

Easter – The message of LIFE

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GREETING

Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus. It is such a blessing for me to be with you in this Webcast and I trust that you are going to be greatly impacted by the message I have for you today. Today I am going to talk about what Jesus Christ has done for us. I am going to talk about the whole story of the cross and the resurrection and what all of that means. So many times we look at the cross as just a historic event but we are going to look in depth as we are celebrating, thinking upon, the finished work of Jesus as pertaining to Easter and what is flowing with all of that.

Let us just pray together and we will start with Communion.

PRAYER

Father, thank You so much for Your grace and Your mercy. Thank You so much for the care that You have towards us. Thank You that we can bring and celebrate Your message of what You have done for us... the beauty, the peace, the righteousness, the kindness, the love that You have given us. Thank You so much, Lord! May every person be blessed and let me preach in such a way that people can understand and be impacted by the depth of Your kindness and Your love for us, in Jesus' mighty name. Amen and amen.

COMMUNION

Just open your heart for what Christ has given us. Open your heart for just what His body and blood means. I have preached about this many times. When we think of the body that was broken for us, we are thinking of the end of the old man. We are thinking of the complete destruction, the end of, we are feasting on the fact that the embodiment of sin, the embodiment of death, has died. That is what God has brought forth. Instead of death having a hand over us, God has a hand over death and death died. Isn't that awesome! Death died. Captivity was taken captive. Sin died. The power of sin ceased so that we can have eternal life. The power of sin was the Law System where the end goal was bringing death to us. The Bible says, "The wages of sin is death." The wages of sin is death but the gift God gives is eternal life.

So when God gave eternal life as a free gift to all people, (today I am going to talk a lot about that) it was the conquering of everything that destroys our lives. When His body was broken, we are thinking of the breaking of that body as well as the unity between the Jew and Gentile. That means that God has placed all people in a place of innocence. All people are in a place of forgiveness. That is what Christ has given us. I'm excited about Communion. I'm excited about the blood that flowed for us and what that brings! Many people have written to me and asked, "Should we take Communion? Is it a must that we take Communion?" You don't have to take Communion in order to be saved. You do not have to take Communion. It is not a must. The only thing that is a "must" is that your heart must be persuaded of the goodness of God and believe upon Christ because that is the only way that He can have access into your life. That is the only "must". We don't live by what we must do.

Let us do what is beneficial for us. Taking Communion is beneficial for me because when we took Communion this morning, I'm just thinking about the body of Christ and what He has done for us. It is something physical that we do. It is something that we all do as a church, thinking of our unity among each other, because God has broken down the middle wall of separation which is the Law with its Commandments which is contrary to us. Plus, when we look at the blood and and we look at the blessed hope of the resurrection, in the return of Christ and what we will have then, it's just something very powerful. It is a meditation, a part of the meditation of what Christ has done for us. That's how I see the Communion.

What I also want us to do as we take it as a fellowship together, when we take this Communion it is a time when we can pray for one another, minister to one another, and share the life of God with one another. That's what it is all about.

Father, thank You for Your body. We thank You for Your blood. We want to thank You for what You have done for us. We thank You for the assurance that we have in Your body and in Your blood. Thank You, in Jesus' mighty name! Amen and amen!

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Easter, The message of LIFE

I trust that this Service is just going to be a great blessing to you. Today I am going to talk about eternal life. I will talk about the meaning of the cross, the death of Jesus Christ and the resurrection. As Christians we know that Easter is not about some rabbit. It is about Jesus and what He has come to do for us. I would say that as much as the Easter bunny would be a great deception about what the Passover is actually about, in the very same way we have been deceived about what actually happened upon the cross. We saw the cross as the place where the wrath of God came and was poured out upon people and the anger of God was upon a man and where there was this penal substitution system where Jesus had to take the penalty for our sin from the Father wherein the Father was actually beating, or punishing, Jesus with what is just... which is death.

