

THE GOSPEL OF PAUL

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GREETING AND PRAYER

Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus. It's such a blessing to come to you with this message of Grace and just encourage you with the love of God. What a blessing to know that you are sitting in front of your computer, as maybe an individual or as a family and gathering around the Gospel of God's grace.

If you are watching for the first time, I would like to welcome you to this web cast and I know that you are going to be richly blessed.

Today I am starting a series on the book of Galatians. We are just going to look at Galatians and just the historical background and everything inside that and learn from it as much as possible. So welcome everybody who has been slotting in regularly. Thank you for slotting in. Dynamic Love Web Church is the vision we have is to be a Grace based Web Fellowship that gives proper pastoral care as well as quality teaching to people who don't have a Grace based church in their area and to just bring people via a social media to a platform where they can fellowship and know each other from the platform of God's unconditional love, mercy and grace.

Let us just pray together and start this service in prayer:

Father thank You so much that we can be here together in prayer. Thank You, Father, for the opportunity that I can sit here and broadcast a message all over the world that is the Truth and that can really impact the lives of so many people. I thank You that You use me powerfully today.

I also think of people who are watching right now and have pain in their body, sickness, distress, is going through marital difficulty and just have difficult times. I thank You, Father, that You encourage them. I thank You, Father, that Your Spirit touches them and that through this message that is preached today and the fellowship they can have that they will be deeply impacted. Amen and amen

COMMUNION

We start our service by taking Communion together. The reason we have the Communion is simply because we are discerning the body of Christ. We are seeing the body of Jesus broken. We are seeing His blood that flowed. We are seeing the victory that came through Christ but we are also discerning the body in the sense of we are knowing that human beings are the body of Christ. We show our love and respect for each other and we are thinking of the value of others when we partake of this body and this blood.

The vision that I have is that in our Web Fellowship, is that we will gather in small groups at houses, be it just a family, be it just 3 people, 5 people, 10 people, gathering in groups taking Communion together, ministering to one another and basically have like small satellite churches all over the world providing a local place where people can fellowship and just receive pastoral care.

Yesterday we had a conference here. There are some Grace churches in the area here in Cape Town, in Stellenbosch, Malmesbury, and the whole area here. We got some of these Grace churches together and we were just fellowshiping around the Gospel. I and three other people taught. It was just four sessions, it was a one day, whole day, event. The beauty of it is just to see like-minded people fellowshiping around this same message, the message of Grace where we learn from each other, where we encourage one another, and just that togetherness is beautiful! It's the same thing in our Web Fellowship. Let's see this as a togetherness and let's have togetherness at our houses. Invite a friend over and watch the message together. Glory to God!

The Lord, Jesus, the night that He broke the bread and He broke it and He said, "Eat. This is My body broken for you." What He was saying was, "I give My life to you! I see you as valuable! My life belongs to you.

Then in the very same way with the blood that speaks of the end of the Old Covenant, where we actually receive forgiveness or deliverance or separation from the Old Covenant and we are put in the New, when we don't have life by our works but by what God has promised us.

When we take the bread and the body, we think of the body of Jesus. But if you first think of 1Corinthians 11:28 where it says that these people took the Communion and they did it not discerning the body, bringing condemnation to themselves and some were already sick and some already died because of this, what does that mean? Does that mean that I must be sinless when I partake of this? No, I believe the context there was that there were people who were getting drunk at the Communion. There were thinking it was just a normal meal and they never discerned that the body of Jesus that was broken spelled the end of this whole hierarchy thing between the rich and the poor, Jew and Gentile. There were some people that were drunk and overeating while others were hungry and poor.

