

SPIRITUAL MATURITY (Part two)

Mature Christianity and the Works of the Law

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GREETING

Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus. It is such a blessing for me to be with you and just to serve you with the Gospel, the Good News, of Jesus Christ, the message of how God has included man into His life. The message is of how God is not a sin conscious God but a worth conscious God who has made our holiness and our eternal life HIS responsibility. Isn't that awesome! He has made our salvation HIS responsibility. We have come to deal with a God who has been in heaven and He was called the unapproachable bright Light and He clothed Himself in a human body so that He can come and touch us, walk with us, and give full expression to who He is inside terms that are understandable for us. The most wonderful thing is that He created us as humans of such a kind that we can house His fullness. Isn't that absolutely awesome! We are so privileged and we are so blessed to have to do with a God that loves us so much.

I would just like to bring to your attention that we have started a Discipleship Program. We have already done two lessons which are available on our Web site. Go to Web Church tab on Dynamicministries.com or Bertiebrits.com and click on Web Church. You will find our Discipleship Program.

I would love all of you to do that. If you see yourself as a part of this internet webchurch, do yourself a favor and go and do that. Even if you don't see yourself as a part of the Church, go and do it. I would like everybody, who sees himself as part of this family and makes this your church, to do that. It will help you to understand what I communicate and what I preach and to just understand the angles from where I preach the Gospel and what the Lord has put upon my heart. It will be so good that we can share in the same excitement!

The first two lessons have already been done. The way it works is you listen to the message that is uploaded every Thursday. We have a live discussion the following Wednesday in a platform called Zoom which is something like Skype. All the log in details and everything will be there. If you have not listened to the first messages but you would like to join in our Live discussion, please go and listen to those messages and write us a five line summary of what it is and you can join us in our discussion. The only reason we do that is so that we can all be on the same page. All the log in detail will be emailed to you.

We have close to 200 people who want to be part of this. We had 40 people in our Live discussion which was absolutely awesome just to have the questions of the people and just discuss the message that was preached the previous Thursday. So I would like to ask you if you want to be part of that it will really bless you. It is very radical! It goes down to the root of everything. We were talking about the creation, why God made and the fall of the earth which is something that many people know about. The fall of the earth and then the recreation of the earth in Adam and how it is going to end in the last Adam, Jesus Christ and that is going to be awesome.

The next lesson will be about Satan and his fall and how that took place. Then from there we will talk about the creation of man. It would be wonderful to have you there. Glory to God!

As we start this Service, let us just pray together.

Father, I want to thank You so much that we can gather together with people all over the world, people in groups, people gathering in their houses, sharing this Live webcast. What an honor to minister to people and bring them the Gospel, The Good News, of Your love!

Father, I want to thank You that You come and You speak powerfully to every person's heart and every person's heart is prepared for this Good News. I want to thank You that You speak powerfully to me and through me, as well, that You just help me to express what is in Your heart, in such a way that people can see it and believe it. In Jesus' name, amen! Glory to God!

COMMUNION

As is our custom, we have Communion every Sunday and we talk about what Christ has come to do for us. Before we get into that

I would like to read from John 12. I have read it many times when we talk about the Communion.

John 12:

23 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abides alone: but if it die, it brings forth much fruit.

25 He that loves his life shall lose it; and he that hates his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honor.

This is a very powerful passage. There is a lot of depth in it. What Jesus was actually saying is that if He would love His own life and wouldn't go through death to have the resurrection, that principle there is a losing of life and He would be alone. What He would do is He would lose our lives. Then He comes and He says that if He dies and is raised again, He will bring forth much fruit that looks exactly like Him. If you take a grain of wheat and you ask that grain of wheat what effort did that grain of wheat go through or what does it do in order to be exactly like the grain of wheat that was sown in the ground, you will know that if that grain of wheat could speak, it would tell you, "Absolutely nothing!" So in the very same way, Jesus comes and He says that if He gives His life, then He will bring forth much fruit in the earth and we know that the fruit will look exactly like Him.