If we believe in the penal substitution system, and this just came to my mind, and we believe that Jesus took the death of all people as a punishment, a penal substitution punishment, for us, then you have to conclude that you are a Universalist. You have to come to the conclusions of Universalism, because you will have to say that every one is saved, because if God can still punish a person for sin that Jesus has already taken, He is unjust. If you then preach that people can be lost, then you have to conclude that God is an unjust God. The penal substitution system is just something that was fabricated by man. It's man's attempt to try to understand what God has done for us in Jesus and try to put the Grace message inside Law brackets. We have to be born again. We have to come to a place where we are not born from the Law, where we are not trying to interpret the message of Grace by the Law or any of the world's systems. We have to come and see the death of that and come to a place where we say, "Father, I climb out of this whole bracket thing of legalism and law and all of that and I come to a place where You teach me, where You show me! Glory to God!

Today we are going to be talking about eternal life. One of the verses that I would like to read as pertaining to eternal life, and I think this is one of my favorite verses when it comes to eternal life, is found in **Titus 1:2** In the first verse, Paul comes and he says that he is an apostle and he has come to teach the Gospel to people about Jesus and basically to win souls.

Then he says in **verse 2: *In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began...*** Here we see that there was a promise before the world's system ever came into existence. If you want to go further, if you want to say, before the world began, you want to read into that before creation, we can conclude that God, in His being, the fact that He is a loving, caring God in His person, is promising. He is promising us that eternal life.

The way that I read that is that at the beginning of the world, it talks about the world system when Adam sinned. Even before that, even before Adam sinned, God promised Adam eternal life. Now we don't want to split hairs about that so we can say even before the world began, before time, it doesn't matter but that is what I see in that passage.

What it talks about is that God promised man eternal life. It was all about giving man an opportunity to live forever and never die. One of the greatest lies ever told to the Church was that man can not die and that man is inherently immortal. That is one of the greatest lies that has ever been told to people. Satan started with it and it's even like that today. In the weeks and year to come, I am going to talk more about that and I'm going to take it slowly verse by verse and explain to you what this is about. I am not here in my Live Webcast to try to shock the world. I am here to shepherd people. This is what this is about: teaching people something that can bring life to their heart. This is what it is all about. Know that it is going to take some time. We are going to go through this slowly but I want you to know that God has promised man eternal life even before the world began. He promised us eternal life.

The whole message of the cross revolves around that promise. That is why Jesus had to die and that is why He had to be raised. That is why He had to be raised to never die again. Can you see that the whole thing is not about anything but getting us to a place of eternal life. We have made the Gospel to be that there is a God with a divine law and then this divine law will either bless you or curse you. Before He made people, He first created a heaven and a hell and then His promise was, "If you obey Me, I'll take you to heaven. That is not what the scripture says! The scripture does not say, "If you obey Me, I will take you to heaven." The scripture says that God has promised us eternal life and the gift that He has given us is eternal life. What we need to understand is that the people in the Old Testament and even the time between the Testaments, if you like to call the time that Jesus walked upon the earth, and after that, what they were looking for is eternal life, immortality. They wanted to find the pathway to singing that song, "Forever Young." That is what they were thinking. They were not thinking of what they needed to do to go to heaven.

Even you find the rich young ruler who came to Jesus and asked Him, "What shall I do that I may have eternal life?" Now in our mind, we immediately say, "Go to heaven!" But that was not what was in that guy's mind. If he wanted to know what he had to do in order to go to heaven, he is not going to use two words: eternal life. He would say, "Heaven." He will not say, "Eternal life." We have just simply come to a place where we don't see what the scripture says. The Bible says clearly that the Law blinds us. The Law System and the lies believed, blinds you to the truth and that is just because how a human being works. We have been created and designed to see what we believe because if we could see what you believe and believe the correct thing it will be very difficult for you to ever be caught in a trap of a lie. We have been designed to protect ourselves. We have been designed to be in a place where once our heart is persuaded of something, not to easily change but to be at a place where we need some convincing before we change. So if we are in a place where we have been convinced that the only thing that we can have, and this is God's eternal promise, is to go to heaven, then whenever we see the words eternal life or the word, immortality or the word, life, we are just going to substitute that with the word, heaven.

You might say, "Doesn't heaven mean eternal life?" Well, why do we even want to go there? The scripture talks about eternal life. And this is the promise that was before the world began. There are so many scriptures in the Bible and I can just touch on some of them.

Matthew 19:16 And behold, one came and said to Him, Good Master, what good thing shall we do, that we may have eternal life? (See, they wanted eternal life.)

It says in ***Matthew 25:46 ... but the righteous into life eternal*** (That's where they will go.)