What he was saying was, "Because you cannot see that Jesus' body was broken for all people and that brings equality among all people. That we are not living under this jurisdiction of the Law wherein there is all these categories of who is holier than who and all those kind of things, where there is division between nations and all of that. If you can't see that ending, that it has ended, discerning what happened to the body of Christ, we won't even care for one another. We won't even pray for a sick person or give some medicine to someone who is ill or help him to get to the doctor. In that way we can find people being poor, people being sick, and even some people had died before their time because we are not caring for one another, not having the revelation of the equality that came and the love that there is for individuals. All of a sudden we don't see the sick as being cursed. We see the sick as the people being in need to be cared for and loved, because we are not living in the Old Testament way.

So, as we eat this bread together we eat it in remembrance of Jesus Christ. We eat the body together and we drink the blood together. As you do it in your house, while this next song is going to play, minister to one another, give a prophetic word, love on one another and enjoy the Communion.

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(This is the first in a series on the letter to the Galatians. In this teaching, Bertie explains the importance of understanding context in reading scripture. He also explains the SPIRIT in which the letter was written. This will help you greatly in understanding the letter to the Galatians and give you valuable tools on how to read the Bible.)

Welcome! Today we are going to talk about Galatians. I am just going to go through Galatians verse by verse. Obviously I can't go through the whole of Galatians. I don't think I will get through the first chapter but I just want to lay a foundation on what was happening in Galatians and it is important for us to understand that.

As a start, I want to explain to you from what foundation I read the Bible and how I interpret Scripture, how I see Scripture and what I read this from. I read the Bible from the perspective that God is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I think that is very important for us to understand that Elohim, the more than one God, the family orientated God and that God has come and created man to be in His image and in His likeness and that the promise of God towards man was that God can give, freely, eternal life to every person.

Something happened because of what Satan had done that man could not trust God to give him eternal life as a free gift. When man believed the lie that Satan told, telling man that you cannot actually trust God, that you can have eternal life by your own works and so be like God. When man believed that and walked in distrust towards God that God could freely give it to him, God had to come and restore the faith of man so that man can believe upon God and so give God access to the life of man to give man eternal life for free.

Let me summarize that and I think that when we read the Bible from that perspective, the perspective of eternal life, the perspective of how the fall actually took place and all those kind of things, we can see the Salvation plan, we can see the context in which a lot of things were written in the Bible.

One of the biggest things in the time of Paul and the apostles was the resurrection of Jesus, His death and His resurrection. The greatest thing that happened to them was, or what they saw as the greatest thing ever, was the resurrection. It was not so much the death but the resurrection and what the resurrection meant to them. Now, what the resurrection meant to them was that God can raise the dead to immortality out of all sin, even if you possess all sin and have all death and you believe the Father that God can raise you from the dead and that hope gives us a brand new life! We know that the Bible says that the Law cannot make anything perfect but a new hope makes everything perfect! So if we want to see perfection come to our lives, if we want to see this perfection, that we have received in Christ, manifest in our lives, it's not going to come by the works of the Law. It's going to come by the new hope, by the new hope that was given to us. Remember what the Scripture says that nothing is made perfect by the Law but by the brand new hope things are made perfect.

Hebrews 7:19 *For the Law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did.* So what brings perfection.... **a better hope**. What is this hope that Paul was talking about? What is the context of the hope? The hope is very simple. The hope is immortality. What is immortality? What is eternal life? We have looked at a scripture in the Bible that says, ***And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. (John 17:3)*** and we thought that if we had **knowledge** of what Jesus has done, that is eternal life. No, just having **knowledge** of what Jesus has done is not eternal life!

When we believe upon the Father and we **know**, meaning, we become intimate and intertwined with what God has done, we possess eternal life. Because we have that eternal life, it shall manifest in something called, immortality. So, eternal life is not completed or hasn't had its full function or its goal unless we see immortality manifested in our lives. That is what God has come to give us and that is the foundation from where we are going to read Galatians. We are going to read Galatians from where we cannot be perfected by the flesh meaning **we cannot attain unto immortality by the flesh. We can only obtain it by the promise of God and by the resurrection and by the Father!** That is what we are going to read and I think it is a good thing to just walk through the Bible in a certain way and just go and read Galatians and some of these passages verse by verse and just see it, interpret it in a practical way where we can see how the finished work of Jesus was written down by the Apostle Paul.

