

Mankind is not EVIL

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GREETINGS in the name of Jesus. It is a great blessing for me to come and minister the message of God's grace to you. I want to welcome everybody who has joined our internet church for the very first time. This internet church is about ministering the Gospel, the Good News to people and seeing that they are established in this Good News so that they can have a strong personal relationship with Jesus Christ where they experience what God has dreamt for them from the beginning. I want to welcome you and just tell you to relax. You will only hear Good News in these broadcasts. You will never hear a message of condemnation or a message that projects guilt to you. You will only hear a message that talks about what God has done for you that is so powerful that it can impact your life into something brand new which comes effortlessly.

Then I want to welcome everybody that watches faithfully and comes on a regular basis and it is just wonderful to see the growth in your lives. Today, in one of our local churches where I preached, a lady came to me and said something very touching to me. She has been listening to this ministry for a long time. She said that recently, only recently, after hearing this message, it has just come and taken layer after layer of guilt and obligation off her back, off her shoulders. She said that for the first time in her life she can say that death is not an option for her. I said, "What do you mean?" She said that it is the first time in her life that she doesn't wish that she would die and that Jesus would just come. It took some time but she said that she is understanding the Gospel and she is so glad that she continued to listen to this and now this Gospel is bearing fruit in her life. It is great for me to see that! You who are watching this on the web on a regular basis, it is great to see the growth in your lives that comes through the Gospel. It is such a blessing!

Today I am going to talk about, "Mankind is not evil." We are not intrinsically evil. We are good in our being. I actually just want to define what we would call a sinful nature. Sometimes, we just think we are sinful and our nature is just sinful. I want to tell you that is not true. I want to define that and explain that in a way that you can actually look at people and feel the love of God for them and the love of God for yourself.

COMMUNION

Psalm 103:

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: (One guy once said, "You know, these preachers, with their funny ways of saying the only fit you are allowed to get is a benefit.")

3 Who forgives all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases;

4 Who redeems your life from destruction; who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things; so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

And this is the main verse:

6 The Lord executes righteousness and judgment (Just there you might feel guilt and condemnation but listen to this.) *The Lord executes righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.*

Isn't that beautiful!

The Bible says that if you want to say anything about God, the only thing you are allowed to say about God is that you have known and experienced Him as a good and faithful God and that He exercises righteousness and judgment and loving kindness in the earth. The moment we hear that He exercises judgment and He exercises righteousness, it wants to bring fear to our heart. But here it explains what it means. He exercises righteousness and judgment for all those who are oppressed. So, what he is saying is He is going to come with an equitable deed of righteousness and He's going to bring justice to those who are oppressed by sin and death and He will bring deliverance to them. Can you see how that is not a platform or an approach of accusation but where He comes to man from the perspective of, "I can see you are oppressed by sin. I can see that you are oppressed by death. I can see that you are oppressed by fear and I don't accuse you!" God is not the accuser. The devil is called the accuser of the brethren. The Holy Spirit is not the accuser! He is not going to accuse you before God neither is He going to bring guilt to your life. That is not what it is all about. It is about bringing the revelation of God's life and kindness and goodness to you. That is what it is all about.

So what it says here is that **6 The Lord executes** (exercises) ***righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.***

So righteousness and judgment executed is defined in delivering those who are oppressed and that is what Jesus Christ came to do. If we take the bread and break the bread, we say, "This is the judgment of God and the righteousness of God executed in the earth and that spells your forgiveness and your freedom. The same with the blood that flowed. When we drink the blood, and we think of the cup of the Lord, we say, "The Old Covenant, the covenant or the place that we stood in the unrighteousness of finding life by our works and where judgment was not executed towards us where we were oppressed and enslaved by sin in the flesh, Jesus Christ came and took all of that away.

So as we celebrate the body and the blood of Jesus Christ, we celebrate our freedom and the new life that Christ has given for us.

