

SANCTIFICATION BY GRACE

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PRAYER: Father, I want to thank You so much for Your Word. I want to thank You for the love that You have for people. I want to thank You, Father, for the grace that You have given us. I thank You, Lord, that I can sit here outside in the beautiful nature and minister Your Gospel. Speak powerfully through me today Lord. I thank You that You minister to the need that people have, that You help them, that You encourage them, and that You deeply bless them. Thank You that I can feel that unction inside my heart as You live it. Thank You for that, Lord, in Jesus' mighty name. Amen and amen.

COMMUNION: When we have Communion, we are thinking and pondering upon what Christ has freely given us. We are thinking of His love for us. We are thinking of the innocence that God has given to man. We also meditate on the union that there is in the Body. The idea of the breaking of the bread was fellowship of people together in the body of Christ. The breaking of the body of Jesus, in its true context to the Jewish mind meant the ending of Judaism, the ending of Jew and Gentile, in the context of taking away sin through sacrifices and all those kind of things. I don't want to go and explain that now because it will be too long of a message to explain that. But what the breaking of the body actually means is that God took Jew and Gentile, declared them both sinners and then He came for sinners in the body of Jesus. He took the sin of the whole world upon Him. In doing that He united Jew and Gentile under the same title which is, "Not righteous by YOUR works," unsaved, meaning that you are unable to receive immortality or obtain immortality by whatever plan you have fabricated. That is what it is all about.

Then He came and He took that body and He broke that body and that body died. So the body of sin was then destroyed. That is why the Scripture says that God took and made of the two, one new man and reconciled that man back onto God. When we eat this bread and we drink this wine, we are celebrating that truth.

We are celebrating in the drinking of the blood, we are celebrating the end of the Jewish System. That's what we celebrate. I am not against Jews at all. I just feel about the Jewish System exactly the way Christ felt about it and He felt that He had to end that System. He came and He ended it, not because He was against any System. He was against the death it produces in people's lives and the fact that it was completely adequate to bring forth life into the lives of people. That is why it was ended. So we celebrate the end of that Old System. We celebrate the breaking of the Gentile, pagan, kind of worship, where they worshiped all kinds of gods where they believe that all roads lead to Rome. We come and we are celebrating the ending of the power of sin and death in our lives and we eat it unto the knowledge of the victory that Christ has given us. So as we eat this and drink the cup together, let's do it in remembrance of Christ as well as the knowledge of the union that Christ brought between people.

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

I thank God that His Gospel is not powerless! I thank God that His Gospel has life and His Gospel will bring forth life in the lives of believers all over the world. I just want to talk about the word that I mentioned in the lives of believers.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when you received the word of God which you heard of us, you received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually works also in you that believe.

That is a very powerful scripture. When we think of faith, when we think of belief, we have to come to the conclusion that it doesn't matter how true something is, it only has an effect on you and in you, when you believe it and this is what this scripture says. Paul comes and he says, "We thank God without end..." So look at the sincerity. Look at the holiness in the life of Paul that when he sees somebody takes the truth and believes it, that he finds that he cannot stop to thank God. He is so grateful because when you receive the Word of God, which you heard of us, you received it not as a word of men, but as it is, in truth, the Word of God..." This is what Paul was very thankful about. When he came and preached, he thanked God that these people didn't just receive the Word he preached as a word from man but that these people actually received it for what it actually was. It was a Word from God. When they received this Word from God, they then were then persuaded of its truth and then believed it. They believed God. The effect of that on the people's lives was, ***This Word of God effectually works also in you that believe.*** So it says here the Word of Truth believed is the power unto the manifestation of an effective life unto the ending of the flesh sin, the ending of death, the ending of the fruit of the flesh eventually resulting in immortality.

The reason why we preach the Gospel, the reason why we preach the Truth, in the hope that people will take it not as a word from man but as a word from God. It is because of this attribute that the Word, believed, has and that is that it will work effectively inside those who believe. In other words, it will have an effect and it will be effective to bring forth the full manifestation of the fullness of God inside earthen vessels. Glory to God! That is what it is all about.