Romans 2:7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, (they will be granted) ***eternal life.***

So it says here that those who seek, glory, honor and immortality, to them will be given eternal life. If we seek, glory, and honor and immortality through obedience to Christ which is simply to believe and rely upon Him that He can give it to you, what will be granted to you is eternal life.

So what Paul was saying here is that those who seek glory and honor, they want the glorification, they want the honor that is supposed to come to them, in Christ and what Christ has come and given them and they are seeking for immortality. That is what they are looking for. They are looking for a state where they don't just have a bliss of going to heaven but immortality is defined as what we would call this mortal body goes into a state where it doesn't die.

You may ask, "Bertie, why do you want to preach about this?" It is very simple! The reason for that is a major reason. There was a man, His name was Jesus. He came to the earth in a physical body, He then died and was raised up in a physical body, to never die, into immortality. What He stood up into is what we seek, what we are supposed to seek.

The enemy has come and brought us to a place where immortality doesn't even mean anything to us. All we have is just the bliss of going to heaven making little of the resurrection of Christ. Our Gospel was actually just preached in general and in the circles that I have moved in, is just half a Gospel. It's a Gospel where my sin was taken. It's a Gospel where my sickness was carried and Jesus died and because Jesus died for me therefore I can have eternal life. No, let me tell you something. If Jesus was not raised, you would have still be in your sin and those who have died would have perished. That's what the Bible says. They would have gone into nothingness! That's what the Bible talks about. They would have completely perished. They would have been in an eternal lake of fire, if you want to call it like that. They would be completely, utterly, destroyed. They would have perished. That's what the Bible says in 1 Corinthians 15.

So there is a great emphasis in the teaching of the Apostle Paul on the resurrection. Jesus could carry the sin of the whole world, He could do all of those things, and do you know what that would mean if Jesus became sin and died for you, what that means if He wasn't raised? It would mean nothing! It would mean nothing because the end goal wasn't for Jesus to carry your sin. The end goal was to get you at a place where you can be raised from the grave and have a glorified body and so have that eternal life inside you so that you can, in the eternity of time, you can know God and spend time with Him. That is what it is all about. This is what God had in mind before the world began. He came and said, "This is My promise to you: I will give you eternal life!"

I want to explain to you what happened in the creation story and I want you to walk with me through this whole thing. Before anything was created, there was God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and this God possesses eternal life before angels were created, before angels fell, before the devil, or if you want to call him Lucifer, was created, or any of that, there was God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.... a family God, which has been the only Being that possesses immortality which is the only self-existing One that can never die. He has been the only Being like that. Anything that was created after that, comes out of God making something, it would come forth and it would have a beginning. Just by the fact that it has a beginning means that it is not in equality with God. It doesn't possess all the qualities that God has. What God did was He created a heaven and an earth and then He went to the earth and He took some of the dust of the earth and breathed the breath of life into that dust and He made that dust alive. When He made that dust alive, He gave the dust a mind, a will and emotions. The dust actually became, what we call today, a living soul. The best translation for soul would be a person. A living soul would be a person.

So what God did was He took dust and made a person out of the dust. He then put His life before this person and said, "The life that is from you that has come, you are made from the dust of the earth. That's what you are made from and inside this dust is what you were formed from. You were formed out of the dust of the earth. And I gave this dust life. The life you have is borrowed from Me. But if you want this life to be preserved eternally, simply believe in Me, have a relationship with Me, for from Me this life will flow."

Do you know that when God made Adam, He gave Adam access to the tree of life. So Adam could, in this perfect state that he was in, if you want to call it that, and what I would call perfect innocence, and that is what my book, *Born from Innocence*, is all about, in that state of perfect innocence we could go just like that, in that innocence, and go and eat of the tree of life. Then who He is and what He is would be preserved eternally. That means that the only immortal being that lives in an unapproachable life, would then share His immortality and that unapproachable life with this being and they would then fellowship as these equals on account of this being that has said, "I want my life to be preserved by You." That is it.

The next thing that then happened was Satan came to Adam and Eve and said, "Listen, I've got news for you. You will not die. What's this thing about dying? You are immortal beings. You will not die. There's no way you can die." What happened in that lie is two things. They believed that God is not true and that God, for some reason they could not trust God anymore. The second thing is they thought, "Well, if I am alive and I possess eternal life anyway, I don't have to go eat of the tree of life. I cannot die. So what I will do is, I don't have to cling to this God or be in fellowship with this God or be a subject of this God wherein His immortality is given to me. No, I can produce my own by my own works."