Father, I want to thank You so much for the body and the blood. I want to thank You that Your blood flowed for us, Your body was broken so that You could come and execute righteousness and judgment in the earth for all that are oppressed. Thank You, Lord, that we don't have to walk oppressed anymore and that we can see ourselves the way You saw us, beautiful and lovely and wonderful, worthy to be saved, worthy to be redeemed, worthy to die for. Glory to God! Amen! Let us just enjoy the Communion together.

MANKIND IS NOT EVIL

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Today I am going to ministering about the intrinsic holiness of man. What I mean by that is there is a holiness inside each one of us that comes just by design. So many times we think that we have been born with sin and that we just have this sinful nature and there is just something evil about man and God has come to save us from being evil. I want to explain that. It is very important that we believe good things about ourselves. If you think that you have intrinsic sin or that you are actually evil or mankind is born evil, the moment you see any sin in your life or anything negative in your life, it will just automatically go back to the default setting of, "I am evil." From that perspective you will not really be able to love yourself or other people. There will be something in your heart that thinks, "Oh, well this is just an evil person anyway," or you will think of yourself that way.

I think the greatest place or the greatest way it effects us is towards ourselves. We think that we are just evil. There is just something wrong with us especially even if we are even in the Grace message, or in the Gospel in some form and we try to obey the Lord. We are "born again" and we pray in tongues, we've done all the "breakthrough" marches, all the prayer meetings we've attended, we played worship music in our house for years and had messages play over and over ... and we still find there is something wrong with ourselves and we will just come to the conclusion, "Well, I am just evil. There is something wrong with me. Why am I not changing? What is wrong with me! Now, I want to say to you that there is nothing wrong with man as a being. Man has not been made evil. When you are born, you are not evil. When Adam was made, he was not made evil. He was made good and we are going to look at that. It is very important to know that you are good! Every person is good.

I have people come to me so many times and say, "There are so many good people out there. You can actually see that when you speak to a person, even if he is a criminal, even if he has raped somebody, even if he has done something bad, if you just spend some time with that person, after awhile you start to see that there is just a person inside there. There is a person there who is going through a hard time and maybe have understood things wrong, that grew up in a way that wasn't good. You can talk about someone who maybe molested someone and you find out that is what happened to him when he was a child. You start to realize that inside every person there is actually something very good and something very beautiful. That is what God has seen when He gave His Son. That is what actually caused Him to give His Son. The Bible says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." The Bible does not say, "For God felt so sorry for the world that He gave His Son." It says, "He loved the world!" I preached it many times but we cannot say this enough. This is the definition for love: It is an excitement of the mind that comes forth because you are beholding value or beauty. So when God looks at the world, when John said, "For God so loved the world," he was actually saying, "God's mind and His emotions were so excited with the beauty that He beheld, the value that He beheld, that He gave His Son."

The Bible also says that He gave His Son while we were sinners. That word, sin, there means "not to partake of" or "missing the mark." So He gave His Son while we were missing the mark. So, while we were missing the mark, while we were under the Law, while we had the fruit of the flesh in our lives, He gave His Son. What does that mean? There's something very beautiful in that.

The Bible says that for a righteous man a person might dare to die for a good man someone can even give his life but Christ gave His life for us while we were yet sinners. So what does that mean? I think that just doesn't mean, "Look how good God is that when I was a sinner He gave His life. I'm not even a righteous man. I'm not even good!" I think what it says is that God looked past all of our sin and He saw the good. He saw His child lost. He saw His child oppressed exactly what I read in Psalm 103 when we did the Communion. He came to execute righteousness and judgment for the oppressed. When somebody is oppressed, when he's a slave, he lives in poverty. He lives in bitterness. He lives in hatred. He carries rebellion in his heart. He doesn't think good thoughts when he is enslaved. He can have thoughts of murder and hatred in his heart towards his task masters.