In summary, for this first part of this message: God made man to be in His image and in His likeness. Man didn't trust or believe God and fell to a place where they couldn't trust God for eternal life therefore they wanted to have eternal life by what **they** do and tried, by their good conduct, to save their own lives to never dying, living forever. That is the foundation of it all. **Jesus Christ had to come and His work was to fulfill what God wanted Him to do which is to win the hearts of man, to appoint where man could have enough reason to believe and trust God that God can give eternal life to man. That's it! That is how simple it is. That is the simplicity of the Gospel.**

Let us start with Galatians 1. One thing we need to understand about interpreting Scripture is, yes, we need the Holy Spirit to explain these things to us and to teach it to us. If we have the Holy Spirit we will easily see and easily understand what is written in the Bible. But let me explain what that means to have the Holy Spirit because we have had this thing about the Holy Spirit as we have this supernatural goosebump kind of a feeling that comes over us and now we can see meanings in scriptures that the writer never even intended and now we see the meanings and from there and alleluia, the Holy Spirit has revealed something to me and we get what I call, Strong's Concordance revelations, where we take one word for grace and we take it everywhere. We read it in one sitting and think that was the letter that was written and we don't understand.

A very important to understand the Bible is that we have the Holy Spirit Who is the vital principle that I have just laid down now before we read this scripture. This is the principle: **God gives eternal life as a free gift. He gives holiness as a free gift and that we don't live by our works. God is the One who is going to fulfill the promise of eternal life. That is the spirit wherein this letter was written.** So if you have that spirit and you read this, you will understand what it says. It's like a love letter. If I write my wife a love letter, and we are both in love with each other, and I write it, the language that I use is written from the spirit of love. Should she have the same spirit of love, she will understand what I am saying because what we believe, and the spirit we are in, is what we see.

The spirit of God is called the spirit of life. What does this life talk about? It's all connected to Genesis 3 where God said, "If you eat of this wrong tree, you will die." Of that death, the death of having life by your works, they will pass away. And they did die. Now God has come to restore life and the spirit of life is the spirit that showed forth who and what that spirit is by raising Jesus from the dead. That is what that spirit of life is. So if we are in the spirit of life, the spirit of the resurrection, the spirit, or let me call it this way, the teaching of God giving life and immortality to man, we will understand what is written here in Galatians, for that is the spirit wherein these things were written. That is the basic foundation in the heart of Paul from where he defended his Gospel, from where he explained who he stands for and what he stands for. Amen, that's the first thing.

The second thing is if we read it in English, we need to understand English. That sounds like a very foolish thing to say but if you want to read a letter that is written to you in English, you need to understand English. You need to understand the English language. You need to understand how English works and you need to be able to just ... when you do a comprehension test... I remember when I was in school we did these comprehension tests. Sometimes I would get 15% for the comprehension test but that means that I hadn't comprehended anything. Other times I would get 80% but I would have read everything. One time I would get good marks and other times I would get bad marks, all depending on if I understand and remember what was written. That is such a basic principle but that is what we need to understand. You need to understand English. You need to understand that Paul wrote a letter to people. He didn't try to spiritually write it down. There were real things in real life that he wrote to and how would you understand this letter if you were in one of the churches in Galatia and Paul wrote you this letter? How would you read it? What would you hear? It would be the same way if we write a letter today. That is what I mean by just understanding the basic understanding of this, understanding basic English and just read what is written there. That is what we are going to do. We will start in the first verse:

Galatians 1: Paul, an apostle, (not of man, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead:) Here Paul comes and he says something very important about who he is. Now as we read chapter one, we are going to find that there was a dispute about the authenticity of the apostleship of Paul. We can learn a lot from chapter one and from Galatians on how to deal with situations when people falsely accuse us. One of the worse things that can happen to us is if we are falsely accused. Many times we would say, "Well, if I was just really guilty then suffering like this and being persecuted like this, this would have been good." No, if you are really guilty and people lie about you, if you are really guilty people cannot lie about you, and you are just receiving the just reward for your actions. But persecution is defined when people are actually saying something falsely about you, lying about you, bringing pain that you do not deserve. We can see how Paul stood in defense of the truth yet he didn't have his life based on what these other people said.

