

**Living UNASHAMED**  
**by the power of HIS PROMISE**

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(Note: The opening Prayer and Communion are at the end of this transcription.)

Today I am going to be talking about what it means to stand unashamed before God. The Bible says that Adam and Eve were naked and unashamed. That's something very important and when we look at that it's really shaking the foundation of Christian doctrine. Today, we're going to be talking about what it means to be naked and what it means to be unashamed, what happened to Adam and Eve when they sinned and how we can live a life where we are not ashamed. In our previous broadcast I spoke about standing perfect in your imperfection. This is going to be a thorough explanation of that, although it is going to be a little bit technical and doctrinal but it will really touch your heart and bless you. Sometimes, we have messages that are just there for encouragement which will uplift you and encourage you. Others are there so that you from a deep understanding can be uplifted and encouraged and this is one of those. We are going to look a little bit at doctrine. We are going to look at man and the way man was created. We are going to look at immortality. We are going to look at the end of the Gospel. We are going to look at what God has planned for us and so much more. I am excited about today's Service so put your thinking cap on and open your heart to understand the doctrine and to be stretched in your beliefs.

When we look at the finished work of Jesus Christ, it all starts with God's original plan. God's original plan was to give man eternal life. Eternal life wasn't something that people had inherently. It was something that God would give to man. What God did when He created man is He created man from the dust of the earth and He knew that man in essence was dust. So God came and He gave life to dust and dust did not have the ability to maintain the life that God granted dust forever. Only God could preserve the life He created in man. When we look at Jesus, when we look at God, when we look at what He created, we need to look at it from the perspective of eternal life as a free gift. We need to look at man as a whole. I think one of the most dangerous things that we can do in our understanding of Christianity is to look at ourselves as a spirit, soul and body and not looking at ourselves as a human, a complete human.

Again, and I have said this in previous broadcasts, I am not saying that we don't have a spirit, soul and body. What I'm saying to you is that you are a human and that salvation is found in what Christ has done and accomplished as a human. If you want to look at eternal life you need to look at Jesus. He is eternal life. He is our salvation expressed in the deepest form and He possesses a body that cannot die. That is so, so, important. Church, I want to say this to you and I am going to say it to you many times: The Gospel is the Good News of God granting immortality to man. Man came and brought himself to a place where he was enslaved to sin and death. God came and broke that slavery and gave man access to the tree of life so that whosoever wants to, whosoever believes and can rely upon Him that God can preserve the life that you have eternally, that He can change it and shape it into the highest quality of life that you could ever imagine and above that. That is what the Apostle Paul said that we would be above what we can pray or even think. He will give that to us and that He will settle that in immortality, undying life and we need to understand that.

***Genesis 2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.*** That is very important. They were both naked and not ashamed. This is one of the greatest passages in the Bible that reveals our design, how we were made, what we were taken from and in this we can understand what Christ has come to do. When we look at nakedness, what is nakedness? Why were Adam and Eve naked? The Bible says that they were not ashamed. This is a great thing in our understanding of the Gospel. Adam and Eve were naked and they were not ashamed.

We will go to ***2 Corinthians 5*** and see what this nakedness is.

***:1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.***

***:2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven.***

***:3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.***

***:4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, (or that we should die) but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.***

***:5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the (down payment) earnest of the Spirit.***

***:6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, while we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:***

That is so powerful! It basically says that we have a life in this world and then he goes on and says that we don't want to be unclothed. The context here is people going through persecution, people going through difficult times and people just experiencing the things of this life. Paul comes and he prays and says that we are groaning in this tabernacle. That groaning is clearly expressed in Romans 8:11. That groaning is expressed, clearly expressed, as man experiencing a desire to be clothed with immortality in the human body. That is what it is.

We thought that this scripture means that Paul says it would be better for him to be with Jesus and he was just wishing to die. That was one of the things we read in Philippians. We think that Paul was at a place where he was saying, "Well, I wish I could just die and be with the Lord." When Paul talks about this unclothing and clothing, he is talking about him desiring for his body to come to a place where his body has received what the body of Jesus has received which is to conquer physical death. I know that when I speak about immortality it is not a "love" doctrine. To be honest with you I don't know why it is like that. If I write something on Facebook like, "God loves the world", you can find 200 Likes. If I say that God came to give you eternal life so that you can have immortality in your body in the return of Christ, you will find 20 Likes. It is that the people are unsure about this as if they don't know what this is all about.

