

THE PEACE OF CHRISTMAS

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PRAYER

Father, I want to thank You so much for Your grace and Your mercy and Your kindness and the love that You have towards us. Thank You that You have extended Your hand towards us and You have come to save our lives. You've come to preserve our life. You've come to give us Your eternal life. It's beautiful to see what You have come to do! Thank You Holy Spirit that You speak powerfully through me today and touch every person that is watching this message right now.

COMMUNION

As our custom is we have Communion every Sunday. During the Communion we just think upon the finished work of Jesus Christ and what He has done for us and how He has reached out to us and what He accomplished in His death and resurrection. The best news is bad news if it excludes us. The Gospel is the message where we are included into the holiness and the righteousness of God, free from our works.

If you are watching this for the first time and maybe friends have told you to join in this live webcast so I want to say to you, just as an introduction, that you are innocent before God. You are loved by God. All your sins have been taken away. You stand righteous before Him. Every requirement of the law, everything you had to do under the law in order to be righteous before God, has been granted to you freely on account of what Jesus Christ has done.

I want to say to you that God does not think of your sin. He's not conscious of your sin. He is not walking with a sin consciousness where He pollutes Himself by thinking of the misconduct of people. What God is doing is He is conscious of your value and He wants to save your life! He wants to preserve your life forever!

Jesus is the King of kings. He is the Ruler over sin and death. That means that He has the power to bring life. You know, I have not seen a king who has the power to bring forth eternal life. The only King that possesses the power to have eternal life, the only King that has ever walked this earth, that could conquer death, that could be dead for three days and conquer death on behalf of His whole kingdom and everyone who would be part of that kingdom, is Jesus. He did all of that because He loves you, He cares for you!

In our Communion today, we want to think of what Christ has done. I want to say to you that if you go to a church service on a Sunday and you sit there and you feel that you, for some reason, by your bad works, are excluded from the blessing of God or for some reason by a sin you committed that the hand of the Lord is just too short to reach you, I want to say to you that you have not heard the true Gospel. You have not heard the love of God. You have not heard the goodness of God. The true Gospel is not the message of how God distances Himself from sinners. The true message, the true Gospel, is the message of how God loves sinners and how His love is so powerful that it can set His people, who He loves in spite of their sins, in spite of their unbelief, in spite of all their wrong doing, how His love can get their hearts and persuade their heart to belief in a brand new life. So when we take the Communion, we think of all those things.

John:

1 In the beginning was the Word, (this message of God's life) and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him is life; and the life is the light of men.

I want to say to you that the life of Jesus is the light of man. We take the bread and as we break it and we are seeing this bread broken and we see the body of separation, the body of distance, broken forever, and we eat it, we are celebrating the word that by whom all things were created and that word will create a new heart in you. That word, since God is the Creator and not you, that Word will create holiness and the good conduct and life inside you. That Word will preserve your life.

Even as we take the wine, we think of the blood of Jesus that flowed and we drink this in remembrance of Him and we celebrate our innocence. We don't feel guilty. We celebrate our innocence because of the body and the blood of Jesus! .

Father, I want to thank You that I can just pray for the people. I want to thank You that You love them. I want to thank You that You care for them. I thank You that Your hand is stretched forth toward them and that You give them peace. We thank You for Your body and Your blood. Amen!

Today's Message

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Glory to God! What a blessing to celebrate the goodness of God in the body of Jesus that was broken for us and His blood that flowed for us so that we can have eternal life!

Today is Christmas Day and, as my custom is, I'd like to read from Luke 2 talking about the birth of Jesus Christ and just put the focus on what Christmas is all about.

Christmas is all about the incarnation. Christmas is all about the greatest event that has ever taken place which is God who was incarnated into human flesh, where God came home when He entered a human body. The unseen God came and was incarnated into the likeness of sinful flesh. That is unheard of! We can't imagine that! People could never have thought of that. Old Testament people could never have thought that God would come and physically make His home and dwell and abide inside a human body and then grab humanity inside a human being and pull humanity right into the Trinity and so conquer man's sin and conquer man's death so that salvation is something that God manages single handedly without our contribution. The only thing we can do about this truth is to believe it and so be born from it.

So when we think of Jesus, when we think of the birth of Christ, we are celebrating the incarnation. Many times we can be alone at Christmas time. We don't have people to visit. I'm thinking of hundreds of people, there are thousands of people around the world, who are alone at Christmas time. They are sitting at home with nowhere to go. They can be lonely and feel in their hearts, "Where can I go? Where are my people?" I want to say this: the incarnation spells the whole plan of God' where you are made the family of God where God became a human and He became part of the human family. You have been included into the very family of God! That is what He came to do!