So Jesus died and after His death He was resurrected and His life was eternally preserved even in a human body, above sin, above death, in equality with God. He possessed a body that could fully express all that is inside God and He knew God in every part of His being. That word, knew, means experiential knowledge. He knew God in spirit, soul and body and was completely unified with the Father wherein He can give full expression to the Father. That is the highest standard of holiness, the highest standard of righteousness, absolute peace, no worries, flooded with kindness, flooded with absolute joy! He says that when He went through that, He died and He rose again in a glorified body. He says that He did that so that all of us, by His doing, can have the same! Isn't that absolutely awesome!

So it was not up to us to try and preserve our lives. It's up to Jesus! God sent His Son into the world so that we would not perish but have everlasting life. I want to ask you this question: Who made it His responsibility that we would not perish but have everlasting life? It is God. He made it His responsibility to save us so it's not your responsibility to save yourself. If you want to take up any responsibility, this is what you can do. You can say, "I'm going to do the responsible thing and I'm going to leave it up to God to bring this life forth.

I grew up in a house where my Dad overhauled car engines. We spray painted cars. We built them. He could do anything! I am sure he could make a wedding dress! He can do anything from wood work, metal work, anything! He's done that! He's a qualified electrician. Because I came out of that house, I have this mindset that I can do anything. I can spray a car. If my car's engine breaks, I can fix it. I can do anything but the problem is that since I have some knowledge of everything, it is very difficult for me to do one thing as good as what another person, who specializes in that, would do it. Sometimes when I want to do something, I look at it and I realize that I can do it but my passion is preaching and my passion is the Gospel, so let me do the responsible thing, and I'd rather take it to a place where they specialize in that and let them do that.

In the very same way with salvation. We do have ability. We do have things that we can do and we do have some power but let us do the responsible thing and not try to save our own lives by our own works. Let us look at what God has done in Jesus Christ when He gave His body. His body was broken for us and as this body is broken, we are thinking and meditating on what Jesus has done for us. He gave His life so that in the resurrection He would not be alone but that we all can have His life. Isn't that absolutely awesome!

Those of us who say, "God, we see what You have done, through the Holy Spirit, in the life of Jesus, and that includes me. You have made Your Holy Spirit available to all of us and we take that and we receive holiness, righteousness, good works, the fruit of the Spirit and eternal salvation. We are available and we leave it up to You to bring forth salvation in every area of our life. In the area of our marriage, in the area of how we raise our kids, our thoughts... every area, even in the area of being raised from the dead having glorified bodies, we leave it all to Jesus and we trust Him and rest in Him." This is what Communion is all about.

As we partake in the Communion, we see what Christ has brought forth for us and we enjoy that power and we join in the life that He has given for us. Let us pray and thank the Lord for His body and blood.

Father, I want to thank You so much for the body of Jesus. I want to thank You for the blood that flowed. I want to thank You that You have made life and to have eternal life, easy! Maybe some things in this world are not easy but it is easy to be saved. It is easy to be holy and easy to be righteous. It is easy to be united with God! You've made that easy. I would rather have it difficult, twenty times, to do some other things in this world. I would rather have it so much more difficult to get hold of a house or to get hold of a car or things like that than to have it difficult to be saved and have eternal life.

Thank You, Lord, that You have come and empowered us in every area. Thank You for Your body and Your blood. Amen

MATURE CHRISTIANITY (Part 2) and the Works of the Law

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Today I am going to continue to speak about maturity in Christianity. Last week I explained what I believe about a mature Christian and we saw that the Scripture actually says that a mature Christian is somebody that looks at the finished work of Jesus Christ and that he just walks in that and believes that and continually beholds that, as Christ brings forth the fruit of the Spirit and eternal life in him.

I am going to look at the same passages again but we are going to add in James 1. We might have time to look at James 2.

I have had three or four people ask me, "What about James saying that a mature Christian is somebody who has the good works and that an immature Christian is somebody who is still looking at the Gospel but he has the fruit of the flesh and a mature Christian is somebody who does good works." We are going to look at that and we are going to look at that and see if it is true. Even if it true, why would it be true? If not, we are going to see why it is not.

Hebrews 5:

7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

10 Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

11 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing that you are dull in hearing.