Adam and Eve were naked. Here we find nakedness defined. Paul comes and he says, "We have life now but we don't want to be unclothed. We don't want to die. We want to be further clothed." What he is saying is, "We are not wishing to have an end of this persecution or just escape this earth and go to heaven. That is not our wish. That's not our groaning. Our groaning is that we would enter immortality, that we would have immortality manifest in our bodies." That was his hope. That was what he wanted.

I want to read this again: He says, *:3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.*  
*:2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven.*

So he says, “In heaven there is something that we want to be clothed with. This is our desire. We are waiting for our salvation which comes from heaven that our bodies can be saved, that we would not be found naked. That we would not be found naked that we would be found with immortality.” And here we find that Adam and Eve were made from the dust of the earth and this is what I want to say: Adam and Eve were made from the dust of the earth and when they were made, life was given to them. Eternal life was not given to them. Life was given to them. Then there was the tree of life which they could go to and then partake of that tree. They could, with the life they had, not having the ability to preserve their lives forever, not possessing eternal life in themselves within their own ability, but they could only possess eternal life if something that would be put upon them so that they could be clothed with in their relationship with God. There they were beings that had access to death.

You might be saying, “Bertie, are you saying that God made Adam and Eve to die?” No, what I am saying is that when God made Adam and Eve, when He took the dust of the earth and He gave life to that dust, that dust was not clothed, that dust does not have the ability, human flesh does not have the ability, to preserve his life forever. Human ability does not have the power or the authority to preserve his life forever. That means that Adam, by design, outside of God preserving his life by His love for Adam, would die. That is what it means. You might feel that is a radical statement to make and you might think that God doesn't make mistakes. How could He make something that can die? The way I see it is that God borrowed life to man and by design dust does not have the ability. Dust is actually something that, in itself, is dead! So what God did was, He made man alive. He took what is dead and He breathed life into that shell and made it a living soul and He granted it to be alive. That is what He did. But dust in itself cannot produce life.

It's like when you look at evolution. There are people that would say that there is no Creator. My question is, “Do you want to say to me that nothing creates something?” How could there just be something just from somewhere? Where did it come from? The question is always, “Where did it come from?” If you want to say to me that nothing created something I would say to you, “That is impossible!” God came and inside this nothing He spoke and brought forth a heaven and a earth and He brought forth dust. That dust didn't have life in itself. That dust couldn't, on its own accord, produce life. It is impossible. God was needed and when man came and indwelt this dust or this earth suit if you want to call it like that, or the human body, that human body. Since the origin of that is dust, we were taken from dust and the breath of life was given to the dust and that we are only dust. That means that in ourselves we are not clothed, by ourselves, with eternal life. We need to understand that. Eternal life was not, is not, inherent. It is a gift of God. It is something that only God can do. Only God can preserve your life. If God's power doesn't preserve your life, you will die.

They were naked. They were not clothed with eternal life in human flesh. What that means and how I see nakedness there is, and this is what Paul said. He said, “We now have a life but we are desiring Christ's life because we don't want to be found naked. We don't want to be found without eternal life that will enter eternal death. We don't want to be found standing in our own ability trying to preserve our life. We want to be clothed with the immortal therefore our desire is towards God to preserve our lives where we are not trying to preserve our lives by our own works.

Let's elaborate a little on this from *Romans 8*:

**11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwells in you.** (That means that at this time we are not clothed with the body that is from above but we can be clothed with that body for it says,)

**24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man sees, why does he yet hope for?**

**25 But if we hope for that we see not, then we do it with patience wait for it.** (James says, "To be patiently waiting.")

**26 Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.**

What this says is very important. It says that we are saved by hope. It says that Christ, the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead, shall also quicken our mortal body. It shall quicken our mortal body. So we have a mortal body and the Spirit can quicken that body that we would not be found naked but that we would be clothed with the life of God by the Holy Spirit. When the Bible says that Adam, in himself, by himself, didn't have the ability to preserve his own life. He didn't have eternal life in himself. That is what it is saying. Adam was created a being that could not have eternal life by his own ability. He didn't have that and so are all of us. We are like that. We don't have that ability but if we go and have a look at what takes place here we see in Genesis that Adam and Eve were unashamed. That means that I don't think they didn't know that they were naked. I think that what took place there was, if we just look physically, if you want to talk about a physical creation, I think it would be foolish to think they didn't know that they weren't clothed with clothes, but Adam and Eve didn't walk in consciousness of their nakedness. Adam and Eve were building their relationship with God. They were at a place where their mindset was not focused on their ability. They knew that they had life.