Just think of the Israelites when they were in Egypt. Do you think that they only had beautiful language, never had one cuss word, never had one swear word towards those Egyptian oppressors? No! They lived in hatred. They lived in bitterness. They wished the death of those people every day. But when God saw them they said that Israel is my people. He spoke to Moses and He said, "Go and tell Pharaoh, "Let My people go!" He still saw His people. When we come from a legalistic perspective we can say, "Look at God. You might give your life for a king or you might give your life for a priest but look at God. He gave His life to slaves." But if those slaves are His children, we can understand that. If those slaves are His children, then all of a sudden we see their value. We see their beauty. In the very same way we need to understand that man is good.

Genesis 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold it was very good. And the evening and it was the morning the sixth day.

I want to read it again: ***And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold it was very good.***

The word, was, is italicized so what it actually says is that God was beholding what was very good. So God made everything that He made and after He made everything, He was standing and He was looking around at it and He was beholding what was very good. It doesn't even just say, "good". It says, "very good." Now, was man part of that? Was man also part of VERY good? Yes! Man was part of "Very good!"

If you look at the fall of man, and we read from Genesis 2:16 and how God warns man against eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, we find that this very good person started to partake of something that was very bad for him.

Genesis 2:

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat:

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat thereof you shall surely die.

18 And the Lord God said, It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him an help meet.

When we talk about Genesis 2, the second account, second explanation of how creation took place, this is what God said. God took man, put him in a Garden of Eden. Eve was not yet made at that moment and God came and said to Adam, "I put you in this garden but don't eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil for when you eat of it you will surely die." After He said that to Adam, He said to Himself, "It is not good that man is alone." So what God defined as "not good" is that man should be alone because man can be tempted to eat of that tree.

First, I believe that the true purpose of creating Eve was that man could be in the full image of God because God is a Trinity. He is more than one. He is a family. In order for man to truly be in the image of God, there needs to be more than one. Secondly, I believe that the job of Eve, if you want to call it a job, was to actually to assist Adam and help him not to eat of the knowledge of the tree of good and evil.

I preached in one of my messages about marriage that you wives need to do if you say, "Why am I here?" One of the reasons is to just help your husband not to fall into legalism and law and to just point out Grace and the Grace message. When you see legalism and law just say, "Let us not believe it in that way." Just always point to Grace. I think of my wife when I want to think legalistically about something, she would just say, "That's the law! We can't live like that." Or, if I want to judge myself negatively and I want to start to eat of the knowledge of good and evil, she comes to me and say, "Bertie, you cannot live by your own works. You cannot live by the successes of this life or things like that." She just helps me and protects me.

So, God's plan was that this good person would not partake of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil for if he should partake of that tree he will then get the knowledge of good and evil. The knowledge of good and evil doesn't mean that he will become evil. It means that he will just have experience of what it is to be at a place where you want to do good but you cannot do the good and you just want to do evil. You are wise unto evil but you are not wise unto good.

That is also what happened to the Apostle Paul. Before we look at that in Romans 7, I just want to say that man was made from the dust of the earth. God took dust and He took life and He connected the dust with a life and out of these two, if you want to call it entities,, came forth something that is called the human being. The best way that I can liken that to is to a sperm and an egg. If these two come together, you don't find a sperm egg. You find a human that comes forth. Something new comes out of the two. In the very same way, God took dust and He took life and He put it together and a human came forth. This human that came forth perfectly created as God wanted him. God said to him, "Don't eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil for you have the ability to die." What He meant by that was, "Adam, you don't have the ability inside you to have life from yourself. You have been made as a recipient of life. You are not a life giver."

After Adam and Eve sinned, God said, "Behold, man has become as one of Us knowing good and evil." For so many years that has been a question in my heart: "What does that mean because does God now live by good and evil?"

What He was actually saying was, "Man has become as One of Us." One of the old translations says it this way: "Man has become one from himself." Remember, God is the self-existing One, so here God made a man who is not a self-existing one but he is a dependent on God giving him life. He is not self-existent. Then He says, "Behold man is now become a self-existing one by and through the knowledge of good and evil."

