meant by that was that the Law was seen as a way to eternal life where you would live like God meaning you would not be a mortal anymore but that you will have immortality.

The Bible clearly says in Romans that God will give eternal life to those who seek immortality. We have had such a wrong understanding of what salvation actually is that we have not understood the Gospel and we can't make sense out of what Christ has actually come to do. What happened in Adam and Eve was that death entered when they sinned. Sin entered through this system of death and man wasn't at a place where he could partake of eternal life. God came in Jesus and when He died and rose again He conquered sin and death. You know that the wages of sin is death and should He be able to conquer death, He has also conquered and defeated everything that leads to death which would be sin. That is why we can have a holy life through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Romans 3:19 *Now we know that what things soever the law says, it says to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.*

That sounds as if God wants us to feel guilty but that is not what it means. We need to understand that God didn't change. The God of the Old Testament is exactly the same God as the God of the New Testament. I actually want to say that God is the same God. He has never changed. He's a loving God. He is a good God. He is a caring God.

So many times we think that under the Old Testament, God was under judicial obligation to kill man because man had sin. That is not true! God was not under a legal obligation to kill man when man would sin. I want to define sin as not sharing in the eternal life of God. The Bible says that the wages of sin is death. In other words, sin brings forth death. That just makes so much sense. The wages of, or the result of, not sharing in God's quality of life will cause you to have a life that doesn't have the attributes of God's life which is an eternal life. The Bible clearly says to Adam, "You are from dust and unto dust you will return." So when we look at this passage, it says that the Law was given so that every man may become guilty before God. That word, guilty, can be interpreted and say that the Law was given so that every man can see that by his own ability he cannot be saved. I think that would be good because through the Law is the experiential knowledge of sin and by the Law we can clearly see that we, by our own power, can never save our own lives from sin and death. No man, by trying to obey the Law, can get rid of sin. We need to realize that.

If you have a problem with lust, no Law can set you free from that. You can have all kinds of laws. You can say, "Well, I shouldn't be somewhere, alone, with a lady." You struggle with some form of pornography and you can say that you shouldn't be alone there. You can have a system where people can know about this and you can acknowledge this to people and all those things. You can say, "I shouldn't do this for it will destroy my life!" Whatever law you have and as you obey those laws you might find that you are not practically doing that thing anymore but you're not set free from sin. Only Jesus and what He has done in His Resurrection, can set you free! Nothing else can! The Law cannot give you life! You, trying to obey the Law cannot give you life for the Law was written to Jesus so that Jesus could know what to do to save man. The Law was actually a letter to Christ. I'm saying that because I am going to explain to you the Greek meaning of the word, guilty. That word is used only once in the Bible.

This is the meaning of the word, guilty. It means to be under the right of God or under the justice of God. That's what it means. The word, guilty, is composed of two words: under and right. That word, right, is the root word of righteousness. So what he is actually saying is that every mouth is stopped by the Law because the Law points to Christ. So by the Law, if you look at the Law's message from the beginning to the end, is that we will have a Messiah that will save us. That is what the whole Old Testament Law says.

If you study Deuteronomy, Exodus, Leviticus, and if you look at all these things, you will find that Romans was written out of all those Old Testament scriptures. As I preached last Sunday, that in the Resurrected Jesus, the disciples' minds were opened and they could understand the Scriptures that it all pointed to Christ. So what the Law is actually saying is that you can never, by your own power, save your life or be saved from sin. The Law is saying that God loves you. The Law prophesies about a Messiah that will come and save us. So it says here that through the Law, every mouth is stopped. In other words, if you really see what the Law is actually saying, no man will say, "I can be justified by my own works." No man will say it, for the Law was given that all may become, or all may come into being, under the right or the righteousness of God. So what he is actually saying is that the Law brought us to a place where every man can say, "I cannot do it by my own power and I am now under the righteous action of God where God comes to save me."

As we say right and we talk about the right of God, we talk about His equity of the equitable deed that God can bring forth. In other words, the holiness of the holy actions of God. So what he is saying that by the Law, we cannot stand guilty before God. By the Law and through what the Law says, we are coming to a place where we can stand under the justification that God can bring because the Law points to Christ.