God would come and speak to them in the cool of the day and He would fellowship with His friend, Adam. In that fellowship I think the plan of God was that Adam would then in this relationship partake of the tree of life and be clothed with the immortal life of God. If Adam had immortality, he wouldn't be able to die and he did. He wouldn't even have access to death like Jesus. Our Jesus, in heaven, who is clothed in an immortal body, cannot die. It is impossible. He cannot die. He doesn't even have access to death but here Adam was and he was at a place where he had access to death. He was at a place where he could live by human will power or he could try to preserve his life with the death or the dust, or the dust of the earth, that He was made of. This can be shocking to you and please don't be offended by this definition. If you go and study what the word, dust, means in Hebrew it means soil, dust. Actually one of the meanings is rubbish. I am not saying that we are rubbish but as much as what rubbish doesn't have any use in bringing forth something beautiful or bringing forth life, I think when we look at our own ability the Bible says that our most righteous works are like filthy rags before Him. It cannot preserve our lives. When God looks at our righteous works, He says, "That's rubbish!" It is rubbish to God because it cannot save your life and God's plan is to preserve your life eternally.

Adam and Eve were unashamed and here we see, even today, we are at a place where we are living in the hope of immortality. That means that we are still in the place where we, in our bodies, and even in our thoughts, because our bodies don't have the full capacity to think and reason and we can become tired and we can have all those things. I think just in human capacity we can not fully think how good God is. Our heart can experience it but our bodies cannot fully think on that because our bodies are mortal. Here Paul comes and says that the Spirit that indwells us shall also quicken our mortal bodies. So in a certain degree we are where Adam and Eve were.

Let us go to ashamed and I am going to explain what ashamed is. I believe that this message is going to bless you today. It says that Adam and Eve were not ashamed. Here is the definition of ashamed:

a) to put to shame, be ashamed, be disconcerted, to be disappointed (Disconcerted means to be broken; interrupted; disordered; defeated; unsettled; discomposed; confused.)

b) to delay

When God came to Adam and Eve after they partook of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, what was the fruit in their lives? What happened to them? After they sinned, Adam and Eve were afraid. Why would they be afraid? I believe what happened to Adam and Eve was that they entered confusion. They came to a place where they were disillusioned about their own inability. Listen to this. Adam came to God and said, "God, I'm naked. God, I'm walking now in the consciousness of my inability. I've come to the knowledge (And I don't think it's knowledge like in your mind). I've come to the experiential knowledge (Romans 7) of my nakedness" Then He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Who told you about this inability?"

God spoke to man about his inability and then Satan can also talk to you about your inability. But when Satan talks to you about your inability, it will bring you to a place where it will destroy your life. But when God talks to you about your inability it will be something that can encourage you and give you life in this world. Let me explain that. What did Satan do to Adam and Eve? He came to them and said to them, "Adam and Eve, do you know what? I want to talk to you about yourself. Didn't God say that you shouldn't eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?" Then he said, "God said that we should not eat of it because the day we eat thereof we will surely die." The way I see, "surely die", is two ways. One meaning is, "that of this death die" and "surely die" can also mean in the Hebrew it is two words die and die next to each other and is translated, surely die. You will die, die. Another way is to think of someone on the streets of New York and he tries to explain something by swiping his hand across his neck meaning dead, dead, you will be really dead. There will be no chance of life for you.

So what God was saying there is that you are in a place where your body doesn't have eternal life in it but if you partake of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you will not partake of eternal life but you will surely die, since your body is not taken from eternal life but it is taken from mortar. It is taken from the dust of the earth and by itself it doesn't have life so there is already a certain form of death there. It is dust that is animated, the Spirit that brings life to dust, and that is what it is. Dust, in itself, without the Spirit doesn't have life. It will return to dust. That is what God said to Adam. When Adam tried to preserve his life by the ability of dust, He said that you will return to dust, That is what He said. So, what God is trying to do here is He is saying to Adam, "Don't go and get to a place where you get to the knowledge of good and evil and start to believe in your own ability because the day you eat thereof your life will not be preserved. You won't have eternal life." But what did Satan come and do? He comes and talks to us about our bodies. What does he say about our bodies? What does he say about our human ability? He says, "Listen man, you have eternal life by that human ability inside yourself. You don't need it as a free gift! It is something that is inherent inside you. You don't need relationship with God to have eternal life. You are an eternal, immortal, being. That is what you are made of. You don't have to depend on God. Eternal life is already inside you. You can partake of this thing of human ability to preserve your life because you have that ability inside you!"