So what man has actually done is, he said, "I am not going to live by God giving me life. I'm going to live by beholding my own ability and having life by it." When God made man, He made man that way. He made man a being that cannot live by himself... and that is not evil. It is not evil to have an inability to have eternal life by your works. That is not evil. That is part of human design. Man cannot save himself and that is not evil. It's not evil. When God made man and man stood up from the dust of the earth, in front of God was a man that could not produce eternal life by his own works. In front of God was a man that does not have the ability to have holiness or to become holy by his own works.

In front of Him was a man who could only have the life of God by God indwelling him and on his own he cannot have anything good manifest out of him. When God beheld that and after He created that, He said, "It is very good!"

So when we come and we see our inability to be like God by our own works, we cannot call that evil. We can just say that that is what man is. When we talk about a sinful nature, we can only define sinful nature as in the nature that cannot, by its own ability, partake of eternal life and the very being of God. If we want to say that man has a sinful nature, or a nature that by itself cannot partake of eternal life, then I would agree with the definition. But that was not what was understood by people when we talk about a sinful nature.

When we talk about a sinful nature, we actually said that we have a satanic nature and that we are evil in our being. In the meantime, we are not evil. We are people who are very good for the purpose where God has created us. God has created us for this purpose: That we would have life and abundance of life, in Him giving us life! That is the only way. There is no other way where we can have life.

When we take a plant, like a tree, for instance, that tree is dependent on water. Do we call that tree evil because if it doesn't have water it dies and shrivels up and the leaves don't look beautiful? When my father-in-law passed away, Helena inherited some cycads. If you want to buy a cycad, they are very expensive. She inherited four of them. We got all the permits and brought them down to Malmesbury. Where Helena grew up where those plants stood for many years, it's a completely different climate than here. We brought them down and two of those are dying. When I look at that beautiful plant, which is outstandingly beautiful, and I look at it in this climate here and I see it dying, I'm not saying that the plant became evil because it is not beautiful anymore. No! I feel compassion for that plant. The other day I took one out of the place where it was planted and I put it in another soil where the others grow better and I give it the best treatment I can. I make sure there are no insects there. I make sure there is nothing that eats it. I give it everything it needs as good as I know how. I read up on it on the web. I want to see that it does well... but it's dying. Does that make the plant evil? No! The atmosphere that it is in cannot produce life in it and that does not make the plant evil.

In the same way, when Adam and Eve started to breathe the atmosphere of Law, Adam started to die and death started to show in Adam and show in mankind. Now, when we see death in mankind can we call man evil? No! It is not evil. We are not evil! It is part of the design of man not to have life by his own works. We have been made in the image of God or to be the image of God, which is actually the Hebrew word for an idol. Now let me explain that. When God said, "Let Me make man in My image," or "Let man be the image of God in the earth," that word image is the same word that says, "You shall not have any image before Me." In other words, "You shall not take a piece of wood and make an image out of that and worship it."

Some people take a piece of rock and cut an image of a god out of it and then worship that image. God said that you shall not make an image and neither shall you worship it. Just making the image is already wrong because man is the image! You are the image. You are the image of God. You are the idol that God made, if you want to call it like that! You are the image that came forth. You are the image of God and as what an image of a god doesn't have life in itself, outside of God giving it life, that's how we don't have life in ourselves, by ourselves, because we are not God. We are only the image of God. We are the presence of God in the earth for God indwells us. As long as God indwells us, we can say that we are the image of God and we will have life. But the moment this image of God says, "I'm a god by my own, then we are dead." That is our design.

What happened to man was man was deceived, Eve was deceived. Adam followed her in her deception. He wasn't deceived. He willfully went into this but Eve was deceived. As they went into this, man became a self-existing one but he cannot exist by himself and therefore he is dying.