The Law shows that the Gentile cannot, by his own power, save himself from sin and death. The Law shows that the Jew cannot save himself from sin and death by his own power. Therefore the Law leaves us with only God's right where God says, "The righteousness that you are under, or the holiness of your holy deeds, meaning the power of human ability cannot set you free. It cannot bring you peace. It cannot bring you joy. It cannot save you in any form or fashion. It cannot give you what God has dreamt for you. The Law cannot do that."

And now he says that we are now being transferred from a kind of a power of holiness that we could have by our own power to the power of God where God, free from our works, justifies us. I want to say it this way to understand justification. We are going to look at that in depth today. Jesus was righteous when He walked this earth but Jesus was not justified. You may say, "How is that possible? What do you mean?" Righteous means as you ought to be. There are many definitions. I don't want to talk so much on righteousness but righteousness means, 'as you ought to be'. This is the meaning of justified: Justified means to prove or manifest the righteousness that you have; to render righteous. That's what justified means. So you can be righteous but like South Africans, you can be a person that was formally oppressed and now there is a new law and under this new law, this law says that you have the right to own property but that doesn't mean that you are justified. Justified means that justice had its way and treated you according to your righteousness and now manifests what belongs to you. That is justification.

Today we are going to talk about the justification of life. We are going to look at the righteousness of God in how righteous God is, how God's equitable deeds toward man was manifested in order to justify man with eternal life and the fruit of the Spirit. You know, the fruit of the Spirit is not what you must do in order to be righteous. The fruit of the Spirit is the proof of your righteousness. The fruit of the Spirit is actually God's justification towards you for He says, "It's unjust that My people are bound by fear, bound by anger, bound with all these things. That's unjust!" He's not saying, "I am going to die for them so that they can get their act together and live right." No, God says that it is not right if I plan for man to be a sharer in My quality of life and they are not sharing in it. So now He will justify you with the fruit of the Spirit.

As what a person in South Africa has a right to owning land and buying land, there are many rights that people have now in the new South Africa that they didn't have under the old but both sides, white and black have more rights. Now that we have those rights that is wonderful but it's now up to the Government to bring forth some of those things in our lives because we cannot bring it forth by ourselves for it is within their power. In the very same way, love, peace, joy, longsuffering, kindness, meekness, temperance and all these kind of things are not commands to man but it is what God says He will justify you to for you are righteous to that. Do you see how there is a massive difference in this whole thing? Glory to God!

With that in mind, you can know that God will never want you to feel guilty. He would never want you to walk in shame. He doesn't want you to take account of your past any more. The only past that we can take account of is the past where we see our design and what God has planned for us when He made Adam and Eve. The only past that you can take account of is the death and the resurrection of Jesus. That is the only thing in the past that you can relate to from where you can define who and what you are... nothing else... only that!

I just feel by the Holy Spirit that this is from God: If you lost a lot of money you can never look to what has happened there of maybe how irresponsible you were, how you didn't do the right thing, how you treated your boss wrong, how you came late or if you lost a lot of money in the stock market, whatever happened, if you have lost a lot of money you cannot look back at that and have that as any point of reference towards who and what you are. If you want to look back, look back completely. Look back at least 2,000 years ago and look at the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ! See His promise of life and how He is now promising you the proof of who and what you are which is a life where you are justified into sharing in God's quality of life without you trying to obey any law! Glory to God!

Romans 3:19 *Now we know that what things soever the law says, it says to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and* (now it adds something. so) *all the world...* The Law was written toward the Jews so that every nation, Jew and Gentile can say, "No man can boast in his flesh." Then it adds something...and) *all the world may become guilty* (come under the right) *before God.*

That is translated at guilty before God but it should be *under God's right before God.*

For those who say that means guilty or it means the vengeance of God, I just want to quote **Isaiah 61:2.** It says that Jesus came *To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God;*

So what did Jesus come to do? The Law points to Christ and what did it come to do?. Jesus Christ came and preached Himself in Luke and said, *"I've come to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord* (The year of Jubilee).

The wonderful thing about Jubilee is that they were restored to the original land, the original property and all debt was written off. I like the word, acceptable year, here.