So what he comes and what he does is he doesn't come and bring the truth about us. He doesn't bring the truth about our design. He doesn't bring the truth of you in yourself do not have the ability to preserve your life. He doesn't say that! He misleads people. He tells them that they are already clothed and they don't need to depend upon the Lord to love to preserve their lives but that their lives can be preserved in their own ability. That is what he is saying. And what did man do? Man believed that lie.

And as man believed that lie, he came to the place where he tried his human ability and tried by his own power to preserve his life. Remember, Eve was deceived. She gave Adam of that fruit of deception and he ate with her and what happened was that their eyes were opened. They got a revelation and experiential knowledge of their inability to preserve their lives and then they were confused. They saw their nakedness. Now listen, they were naked and unashamed and then when they saw their nakedness what happened? They wanted to cover their nakedness. It talks about a shame there. It talks about a hiding and in that shame what takes place is they are afraid of God. They are now confused. They don't know how God will deal with them. That is what happened. To be ashamed means to be disappointed, to be shaken, to be broken, to be interrupted, to be disordered, to be unsettled, discomposed. Disappointed is a powerful one there and it also says there, "disappointed on account of a delay."

So what they were thinking is, "You know what? There is this promise of eternal life. There is a tree of life there. Adam and Eve saw that tree of life but then the devil said to them, "Listen, you have life in yourself! You don't have to have life from God. You don't have to have life as a free gift. You don't need God to keep you alive by His ability. You've got it in yourself! That is what you have!" And what did they do? They tried that and they were disappointed. They saw that it didn't work and they walked with confusion and God came to them and said, "Adam and Eve, where are you? You are a little disordered. You are a little discomposed. What's going on with you?" They said, "We are naked!" So they started to walk, in the consciousness of their nakedness, with shame.

You can walk in the consciousness of your nakedness, without shame, without being confused, without being disappointed. You can walk on this earth in the place where you don't have immortality in your body but you have mortality. You have certain signs of shortcomings without being confused about it, without being disappointed about that. Even as Christians we so many times are so disappointed if we don't see the breakthrough. We are so disappointed if we don't have the financial prosperity and all the healing and all those kind of things and disappointment breaks our heart. We can come to a place where we walk without disappointment in the midst of our nakedness.

When Satan talks to you about your nakedness, he will tell you, "Listen man, in your ability, inside you, is something that you can, right now, bring forth all life and everything perfect right now." And do you know what is going to happen? As you try to work all those principles, as you try to work out everything he tells you to do, where you have knowledge of the good and you have knowledge of evil which also means knowledge of hard labor of applying human ability, applying the ability of dust or the death inside dust to bring forth life. As you try to do that, you are going to see that it is not working. It will be hope deferred. It will have an expectation for something and it's not going to manifest. What is going to happen to you is you are going to be disappointed. You will be at a place where you feel interrupted or broken. That is what disconcerted means. It means to be broken, interrupted, disordered, defeated. You'll feel defeated. You'll feel confused.

So many of us are seeing some signs and wonders. We are seeing some of the supernatural. We do feel peace in our hearts. We find certain fruit of the Spirit but we also see certain things in our life that are shortcomings. When we see those shortcomings, we come and say, "But I've tithed. I've sown. I've prayed around the town. I've bound the devil. I've done all those kind of things but something is not working!" You are at a place where you feel disappointed. You are at a place where you have the disappointment or the shame of, "It is not working!" There is confusion inside you, "Why is this not working?" It is because God has ordained, and this is what God's plan is, He has brought forth man on the earth and even after Jesus in His resurrection there are people on the earth that are being born. As they are born He wants to bring forth the Spirit in them that can even raise them from the dead and give them immortality. Inside that Spirit, their lives will be preserved even if they die.