What God said to Adam is, "The day you eat of that tree of the knowledge of good and evil, the day you believe Satan, you are going to die of him. Of this death you will die. You will die on account of the things that you believe in." Yet God promised Adam eternal life. God said, "Even Adam entered into death, I still promise him. I keep My promise." That's what He said.

The next thing that took place was God said, "Well, we are not going to allow man to live in a place where he is flooded with wickedness, which would be the belief of Satan, where he is flooded with an ability to bear the fruit of the flesh, where he is born from the wisdom of the devil, and grant that man immortality." So what God said was, "I promise you immortality but if I promise you immortality it must be in the state of innocence. It must be in the state of singlenessness."

It must be in a state of a new creation where God came and He formed out of the dust He created a man and made him alive. It has to be in that state because God cannot see that we would live in a place of this misery of always having a love for money, bitterness towards people, hatred, just the way the things in the world go, beating, murdering each other, stealing one another's children, wives, human trafficking, drug dealings, sexual immorality and all those kind of things and say to the person in that state, "I grant you..." (Remember God is the only One with immortality) , and say to that person, "Listen I grant you immortality in that state. I grant it to you." It would be the most unloving thing to do and God said, "That is not what I am going to do. I'm not going to do it like that. I would rather allow you to walk in this way that you are and then come to a place when you die and I would rather manufacture a plan where you can be raised again."

As pertaining to us who are on the earth, in the time of Christ and onward, wherein we can declare and we can actually see our innocence. So what God said is, "As long as man is flooded with iniquity and a slave of iniquity, I cannot give him eternal life. But what I will do is I will make him innocent again as Adam was." What God did was, in Christ, and this is where I see the death part, He comes and He takes the sin of all the world. He takes everything upon Him and then He went and even took death upon Him and died. Then He rose again to declare the innocence of God in the very same innocence that is possessed by God. If a person has died, and he is then born from that death, talking about the recreation, I am not talking about John 3 being born again, but if he is recreated, he can be innocent, even in the sense of the word of that he hasn't even done anything because the old man has died in Christ. If One died, then all are dead. (2 Corinthians 5:14) The Jew is dead. The Gentile has died. That whole system has passed away. Then when Christ was raised, a new man came forth. This new man is an innocent, blameless person, in this sense that he is not under the control, or enslaved anymore, to the Satanic System of works righteousness. That's it! And now this person can have access to eternal life should he believe upon the Lord. We are going to explain that.

When God made a living soul, which is us, a person, this is how a person works: This is the unique thing about a person is when he believes something, and let's say in this case which is true, when he believes something which is true, then that thing which he believes, enters him. When you study out a living soul, that word, soul, also means a heart. A heart is the belief system. It is actually a belief system that is alive and can manifest. So God made a person, a being, who can manifest life from his belief, if you want to go deep into what a living soul is. Then He says, "This being that functions from persuasion, a heart that is alive, that can find persuasion and manifest this persuasion in him, I will have to persuade him of who I am. Then, as he is persuaded of who I am, he enters into eternal life." That's what it is all about.

You may say, "Why would God create such a complicated being? What about this persuasion thing and all of that? Why all of that?" It is because God is like that. That is who God is. If you want a person to have immortality, as something inside him, he needs to be a being in whom God can dwell. God cannot dwell in something that is mindless. He cannot dwell in something that does not have a heart to believe. He cannot indwell a being who cannot perceive and see and understand and hear. He has to have a being that He can come and dwell in and so grant eternal life. If God comes and He dwells inside a being who cannot think, where will God think? If God comes and dwells inside a being who cannot feel, how will He feel? God created us beings having the ability to think, having the ability to feel, having the ability to reason, and all those kind of things, to come and indwell us with His reason, to come and indwell us with His persuasion, which He already had and possesses and indwell us. As that indwells in us, that truth, that Spirit of truth will then cause this body and this being, because we have been made a living soul, having the ability to manifest what is inside us and so we will spring forth into immortality. That is what God made.