I've seen this thing, about being falsely accused, destroying people's lives where people can not just get over what people have said. Like with me, I have been accused of being an Universalist, for instance. At the beginning it was difficult for me to hear that but I also knew that they would say false things about other preachers and the apostles and Jesus Christ and then just forget about it and continue with your life.

Here Paul comes and in defense of who he is as an apostle he said, "I am an apostle and I didn't receive my apostleship of men." What he was trying to say is, "I didn't receive my apostleship from Peter, Paul, James, or John or any of those guys. I am not an apostle of any movement. I'm not of men, neither by man but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, Who raised Him from the dead."

Did you see the foundation from where Paul starts here? He comes and he says, "Listen, man, the message that I have, I didn't get it from a man. I got it from God, the One Who raised Jesus from the dead!" That is very important in all of Paul's letters. Here is the resurrection and here he even starts, he says, "Jesus was raised from the dead!" We will see later on that he basically says that this Jesus that was raised from the dead appeared to him and because of this Man that was dead, which I believe Paul believed that Jesus' body was stolen. I don't have proof for that but I'm sure we can extrapolate from one of the verses here, that Paul had to believe that Jesus' body was stolen by the disciples and there was a false message going out. But then Jesus appeared to him and through the appearing, the whole thing that God raised a man from the dead, dawned on him and the power of the promise of eternal life!

We must also remember that Paul was a pharisee. The pharisees believed in the resurrection, that there would be a resurrection, and all of a sudden here is a resurrection after three days and he knew the Man was dead. That is what Paul is coming with. He is saying, "Listen, I got this message from God Himself. He said:

:2 And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia;

:3 Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ,

:4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

:5 To whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

What is he saying here? First thing he is saying, "I greet you as a man that received the message I've received from God Himself, the resurrection of Christ. The fact that Jesus was raised and this resurrected Jesus spoke to me, is the foundation of my gospel.

So Paul wasn't sitting with all the teachings that apostles received while Jesus was on the earth where he could get mixed up with laws and regulations and rules and all those kind of things. His number one revelation wasn't even what Jesus has done when Jesus was on the earth as pertaining to signs, wonders and miracles. What He has done, what Paul saw was the greatest thing about the Gospel, where his Gospel started is, "A man was raised from the dead and He appeared to me on the road to Damascus!" That's where his Gospel starts. That's where his encounter with God starts and I believe that is why I came and I explained to you guys why we first need to look at God as a God that gives life, that raises the dead, when we start our Gospel with God that can raise somebody from the dead who carried the sin of all people. The man that was seen by Paul as the greatest sinner was Jesus.

I'm not talking about Paul when he said, "I am the chief of all sinners." But think of Paul while he was persecuting the Church, he was persecuting followers of Jesus. So, to him, the Christians were evil. The leader was this Jesus. So he must have been the worse cult leader in the eyes of Paul, the sinner of all sinners. And all of a sudden, here this man was raised from the dead, conquered death! And He came and said, "Paul, Paul, why are you persecuting Me? I know there is something going on in your heart that who I am. There must be some truth, supernaturally the Holy Spirit is putting in your heart. Why are you persecuting Me?" And he sees how Jesus who was raised from the dead and fully identifies Himself with physical people who Paul persecuted. And Paul got a revelation through that and the revelation he got through that is, "Oh, my goodness! There is now a harmony between God and man. A man was raised from the dead and this man, raised from the dead, calls the Believers, calls the people, His very body! So I can only conclude that this One who was raised from the dead will also manifest in resurrection power in these people that I am persecuting!" That's where Paul's Gospel started. He started with a revelation of the resurrection. He started with the revelation of immortality and eternal life.