As people are born, more people that are born that receive this Spirit, the greater and the bigger this family of God becomes. In the coming of the Lord, the Bible says that He doesn't tarry as we think but He wants everybody to be saved. He wants people to receive this Spirit even if this Spirit comes inside them, even if this life comes inside them, and only manifests a certain degree of glory now what the Bible refers to as the first fruits. Even if we have that life and we have joy and we have peace and we have the fruit of the Spirit now, in the midst of seeing mortality, it is okay with God because He knows that Spirit can even quicken your mortal body even if it is dead for ten thousand years. And in His eyes you have entered the place where you have access to the tree of life and He will give to those who overcome, who have received the Spirit, to eat of the tree of life and that would be in the return of Christ. That is the meaning of that, where our bodies become immortal. For those of us who live on the earth, in His return we will be changed in a twinkling of an eye and our veiled bodies will be fashioned unto His glorious body.

If we are at a place where we are still hoping for the immortal body and we are seeing the shortcomings of a mortal body, we are not ashamed of that because we are not walking, trying to get life to manifest in us by our works now. We are waiting for God and we have a relationship with God. You know when you get ashamed, when you get disappointed, when you get broken, interrupted, disordered and confused is when you want to look at your own human ability and understanding to be good and all those kind of things and you want to apply meditation, you want to apply works, to try and get what God has promised to manifest in us. So what we need to know and understand is that we can be naked and unashamed, naked and not confused.

I want to use something very practical. There is a place where the first fruit of the Spirit manifest in our lives. The first fruit of the Spirit I want to talk about is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, meekness, temperance, and faith. I also put in there things like, generosity, the attributes of God's character inside our spirit and inside our minds where we can be at a life where we see things that don't work out. We might pray for somebody and we don't see a miracle where we are not confused by it, We are saying, "I am not going to try and use the power of the Holy Spirit to try and manifest the kingdom in this earth now so that I, by using the Spirit things, try by my doing, by the ability of dust, to use the things of God to actually use the good to try and establish the kingdom of God on the earth to bring forth immortality on the earth. I'm not going to be confused because I know that I cannot do it and I'm just waiting for the Lord. That is it.

So we need to understand that and this is what Paul says in *Romans 8*:

**11 *But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you,*** (In other words, the Spirit IS in you) ***he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies*** (It means we have a mortal body while the Spirit still lives in us.) ***by his Spirit that dwells in you.***

**24 *For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man sees, why does he yet hope for?*** Glory to God!

So, he says here that we can hope for something and not see something without being ashamed, without being confused about it because we know how God works that He by His doing will bring forth things. Since we have this hope, like the Bible says, I believe one of the fruit of the Spirit in us is hope, the Spirit brings forth hope inside us. What does this hope do? It's expectation that God will bring forth something, empowers me in the presence when I see nakedness. Then I walk, knowing that I am naked, but I am not ashamed because God has spoken to me about my nakedness. That's why Paul says, "In this world we will have tribulation but be of good cheer! God has overcome the world."

The reason why I give this teaching is so that the voice of death can be broken off your back. There are so many people that have walked in divine health and then something tragic happened and they died showing that they were just mortals awaiting immortality. When we look at Philippians and Paul said, "The things that are behind me, the Law System, I put that behind me. I'm not looking back but I'm looking towards the life that is in Christ because my conversation, my citizenship is not of this earth but of heaven." That means that if I know that Christ, who is in heaven, that His life and His body which He possesses, that my body shall be fashioned like His by the Holy Spirit and nothing else. When I know that, when I believe that, then I'm not going to go and look at the human ability to try and apply good, or apply what Christ has done for us.

Let me give a good example of this. We can go and say, "You know, Jesus died for us and because He died for us we are now going forth and we, as people, because we have the ability to confess, we have the ability to believe, we have all these abilities as dust because God has granted dust the ability to think, to reason. And we are going to take what Christ has done and we are going to establish the kingdom in this earth." You know what? I'm going to tell you something: You are going to be ashamed, confused, defeated! My goodness! Listen, it's the tree of the knowledge of good. What is good? What Christ has done is good. So you want to take what Christ has done and you want to conquer the earth and you want to conquer death, you want to conquer all those things by looking at the good and working the good. Do you know what the good is? This is how it works. Christ has done something very good and I am not going to try and make what Christ has done work in my life. I am going to believe and rely upon Him, that by His Spirit, to bring forth good in my life.