When we can hear the Word of God, and our hearts can be persuaded of the Word of God, the Word of God will be effective in bringing forth life in us. That means that we are in a place where we don't have to try and bring forth good works in our lives. We are in a place where we can actually say, "The Word, the message of God, possesses the power to bring forth life in us. It almost sounds like God says, "My Word shall not return void unto Me." ***As the rain falls to the earth and brings forth fruit, so shall My Word not return void unto Me.***"

I want to say to you that if we can take this message of God's grace, the message of God's Word which is Jesus manifested, and we can see it as the Word of God, we can not just see it as Bertie's new teaching or Greg Henry's new revelation or Joseph Prince who says this or that, but we can come to a place where we see that the message is actually God's Word. The Creator of the heavens and the earth in whom all things consist and to whom all things are and it is His final conclusion. It is His Word. It is the only Truth from where all things flow, when that becomes a reality in our heart as we start to hear it from that perspective as the Word of God and not as, "What is this new revelation? Let me see what he says and what this other one says, without you having even making up your own mind about anything.

When we come to a place where we say, "This is the Word of God!" and when we hear the message of the Word of God and I would actually say, when we come to a place where we say, "Lord, I want to hear Your Word. I want to hear it as this Grace message that doesn't come from a rebel's heart who is against something or somebody who seeks a higher revelation or somebody who wants to build a ministry, but when I hear this, forgetting the man through whom the message comes, but I want to hear Your Word." When that happens and then your heart is then persuaded of that Word, then Paul comes and he says here and I then can come and say, "This is the conclusion we can come to that this Word will work effectively in your life. The Word will produce it.

What is the Word? Let me just quickly recap on this. What is the Word? The Word is the message of God conquering death in Jesus where God promises you life and immortality by HIS doing and that you will be a partaker of that life by simply trusting Him. This is the Word of God portrayed in Christ: That Jesus Christ can take people who have sin in their life, that He can conquer their sin, He can sanctify their life by His doing, by His Holy Spirit, without them trying to do it and that He will have that doing eventually result in being raised from the dead.

I'm at my father-in-law's farm and he passed away last week. I've come to do the funeral. I did it yesterday. As I did all of that, I had this hope inside me, that the Word that I could see was working in my father-in-law to the point that I could see in a man that never wanted to have anything to do with church, who didn't want to have a lot to do with Christianity. He actually told me, "Don't ever talk to me about God." Where a man like that became a man who could hug me with tears in his eyes and say, "Thank you for who you are." Could be a man that says, "Bertie, the Gospel you preach is the only Gospel that I truly know where I am qualified as saved." Where I could see a softness and a tenderness and a glory in his life as pertaining to the things of God. Where I could see Christ living in him. Where I could have a message yesterday where I could talk about how I saw Christ in the man. That is the effective working of the Word when we take the Word as not just a word from a man but as the truth of God, and then that Word will have its effect in our lives.

Here it is and I want to read it again: ***"...the word of God, which effectually works also in you that believes.*** It doesn't work in those who don't believe it. I just want to say this and it can settle something that pertains to universalism and saying that everyone is saved. Here Paul clearly says that the Word doesn't work in those who don't believe it. At the end of the day it is not about just what the Word says but it is about what the Word would accomplish, at the end of the day, because God's Word has a certain hope and that hope is your eternal life, your blameless heart before God in the return of Christ. Glory to God!

1 Thessalonians 3:

11 Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you.

12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:

13 To the end he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

What he is saying here is, he says, "The Lord..." and I want to put the emphasis on "the Lord" and I want you to read this passage with me, again, and I want you to see how many times it says what God will do, what God will establish, the effective working of His Word in us. In this and in this message, I would like to bring your heart to a place where you can say, "I can actually, safely, open up my life to more areas where I can expect God to bring forth fruit.

The moment we bring a message, and I found this many times, I found it in my own life, the moment we think of fruit, it is almost as if our heart wants to close doors because, “Oh, my goodness, this fruit thing is just going to bring disappointment again to my life where I will be seen as there is something wrong with me or where I will think, “Why is God not working with me? Why is God not with me? Is there something wrong with me?” Or I think that I must try harder! It will bring frustration and sin consciousness again. I found that in the lives of many Grace believers it's almost the moment we talk about fruit it's like a fear that wants to grab our hearts and we don't want to hear about fruit. We don't want to hear about any of that because of the pain that is associated with that.