The sad thing that I see is that the Church, for many years, even in Grace circles, the resurrection is just something we calmly say, "Alleluia, Jesus was raised." We don't know what it means. We don't know what it implies but here we can see the Apostle Paul having the spirit of life and right in this spirit of life it started there with the Father raised Jesus from the dead.

He said, "**Grace and peace to you.**" What is Grace? What is Grace in the eyes of Paul the Apostle? Next Sunday I can touch a little bit more on this but the word, Grace, there talks about the Godly influence upon the heart of man that can manifest God's life in man.

If you read **John 6**, and I preached this last Sunday, they asked Jesus, "*What shall we do to fulfill all of his works of God?*" and Jesus said, "*This is the Work of God, that you believe in Him whom He had sent.*" Then if you read on in **John 6** it says, "*That you believe that He can give you eternal life.*"

So what is the work of God? What is this influence of Jesus? Jesus came to influence man to the place where man can believe that God can raise the dead to the point where man can actually trust Jesus to give him immortality, or eternal life, as a free gift. So the grace of God is the influence of God upon people to the point that people's hearts can trust and believe onto eternal life and then God manifesting that life in people. So, this is what Paul is saying: he connects Grace definitely to eternal life and I'll prove that to you with other scriptures as we go on. It says:

:3 *Grace to you and peace* (peace there is the word, harmony, talking even about peace between individuals; harmony, where there is no indebtedness, where there is harmony. So it says,) ***Grace to you and harmony from God the Father and our Lord, Jesus Christ.***

:4 *Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God our Father:* (He said that Jesus has come to influence us and this message that I give you is from the Father and from Jesus and He has given His life to deliver us from this present, evil, world.

So what was he talking about when he was talking about this present evil world? He was talking about the whole world system including the Judaism that he was accused of. Paul wrote Galatians because he was accused of preaching that you had to be circumcised AND believe in Jesus to be a partaker of the Messianic reign. Now Paul comes and he says, "Listen, Jesus gave His life to deliver us from this present evil world (the word, evil, to be full of labor and hard work), this present evil age, this present evil world. It even talks about the whole world system on how the world is governed. He came to deliver us from that, that we would want to have life by our politics but that we will have life by Christ and Christ in us. That we will have life, not by the Jewish System and joining the Law and Grace, but where we only live by the Grace, the influence upon our belief that we can actually trust that God can raise the dead! Alleluia!

It says, This redemption from the evil world is ***according to the will of God and of our Father.*** What is the will of God? This is the will of God: That not one will be lost that is given to Jesus but that each one shall be raised up in the last day. Isn't that what John 6 says? That's exactly what it says!

He says, "I want to deliver you from the world according to the will of God which is to raise you from the dead." Now, the moment that we as the Church start to get knowledge from the resurrection from the dead, healing of the flesh... I'm not talking about being healed from sickness and disease. I'm talking about being healed from the Law System that we live in. As we are healed from that, as we realize that is what Jesus came to heal us from, He came to heal me from the Law. He came to heal us

from the Law System and its fruit. He has come to have a divine influence upon my heart where He can have access to my life, through my belief, to bring forth His life in me. When we can start to believe that, we will find that our minds, our heart, our subconscious mind, is so much more open to the fruit of the Spirit, the passion that God gives us. Alleluia! And we will see the fruit of God manifesting in our lives.

So here he comes and says that He has delivered us from the Law System because it kills us. And He has come to bring us to the place where the will of the Father, which is defined in **John 6: 40** *And this is the will of Him that sent me that everyone who sees the Son and believes on Him may have everlasting life that I will raise him up at the last day.*

So what is the will of God? That we can have eternal life! That we can have the life that is possessed by God. In other words, if we receive eternal life, which is the life that comes from the Holy Spirit, even if we die, we will never die because, now let me explain that. I am not talking about a spirit going to dwell in heaven. I'm saying that I have eternal life. We have eternal life in our bodies and if we possess it, then we have access to an undying human body in the return of Christ. This is what this whole thing with the Apostle Paul was all about... life and death. It was all about having immortality.

