

PURITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

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GREETING:

Our web church is all about bringing to you the Gospel of God's grace, the power of God unto a brand new life free from your works where you can share in what He has done for you. You can know it and understand it. My passion is to teach this truth. My passion is to see understanding come to people.

We also have an internet platform where people can meet and fellowship and have some interaction with people who are like-minded who are walking this road of understanding and having the fruit of the spirit by the doing of God and not by obligation or obedience to laws or any of those kind of things.

PRAYER

Father, I want to thank You so much that we can be here together. Thank You that I can preach a message of life, experience Your goodness, know that this message will reach many people in the world and it will bring newness of life to them. Amen

COMMUNION

As our custom is, we have Communion together. Today's Communion message is going to be from **Isaiah 55:**

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10 For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and returns not thither (back), but waters the earth, and makes it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

11 So shall my word be that goes forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

As an introduction, what it says here is that His ways are higher than our ways. I don't have time in this Communion to explain all of that. One day, we can make a whole message on that. What He is basically saying is, "Man's ways are not on the same level as God's ways. If you read up to verse 13 to the rest of the chapter, you will basically see that interwoven there is the concept of immortality. He says that man's ways are not as high as God's ways for man's ways are temporal. They don't have everlasting life. It cannot produce immortality. It cannot have eternal existence. It's something that goes and it brings forth something but it is not everlasting. But He says, "My ways are higher than the ways of man." Because God's ways are higher, He will sent forth the Word and that Word will accomplish what it was set forth to do. You see, man's ways cannot accomplish what it was set forth to do.

When Adam ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, what did he want to do? He wanted to accomplish eternal life but he couldn't because man's understanding, man's ability, he is born from mortality. We are made from the dust of the earth. We cannot bring it forth but God, who can have a Word from immortality, and eternal life can actually bring forth what He had said and He has a vision. God's vision is to have a family that is full of life, full of goodness, full of kindness, sharing in His quality of life. And He says, "My Word shall accomplish that!"

What's beautiful in this passage is it talks a little bit about grain there. He says, "As you would find the water come down from heaven and it just doesn't return back without having an effect. The effect there is actually to bring life to a seed so that the seed can then eventually become food and sustain life. He used the type and shadow. He said, "So is My Word. My Word will come to the earth and it will water the earth and then it will bring forth this seed that was sown in this earth."

Jesus was sown. He died. Then the message of life came and Jesus believed on the message of life. He was raised from the dead. So God is accomplishing what He had said from the beginning.

Now it goes on and says that this Word's accomplishment will look like this. You will be happy ...

12 For you shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing (That which was just a mountain and a hill which was dead will come alive. I believe this talks about the recreation of everything. It talks about creation breaking forth in what **Romans 8** clearly says there talking about the manifestation of the sons of God.), ***and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.***

13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree All of this talks about the ending of man's way and man's effect on the earth. The earth was cursed because of Adam's doing. Adam's way of managing the earth cannot bring eternal life to this planet but he says that God will have an effect on this planet and upon man and upon us where there will be no more thorns and thistles. The curse will be gone. Life will be ours. That is what Isaiah says here.

As we have Communion, we, as a family can say, "The Word of God has been spoken and we take that bread and we break it in remembrance of God saying, "I'm bringing forth the Word. I'm speaking a Word." And that Word, in the death of Jesus, in His blood that flowed, in His resurrection, is bringing forth what God has promised. As we eat this, we eat this in remembrance of what God has done for you.

PRAYER: Father, thank You so much for the body of Jesus came forth. Your Word actually came to this earth. Your message came. Jesus, You died. You were raised and a brand new life is ours! Thank You for the body and the blood of Jesus! We appreciate You, Father! Jesus, we appreciate You! We are so grateful! Amen

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Today I want to talk a little bit about what makes us clean.

1 John 3:

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2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

3 And every man that has this hope in him purifies himself, even as he is pure.

What a powerful passage that can just change your life! It basically says that John comes and says, "Let us behold what the true love of God is all about. What is the love of God? What is this awesome power? Let us put it in front of us and see it for what it is. It says, 'This is the love of God that we are now the sons of God!'" It says, "Behold what manner of love God has bestowed upon us that we are now the sons of God." What he is actually saying by that and what the Jews understand by that is that man, now, have already received that immortality. It has entered our lives. The moment John says that a question arises that says that we are still seeing death in our bodies and he says, "Hold on for a moment. We are now the sons of God and what this means does not yet appear." He does not say there that we don't know what we will be but when Jesus comes we will be like Him. That's not what he says. He knows exactly what they will be. They will be and we will be immortal human beings sharing in the life of God. But, he says, "That which we shall be does not yet appear."

Let me read it again.