As we see this manifesting in him, we cannot say that he is evil. It is part of his design. It's shocking, but I want to tell you that it is not in your design to produce holiness. You cannot produce it! You cannot produce righteousness. You are the image of God and the only life you can have is the very life of God. So unless God brings forth His righteousness in the earth in you, then you are functioning outside of design. You have been designed to have, to be the place where the presence of God dwells.

When we study the word, image, it also means the presence, the place where God is present. It is so beautiful! As I preach this, I feel overwhelmed by understanding this and the ease it brings to man and how it makes our life so effortless and how we can come to a complete trust in God. The beautiful thing about this image that God made is He made it alive. We are not just a rock or a stone or a piece of tree or anything like that. We are alive! We can think and reason and feel. Imagine God having a being that is His image, that carries His righteousness, that carries His thoughts, that carries His life and then He coming to the earth also in bodily form and how we can fellowship and interact with His own people and how we can be the friends of God. Isn't that beautiful! We can feel what it feels like to share in His life!

Since we are the image of God in the earth, an image that is not God Himself but only possesses the life that God freely gives him. If the image wants to live by itself, it will just die. We cannot call the image evil. Man has something good inside him. We are very good. We are perfect. Even if you have not been saved, I want to say this to you: You are perfect as pertaining to being a being that can accommodate God and give full expression to who God is in the earth. That has not changed. The fall of man has not changed our design. The fall of man has not changed your design. The fall of man has just brought what God has designed into a place where it is dying.

We have a woman in our church that we have known for years. We know their children. She has cancer throughout her body. Even if cancer has spread through her body, there is basically not a place in her body that you cannot find cancer, I will never call her a cancer because she is not a cancer. A human being is not a cancer.

We find a very liberal Green Peace mindset who want to say that humans are the cancer of the earth. That's a lie! It's a lie. You are not a cancer and you will never be a cancer. You might have cancer but you are not a cancer.

In the same way when I look at that lady and I feel the love in my heart for her, I feel the compassion of God for her, compassion out of my heart just for her, and I look at her husband and we're seeing how she's really sick and how she can't even walk properly anymore. As much as I can't relate to her as a cancer, but I will always relate to her as a person and I will know her by name, how much more will God not relate to you as holy and as His person, as the one that He loves, as His child, even in the midst of the sickness and the oppression of sin. Just think of that. If we will not call somebody a cancer who has cancer, why would we call somebody, in whom evil manifests, evil?

Jesus said, "How can you who are evil say good things?" What He was talking about in that word evil is it means full of labor and annoyance. What He was saying was, "How can you, who live by the law, say good things?" It is just hypocritical if you want to be a being who is a self existing one by works righteousness, how can you ever say any good thing?"

What He was actually saying to them is, "If you live by the law, nothing you say, even if it is a good thing you are saying, it is not good because it wasn't born from God. It is a self existing power that comes from one who cannot exist by himself and he is still dying. It cannot save you." That is what He was what He meant. That was the intent of the heart. God fell in love with the world and He loves the world!

When I was thinking of preaching this I said to God,, "God, please help me so that I can preach this, not just from a theological perspective that it bores people but I want to communicate it in the way that it can become effectual in their lives and they can feel love and they can see the need for knowing this."

Last night I thought that maybe I will just change the message and preach on something else because I felt that I don't know how to communicate it properly. Then the movie, *Beauty and the Beast* came to mind and I just feel that it was from God. Remember the animation picture where a spell came over the King's kingdom. When this spell came over this kingdom, all the angels became like ugly monsters. One person changed into a teacup and another into a teapot. Then the feather duster fell in love with the candlestick.... and all those kind of things. And although they were under that curse, if you look at the whole story, you find that they are actually still the same people. They just look different. They are the same people. The one is a cup and cannot run the way she ran before. One is the candle stick and the other one is a feather duster and they cannot give true expression as to who they are because they are under a curse. That is exactly what happened to mankind in Adam!