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God (Then it explains what the vengeance of our God does); *to comfort all that mourn;*

So, if your definition of vengeance doesn't bring comfort, you have the wrong definition because the vengeance of God is when God took vengeance on what is destroying humanity and that was a belief system of work's righteousness. It was a belief system of Law, which destroyed man where men lived themselves instead of sharing in the life of God. Amen! I put that verse there just so that you can have peace because some may say, "Oh, the vengeance of God!". I thank God for His vengeance because John the Baptist talked about the vengeance of God. He said, "The ax is at the root and He's chopping out a certain tree. The tree that he was chopping out was the tree where legalism and law was standing which was salvation by ethnicity which is this whole old Jewish system where life was found in your flesh and not in God's love for you. That's why he said, "The ax is at the root. The tree is being chopped down. And then he went on and said, "God can, of these stones, bring forth children of Abraham."

He was saying that God is ending this old thing. He's bringing forth a new system where we define who are the children of Abraham and that is not the Law system. That is the vengeance of our God. The day that burns like a fire where the fire of God's love came and burned up everything that destroys man so that man can stand free before God and be under the right of God. Man was under the right of the devil. Man was under the right of works righteousness but now the Law was given so that every nation can see that I cannot boast in my own flesh and the Law was also given for the purpose that man can now stand under the right of God. I think the word, guilty, there is the worst translation you could ever find because God's plan is never that you would stand guilty. God has come to save His people.

If my child is drowning in the ocean, I am not going to try and tell him that he is guilty. The whole thing about salvation would be to save him. To make a long story, imagine my son is on top of a building and he is very depressed and wants to jump down from that building. I want to climb up that building and there might be people who say that I am not allowed to go to that floor. But if I go and I have a law that says that I am allowed to go there, he can then be under my right and not under the right of the drug dealer but under my right. And under my right, I am not indebted to make him feel guilty. I want to bring him under my right which makes me righteous or good. I want to bring him under my holiness which doesn't take his bad actions, his drug abuse, into account but wants to restore his life. Then I want to justify him to a brand new life by giving my life for that. That is how we should see these things.

Romans 3:

20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the (experiential) knowledge of sin. Or, by the Law, we can see that we are not partakers of eternal life inherently. In other words, through the Law, we can clearly see that there has to come someone to save us. We cannot save ourselves.

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.

It says here that through the disobedience of one man death entered to all. But through the obedience of one, the life of Christ is now available to all men. What I like here is he says that through this righteousness of one, the equitable deed or the faithfulness of one man, justification of life. In other words, life and the proof of, or the manifestation of, that life comes to us.

We need to know that Jesus was righteous but He was only justified when He was raised from the dead. We see that in Romans 1:4. That is the justification of life that God has brought to us.

Through the disobedience of one, many were made sinners or not partakers of eternal life. And now, through the obedience of One, what has come to us is the free gift upon all men to the justification or the proof of righteousness or the manifestation of the life of God. It is the justification of life or to be justified with life. Remember that justify means to prove or to render as righteous or to prove righteousness.

Romans: 1 Paul comes and he talks about Jesus who he is preaching about.

3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

So when was Jesus declared to be the Son of God? He was already called the Son of God by baptism but He was not declared a son because Jesus was still in His body experiencing things that normal, carnal, people experience. He was hungry. He could be tempted. He was just a normal human being. He was still subject to death. Jesus could still die. You may say, "Bertie, He couldn't die!" He died! If Jesus couldn't die, He wouldn't be able to die on the cross.