Luke 2:10 talks about this wonderful event.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people

(Just listen to that. The angels came and appeared to the shepherds in the field and said to them, "Don't be afraid. I bring you good tidings of great joy!" Not just a little bit of joy but good tidings of GREAT joy which shall be to ALL people and not just to some but to all people. They thought it was just for the Jews but it was for all people.)

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord (The Messiah).

He says, "I have great tidings for you. The Savior is born. The Messiah is born. The One who will break the yoke of the slave master off your back! Many of the Jews thought this would be the ending of the Roman Empire... which it was not.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

On earth peace and good will towards man. What does it mean when it says, "Peace on earth, good will toward man"? What does it mean when the Bible says, "Peace on earth"? I studied that out many times before and what it actually means there and when we talk about peace on earth, there are two things that we can look at. We can say, "Peace between God and us", because man did not have peace, inner peace, between him and God. The other peace would be peace among nations or among people. When the Bible says, "In the birth of Christ, peace on earth", the angels were seeing something that many people today don't even see. They saw something that is amazing. They saw the union between Jew and Gentile, which we are going to talk about.

Then it says, "Peace on earth, and good will towards man." That word, goodwill, comes from two words, good and thought. So, "Good thoughts towards man." I want to say to you that good thoughts toward man has a depth to it that I want to touch on today which is more than just God having good thoughts towards us. It goes much deeper than that. Many of us even struggle to think that God can think good thoughts about us. I want to say to you that God doesn't have bad thoughts. He only has clean, pure, righteous, good thoughts. What he was saying is that Jesus came on the scene and when Jesus came onto the scene, we could see the truth about God. We could see the truth about how God feels about man. We could see the truth about how God relates to man and the angels came and said, "Good will towards man!" We could say, "God being good towards man", which is great. Good will means good thoughts. We can say, "God thinking good thoughts about us!" When God saw Jesus and how He feels about Jesus, is exactly, it is the declaration, it is the light that came to the world. It is the revelation of how God has always thought about man.

When God was incarnated into Christ when Jesus, Son of God, came forth, and when we saw Jesus, we could see how God sees man... beautiful, acceptable! That is what we could see and do you know what? Jesus came in the likeness of sinful flesh. That means God incarnated the likeness of sinful flesh. When this Jesus walked upon the earth came and showed the truth about how God feels about sinners. We have had this traditional thing that if there is sin in the camp then God cannot be there and that God cannot have anything to do with sinners. I want to tell you that is not true. When God became flesh and dwelt among us, Jesus, Himself, said, "If you've seen Me, you've seen the Father. If you see how I deal with people, you would see how the Father would deal with people." How did Jesus deal with the woman who was caught in the act of adultery? He treated her with respect. He treated her with life and with love. Last night we watched a movie and the actor who played Jesus did such a good job of just showing us what happened there. In this movie when they brought the woman before Jesus, Jesus took a stone to stone the woman and He kept the stone above His head ready to stone and He said, "Those of you who have no sin, I will give you this stone so you could stone her. Nobody could and He dropped the stone and He said to her, "I don't condemn you. God and sin no more." Isn't that beautiful!

We see how the truth about the Father in the incarnation, how He deals with people. The mission that Jesus had from the beginning has always been to redeem His people from what destroys His people. That's what it was all about.

Isaiah 9:

4 For you have broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor (taskmaster), as in the day of Midian.

5 For every battle of the warrior is with commotion, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a savior is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 (There is no end) Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

He says, "Unto us a child was born but a Son was given." We need to realize what that really is. When Jesus was born as a child, He was just a baby... born. But what God wanted to give to us was not a child. He wanted to give us a Son. What does son mean when we are declared as a son of God, not a child but a son of God? In Jewish tradition when someone is declared as a son in the bat mitzvah, he was declared as son of the law. When Jesus was declared to be the Son of God, the Bible says that He was declared to be the Son of God in the resurrection according to the Book of Romans.

So what God did was He gave a child, a child was born, but what He wanted to give to man is sonship. Sonship means in equality with God where God says and declares to the whole world, "This is My Son through the resurrection from the dead." When He says that, what He actually says is, "The yoke will be broken off our shoulders. He will come and bring peace to us. His kingdom will be here. His rulership will be here." What He is trying to say there is, "I'm coming and I want to bring sonship to you. I give to you the Son of God and in Him all your problems are conquered by His rulership, by Sonship, by Him conquering sin and death.