When Adam sinned, that curse came over man where man was veiled. That is what 2Corinthians 3:14 so clearly states. The Bible says that by the reading of the Law, you are veiled. The Bible says that when you read the Law, you are veiled! By the reading of the Law, it is like taking this Bible and reading the Law. When I read the Law, and I keep it in front of me like this (holds bible up in front of his face), I'm reading the Law. I cannot see you and you cannot see me because this Law is veiling me! We cannot see each other. We cannot make eye contact. We cannot see facial expression. I can't express myself and I cannot see you. That is exactly what happens in the reading of the Law and yet, on the inside, I am still good. I want to love. I want to do good!

So many people say that when you are under Grace, then you want to do good but when you were under the Law, you didn't want to do good. That's not true. Even when I was under the Law, I wanted to do good. We see so many people under the Law who want to do good but the problem is that they don't get it right. They are craving good but they cannot do the good. That is what I want to end with.

Romans 7:

9 For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.

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.

14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

Can you see here how when Paul says, "I'm carnal. I'm sold under sin", how he is using the language of slavery? He talks about being under the bondage of something where you want freedom and where there is actually a free person that wants to do good but he can't. He says, "I was deceived. Sin slew me."

The sin that Paul committed was the lie of thinking that obeying the Ten Commandments of, "You shall not desire", that he by doing that will manifest righteousness in the earth and be a righteous person. What Paul did there was he immediately came to the place where he was standing in the presence of, and he was faced with, having experiential knowledge of what it means to know good and not to be able to do the good and to only have experience of evil which is to find death manifesting in you, oppressing you. Paul defines evil here. He says, "When I want to do good, but I cannot do the good and whenever I want to do the good, that which I don't want to do, that I do. The evil is then with me. Who shall deliver me from this oppression or this body of death?"

He then comes and defines what good and evil actually is. Evil is when you want to do good but you cannot and there's a veil over yourself and you cannot live. It's evil that God's people are under a cloak, a veil, and they cannot live! And God has come to redeem man from that and set man free from that because each one of you, that is hearing this today, I want to tell you that you are good! The fact that you are good is not what saves you! A Law mind will say, "Well, then everybody is saved!" Oh, please don't be so afraid of the Universalism message. The Universalism message has spooked the Church into not even being able to see the goodness of God.

The fact that you are good doesn't mean that you are saved. The only thing that can save you is Jesus and a very good person, under the Law and living by legalism and trying to find righteousness by his works and not putting his reliance in Jesus, is lost! The good person is dying and the signs of death is showing in his life and the signs of the fruit of the flesh is evident. It's called the wrath of God. The wrath of God is basically where God said, "If you eat of this tree, you will die." It doesn't mean that God will kill you. God, in His passion, said to man, "If you eat of this, you will die. I will not allow you to live in eternal misery. Death will come your way. But if you can find Grace in My eyes then you will live." It's so beautiful!

The Bible says in Geneses 6 that before the flood came on the earth, it expresses it so beautifully. It says, "And when God saw that man's thoughts and the intentions of his heart was continually evil, nonstop, He said that destruction will come to the earth." It says that He repented for making man. He was sorrowful that He made man and He said that He would destroy all of man. If you study the word, where He repented, it actually said that He had compassion. He felt pity on man and He basically said, "I cannot see that man that would live eternally." There is not one place, the Bible says that nowhere in their mind or in their heart was there the slightest place where the Almighty God could find anybody where He could bring forth life. But listen to what happened. The Bible says, "But Noah found Grace in the sight of God. That word, grace, there, is related to the root word which actually means, "to want to live with, to tabernacle with."

So, all the people were evil and God said, "I cannot see that you continue to live in that absolute torture of evil and I would grant that evil to have its full cycle which is unto death." It's like, "I'm going to switch the life support off because I cannot see that you live like this!" If someone has a disease where he is dying and nothing can be done for him, are you going to keep him alive in that? No, and that is the kind of heart but listen to Noah in the midst of that. The Bible says that he found Grace in the sight of God. The way I like to look at it is that he looked in the eyes of God, into the sight of God, and he saw a God who wants to live with him and he was saved! Isn't that beautiful!