When Jesus was born, when He came from heaven, He gave His life up so that He would become part of a corruptible being, called a human. He was a normal human being but while He was in normal human flesh, showing no sign of being the Son of God. In order to be a Son of God you had to be immortal. He showed no sign of that but showed dying flesh. When He was in the desert, He was seeing that He was hungry. He was busy dying and then the devil said to Him, "Find Your eternal life. Get Your life to never die. Live forever. Be like the most High who is an immortal God. Be immortal right now by Your own works! Let's see You create bread for yourself to eat and then You will live forever." Then Jesus said, "I am. I will live." In other words, "I will be vindicated as the Son of God, who I know I am, but I don't have any proof of that, by My Father." The scripture says, ***And He was declared to be the Son of God....*** In other words, He was manifested as the Son of God. How? ***according to the spirit of holiness..*** What is that Spirit of holiness? It is the Holy Spirit. The very Spirit of God's faithfulness towards Jesus and towards us ***by the resurrection from the dead:***

Now we will have the justification of life or to be rendered as the sons of God by the resurrection of the dead. That means that under this resurrection of Christ and what came into this world because of this new form of physicality, this new form of life, we are now under the power of this last Adam and He is now our Christ. As we are under that power and ruled and governed by that power, we are ruled and governed by the love of God to a life flooded with the fruit of the Holy Spirit that in the end will result into physical immortality in the return of Jesus Christ. That is what it is all about. Sadly, we have made heaven our destination instead of the resurrected Christ. We have made **where** Jesus is our destination instead of Jesus Himself and that is a big problem. That is a very big problem because we are missing the whole Gospel. Without Jesus in heaven, heaven is empty. So why are you aiming for heaven instead of aiming for Christ?

Colossians 3:4 *When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall you also appear with him in glory.* You will be glorified. That's what he is talking about.

Let me quickly recap: We need to understand that Jesus was righteous but He was justified. His righteousness was proven in God bringing Him to a place where He was above death in His physical body. That is a very important thing to understand. We have also said that the Law wasn't given that we must become guilty before God but that we must come under the judgment of God, or the right of God, where God's judgment is against what destroys us and where it redeems us.

If my son is swimming in the ocean and a shark is coming his way, my judgment is that my son's life is more important than the life of the shark. My judgment will be manifested in that water as I come closer to save my son. If the shark has already bitten my son and I have a gun there, I'm going to shoot that shark. I'm going to kill the shark because my judgment is to set my son free. My judgment is not against my son but to the deliverance of my son. That is what it says here: The law was given that the whole world can come to a place where they can see that they can not be saved by their own works and they can come under the rule and the judgment of God which is to freedom.

Romans 3:

21 *But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;* The goodness of God towards man is now manifested without the Law. That means that you don't have to be under the Law or there doesn't have to be a Law system in place in order for God righteousness or His righteous act toward you to be manifested toward you. This righteousness of God is manifested without the Law and the Law and the prophet testified on what God would do. That means that whenever you read the Law, you have to read and see it as what God would come to do in Jesus to set us free or you are reading the Law completely wrong!

The reason why the Law has passed away is not because God said that it is just a bad system. But, it is because what that system was there for has now been fulfilled. It's like the fulfillment of a prophesy. If I had a prophecy that I am going to marry Helena, that prophecy stands until I have married her. Then that prophecy passes away not in that it is bad but in that whatsoever is prophesied to is now fulfilled and I've come to the reality of it. In the very same way, the Old Testament Law pointed to a Savior that will save His people and where His people will not have to be justified or have life by their own works, preserve their lives by obedience to laws or any of those things but where their lives would be preserved by the Almighty God. Amen

So here it says that this righteousness of God is now manifested without the Law and yet the Law is witnessing, talking about it. Some read that and say that because the Law testifies of that, the Law is still in power. Rubbish!

22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: This righteousness of God or this equitable deed of God, is by the faith of Jesus Christ. Now, that faith of Jesus, that word, faith, should be translated differently but let us use it just the way it is. So what it actually is saying that the righteous act of God towards man where man is now under the right or the rulership of God where God's justice to salvation, or His justice to redeem us from what is killing us, will take place is by the faith or the persuasion of Jesus Himself. In other words by the faith that Jesus had when He walked on this earth. Another way of saying that is through the faithfulness of Jesus.