We must realize that the last enemy that will be conquered is death. So, what God did and how God sees humanity is He sees humanity plagued with sin, plagued with death, plagued with bitterness and hatred and wars and all those kind of things. He says, "Let Me come and bring a rulership that can save all these people that are fighting with one another, hating one another, in bitterness with one another, and save them from what causes all these things and bring life and joy and peace to every man's heart.

In the movie we watched last night, we could just see the hatred and the bitterness that there was between the Jews and the Gentiles. The Jews hated the Romans. They hated the Romans with a hatred that cannot be expressed and they were waiting for the Messiah. They wanted the Messiah to crush all other nations and put them under the feet of the Jews so the Jews will rule and reign with an iron rod, reign and rule in the name of the Messiah over all nations. That is what they were waiting for and such a Messiah does not exist! Such a Messiah will never be there. When God looked at the Jews, when God looked at the Gentiles, He was saying that these people are under a rulership that causes them to have no inner peace. That rulership was the power of Satan which he inflicted and which he exercised over the people through the law of Moses. That is what it was all about because the Bible says that the law is the power of sin. The Bible says that the law is the ministration of death. I want to say that again. The law is the power of sin. The law is the ministration of death. The sting of death is this whole thing through which death comes, is the law. The power of sin is the law. Death stings you with sin. It brings sin forth in your life. Death brings that forth. Jesus saw how death got the Romans to be in all sexual immorality, and all bitterness and hatred.

I watched an Easter program on the Colosseum and how they would bring Christians in there and destroy them. It showed how they would elephants and lions and whatever fight with men and how there would be bloodshed and death and all of that. God wouldn't look at Rome and say, "These bad people!" God was looking at Rome, looking at them saying, "My people are in bondage! My people are suffering! My people are going through a difficult time. My people are being tortured by death because death is stinging them with sin. The wages of all of this is leading My people to eternal destruction and the grave and I want to save them!" And He brought a Messiah and this Messiah came to save man from death. He came to save man from sin. He came to save man from what destroys man. That is what He has come to do. This Messiah, this Jesus, has come to save us. Listen to what He has come to do: If you read this passage I just read in **Isaiah 9:5** *For the boot of the warrior is with commotion* (It's actually for nothing) *and the coat dipped in blood shall be burning fuel for fire.*

Those who came to make war against God's people, against man, their coats shall be burnt. The blood, our blood, that was upon the devil and the system that brought destruction to man, which is the law system which I will touch on now, it will all be destroyed! It will be burned because to us a child was born who is a Son of God! In order to be a son of God you need to have immortality, an undying human body. So here Jesus comes and He is the Son of God and He is proven to be the Son of God by the resurrection from the dead. He conquered physical death. He conquered sin and now He, through the Holy Spirit, and in His return, will manifest this kingdom in our life and He, with His power and His rulership as the Son of God, will rule over my death. He will rule over my inability in my flesh. He will rule over all those things. So I want to say that sin doesn't make you an enemy of God. You are the friend of God! You are God's kind.

When God was incarnated into human flesh in Jesus Christ, when Jesus came and walked this earth, we saw Jesus say to the people, "You are My friends!" They asked Him, "How shall we pray?" Now listen to this: They asked Jesus, "How shall we pray?" Jesus spoke to people who were not born again, that were not Christian because they were Jews. He said to them, "Pray this: "Our Father which art in heaven..." What was He saying? He is saying, "God is the Father of humanity! God is not the Father of some people. He's the Father of all people! That's why Jesus said to people who weren't believing, who were stressing, He said to them, "Look at the lilies of the field. Look at the birds of the air. If your heavenly Father, if our heavenly Father cares for them this way how much more will He care for you!" Jesus who cannot sin and cannot make a mistake called God the Father of people who weren't even believers. That's amazing!

You may be saying, "So, Bertie, are you saying that all people are saved?" I haven't said that. There are many people of God who can be lost. They are children of God who are dying and God has come to save them. In the Christmas message we are thinking of the incarnation and we are thinking of God as our Father. We are thinking of God's effort that He has made to bring salvation to man. That is what we are thinking of and I want to read **Ephesians 2:**

13 But now in Christ Jesus you sometimes were far off and made close by the blood of Christ. (It's talking about the Gentiles.)