I have seen that it is a difficult concept for us to understand yet it is very simple. Because we have been so programmed with prosperity, wealth and whatever gospel (and I'm not against prosperity. Thank God for prosperity. If it wasn't for financial prosperous people and people who are generous, we couldn't build studios. We couldn't travel the world. We couldn't preach the Gospel. I couldn't have the camera I have and the computers and live in this world. I mean, we thank God for generosity and thank God for prosperity but we have been so conditioned into the end goal of the Gospel as having more money, having health and having prosperity and having all the things of the world by the power of the resurrection, that when I come to you and I say to you, when God comes in the spirit of prophecy and He comes and He tells the world, "Listen, Church, listen to Me! This is not about money. This is not about your stand in society. It's not about honoring people because of the greatness of their income or any of those things. It's not about the typical prosperity, health, wealth gospel. It's about being raised from the dead in immortality and life. It's not a heaven and hell thing. It is a life or death thing. When God comes to us with that it is difficult for us to understand.

When I was in the Dutch Reformed Church, I grew up and we had our confession of faith every Sunday. One of the things we said was: We believe in the physical resurrection of Jesus. We said that every time and I find that for Dutch Reformed people in South Africa, it is very easy to believe in this because Jesus was raised from the dead and we said it every Sunday and that's what we expect. It also said there: We expect the resurrection from the dead for our own bodies. We said that every Sunday . That is just part of the Nicene Creed which explains that. Now, let me not get off the point. I need to finish this up.

He says in **Galatians 1:5-6** *To whom (this God) be glorified forever and ever, amen. I marvel that you are so soon removed from Him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel.* What is he talking about here? He is not saying, "I am marveling that you are falling away from God." That's not what Paul said. Paul said, in verse 6: *"I marvel that you are so soon removed from him (with a small letter h) Paul TALKING ABOUT HIMSELF!) that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel. Verse 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. So what he said is, "I have called you into this Grace of Christ!"*

What is the Grace of Christ? That God influenced man to the point of resurrection. "I've called you

into this. I've called you into the place where God influences your belief into the message where you can believe that ALL sin has been conquered! ALL death has been conquered! That freedom from sin is mine as a free gift and that the resurrection is mine as a free gift and that I can simply trust God to bring forth holiness, righteousness as well as immortality in my body. "That is it! That is what Paul is saying. It is very simple and he says, "I am amazed that you are deserting me, the Apostle Paul, so quickly!"

I've seen that in my own life as well. You would come and you would preach a message to people and they would be so amazed, so Alleluia! Glory to God! Then somebody else comes and it just looks like they have a little bit more power or a little bit more authority or a bigger car, or a jet or whatever. They come and they say things like, "Yes, you have to tithe to be blessed!" And then you kind of think, "Well, who is Bertie now!" In the very same way is what Paul was saying here. Paul loved the people he preached to and that is how it is supposed to be with preachers... not to love what the people can give you when you preach to them but when you can see people get, and this is how I am in my heart as well, when I see people get into this Grace message through me. When I've called them into the Grace message, God, through me, speaking to people, and I see them getting into the gospel of Grace, there is a connection in my heart with those people.

Paul comes here and he says, "*... I marvel that you are so soon removed away from him (ME, talking about himself) that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel. :7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. :8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.*"

"*Let him be accursed.*" So when we preach the gospel of Grace, Church, and let me end off with this, when we look at this, we see Paul falsely accused. We see Paul seen as not a "true apostle of Jesus". (We will get more into that next Sunday.) We see Paul going through a tough time. He was being lied about. If you read on you will see that they basically said because Timothy was circumcised and Paul was now preaching the circumcision and he just wanted to please the people in Jerusalem. He comes up and he says, 'No, it is not like that. This is what I believe. I believe that what I preach is so true that even if I change my mind, you must call me accursed for **this Jesus APPEARED to me! I see the power of resurrection!**"