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be:

(It does not yet appear what we shall be. So the very thing that what we shall be does not appear now. It is not manifested. It is not seen.) *but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him;* So what he says is we know what we will be but the very thing is not manifested now. Then he goes on and says, *And every man that has this hope in him purifies himself, even as he is pure.*

That does not mean that if you have this hope you must purify yourself. It says that by having this hope you are purifying yourself as He is pure. That means that the moment that we believe that we are the sons of God and that He, in His return, will manifest our sonship and reveal us as the immortals in the equality of God's immortality. The moment we have that belief, we have ceased from our works and we will not engage the flesh anymore to attend to any form of life, or breakthrough, or anything like that but we are resting in Him. In that hope, we are being purified from the works of the flesh and the works of the law. And we are pure as He is pure which is a life that is born from the Spirit and not a life that is born from the works of the law. .

The way we purify ourselves, if you want to call it like that, the way we walk without sin, is by simply relying upon Jesus having the confident expectation of immortality. I didn't plan to say this but, as I am saying this, I am feeling a kind of frustration because I want to share something with you but we have had such a wrong back story. The back story that we've had was a story of inherent immortality which is a problem. I know that it can be shocking to many but I need to say this because if we don't see this, the Gospel, the Very Good news, the good news of being revealed as the sons of God and what it really means, will have no power. It will be without definition because the foundation is absolutely wrong. This is what we have been taught by people like Plato and these Greek philosophers and this is what is coming naturally now, to our minds because of years of indoctrination of Greek philosophy and so forth. That is that we are inherently immortal beings. You are either going to live forever in heaven or you are going to live forever in hell. That is not the truth according to what I see the Bible teaches.

Eternal life, eternal existence, is a gift from God. It is something God possesses, the only immortal as written in Timothy. That is what God grants us. That is what 1 John is all about. We purify ourselves. We get purified from wrong beliefs the moment we believe that immortality will be granted to us and manifested in us by Jesus in His day, the day of His return when we see Him as He is. Now, because we rely upon Him for that life, that we are being cleansed from all other things... the works of the law or engaging flesh to have immortality and life. We are resting from that. We are set free from that for we have our hope in Him.

With that said, by this time maybe many have switched the video off because you just shout, "Heresy! But I want to tell you that when Jesus conquered death it was such a great event that my understanding of the Scriptures and creation and everything, I believe that when Jesus was raised from the dead it was a greater event than creation itself. It was the birth or the manifestation of creation as God has planned it from the beginning. It is the first form of creation that possesses eternal life and we, who are in Him, over whom He has the rule, we have the promise and the hope of the very same thing. As we believe upon that we find that the power that raised Christ from the dead is now working in us manifesting the first fruit of the Spirit. And that is what it talks about here: this purification where we are not committing sin or transgression anymore.

4: *Whosoever commits sin transgresses also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.*

How can John, all of a sudden, come and write and say that we are awaiting immortality. You cleanse yourself from every effort unto life by believing and having the hope of immortality by Christ. Then it goes on in the next verse: Whosoever commits sin transgresses also the law. What he is actually saying there is that the law was prophesying what I just taught you in the first few minutes of this message. And if you should not believe in this Resurrected Jesus and a physical resurrection of Christ and the physical resurrection of yourself in the day of the Lord where we will so have immortality, you are actually transgressing the law for the law talks about this. The law prophesies about this. The law had all of this in mind to show man his inability and that he cannot have life by his own works so that he could trust in the Lord.

I just want to express something that is in my heart just from brutal honesty. And that is as I teach this and speak on this, it feels to me in my heart, and I know it is not true in every case, but it feels to me in my heart that there is such a big distance between what we used to believe and what this is that it is almost, while I preach this, I feel such an excitement in my heart but it can almost can feel as if I am the only one excited. I have come to a place in my heart where the back story had to change where my heart does not believe that I am just an inherent immortal being but that it was a gift given to me. Therefore, I have great joy in hearing things like, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son so that we will not perish but have everlasting life." These things started to make sense.

But if you preach and speak to a crowd which believe that we are immortal, eternal, beings anyway, so if you are just saying that we are going to have eternal life anyway, it doesn't really mean that much to me. We need to change the word eternal life with heaven before it is going to bring some joy to me. If we sit with Greek philosophy and heaven and hell system kind of a thing where it is all about where you are going to spend eternity because you are going to live forever anyway, a message of a physical resurrection where you will not die but have eternal life will mean nothing to you because you believe that you already have it. It can not bring you true joy.

So I would say, for all those who are interested, ask God to show you the back story where you can go and read Genesis and you can find that the earth was without form and void and ask yourself, "What does that mean?" Ask yourself, "Why does God come out of the scales and now create something, made man from dust saying that He knows that we are but dust and that inside our own ability we just return to dust." Ask yourself the question, "Why was there a tree of life if they were immortal anyway?" There are so many things you can ask yourself.

Once you come to the realization that man is actually just dust waiting to return to dust unless something from outside of man intervenes and grants life. Let me put it this way, when you come to that realization and you start to read what Jesus Christ has done and how death was put upon Him, how He was made a partaker of mortality and how He was then raised from the dead into eternal life and you can now call Him, Lord, meaning He lords it over your death. All of a sudden you will find the joy of eternal life now being given to you! It will be such a joy in you as what I am experiencing right now as I say this! It brings forth a life inside you which changes your way of thinking, relating to people. It brings forth holiness as that passage says. It actually makes everything new! It gives you that eternal life.