I want to bring a message here that can cause your heart to have, what Paul was writing here, an expectation of God's working in us. Glory to God.

Let's read it again from verse 12: ***And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:*** He says “And the Lord makes you increase and abound.” The Lord makes you increase. So whose power are we talking about here when we talk about a new life? Is it our willingness to submit to scriptures? Is it our willingness to try and do good? Is it our willingness to be holy and live righteous and all those kinds of things? No! It is the Lord who makes you to increase and abound in love, one to another and to all people. So he says here, “You guys will find love for each other.” Remember, the Bible says that love is the fulfillment of the whole Law for He who loves will not harm his brother. So what Paul is basically saying here is that we don't have to fulfill any Law!” He is saying that something supersedes the Law, something that is greater than the Law, which is love, is what the Lord will make come forth in our lives by HIS doing. But how do we see this effective working unto the manifestation of life? It is by hearing the Word which I believe is the message, like I have defined, where God says, this is God's Word, “Trust Me and I will give you immortality.” That's God's Word from beginning to end and when you, even with sin in your life, can trust God, the effective working of that Word will bring forth love in your life, love for one another and for all people. Glory to God!

13 To the end he may establish your hearts blameless... So he says in verse 12 ***And the Lord makes you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:*** So the **Lord** will make them abound in love towards the Church and all people.

In the end, by Him bringing forth this love in your heart, He, verse 13, ***will establish your hearts blameless in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.***

What he is saying here is very simple. He says, “Listen, this is how it is going to work. Your heart, your belief system, can believe a truth but for it to be established in holiness means that God will persuade your heart by a Word, by the message that we believe. Then our heart will be established in God persuading our hearts through His Word and through the Holy Spirit. But that is one part of something that is established. But that establishment will broaden in this sense is that our hearts, our belief in the truth, will be established in the fact that God had said it with the confirmation of its fruit in our lives.

Let me read it again:

13 To the end he says the Lord will cause your life to be a life of love and then he says, and the end of this life of love is that **he may establish your hearts blameless....**

So what will He do? He says, "Listen, don't try to change your heart. Don't try to have a holy heart. Don't try to live righteous. Don't try to do any of those things. This is how it works: The Word effectually works in the believer. All you need to do, if you want to do something, is hear the Word as a Word not from man but from God. Hear the message of your forgiveness, the message of your innocence, the message of what God has promised in Christ and what He has portrayed in Jesus when He could take a man who carried the sin of all people and this man having the sin of all people of all ages, on Him, didn't have the sin that He was carrying tamper with His persuasion that He had of the Father, and that trust in the Father allowed the Father to raise a man from the dead who was carrying all sin. That is the message to sinners. That is the message to the whole world. God came and included all people under sin, by saying, "None of you were righteous. None of you have a way where you can attain eternal life by your works. Therefore, I have a promise to all sinners. This is what My promise is: You simply trust Me and rely upon Me that I can raise you from the dead and that I can cleanse your life and I can bring My life into you and share My quality of life with you." That is it!

When that takes place, when that trust comes from the Word, what will that Word do? It will effectively work in your heart and the first thing that it will produce in you is love for people.

I am not teaching you to say, "Go and love people." I am saying to you what the Word can produce as we believe this and what we can expect and what we can be ready for in the time to come.

1 John 4 :8 He that loves not knows not God; for God is love.

We would read that verse and say, "Oh, you see, you don't know God. You are on your way to hell!" No, what he is saying here is, "Let us allow love to flow through us, verse 7, **"... for love is of God; and every one that knows God, loves."** As you are knowing God, what you will find is an unction inside your heart to show love. But as this unction rises up inside your heart, you might still be in a place where, "Oh, my goodness, I don't know about this showing of love thing. That is not my way of living. My way of living was always selfish. My way of living was always about me, myself and I and what I can get out of these things. But as I find that I am starting to know God, as I start to experience God, and as I start to know who He is, I find this unction coming in me and God giving birth to loving me not just for the people around me but for all people." And this is what he says, "He who knows God, loves."