As His Spirit brings forth good in my life, and I feel that I am going to lay hands on this sick person, I'm going to do that and we will see the miracle working power of God. As I feel the Spirit of God puts in me to preach this message, what do I do? It is Him birthing something in me and now we can say that we are His workmanship. He is the sole proprietor which means, in Afrikaans, it is so beautiful, alleeneienaar. He is the sole owner of the good in me. We are not taking the finished work of Jesus and then we create good in us by somehow trying to just work it up in us. No! I want to tell you that you are naked. You don't have the ability to make what Christ has done work in your life. All you can do is say, "I live in a love relationship with God and look at His promise and what His promise is towards me and that will give me life.

***Romans 7:***

***10 And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.***

***11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.***

***19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.***

Do you see the good and evil there? The good, that I want to do, I don't do it but the evil that I don't want to do, I do. The death, the works unto death, I work it but I die. I look at the good and I want to work the good and then by working the good I want to have eternal life. Do you see that the death in the flesh is revealed there? That's what Paul says and then he goes on and says, "Who shall save me from this body of death?" The problem is inside the human body which is taken from dust. It says, "Christ shall save me from this body and there is no condemnation, there's no eternal death for those who are in Christ, who walk not after the dust but who believes and relies on Christ. It says in Romans 8, that His Spirit will quicken our mortal bodies and we are awaiting the adoption which is the salvation of our body and yet in all these things we are more than conquerors and nothing can separate us from the love of God, neither death nor life nor anything that happens to us.



So while we are in this world and we see certain things happen, we are not confused because we know that He shall make us immortal and we know that we shall be clothed and we can be naked and unashamed. Glory to God, naked and not confused. Glory to God!

You might say, "Bertie, that is not good news for me." Let me tell you something: That is the truth! That is the truth and let it be good news to you because it takes away confusion. "But Bertie, I want everything today. I want to manifest everything. I want immortality now!" Let me read again the definition of ashamed. It means to be disappointed because of delay. "I'm going to tithe and I'm going to take that scripture that says that He was rich and He became poor and now I can become rich! Glory to God and now I need to be a billionaire!" Do you know how many thousands upon millions of Christians stood disappointed because of delay because they wanted to make what Christ has done work for them now. Listen, Christ promised that He would preserve your life. Just trust Him! If you don't trust Him ask God to persuade you in showing you in how because He took your life, He took your sin, He took your death and He conquered it and brought forth an immortal being with which Colossians says, "He is your life!" and as He is your life, we look for that life to come from heaven and manifest in us.

Church, I want to tell you that you are deeply loved by God! You might say, "Bertie, this message is not a word of Faith/Prosperity Gospel message." Let me tell you something: I am not saying that you cannot have the first fruit of the Spirit. All kinds of prosperity, all kinds of healing in this in this earth is still just first fruit. It cannot convey what Christ has done! The only thing that can convey it is that which God is busy doing in our heart, we feeling that first fruit, the down payment of the Spirit. It is love, joy, peace... those things. We start to feel those things in our heart. Then we find the fruit of the Spirit in signs, wonders, and miracles where we pray for the sick and we see a miracle take place. Today I am going to pray for the sick and those who are going through difficult times as well. Where we have that and we see the first fruit of the Spirit, we see it manifest in our life.

I'm not saying that there aren't signs and wonders. Please, that is not what I am saying. This is what is so beautiful: The Bible says that God confirmed His Word through signs, wonders and miracles. That is what He did. It even says, "... as the Spirit wills." Isn't that beautiful! It's powerful! As this Spirit in us came and willed and wanted it to come forth showing us these signs of life that will bring immortality to us, let miracles have the voice to you that there is an immortal body in the return of Christ. Let it point to you that there is something that will take place. It points to this immortality. Even if you received a miracle, even if you've been healed, do you know that everyone in history who has ever been healed from cancer more than a hundred years ago, has passed away. That is a fact. That is how it is because those signs and wonders were gifts of the Spirit pointing us to Christ who promised us that He will preserve our bodies making us immortal so that we through those signs that can assure our hearts that we don't have to go to the Law to try to preserve our lives. Now when we see mortality we are not ashamed or confused by it. Glory to God!