So what God had to do, He sat with this big problem after the fall, is He had to persuade man to believe in Him again. He had to persuade man to come into His presence the way Adam came into His presence before the fall. But God sat with this problem that whenever He approaches man, man got scared. He would fall to the ground or he would run away or hide himself. He would say, "I am a man of unclean lips." He would confess and it would not be a natural situation. So God had to come and persuade man of who man is and what His plan is with man to the point that if man could hear this persuasion that when he is confronted with God, that he will stand boldly, not afraid, not scared. From that platform, God can then persuade a person's heart to have the same faith as what God has. As we have that we will find that we are made immortal by the indwelling of God in us.

Oh, my goodness, I just feel the presence of God, the Holy Spirit. I can experience Him on me right now. I can experience the wisdom of God in my heart and in my mind and in my mouth as I share these things with you! I want to tell you that we are dealing with holy things. We are dealing with things that are born out of God, that is so powerful that it can cause a human, even if he has died, to be raised from the dead.

God sat with this thing of, "How am I going to persuade man? How am I going to get man to a place where he can, if I call for him, if I say, "Adam", that he will not hide himself but that he will come boldly and say, with a boldness, "Yes, God, here I am!" Then have this God to influence him and love on him to the point that this immortality manifests in him. How will I get that right?"

We find that in the Old Testament, God spoke to people in many different ways yet none of them could see who God was. None of them could perceive who God really is. Some of them got a little bit of a glimpse here and a glimpse there. We can look at the lives of David and Elijah, Jeremiah, and Enoch, and people in the Old and we can look at them and we can see that they did understand something. Yet, if Jesus had to conclude what they actually understood about Him, in line with what He planned for man, John 10 is true where Jesus said, "Everyone who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers."

Jesus said some things that sound very horrible. He would say, "Anybody that ever came before Me are thieves and robbers and they could not lead the sheep out. They were climbing over the wall. They are thieves and the thief hasn't come but to steal, kill and destroy. So these people are thieves and the master thief has only come to kill, steal and destroy. What they tried to do cannot lead you into eternal life." That is what He was saying.

Jesus said something amazing. Peter came to Him and said, "Jesus, You will not die upon the cross. You will not die!" Jesus said, "I rebuke you, Satan!" So here is one of Jesus' apostles, one He loves, one He cares for, and He says, "I rebuke you, Satan!" Why? What Peter was saying there was born from the system of the devil. In the same way, if we want to behold the fullness of God by just reading the Old Testament and not seeing the New, it is going to rob us! It is going to steal from us and we will not be able to see what God has in store for us. We will not be able to find that immortality that God talks about and what He has planned for us.

When God comes and He says that everybody who came before Him are thieves and robbers, when John comes in John 1:18 and says, "No one has ever seen the Father but the Son has declared Him", what He is actually trying to communicate is the following: In the Old, although God tried to say it, people could not perceive who God really is and the true message of immortality and how it will take place could not be understood by anybody.

Then God said, "If I speak and call them and say to them, 'Come to the mountain and let Me speak to you,' then they arrive. If I want to be their God then they say, "Give me a king." They are always running away. There is a shame inside them and I need to take that shame away and portray My original message and who I am to them." You must remember that the people of the Old believed horrible things about God.

This afternoon I was setting up the broadcast as you do on YouTube and a video popped up. As it popped up I saw a prophecy about America on how God calls America a whore and the worst things and how God is going to destroy America. What a thing to say about God!!! To make Him out as a murderer, a destroyer, and all those kind of things! Now, if there are people today living like that, how much more did the people lived like that in the Old. They were just thinking that one day God wipes out everything and the next day He blesses! One day He is merciful and the next day He is not! One day He will show mercy to a nation and the next day if they violate the Sabbath by picking up sticks, He kills them. There was a confusion and God had to come and break through that confusion and speak in a language that is so powerful that when it confronts the human heart that the human will say, "Then I don't have to be afraid. Then I am innocent! I've been perfected! I can speak to God! I can face God! That is actually what it is all about. My goodness! This God is for me!" So God had to break through all that darkness and bring forth the light. This is what God wanted to do.