So as we are knowing this truth, as we are knowing this unconditional love of God ... I don't even want to call it the unconditional love of God... I want to call it the love of God that is not confused, the "unconfused" love of God. God's love never confused us with what we've done. He doesn't function from confusion. He functions from seeing, having who we really are, revealed in front of Him, and from there, He operates and from there He lives and from there He acts towards us.

1 Thessalonians 4

:1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus Christ, that as you have received of us how you ought to walk and to please God, so you would abound more and more.

What have they received of Paul in how they ought to walk? We can easily come and say that the way they ought to walk is now becoming a Law mindset... they must do this... they must do this. No! The way you ought to walk is very simple: Believe in the Lord, having a heart open, where you can see His Word working effectively in you, in love for one another. That is what Paul also demonstrated when he was among these people and that's how he lived towards them and he said to them, "This is how you ought to walk: Believe upon the Word of God to bring fruit to your life. That's how we ought to walk.

Thessalonians 4:

2 For you know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that you should abstain from fornication:

4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor;

5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such things, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

8 He therefore that despises, despises not man, but God, who had also given unto us his Holy Spirit.

What he is saying here? That can be such a verse of condemnation and guilt but what he is saying here finds its root in 1 Thessalonians 2:13, where he says, "... the Word will effectively work in you!"

Then he comes in Chapter 3: 12 and 13 and explains how this Word effectually works. He says that it will cause your heart to abound in love one to another as well as to all people. This love flowing, from a revelation of God, your heart gets established in the sense of... let me put it this way: it is not a Law mindset but it is what I call a confirmation mindset where I would come and say, "I believe that I am innocent before God. I believe that His work has washed away all my sins and I stand righteous before Him. I believe that! I am persuaded about that. My heart is established in that on account of what Christ has done for me. But as I believe that I might not see any fruit in my life so my heart is now established in my heart where I can actually say, "I believe the Word of God," and my heart finds its anchor in what God had said. But as time goes on and God's Word effectually works inside me, I start to find fruit manifesting in my life and now I find God establishing my belief in His Word that bears fruit in my life and verse 13 comes into being and it says, "***... to the end He may establish your heart blameless in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*** Here he comes and says, "This is the will of God!" ***:3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that you should abstain from fornication...***

He is not just talking about the fornication of going to the Law, but he is also talking about the fornication that is among brethren and people defrauding their brothers and sisters in things and treating one another in a bad way. He says, "Listen, this is what I want to tell you. You have received the Word of God. You have received the Word of God as a word that effectually works in you. This Word brings forth life in you and I want to encourage you to continue in this Word." That is why he says there: ***Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus...***

When he says furthermore, if you go and study it out, it means "from here on," in other words, "From

the System where God will establish your heart by His working and His doing in you where God will bring forth love in your heart, where God will do all these things by you simply relying upon Him where He has come and brought forth His Word of persuasion to you, where He has persuaded your heart, it says, "From here on." In other words, from this persuasion, on the mechanics of this truth, I want to tell you and I want to beseech you by what Christ has done and by His Word towards you on how you are to walk to please God.

How do we please God? I thought God was pleased with us. Let me put it this way: I'm pleased with my son and I am also pleased when I see him believing that I am pleased with him, for when he can believe that I am pleased with him as a person it will bring forth peace in his life. It will bring forth a good relationship between us. It will cause him not to try and please me by good works. When I see that fruit come to his life, it pleases me. So, we are pleasing to God and it pleases God to see a life that is born from a revelation that we are pleasing to Him, that we were so pleasing to Him that He gave His Son to us. It pleases Him to see His life manifest in us by His doing and not our own works.

So what he says here is, "I have come and I have seen you guys start to live in love for one another but I want to tell you that there is a "from here on".. something we can expect by the Lord Jesus Christ where we can actually abstain from fornication and sexual immorality, and all kinds of things that are still irritating us."