That word, dull, there is very important. It comes from the word, bastard. So he is saying to them, "You are hearing like bastards. You are hearing like people that don't see God as your legitimate Father. You are listening from a different perspective and that is why it is very difficult for me to explain to you the things about the order of Melchizedek and eternal salvation and the resurrection." It was very difficult for him to explain the order of Melchizedek. It was very difficult for him to explain these things. I found that myself. I found it difficult, at times, to explain that. Then he goes on and says:

12 For when for the time you ought to be teachers, you have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

13 For every one that uses milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

14 But strong meat belongs to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

The Apostle Paul comes and writes to the Hebrew people. He's writing to people who believe in the Lord Jesus and was flooded with the goodness of God and life of God and the power of the world to come etc. They believed in Jesus. When they went through a lot of persecution and difficult times and then losing their money in business and whatever goes with being rejected by a group of people, they suffered. They suffered from their own brethren. They suffered under Rome. They were really suffering especially the Christians who were rejected and put out of the synagogue because they believed in Jesus.

You must remember that in those days if you were rejected, they would not eat with you, meaning they would not do business with you and you would be an outcast. It might be your own family that outcasts you out. It might be your own mother and father that pushes you away which was very, very difficult. Some of these folks started to fall back into Judaism and into the Law. The Apostle Paul, or the writer of the book of Hebrews, came and wanted to teach them even more about the Old Testament prophets and what this salvation message is actually all about. Then they came to a point where it was difficult for them to understand what the Apostle Paul was preaching because he laid the foundation of righteousness by faith. He laid the foundation of repentance from dead works where the people knew that the Law System and trying to be saved by your own works, that is called dead works.

He laid the foundation of the resurrection wherein he said to them, "There will be a resurrection!" He tried to explain to them what this resurrection is all about. He explained to them that there will be an end time judgment. He spoke all these things from beginning to end. He explained the foundation of it all and now what he would want them to have is he wanted them to believe all these things so that they, from this belief and this heart that is flooded with this Good News, that from that perspective, they could go and look at Melchizedek and other things in the Scriptures.

On the contrary, these Jewish people went and mixed Christianity in with Judaism again. When they mixed this in, as Paul said in another place, "It veils you!" By the reading of the Law, you are veiled. You cannot see. Your glory cannot be seen and you cannot see who you are neither can you see properly because there is a veil in front of your face. (2Corinthians 3)

What he was saying to them is, "You are now actually back at a place where you are in need that I tell you that the Law is fulfilled. But if you have been at a place where you could believe that the Law is fulfilled, and you could look at the fulfillment of the Law, then you could have the wisdom of that. You could have that knowledge and the wisdom that it brings in every day life." That is what he wanted.

My mother-in-law is living with us. She asked me, "Bertie, you know when we think of everything that Jesus has done, basically, how does it pertain to every day life. If we just wait and rest upon the Lord, what about things we do every day?" I think that is what the Apostle Paul was talking about as well. He was saying, "Listen, you ought to have been teachers by now and you should have used this word of righteousness and you should have been so skilled in this word of righteousness that from this word the Gospel will bring forth the life it promises in us every day.

The greatest thing about the Gospel and what Christ has come to do is Christ wants to live His life in us. That means that as we see that we are innocent and continue to see that we are innocent, and then grab the Innocence Message and make use of it in everyday life, we will find that that message of innocence will bring forth a change of belief. And not just a change of belief in what we believe about God because that is the foundational things what we believe about God, but will bring a change of belief in how to deal with things in everyday life. It will bring a change of belief in how to think about people who have not even believed upon the Lord or people next to you who are close to you.

To give an example, this morning I went to our local church. I didn't preach there but I just attended the Service. There was a man that testified. It was a few weeks ago that I prayed for him and some of his family members. He had osteoporosis, I think, in his back. It is incurable. He would just have this back pain for so long and they gave him some pills and said that he had to have an operation. They said, "Let's give it a bit of time and just see what happens." They were going to schedule the operation. They came and I prayed for him as well as for one of his family members who had a very rare blood disease. They did an operation on him and they wanted to put a new piece of vein in the main artery between the heart and the kidneys, or something like that. Then they realized that was not actually the problem but that he had cancer over his kidneys. We prayed for him in the church and both of those people are completely healed.