1John 5:11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

God has given us a record unto eternal life. What is this record, what is this word, unto eternal life? What does God say? What is He communicating? This is what God communicates: He says, "I will be born on this earth, innocent, without sin. Then I will take the sin of all people upon Me and I will not just take the sin of all people, I will take death itself on Me." God said, "If I can take a person like that who is inside all of the sin of all people and inside the death of all people and promise him eternal life that I will raise him up on the third day. And if I would raise him and then declare to the people that the sins that was upon this Man was their sins and to declare to the people that the death that was upon this Man was their death, since He was innocent and perfect and had none of His own sin, then these people can see what I'm talking about! They can see that it is not by your works and they can see that their sins and the death they are experiencing is not more powerful than My promise and they can conclude and say, 'Well if God could raise Jesus out of my sin and the death that was on Him, the sin that was on Him, the life that was on Him was my life, for He laid down His life and He became sin. He became what we were. The Bible says that we were darkness. He became that darkness and then He died. Then the people would be able to understand and comprehend, that their life of sin and death has died. Then I can raise him from the dead into immortality and they can boldly say, 'The only life I possess is this resurrection life which belongs to me. Therefore, immortality is mine by the promise of God.'"

That is what God was doing. He was trying to communicate a word to us and in communicating that Word, He was taking our sin away out of our minds and out of our belief because sin flooded our minds. Death flooded our minds and we were in a place where we could not come close to God. The only way that we would want to come close to eternal life is by doing good works and trying to live as long as we can on this earth.

I have said this before that if you want what God has promised by your good works, this is what you will have to do. You will have to love your neighbor, be kind, be merciful, be good, to the point that your physical body becomes younger because the promise is that we will have immortality. That is the promise.

Please hear me. I am not saying that we are not going to heaven. I'm not trying to hit on that. I am just trying to focus on what the Bible has said and what the Apostle Paul has preached and what Jesus tried to portray on the cross in the death and the resurrection. This is Easter. We are thinking of the death and the resurrection of Christ. We want to know why did He have to die. What does His death talk about? What is this death all about? This death is all about showing us that a man with all sin, that can take all death upon Him without trying to move a finger to save His own life and preserve His own life when the devil said to Him when He was upon the cross, through the guy who was hanging next to Him, saying to Him, "If You are a child of God, take Yourself off the cross. Save Your own life!" He said, "No, even if death is upon Me, even if all sin is upon Me, even if I became sin, it doesn't matter. I am not going to try to save My life because My reliance is fully in My Abba Who has promised Me that He will raise Me on the third day."

Then He said, "Death, bring it on!" And He gave His life. He gave up the ghost, He died. He died as a man that carried the sin of all people beating Him. He carried the sin of all. And when He died, the promise was stronger than all of the sin of all of the world and all of the death of all the world. God was trying to say, that the record we have in Christ, is that we can simply trust our Abba to give us immortality. We can come boldly. When Jesus was raised, we could see that my sin has died, my death has died. I'm innocent again. I can come boldly to the throne of Grace. We are the people of God. And as we come closer to the throne of Grace and believe upon this truth, we behold Jesus Christ, Who is our life! The Bible says, "Keep your eyes above. Look up to Jesus Christ Who is your life!"

So what happened is, when Jesus took my sin upon Him, He took His innocent life, laid it down and it became my life. Then He died that old life of mine away and He believed the Father on my behalf. He was raised up and now I can behold my life a glorified, immortal human. We can see the promise that the Father has that He can give me eternal life fulfilled. The only problem, if you call it as a problem, is that the only way that we can have that life, since we are individuals, is that we need to have our hearts persuaded. Now God came with a crystal clear word, where He declares the innocence of man and the immortality inside our life to us in the resurrection. When we see that, we say, "We have the blessed hope of the resurrection."

As I said last Sunday, the side effects of believing in this life, which is called the Spirit, the Spirit of life, or the Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of life, the Bible says that Jesus was raised by the Holy Spirit. When this Spirit of our forgiveness, when this Spirit of our immortality, when this Spirit of resurrection and the belief about being raised from the dead and having our physical bodies glorified, do you know what is going to happen? The side effects of that is love, peace, joy... it will have an effect on your body. It will have an effect on your flesh.

The first effect it has on your flesh is that the fruit of the flesh starts to manifest in you. Then you will also find the gifts of the Spirit of life manifesting in our flesh. We lay hands on the sick. We prophesy. We start to know things we could not know by our natural mind. We can all of a sudden speak a language that we have never been taught. It talks about the glorification of the body.

Now what the devil wants us to do is to take our focus off the glorification of the body, take our focus off this immortality and just say, "Well, Glory to God! Jesus took my sins and as long as He died for me I am happy and I am just heading to heaven." That is not God's plan!