14 For He is our peace, Who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of partition between us; (Listen to this. He says, "For He is our peace. He is the Prince of peace Who has made both one, Jew and Gentile... how?) by breaking down the middle wall of partition between us;

15 Having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that which is against us, the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself, of the two, one new man, so making peace

16 And that He might reconcile both on to God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity (which is the law system through which death comes) thereby:

17 And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off. and to them which were nigh.

What is he saying? He is saying, "God has come to bring peace." This is the way He brings peace because what caused the big turmoil was the law. The law system, the system wherein you think that you can have eternal life by pleasing God through good works or the system where you think you can save or preserve your life by following the law conduct or the law code. That is your enemy! The belief that you can be saved by the law is your enemy and it caused enmity between nations. The Jews believed that they had the law and by the law they had they felt that it was God who gave them the law and they were the people of God. Since they are the people of God with the law, there was a pride in them that caused a hatred and a bitterness in other nations to the point that they just want to kill all Jews. That is what it is all about. Then Jesus, God the Father, saw that. He knew that those laws spoke about His coming and that these people were not understanding what these laws meant. The Jews were walking with a pride inside them that says, "We have the perfect law!" Sorry for me just being straight out but it's almost like the Muslims today who say that they have the Muslim sharia law and there will come a time when their god will oppress all the nations and put the nations under them and they will have their sharia law and put that law on every nation and then there will be peace. That is what he Jews believed. That is exactly what Islam believe today. There's not much of a big difference. The thing is they were depressed. They believed they were oppressed and they were oppressed by the Romans, and not just them but many other nations were also oppressed by the Romans.

God came and said, "I want to take away this law because this law is bringing enmity between nations. If I could take the law away where the one says, "I am the people of God because I have the law," and the other one says, "Well, they think they are the people of God so we are not the people of God because we don't have that Law. It was never given to us. It was just given to Jews." If God could take that law away, then there wouldn't be Jew and Gentile anymore. They would just be one people and then in the cross, He could die away the sin of all the people groups, die it away and then raise that man that died from the grave and so grant immortality to the human body to all people. Hallelujah! That is the Good News! That is the gospel of Jesus Christ! That is what He has come to do. So I want to say to you, "Don't try to implement laws. Don't try and think you can be saved by the law! Know this that God has come to bring peace between nations by taking the law system away."

I want to say to you and to all people, "Your President cannot bring peace in your life. Your President cannot bring peace between nations. If I speak to the Americans I want to say to you, "Donald Trump cannot bring peace. It doesn't matter how much you like him. It doesn't matter how much he is for Christians. He cannot bring peace for he is not the Prince of Peace. Neither can any political figure in any nation bring peace. Even peace between nations is in the understanding that the law is fulfilled. If the Jews, if the Christians, if Islam, if Buddhists, if everybody can believe that their law unto eternal life has been fulfilled and that immortality has been granted by God through Jesus Christ to all people, then all people will stand under the rulership of Christ where He rules over sin. Where we don't try oppress sin through jail systems, through punishment systems, through any of those things but where we see Him rule with His life inside us. That is what will take place if we, if every belief can see that. If every faith on this earth, even the Christians who are still so foolishly clinging to the Ten Commandments! Clinging foolishly to tithing, sowing! Don't you see that the longer you cling to tithing, sowing and reaping and any law thing, the longer you are clinging to something that brings enmity and division and strife, the more you can see that all have been given freely in Jesus Christ, the quicker you will experience His rulership in that area of your life.

For preachers who watch this, if you are still trying to build a ministry, my friend, and you feel that you are going to put a smile on God's face by fulfilling the law of doing a ministry thing, I want to tell you that the quicker you get rid of that, the quicker there will be peace in your life and everywhere.

I end off with this: Inside every person, and I'm not even talking about peace among people but inside yourself, there is a turmoil inside man that says, "I'm not good enough because there is a good that I want to do but the good that I want to do I cannot do it." And Paul came and said, "When I was without the law, just thinking of the finished work of Jesus, I just looked at Christ and what He has done for me, I found that I was alive. That holy man that wants to do good, he was alive and he was well and he was doing well. He was alive in this world and he was manifesting but when the commandment came again, when I became legalistic in my mind and I started to embrace the old law system in Judaism, I found that I died. In other words that good man that wanted to do good couldn't do it anymore and the bad that I didn't want to do I found that I am starting to do that and I died. There was no peace in me. There was no harmony."

So I want to say to you that when God became flesh and granted us eternal life, free from our works, where He took man and died our death away and brought eternal life in the resurrection of Christ and He showed the truth and as we believe that, He grants us eternal life. He brings it forth in us, when we see what we've always chased after through the law, granted to us freely, we will veer away from that which is enmity.