He testified about that today in church. So to me, what I see is, when I prayed for them, this is what was in my heart: I didn't come and beg God to heal them. I didn't come and try through visualization to bring forth the force of God to change this person or anything like that. When I prayed for him, all I said was, "Thank You, Father, that You have said that we can go and these signs shall follow those who believe. (Believe what? Believe in the resurrection. The resurrection is one of the foundational doctrinal messages, here in Hebrews 5, called the foundational doctrine.)

So what do I do? I believe in the resurrection and signs of this immortal life shall be shown in the earth. And these people were healed! Those healings are just a sign that God has the power to conquer sin and conquer death and that He has done and He will bring forth that immortality in us. So what happens is that as I look at the basic principles of the Gospel, which I would never take out of my eyes and out of my mind. I will always continue to look at that all the time. As you look at that you find that it starts to shape your life and it starts to bring forth power from that truth.

When Paul says in *Chapter 6, "Let us move on to perfection,"* he is not saying, "Let's move away from the basic principles." What he is actually saying is, "Let us make use of the basic principles." We need to see that. Let us look at that in *Hebrews 5:3 For every one that uses milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.*

What does unskillful mean? As I said earlier in this message, when we look at my life and how I grew up, my dad had many skills. I learned these skills. When you acquire a skill, then you can go and do something with that. You can make use of that skill. If I can do welding, I can use that skill and make use of it all the time. The more I make use of it, the more skilled I become in this. Here Paul comes and says, "He who is a babe is unskillful in the word of righteousness." That word, skillful, there means to use or to make use of. It is people who don't make use of the word of righteousness. They are making use of the Law and they are living in works righteousness and they are unskillful. They have not grabbed a hold of, and made use of, the true message of our innocence and our righteousness and how much He loves us.

4 But strong meat belongs to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

So Paul comes and he says, "I must actually feed you milk. I must still feed you and tell you that it's not about your works. It's not about all those kind of things but I actually want to feed you meat which is I want to explain to you what the Order of Melchizedek is and what that means but I see that you are still in need of milk. I cannot come with the revelation of what this Order is all about which was eternal life and talking about the hope of the resurrection and how that would bring forth life in us today." He wanted to talk about that but people couldn't understand that.

I see that there is a stumbling block today even in the message of the resurrection by a misunderstanding in **chapter 6**. Let's read that again.

1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ (What that means is, "Let us not be under the Law anymore." That is all it means, where we have no clue about faith righteousness where we are still believing in circumcision and all those kinds of things.) ***let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,***

2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

Some would say that because that is a foundational doctrine there, we are not allowed to speak about the resurrection or if you preach about the resurrection, or if you preach about any of these things, that means it is baby food and we should not talk about that. The way I see he was talking about the resurrection there, he was telling people that there will be a resurrection. But when we look at the other letters that were written by the Apostle Paul, he was feeding strong meat to them in explaining to them how to have a life in this world where your faith is about that resurrection and he preached about the resurrection. He preached about the baptism in all of his letters. He even spoke to mature people like in Colossae to the Colossians. He wrote to them and said to them, "I see you understand all these things but I want this wisdom to become a common wisdom now in everyday life." That is what this is all about so, please, let us not get to the place where we say, "Well, there must be deeper things."

I found some people move into deeper things and when they move into deeper things, they actually become a little weird. They get doctrines of demons and doctrines of devils and how the devil can bind you, and the Five Steps to a Breakthrough, and people come with visions and dreams saying, "God has shown me this and that and whatever." I am not saying that we cannot have that but I am talking about visions and dreams outside of the simple love of God. People think that these guys know the deeper things of God and they are close to God! The deeper things and manifestations of the Holy Spirit, the deeper things of God, and we confuse what Paul was actually saying. He was saying, "You guys who are in need of milk, those who apply the Law and now I need to preach to you the basic doctrines again. Let us move away from the place where you are in need that I should preach the basic doctrines to you but let us then make use of the basic doctrines. That means to move on to this perfection."

Let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God.