So, the righteous act of God to save man is through how faithful Jesus was towards us and towards God even unto death. Can you see that? It says **the righteousness act of God**. Many times we see that as a legal stance that we have been legally made righteous. God doesn't look at us through the Law and the Law is not God's god. God doesn't bow to the Law. He doesn't bow to any Law. God doesn't sit in heaven and say, "Well, because man has sinned and I'm a just God, I have to punish man." That is just rubbish! It is not Gospel. It is not inside the character of God. It is not inside the logic of a Father/son relationship. It is not inside relationship. It is a simple legalistic death system should we say that since Adam sinned, God stood there, and because He is a righteous God He had to kill Adam. He didn't want to kill Adam but He basically had to go against His own will and submit to some higher authority which was some form of a Law. Because He is a righteous God He had to submit to that and kill Adam. That is not true! That is not true at all.

When Adam sinned, he entered into something that was destroying him and then God came and He wanted to give life to Adam. He was faithful to Adam even if Adam wasn't faithful to Him. He was so faithful to Adam that in thousands of years, five and a half thousand years, after Adam sinned, Jesus Christ was manifested and God showed His faithfulness to humans in sin by becoming a human under sin in the likeness of sinful flesh. Jesus showed His faithfulness to us in walking in that flesh. He showed His faithfulness to the Father in obeying even unto death. The Father showed His faithfulness to humanity when He raised Christ from the dead so that we can have a holy life by God's faithfulness to us. My goodness! That is the Good News! Alleluia!

Paul comes and says, "This is the Good News that Jesus Christ died and that He has risen from the dead!" Then He goes on and rebukes people saying, "How does some of you say that Christ has not risen from the dead!" Then He rebukes people for saying that the Resurrection was just a spiritual resurrection. He was actually saying that if the Resurrection was just a spiritual resurrection then you cannot be saved from sin from sin. We will get more into that next week.

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith (faithfulness) of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe:

In other words, it is impossible to be saved without faith. You have to have faith in Christ in order to be saved. It's not that God looks at your faith and says, "Well, does he have faith? Okay, John has faith, Mary has faith. Peter has faith. Bertie has faith... Helena, Kathy.... They have faith... okay, save them." That's not how it works. It is not a Law that we need to obey. Faith is a matter of design. The moment you believe in something, the very thing you believe in starts to shape your life. If I believe that there is someone outside here who wants to bomb us, if I believe it, it will shape my life right now. I will pray. I will do something. Who knows what I would do if I believe that. But I don't believe that. There might be someone outside there that wants to bomb me right now but I don't believe it, therefore it doesn't have any effect on me. It's not because the one outside doesn't want to affect me, but because my heart is not receiving the effect. The moment you believe something what you believe in lives in you and shapes your life.

So we see here that Jesus is coming and saying that His righteous action to justify everybody by bringing life as the ruling force over people is to all. We find that it is actually manifesting on those lives and in those people that believe it. When Adam sinned, what took place is death entered. The Bible says that sin entered but sin actually means not sharing in the eternal life of God. Then through that sin, Adam eventually physically died but that was because of a death system. So, if you are married to death, what will you bear? You will bear the fruit of death. So what did Jesus come to do? He came to kill this man that we were married to which was death. We were under death,

This might be a little difficult to explain but let me take the time to explain what it means. When God made Adam, He made him out of the dust of the earth and He called him, Adam so Adam would know that, inside his own ability, he can only have the ability of ground...dust. On your own ability you will never have eternal life. "Adam, never eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Never come to a place where you, basically, apply the ability of dust where you try to be like God by your own ability because you will die! Because you are from dust and all that dust can produce is dust." Dust is a dead thing. If you are formed from something that is dead, it means that you are a being that you find your life from outside of yourself. You are subject to God. You are alive because of Him. But the moment you say, "I am cutting myself away from God and I'm going to be like God, a self existing one, which exists in the solitude of myself." That is the Law and works. The Law and works is, "I am going to look at what I must do and I do it and by my good work, I will live forever!" That's it! So they were engaging the human ability. When they do that they take what dust is. Dust is dead. Dust is not alive and they are under the power of death.

Now God came and He had to take that dust. He had to become dust and glorify dust so that dust could have eternal life. Jesus is that one speck of dust that came immortal, not dying. Now, all these specks of dust are not under death anymore but under life because dust was glorified. Those who believe this are accepting this rule and now, as you naturally would sin and hate and have bitterness, and didn't need five lessons in how to live wrong, we are now under the life of God. We are under the justification of this Resurrection life where that life came to one speck of dust, which is Jesus! Now we can relate to, not this body, but the glorified dust which is Jesus and we can say that His life is my life!"