God's plan is to take and show His plan. His plan was to take a physical man, who has all sin upon him, persuade Him that God is his Father. This physical man, even with all sin upon him, can only rely upon the Father. What will the Father then do? Since the Spirit of life, this promise of life that entered him, since we are living souls, as I explained, since our hearts are persuaded, we are a live belief system, or a belief system that can bring forth life. When that enters our hearts, what happens when we hear the word of God promised me life? Life has now entered me because my belief is now flooded with the revelation of life. What does that life now do? It animates, it makes alive, whatever was dead. Death was in our members and brought forth all forms of sin and all those kind of things. Now Paul comes and says, "My goodness, this life enters me and what do I see? I see that I am now a free man. Since I've been married to Christ, I am married to immortality in my belief. I am not married to the Law to gain immortality or to the Law to gain heaven or anything like that. I'm married to eternal life in Christ! Glory to God!" And you start to see the fruit of that.

I tell you, Church, as we start to look into these things, we will start to find great, great, power manifest in us. I have seen in the Grace circles, I find more of a sincerity, more of an openness of heart. People just saying, "This is who I am... not scared, not afraid of God and you find that holiness there. Yet in some other circles we find signs, wonders and miracles but people will lie about wonders and signs and they will lie about this and lie about that and there is not a purity there. What I see in the Grace church is we are not moving in those powerful things as what can happen. God is not threatened. He's sorting everything out. He's bringing us to a place where we can believe upon the truth where the truth can manifest in us. The last thing that I want is to go back to a place where I pray for the sick and find my identity in how many people get healed. That is sickening! I haven't been healed. Now I get healed from that and as I get healed from that we can find the power of the Lord start to manifest in us and things happen for true reasons and not because of the will of the flesh or something like that.

What I want to bring to you today is Christ has come to heal your flesh. Let us think of ourselves, although we have a spirit, we have a soul and we have a body, let us not think of ourselves in compartments: I am a spirit. I have a soul. I live in a body. The moment you do that you are in the middle of narcissism which John addressed in 1John. When you say that your spirit is okay so what happens in your body doesn't matter. No, it is not about, "Is your spirit okay? What happens in your body? Is your mind being saved?" or any of those kind of things.

The message that God has, this is the salvation message, that Jesus, took, became, sin and when He was raised, He was made new, completely! It was the person was saved in its completion and that is what God has for us. You might say, "Bertie, how does preaching about these things make my life better" Well, this is what the Scripture says and this is the truth, this is what God has come to bring to us. As we believe this, let us see what it brings forth in our lives.

Let me end off. Here is God and He says, "I make a man. I make a person out of dust. He comes from the temporal. I make him alive, innocent, sinless. Sin is not even an issue. It is not even part of him. He is made from God like that. God comes to this man and promises him eternal life. There is the tree of life. This man comes and believes a lie. The lie was twofold: You cannot trust God and you cannot die. That was what he believed. When he believed that lie, he entered into a place where he was afraid of God. God then came and said, "Let Me speak a language that can persuade his heart to believe that My promise of eternal life is his because if My promise of life can enter him, that is also called the spirit of life or the spirit of promise, when that enters him what will take place? Then his heart will be ignited with this life.

The Bible says, "I will give you of the living water, in other words, I will give you the message of life." Water is a Word. It is a message. A Word is also a Spirit. The Bible says that the Word is the Spirit or the Spirit is the Word. So when the message of life, that we can have immortality by the doing of God, enters our lives by we believing, that's how it enters, it's a persuasion of the heart, as it enters your heart, what happens then, what does God say then? Then this water of life will spring up into eternal life!

We have taken that springing up of life in us, as fountains of life flowing out of us, as praying in tongues. That's not what God said. Jesus said, "This water part of you will spring up into you this living water and it will spring up into eternal life and if you possess eternal life, that means the life that cannot end is inside your body and since it lives inside this body then this body will have the same attributes as that life and that is to be immortal. That is what it is all about. That is the plan of God.