I don't have more time to spend on that. I want you to just pray and ask God, "What does that mean?" You may ask, "Bertie, how is that applicable to my life?" The only thing I want this message to do is to remove all forms of guilt and condemnation from people who are happy about the fact that their sins are paid for. People that are happy that there is a resurrection awaiting them. People that are happy about the fact that we don't have to live by the Law anymore and they use that every day and that are actually mature Christians and now they are being deceived into saying, "The things that you are happy about and the things that produce fruit inside your life, that is just basic milk and you need to move on to deeper things." I just want to see the Church protected in that area and I want you to understand that. That is why I teach this. Glory to God! You know, in our Web Fellowship I don't want to have any people being misled or living in guilt and condemnation. That is why we are moving away from it.

James 1

1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into divers temptations;

3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith works patience.

4 But let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that gives to all men liberally, and upbraids not; and it shall be given him.

6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavers is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Then he goes on and this is really important:

9 Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:

10 But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.

11 For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withers the grass, and the flower thereof falls, and the grace of the fashion of it perishes: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.

12 Blessed is the man that endures temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

It is twelve verses and let me explain it to you quickly. It ends with receiving the crown of life. What is this crown of life that James is talking about here? It's talking about an immortal life where your life is eternally preserved like we said in the Communion. What I communicated in the Communion was that if a seed dies and it grows again, it will bring forth seed that looks exactly like it. I spoke about how Jesus died and it was the responsibility of God in Christ to bring forth seed that looks just like Jesus... and that would be us. Jesus said, "If a seed doesn't fall into the ground and die, then it remains alone but if it falls in the ground and dies then it bears forth much fruit." That much fruit is unto eternal life, preserving their life eternally.

In Hebrews it even says that he wanted to talk about the Order of Melchizedek. The Order of Melchizedek is the order or the platform, of immortality. That is what it is. I found that, in the Church today, it is very difficult to talk about that because I see that people are still in need of milk. They still need to understand the basic things of the Gospel, but thank God there are also people who are growing and we will preach this and we will see people grow and be established in this Good News. Glory to God!

Back to the point: He wanted to talk to them about the Order of Melchizedek which he actually does later on in chapter 7 where he starts to talk about the Order of Melchizedek. He says, "It is the power of an endless life." Now he comes here in James and he says, "Those of you who endure temptation, will be crowned, will receive the crown of life. That is what it is all about, to have eternal life. That's the Good News. What James is saying to the people, and he is speaking to Hebrews, he is talking about the twelve tribes that were scattered. He said to them, "If you are being persecuted or if you are going through temptation and difficult times, know that the trustworthiness of your faith shall produce patience.

Now, back to Hebrews, he comes and says, talking about the basic principles of the Gospel, what those basic principles will bring forth. It will bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. So, those who are mature, will by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. In other words, you will come and you will see which is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and you will veer away from it. You will not stand in a place where you were where Paul was when he wrote in Romans 7 where he said, "The good that I want to do, I don't want to do." He says, "There's who are mature are those who have taken a hold of the message of Grace. They looked into the law of liberation and they kept, in their eyes, that it is not by my works. They've kept in their eyes that I have been baptized into the death of Jesus. They've kept in their eyes that the power of the resurrection is the power that works in me today. They've kept in their eyes the hope of immortality. They've kept in their eyes that God's judgment is against everything that harms me and He will end all death and bring life and immortality to us. They've kept that in their eyes and since they've kept that, those who are by reason of use, they are skillful. The Greek even talks about continually and continually. That talks about habit in the Greek. It says, "Where you have habitually make use of this truth." As you habitually make use of this truth, you find that this truth brings forth, in your life, something that your senses, your way of looking at things, veers away from the place where you actually live by the fruit of the Law in your life. That is what it talks about. So, what Paul said was, "The babe is he who doesn't make use of the Good News, the Gospel of Grace. The mature, those who can understand even more, are those who make use of this."