Last night I was speaking to Helena, and I was saying to her and to my mother-in-law, that there are certain things that frustrate me. I said that I am expecting God to help me there because I know that on my own I can never do it but I know that I take His Word, where in my heart is maybe not established in having the confirmation by seeing the fruit of that Word in a certain area of my life, yet my heart is fully persuaded by the Word God spoke in the Bible and by the Holy Spirit that convinced my heart. Yet I have an expectation that God will establish my heart blameless in holiness. In other words, my belief, what I believe, will be established in this life, manifested in this life, in the fruit that it brings forth. Others will see the Word of God is established, found its proof by manifestation in my life in the return of Christ. So when Christ returns, we will see all of these things and in this time up until then, we will see all of the fruit come into our lives. The last fruit we will see is the conquering of death which will be immortality in our lives.

There are some things and some situations that are very frustrating to me and I said that the reason it frustrated me is because of the Law that is in my mind and the logic that is in my mind about certain things. It is just the way it is. You might have certain things like that. Somebody, for instance, who is not tidy, may frustrate the life out of you. Somebody that is lazy may frustrate the life out of you. Somebody that doesn't keep good time might frustrate the life out of you and you might say, "I feel I'm dying in the presence of these people! God, You need to help me!"

This is the kind of place where we come and we can say, "I've got a Word that is sure and that is true where God could raise a man who carried the sin of all people upon Him, who carried the curse of all people upon Him, that simply just trusted the Father. The Father could raise Him into immortality and put Him at the right hand of the Father, not by His doing! He wasn't raised by any of those things. He was raised by the glory of the Father and not the glory of His works when He was upon earth.

He was raised and now that is the sure word wherein my heart is established wherein my life shall also

be established and where my heart can be established in the confirmation of His Word as well as where my heart can be established in the earth when I can be recorded in history as a man flooded with the goodness of God. That will be done by Jesus Himself and I just say, "Father, I am saying that if You can raise Jesus from the dead, who carried the sin of all people, and He just trusted You and that is the Word for me, how much more can You not raise me out of this frustration. How much more can You not raise me out of this. I'm not trying to get that to manifest today. I'm resting and relying upon God and He will bring it forth even in the day of our Lord, Jesus Christ, when He will prove this immortality in our lives. Glory to God!

God comes and He says: 1 Thessalonians 4:3 ***For this is the will of God, even your sanctification,*** The sanctification doesn't just talk about the sanctification of our belief. He talks about the sanctification of our belief in 2 ***Thessalonians 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth...***

He comes and says that there is a sanctification of the Spirit, it comes from the Spirit of your belief. So there is a sanctification of belief but I want to tell you, Church, there's a hope for us. This is not just a sanctification of a belief. This includes a sanctification of life, a spirit wherein we live. When the Bible talks about the spirit wherein we live, it also talks about an attitude where we manifest, live our lives, towards people. One day I will preach about the different forms or the different manifestations of the Spirit. Spirit also talks about the Spirit I am in or the spirit the Lord walked in was loving the people, healing the sick and all of that and He can sanctify my spirit. Where I may have been walking in a spirit of anger and frustration or all of that, we can be sanctified. How? By Him!

So this is the will of God... our sanctification. I want to say to you and this is the whole reason why I preach this, is not to say, "Well, I better be sanctified in my life now because that's what Christ has given us." No, it is to prompt your heart to a place where it can feel safe enough to say, "I also allow God to enter that area of my life to as He has sanctified my belief by the truth, He can sanctify this as well and as effortlessly as He has done this and I have only enjoyed this, He can also do it in the other areas of my life. Glory to God! That's why I minister this.

I'd like to encourage you to listen to this message a few times this week. As you listen to this over and over, say to God, "Lord, speak to me. You bring forth Your truth to me", you will find it just brings peace and He will start to bring forth that sanctification of life as well, or sanctification manifested. Glory to God! Isn't it wonderful that we can clearly see that God made it His responsibility and He took upon Him to sanctify us and He has taken it upon Him to bring forth that holiness and that righteousness in us and to establish us in His return! Isn't it beautiful! Glory to God.

Let us just prayer: Father thank You so much for Your Word. Thank You for Your Gospel. Thank You for Your love for all people. Thank You for this internet Church and that we can love one another, care for one another and just experience the love of Your truth manifesting in us, in Jesus' mighty name! Amen and amen!

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