### **LET'S PRAY**

I would like to pray for you and I trust that signs, wonders and miracles will take place today as I pray for you. I trust that things like supernatural provision and those kind of things will take place and when it takes place please don't see it as the manifestation of immortality. See it as signs pointing to what will take place because as you are provided for in one instance, just in reality you are going to find someone else being upset with you about something. You live in this world. You are going to see the things of this world and how it touches your life and then you will be confused again.

Do you know what we do? We pray and we see a breakthrough and then we go and study that breakthrough and look at all the dynamics and all those kind of things and then we want to use that as a System on how to get breakthrough on everything and now we are going to conquer the world that way. Please, let us just stop with that! It will leave you broken, ashamed. You are loved by God and let us see His love for us and let us not be ashamed that we are taken from dust for He has proven what He will do with this dust. Glory to God, but it is only by His doing!

Father, I want to thank You so much that I can stretch forth my hands toward all those who are hearing this. I thank You that You love them, You care for them, You bless them! Thank You, Lord, that this message touches their hearts.

I want to pray for everybody who has sickness in their bodies. I thank You that You have given us, by the Spirit, the ability to go and perform signs, wonders and miracles. Thank You, Lord, that You work with this word of immortality and I come in the name of Jesus and I just feel in my heart to speak to people who have kidney disorder and I thank You, Lord, that You bring healing to them in the mighty name of Jesus. I bring healing, signs and wonders, pointing to what You bring in us and the hope and through these signs and wonders I thank You, Lord, that they will veer away from works righteousness and the deception of trying to use even this miracle to manifest the kingdom. Thank You, Lord, for healing over that, in Jesus' mighty name!

Thank You, Father, that people that need provision are provided for supernaturally that signs take place in the name of Jesus.

I thank You, Lord, that all kinds of sickness and disease that I don't even have to mention, that those miracles take place in this Web Church right now and as people watch this later on, even if it be years from now, and thank You, Lord, that You confirm Your word of immortality in the return of Christ through these signs and wonders. Thank You, Father, in Jesus' mighty name. Amen and amen.

I just want to thank everybody who just watched and shared with us in our Webcast. Thank you for allowing us to serve you with the Good News. I would like to ask you, as you feel led in your heart, to share this message with as many people as possible. People need to hear this truth! I'm not trying to build a ministry. You've heard what I have just preached. I just want people to hear this truth because this truth brings life. Thank you for considering that and sharing this with as many people as possible.

Know that you are loved and cared for in Jesus' mighty name.

Thank you for your love and your care towards those around you where you just allow the Spirit of God to just manifest His first fruits and I trust that confusion is removed from you today, in Jesus' name. Amen!

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## **OPENING PRAYER AND COMMUNION**

**PRAYER** Father, I want to thank You for everybody who listens to this message. Thank You for this opportunity to bring Your Gospel, Your message of eternal life, to people today. I thank You that You speak powerfully through me today and that every person will be impacted by Your word. Thank You for revealing Your truth to all of us. Thank You that Your anointing, Your ability, to hear and understand the Gospel rests upon everybody's hearts, their eyes, their ears, in Jesus' mighty name!

**COMMUNION** The reason that we have Communion is simply because it reminds us of what Christ has done for us. It reminds us of the death that Christ died and the resurrection that followed after that.

When Jesus Christ came and He died for us, the body of sin was broken. As we take the bread and break it, we are talking about the end of the old man. We are talking about the death that Jesus died. The wonderful thing about the death that Jesus died was His death was to sin. In other words, His death died away whatever there is where man is not a partaker of the life of God. He died that away!

The wonderful thing about the Apostle Paul is he said, "As we meditate and think upon the grace of God and our hearts believe it, we find that Jesus comes and makes us conformable to His death." That means our lives are conformed to what He decided to give us in His death. Isn't that absolutely awesome! Glory to God!

His body was broken for us. As His body was broken for us, sin died and He died to sin that we can have the life where God puts under our sin, where God ends our sin. When you eat that bread, you eat in remembrance of that truth. As you drink the wine, you are thinking, meditating, pondering upon the end of the Old and the beginning of the New. We are not living in fear of death anymore. We are now living in the hopeful expectation of the resurrection. We are not afraid that we will not be partakers of the resurrection but we have access to the resurrection life of Christ. The Old has passed away. We are not related to God based on laws, rules and regulations! Our stance before God is not in one where we are ashamed. We are not ashamed! We stand boldly before the Lord because we know what He has done for us! Glory to God!

As we eat and drink together, use this as an opportunity to minister to one another.