The moment I say His glorified body, His physical, glorified body, that life is my life, then I am not drawing on the power of dying dust but I am drawing on the power of glorified dust. That's why that truth in my heart brings forth a power that is greater than just the power of feeling good because God is not angry because you have sinned.

I've said this previously: It is very good news to know that God does not look at your sin but it is not THE Gospel. It is Gospel but it is not THE Gospel because God has never looked at your sin. If God has never looked at your sin, and the people start to believe a lie that God is looking at their sin, then it will be very good news if you tell them that God doesn't look at their sin. He values you for who you are and we preach this on a regular basis here. But THE Gospel is the Good News that man was now delivered from living under the power of death. We are now presented to a new husband, the Resurrected Jesus who does have immortal human flesh where He is saying that that immortal human body that He was raised up into... that man... that includes all of us. It includes everybody! As we believe upon that truth we find that we stop to engage a dying body as our platform from where we relate to God and try to gain life. But, we are now engaging the resurrected body! That is why we have Communion. We celebrate the death of the Old because we are now looking at the resurrected body... a glorified, undying, human body!

As that power that raised Christ from the dead is powerful beyond sin, beyond death, we are now under that! Now we are set free from bitterness and anger and lust and alcohol abuse, whatever you want to call it... even the wrong understanding of God ... I don't care what it is! We are saved from that by the power that raised Jesus from the dead!

I want to ask you this question: When Jesus was dead, what could He do to raise Himself? What can a dead man do to raise himself? Nothing! He could only, prior to His death, trust the Father that the Father would raise Him up or that the Spirit of holiness, which is the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the love of God, the very essence of God's life and God's faithfulness towards Him will raise Him up. That's it! And that is what we are in. We are in a place where we solely trust on the integrity and the faithfulness of God to raise us up. That is it!

We need to understand that you cannot stop your sin! It is impossible! But, God has come and said, "I love you so much that I will stop it! The way that I will stop it is by presenting a new form of physicality that you can relate to that you will not live yourself but that you live Him. That is what the Bible says that we should not live unto ourselves. Adam started to live unto himself. He took his own power and tried to live by it and God said, "I've defined who you are by your very name. You are Adam. You are earthy, of the earth. You, in your own ability, is as this dust. You cannot live forever by the ability of dust."

Then when Adam entered that system, God said, "My goodness! The only thing I have to do now is I have to enter that... end the old man, end that death man, the old Adam and then glorify man so that physical human beings can relate to a new form of physicality." That's why I want to tell you that if you believe that Jesus is not returning and that He is now returning in us as a ghost, in just some form of action, I want to tell you that your Gospel is powerless and you are still in your sin. You can say, "I've stopped my smoking. What I mean by, "in your sin", is you are still in a place where you are not a sharer in the eternal life of God because you are not standing under the Resurrection power of Jesus. You are standing under your own ability which cannot give life!

I have run out of time. I have preached 48 minutes and I haven't even touched on half of the passages here.

Let me just read **Romans 3:**

24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness (His equitable deed) for the remission (the deliverance from) of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

When it talks about the sins that are past, it talks about Adam's sin, the sin of the past, where Adam brought that sin into the world and that we can now have redemption from that through the faithfulness of God! God is so faithful that He is telling you, He is promising you, the very thing that you are suffering with, I am faithful to deliver you and set you free from that. Just see this resurrected, glorified, Jesus and don't try to be set free by trying willpower all the time. See the truth!" Alleluia!

Father, I have come and preached this message with Your passion, with Your power. I thank You, Lord, that I can feel Your love for us.

I thank You, Father, that Jesus was physically raised from the dead and that we can see His physical return. We can see how He has brought a physicality that is above sin and death and that is the truth about us. Therefore, we don't engage human power to preserve our lives by obeying laws but we engage the Truth of the Resurrection. Therefore we are saved, spirit, soul and body and we shall see and be justified with immortality in our body in the return of Jesus. Thank You for Your power God! We are blessed! Amen