When we look at this, we have to come to the place where we say, "Lord, teach us this. This might sound strange. It might sound a bit eerie. What is this really about? Is this true? Is this not true?" Let me tell you something: This is the truth! I have been in this for a long time but don't trust me for it. Go read the Scripture. Let the Scripture speak for itself. Don't take words like eternal life and death and put other words in there. When it says death, let it mean death. If it says eternal life, let it mean eternal life. If it says immortal, let it mean immortal. I mean, why do we have words if we have different meanings assigned to them all the time. Let's just read it.

God comes and He says, "I need to take this man and I need to persuade him." As God made a man, this man believed a lie and as he believes this lie, he enters a place of misery. God says, "I have promised you eternal life and I'm not breaking My promise. All that will happen is I am not willing to see you living in this torture, in this misery of having a life filled of bitterness, hatred, resentment, and all of that, and not having the ability to die. So what I will do is, I promise you and I am not breaking My promise. My promise is true and My promise continues but what I am first going to do is I am going to clean you up." And in this time man's mind was so far from God that he could not believe this Word of eternal life.

Here Jesus comes and He says to them, "You know, you just believe that one day, some of the Jews, you might become immortal but I want to tell you that I am the resurrection and the life. I am the life and I am the resurrection!" What He did was He shows man His promise. He took all of man's sin upon Him. He took all of man's death upon Him. This man that had it was there as me. He laid down His life and the life He had there when He became sin was ours and in the midst of that He believed the Father and didn't try to preserve His life but said, "The Father has immortal life and as that Spirit of Life, that belief, dwells in My heart, My body shall be immortal even if I die." Now we have a message that says, "Even if you die, you can be raised!"

Just a few weeks ago I buried my father-in-law and when you look at death, it is so final. When we look at sickness and all the equipment we have it's like, "How can a man ever... we cannot even conquer cancer in the medical world. We cannot even conquer Aids. We cannot conquer sugar diabetes. How are we ever, ever, going to conquer death! But here we see our life has died and has been raised. It is not a question of, "Shall we conquer it?" It has been conquered in Christ! That is the promise and now what is still the enemy to us is what we experience today. The Bible says, "The last enemy that will be conquered in my life and your life is death itself. Death is an enemy. Even if you die you will be raised. If you are not dead in the return of Christ, you will be changed and you will become immortal because Christ, Who is your life, will return. As He returns, this life will manifest in us.

You may ask, "Why does Christ take so long to return?" It's very simple: As people hear the Gospel, this message of the Spirit of life, it enters people and even if they die, it's okay. That Spirit has entered them and they will be raised. Glory to God! That's what I had for you today.

If you have any questions about this message, if you have anything in your heart about this message, please feel free to contact us at info@dynamicministries.com. Write a message in Facebook and send it. I will answer it as best that I can. I just know that this has really given me life.

As we end this time of Easter and we think of the death and resurrection of Christ let it spell life to us. You know what this has done for me? It has brought me to a place where I don't find my identity in what I wear, what I eat, what I drink, do I have a lot of money, don't I have a lot of money, do I fly first class, business class, economy... It doesn't matter! Does my car have a scratch or not? It doesn't matter! I come to a place where we don't say that we don't care but we are in a place where those things do not have a voice in us anymore. The voice that is to us is the voice of our resurrected Christ! Glory to God!

Last night as I was going through this message and reading and studying, I just realized that there are a magnitude of things that we don't even have a clue about... yet. But the Lord is sharing it with us. Yet everything that we don't know about, we already have so we are not coming short in anything! Glory to God!

Father, thank You so much that people can hear this message today and I thank You that every person who is hearing this message can say that he is a person, created as the dwelling place of God, and he can have life and immortality and we see Your message upon the cross. Thank You, Lord, that we can be with You!

Thank You, Lord, that You keep us safe. Thank You that You preserve us and that You will even preserve us onto the day of judgment. In the day of judgment, Your judgment will be executed, which is the manifestation of the fullness of our life in this body. That is our hope and thank You, Lord, as the Spirit of Life enters us, we find the effects of that life in us and we are enjoying it!

We are enjoying Your kindness We are enjoying Your peace. We are enjoying looking at the world system, and politics and everything, as not touching us. We are enjoying the peace that You are with us. We are enjoying the peace which You comfort us. We are enjoying the beauty of each other, on the earth, in the Church. We enjoy the pleasure of preaching. We are enjoying all of those benefits, like I said Lord, side effects of this life or manifestations, the first fruit of that life in us. Thank You for that, Lord! In Jesus' mighty name!