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3 And every man that has this hope (the hope of immortality) in him purifies himself, It does not say the hope of going to heaven. It is the hope of immortality.

Emtee Wright coined this phrase: "It's not about life after death but it's actually about the life after the life after death" The only reason I say that is so that we can have our minds into something greater than a place after this bodily death. The Bible is not about that. I want to say this to you and I want to challenge some of you. The Bible is not about where you go when you die. It's never been about that. It's always been about heaven invading earth, heaven and earth becoming one or living in a unity, a marriage between heaven and physicality wherein God finds a place where He can dwell with people that He has created and brought forth to share in His life.

If you look at the Old Testament, you look at Genesis, Genesis is a temple narrative. If you look at the temple itself, even Solomon's Temple, it was created in six stages. On the seventh stage or the seventh day, if you want to call it like that, God came and rested in his temple. That resting in the temple doesn't mean that He came to do nothing. He actually now came to indwell what He has built. At the end of the day, that is what this whole thing is all about. It's about God coming and dwelling with His people, bringing forth life in His people, giving us what He has, giving us the greatest gift there is and that is His very own immortal life.

When we talk about God in the Old Testament, His name means the Self existing One, the "I am that I am!" He is so much that it manifests and that is why we now find that God is so much that it finds its manifestation in bringing us forth, Glory to God, from Him and so we dwell with Him! I know what I am saying might be challenging to many of you. I know what I am saying will cause, especially first time viewers of what I say, what I say can cause you pain because, like someone said, "My brain is working overtime." The reason why your brain is working overtime is because it wants to take what you used to believe and see how that fits in here. It doesn't! You need to throw away that old wineskin completely. You cannot incorporate this into the Old.

This message is what I believe the Apostle Paul preached. He preached a message. His Good News was not a message of, "Say a Sinners' Prayer so that you can go to heaven." That was not his message. His message was that what God has promised to Adam and what He has promised to Abram, what He has shown in the type and shadow of Noah, what Israel was all about and what it prophesied to has now manifested and we have found the first man born from the dead--- which is Jesus! And this first one that is born from the dead has made it easy for us because it is not for us to try through some form of obedience to God to try and bring eternal life to us. But it is actually about this first one raised from the dead exercising what He has attained over us like Adam, the first Adam, had dominion over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and it was His job to multiply. Now we find the Good News that God is bringing righteousness to the earth. Righteousness and not an equitable standing before the law but righteousness as the very equitable deed of God done towards humanity and creation where He restores all things in bringing life to it. Glory to God!

I wanted to just share this with you. I trust that this message blesses you that it will give you great excitement and life. I want to tell you, Church, take that 1John chapter 3 and go and study it out and you will see when it goes on and says, "He who sins is of the devil." It talks about him who is refusing to see God becoming flesh and dwelt among us. One of the most uncomfortable truths in the modern world is the physical resurrection of Jesus and what it means. The physical resurrection of Jesus talks about a physical resurrection of the Church, a new body that He has prepared for us which somehow has a connection to the old one and that we have seen in the physical resurrection of Jesus with the empty grave.

Church, thank you for listening to this. Know that you are loved by God, cared for by Him and whatsoever He has dreamt for you is available for you in Jesus outside of your works but only in relying on Him saying, "You have the rule over me."

As I end this off, I would like to pray for people because you might say, "Bertie, this sounds like a wonderful theory but what power does it have in the here and now? What power does it have in everyday life? I mean, "I've started a business" or "I've lost my job" or any of those kind of things. Yesterday I spoke to somebody that shared with me that he is losing his job. I told him, "Listen, the way God works is He works in you to will and to do. And this will that is in you is based on this resurrection and your union with Him in that.

As you come to Him you can just say, "Father, I have a desire. I have another four or five years that I have to work before I will retire but my desire is to just have peace in this life and not worry about money. And until my retirement benefits kick in, until that happens, I find stress in my mind but I don't want that." Go to God and just say, "God, that is You putting in me Your desire for me to live with that stress and that time, bring it God, bring contentment and wisdom in how to work with my money or whatever. But, God I am available for that and by the power of Your resurrection, You manage this and Your life is born in me where I am not, every day, having to hear the voice of God but where it just live in me." And that is how God brings it forth.

Church, the realization of this resurrection has such an almost "magical" power as what there is a magical power when you try to keep one of the Ten Commandments in the negative. If you try to keep the commandments like the one that says, "You shall not desire", do you know what is going to happen? You don't know how it works but there is just this law that brings forth all forms of concupiscence. In the very same way when we believe in this resurrection, we purify ourselves! This is how purification takes place. When you see this resurrection, when you believe upon what I have just taught in this teaching, as magically as what the law brings forth sin in you, in the very same way for the positive, magically, if you want to call it like that. It's not magic. We call it the power of the resurrection or the life of God or the Spirit of God.