That continual evil talks about people who were continually living in this Law mindset but the one who could see that it's not by my works but by a God who wants to live inside me and so give me life, he had life!

So, I want to say to you that when man sinned, it doesn't mean that you are evil. By the very design of God, by the way He made us, since He made us in His image and in His likeness it means we are exactly like Him but we are not self-existing ones. That means that you have a certain weakness and that weakness is that you cannot have eternal life by your own works... and that is not evil. The moment we can realize that that is part of our life and that that is not evil, the sooner we will start to rely upon the Lord and be free.

It continues to say in *Romans 7*:

15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwells in me.

18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh or in my human ability, in the true Adam before the fall)... Let me explain that.

Paul says, "In my flesh dwells nothing good." In that flesh doesn't talk about his human body, as in a body, because the human body is called the temple of God. We cannot say, "In the temple of God is nothing good." Paul says, "In my flesh dwells nothing good," he isn't talking about his human body. He's talking about in the human ability to be like God is no good, meaning there is no eternal life in that. That is what he means.

Let me repeat that: When Paul says, "In my flesh is nothing good," He was not saying that in his human body is nothing good because that very same Paul says, "Don't you know that you are holy and that your body is the temple of God and why would it take your body or the temple of God and make it one with a prostitute. Don't you know that if a husband and wife come together they are one flesh so why would you take this flesh and make it one with a harlot?" He comes and doesn't say that the human body is evil. He is saying the human body is the temple of God. When he says, "In my flesh dwells nothing good," he's talking about the human ability to be like God. That was true about Adam, as well, after the creation. It was true about him. Inside Adam's flesh dwelt no eternal life. Inside Adam's ability to be like God by his knowledge and his willpower, is nothing good and God warned Adam about that before he even sinned.

Can you see how this changes the way we think of humans! All of a sudden when we look at people and we look at people doing things that is not good, when we look at people where we find that sin manifests in them, where they commit crimes and where the law goes its way, we can have a compassion in our heart for that person because we can see the intrinsic holiness of that person and how he is actually killed by a wrong belief and finding his life by the works of the Law and unbelief and all those kind of things and how he is dying.

Can you see how this truth will bring a great compassion in the Church and in the heart of the Church for people? I think if we, as preachers, can grab a hold of this message, we will not abuse our people. We will not abuse people for our own egos. We will not measure our success by our church. We will not measure our success by how much these people support us or all those kind of things. We will preach a message that comes from the heart of God and we will be the manifested image of God in the earth. The love of God will flow through us and we will be content and the people will be happy. That is what is needed. I really think that this is what we need to understand. We can't look at people as evil things and then once they get saved, now they are holy.

But, Bertie, what does it mean when the Bible says that the blood of Jesus washed away my sin? It means that the blood of Jesus washed away where you have not been partaking of His eternal life and He's come to give you eternal life and the blood of Jesus washes you from an evil conscience. That's what the Bible says that your conscience is evil all the time and where your conscience is of works righteousness because evil means Law mindedness and being minded where you think you can't be an "I am," instead of "a receive" where we receive therefore we are. We can say, "I am", because of Him but I can't just say, "I am." I am because of Him who is the Great I Am. Therefore I am because of Him. I hope you see what I am saying.

18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh, my human ability in the true Adam even before the fall, our design,) **dwells no good thing: for** (And he's come to this revelation because when he believed in the Law, he's come to this knowledge) **to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.**

Didn't God tell that to Adam before the fall? He told him, "You cannot be good by your own works. You are good because of Me.

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

20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwells in me.

21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil (knowledge of good and evil) **is present with me.**

24 O wretched man that I am! (He just said, "I am good inside me and I look at the Law which is good, but the good that I want, I can't do it because I am under a system where I want to implement human willpower to bring forth the life of God in me. I've come to the revelation and the experiential knowledge that I cannot do it. I am here to only receive! From there, from receiving life and wanting to have that life, that life will flow through me so I will be a co-sharer in the very life of God.)