So the stability of Paul's belief was the appearing of Christ to him. This we read in verse *11: But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is after no man.* (I didn't receive this of man. I'm not preaching Peter's gospel. I'm not preaching James' gospel. I received this from Jesus! It says:

12: For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. Now we see that revelation of God as, God gave Paul a revelation. That's not what Paul is talking about there. That word revelation means appearing. He said, 'The revelation I have or what I know, I received by Jesus who appeared to me! That's why I preach Christ and Him crucified!"

The Bible goes on in Acts and says that Paul preaches the resurrection. He came and what was important to Paul was he preached a man that died and was raised and that man included us so that we can have a new hope for no Law can make anybody perfect but the hope of eternal life brings forth things in our lives unto holiness and unto righteousness. That is what Paul is saying there. So, Christ appeared to him. He says, in verse 13, *For you have heard of my conversation in time past...* "I was a Jew. I persecuted people but then Christ appeared to me."

In summary, what can we take from this? When people say things falsely against you, stand for what is

true and don't let your life fall into pieces because people lied about you. Go and state your case. That's it. Just say what is the truth for those who want to hear it. And that's it!

Second thing we can take here is the resurrection is of utmost importance since the spirit is called the spirit of Life and when we read the Bible, it was written and inspired by the spirit of Life. When you have that spirit of Life and you can just read simple English, you'll understand what the Bible says for it is written in the context of giving man immortality in the resurrection of Christ, the eternal hope.

Lastly, Paul comes and he says that what he received by a revelation of Christ and he is amazed that people, so soon, fell away from this message where Grace is given freely unto the Law. So I want to say this to you: Don't fall away quickly from the message of Grace, from the message of Grace, not as the Law System. I said it yesterday as well. My goodness I wish I could just preach another hour now. Church, we have defined Grace inside the parameters of Law... even in our Grace definitions. We have this thing that God came to, basically, to do all our work for us and then because He did all the work that the pharaoh demanded, therefore we now have freedom from the pharaoh. No, it doesn't work like that.

The word, Grace, is the influence to immortality, that which Christ has done so that I can believe I can become immortal. That is it! Let us not fall away from those who called us into that Grace message. .. the grace of immortality... the grace of I can believe. What did God have to do in order for us to believe that He can raise the dead? That we can believe that we can have righteousness as a free gift? That we can have eternal life? Very simple! He had to take our sin and put it on a body, allow that sin to have its full work which is unto death (Jesus obeyed even unto death), and then let that Jesus believe in Him and let us see what He would do with a man that trusted Him and didn't move a finger to bring forth eternal life to himself. And what happened? Jesus was raised from the dead and when He was raised as a human, He appeared to the Apostle Paul and He said, "You are persecuting Me when you are persecuting these people and I am raised from the death, meaning this resurrection belongs to these people as well! Alleluia!

That's the message I have for you today. We are just going to walk through Galatians and I believe we are going to still see some wonderful gems that comes forth as we dig into this word. .. gems that have always been there!

I would like to use this opportunity to pray for you right now. There might be people who just need prayer or if you have never received Jesus as your Savior, this is the opportunity to do it now. I would like to ask you to contact any of our Web pastors after this service and they will get back to you and just minister to you as pertaining to receiving Jesus as well as healing.

Let us pray together.

Lord, Jesus Christ, thank You that I can be here today. Thank You for loving me. You have come to give me eternal life. Your life is mine! I have the hope of immortality and You love me dearly. Amen!

If you want to receive the Lord as your Savior, all you need to do is say, "Lord, I believe You! (You receive Him as the One who saved you! You don't have to be scared of the return of Christ. Nobody is scared of a life saver. We are saved from death.

If you have enjoyed this message, I want to just ask you to share it with your friends. In doing that people's lives are deeply impacted. Thank you so much!