I think of people fighting for the Ten Commandments in the school. Ten Commandments nailed on the school wall where we look at the Ten Commandments and try to force the law down on people. You know, that is not what we want. I want to tell you this: No nation, no government can take anything away from Christians. Yes, I thank God and I celebrate the liberty and the freedom we have, the freedom of religion. Thank God for that. Thank God that I can sit here and I can have a studio here and I can preach the Gospel today boldly without having someone kill me for preaching what I believe. But I want to say to you is that we as Christians, the way we express the life that is inside us, the way that God expresses His life in us, is by love. Even if we are in a Communist state where Christianity is illegal, nobody and nothing will stop us from loving our neighbor. Nobody will be able to stop us to be generous and to live the fullness of the life of God inside us.

Let us not stand for the law and try to force down the law on people because that is not what brings peace. Let us not try and make people do what we do and sow one peace. Let us love on people. Let us say, "God, You are the Father of all people. You love all people. You gave Your Son for all people. You have taken away the law of all people. You have come and You have fulfilled the Jewish law and You fulfilled anything that anybody has to do in order to have eternal life and we can simply declare to people that eternal life is already yours. It belongs to you and those who believe it, they will be saved. Glory to God!

So I want to say to you at this Christmastime when you are together with your family, "Let us celebrate this time. People may be watching this in nations where Christianity is not even allowed in public or in the open. I want to say to you wherever you are, you are part of God's family. You are embraced by God. He loves you. Your life is safe in His hands and even if the threats of death is over you, I want to tell you that even if people kill you, you will be raised up for you cannot die. Your body shall be raised and you shall have immortality and live in the life that God has dreamt for you in your body for you are a son of God. You are a son of God! Jesus was the first one born from the dead and that means there will be a second and a third and millions more born from the dead, which is us. We shall be born from the dead, raised from the grave. So we are celebrating the incarnation. We are celebrating the peace there is which is the fulfillment of the law. We are celebrating the power of sin that was broken and the power of death that was broken over us. Glory to God!

I would just like to pray for you. Father, I thank You that I can just stretch forth my hand today and I can pray for people right now. As I pray for them and as I stretch forth my hands, I thank You that Your peace, the peace that supersedes understanding, the peace among people where we can see that my neighbor does not have to fulfill twenty laws to deserve my forgiveness but where they can see that God has forgiven them and that forgiveness is already in their hearts.

I want to pray for people who have sickness in their bodies. I thank You that you heal them, and You have healed them and signs, wonders and miracles take place in their lives. I thank You that people can feel the peace of God in their heart as they are together with their families and those who are alone who don't have any family, that they can feel Your embrace in Jesus Christ where You have embraced their humanity, glorified their humanity and have given them eternal life in Jesus Christ.

Thank You, Lord, that You will return to this earth and we will see Your kingdom that You are already establishing and declaring now fully manifesting in this earth in Your return and we will see peace among all people. We will see death conquered, in Jesus' name! Amen

I want to thank you so much for watching this. I thank you for sharing this video with your friends and I just want to announce that we will not have a Sunday Service next Sunday. Our next service will be on the eighth of January. I will also not be uploading videos or comments or posts on Facebook. We are going away for awhile and we are just going to have a nice holiday.

I want to thank everybody who during this year that have shared messages, told your friends about the Good News, shared the Good News, studied the Good News and just opened yourself up for this ministry. Thank you for that. Then I especially thank everybody that have just loved upon Helena and me as we traveled in South Africa and as we have been to your ministries, people in the United States, people in South Africa and Canada who have embraced this ministry where we could come to your houses and minister the Gospel of Grace. I'm not planning to travel too much next year. I will be doing some traveling but not too much but I want to thank you for just opening your houses for us and your ministries for us. We are really grateful for that you have allowed us to serve you with the Gospel.

Then I want to thank everybody who are so generous towards this ministry. Thank you so much for your generosity and that you have given so faithfully through this year, making it possible to preach the Gospel and making it possible to go on television stations, making it possible to travel. When you buy a plane ticket not to worry if there will be money or not, that we can live and just have a life in this world, where I don't have to go and work a normal nine to five job and preach but where I can focus on this Gospel. I want to thank you so much from the depth of my heart. My kids are sitting here. Helena is sitting here. We are grateful. Thank you so much for everyone and your love towards us!

I pray that you will have a blessed new year and you will just experience the goodness of God. I just want to say this: The God of Jesus Christ, the God that raised Christ from the dead, has not changed. There's no special year. Every year is the same because God doesn't change. I am not saying that things in that year cannot change and things cannot go better for you. I want to say this to you: The good God of 2015 and 2016 is the good God of 2017. Nothing changes. He cannot change! He is good and will always be good!

Thank you so much for watching and I will see you in the new year. God bless!

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