O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord...

What he is saying that the human body was taken from dust of the earth. The word, dust, in the Hebrew means rubbish. The human body was taken from the dust of the earth, came from something that doesn't have intrinsic life in it. Life was added into this dust and once this came alive, we were dust made alive. If we reject the very life that gives the dust life, what is left? What is left is only death, only dust!

So what does Paul do? He said, "I have the life of Christ in me but when I became Law minded I realized that this embodiment that I am living in or this fiber that I have been made of is dying and I cannot have life by myself. Who will deliver me from this body of death? Only Jesus by giving immortality to this body in union with God in Christ and not by our own willpower.

I want to say to you, "You are not evil! You were designed not to have eternal life by your own works. You have been designed to be the image, the idol, of God! God is not praying to an idol. That is not what I am saying. An idol means to be the representative or the presence of a God in the earth. That is why God said, "Have no idols, other gods or false gods, before Me. Because the only God in this earth that can be My representative is you!" And He is a jealous God. He's jealous of you! He doesn't want to share you with someone else! You are His image and you are the only image of Him. Since you are an image of this God, the true life is in the God and He has come to share it with you. So you cannot be an "I am!" You can't also be an, "I'm become!" You can only say, "I am because He is!" That is the way.

If you find inability to live holy or inability to be righteous when you come under laws, rules and regulations, please don't judge yourself and say, "I am an evil person." You are not evil! You are loved by God! You are beautiful. You are accepted! You are the crown of His creation. He loves you. He smiles over you and He has come to save man from being a god by his own works. And that is the salvation plan! We need to see ourselves as victims through the deception that came in Adam. Yet we don't have to live with a victim mentality since Christ has come to bring redemption to us. Isn't that beautiful! Glory to God.

I would like to pray for you. Maybe you are going through a difficult time. Maybe you are struggling with certain things in your life and you feel that you are evil, there's something evil about me. You might even think your own child is evil because he has done so many bad things. I want to say to you that you are good and I would like to pray for you.

Father, I want to stretch forth my hands and pray for people who are hearing this message. I thank You, Lord, that when we talk about just being a person that is evil, that they will never believe that they are evil but they will believe that they are good. And that they can come before God and say, "God, You made me good, good in a specific way. Thank You that You have come to save and preserve and redeem this good. You've come to save me from believing lies about myself and You. You have come to save me from death that has come to me. You have come to save me from the experiential knowledge of wanting to do good but not being able to do it and dying. That's why You came to give me eternal life.

Thank You, Father, that I can pray for people right now.

I declare to you that you are good and don't try to be good or be holy by your own works. Rely upon Jesus! If you have never received Jesus as your Savior and you want to receive Jesus, as your Savior, today, I would like to pray with you and lead you in a prayer.

If you never received Jesus and you want to receive Him, just pray this prayer with me. Say, Lord, Jesus Christ, thank You for revealing to me that I am not bad. Thank You that You have always seen me for who I am. I come to You. Save me from sin and death. I cannot save myself. I see that You have power over sin and death for You became sin, You died and You were raised. So I come to You and I ask You, "Give me Your life. Manifest Your life in me. I see myself crucified with You. I'm a brand new man because of You. I receive You, Jesus. Your life is mine! Amen!" Glory to God

If you prayed that prayer, we would like to speak to you to encourage you. Please feel free to go to Dynamicministries.com or BertieBrits.com and go to the Web Church tab and go to one of our Web pastors there and make contact with them. We would love to pray with you and encourage you and help you on your walk in Christianity and in this whole message of life. There is still so much to know! Glory to God!

I want to thank everybody who has watched and thank you for allowing me to serve you with this Good News. I'm looking forward to checking with you again this week on Facebook, on Twitter and all the different medias we have use of and just sharing the Gospel of Jesus with you.