I've said it last week and I'm going to say it to you again. That means that if you are a Grace believer and you firmly stand on the message of Grace and the goodness of Jesus, you are a mature Christian. You might say, "I don't always act mature. I don't always do everything right." Then let me tell you this: By reason of use, you will find your senses will be exercised. That word, exercised, means to train naked. That is what it means in the Greek, to train naked. So the way I see it is I am willing to stand before the Lord, where we basically say, "We stand naked before the Lord." We don't try to clothe ourselves by our own works and we stand in our nakedness. I am not talking about being clothed in the righteousness of God.

As pertaining to the Law, we are not clothing ourselves with fig leaves. We don't want to clothe ourselves with our good works. We stand before the Lord just the way we are and we stand before Him and we look at the message of righteousness where He loves us the way we are and where He comes and He's taken away our sins. He's taken away everything and now as we meditate and ponder on this Good News, we find emotions and feelings in our heart coming forth to love our neighbor, to be good to people. We find a love and a passion inside us where we don't just sit and wait for God to do everything but where God actively lives in us as we wait upon Him and we come and we have the ability to discern good and evil. We know that tree and we are staying away from it and we will be crowned with the crown of life.

This is what James comes and says here. He says to them, "Listen guys, (and I think this is where we sometimes fall. We get tempted. We get tempted when we are drawn away by our own desire. Many times we find the desire to vindicate ourselves. Many times we find the desire to prove our righteousness. In the case of the people here, people lost money because of believing in the Gospel. They lost their jobs. They lost their families. They were going through some difficult times and James said to them, "Count the joy when you fall into these things." That has also been taught so wrong! It has been said, "Count it joy when you go through hard times because now God is going to teach you patience!" That is not what it says. That is absolutely NOT what it says! What it says is that if you are facing a hard time, if you are going through difficult times, don't worry about it! You can be happy. Take courage! Be happy because, in the Greek it says, "The trustworthiness of your faith will bring forth patience." Another word for patience means power in that time.

So what he is saying is, "If you look at your future, if you look at bad things that can happen...., (Let us use basic things that the whole world revolves around. If we look at the stock market, if President Trump does something. The moment he does something and it doesn't look good, you will find the gold price go up. Many things just go up where they are safe havens for money because people are afraid. People are afraid, "What if I don't have? What if I lose all my money?" You live with that fear in your heart all the time. You have that anguish, that fear, in your heart all the time. "I have fear! I feel afraid! I don't know what to do!" We can have the same with our children. "What about our children. What if they live or die. What about me, what if I get cancer, or get a bad report from the doctor? What about that?" James comes and he says, "Listen, "Don't worry about reports like that because your faith is so trustworthy that in that situation it will bring forth something called patience." Patience is endurance or power to withstand in that moment. That is what he is saying. He was not saying to them that God brings hard times over them to teach them patience! Hard times is not the teacher of the Church!

Now what happens with us is, we as mature Christians, as believers in the Gospel, we sometimes come and like the Apostle says, "I see you Galatians are mature but I want this wisdom that you have to expand to ALL wisdom and ALL knowledge. In other words, I want this truth that you believe and that are founded in that you are not in need of milk anymore. You are established in this but I want this logic to become your logic in everyday life. I want to see that become more and more." It was already there but he says that he wanted to see more of that in your life.

What happens to us sometimes is when we go through difficult times we are thinking, "This basic principle thing does not work!" We are thinking, "I lost my temper there so I am not the mature person so there is something wrong. I must now go into the Bible and read and study more of the Bible to get the "deeper" things of God!" In doing that, they are actually misled! What Paul is saying here is, "If you are going through a difficult time, know this: the trustworthiness of your faith, the equity of character of what we believe, the very basic principles of the Gospel, That's what we believe that teaching of faith towards God the Bible talks about. It does not mean to believe God for a car and a house.

Faith towards God actually means to believe that God will bring forth my holiness. God will bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. I'm not trusting myself. I'm not trusting my flesh. I'm trusting God. That is what it says. So now, as you go through difficult times and you are tempted, you are tempted to prove yourself, you are going through difficult times. It says by continually believing this truth, this truth will manifest patience, so don't worry now!

Then he says, "If you need wisdom, if you are in a place of a difficult time, this is how this trustworthiness of our faith will bring forth patience; this is how it works: You need advice. You ask God for wisdom but make sure that you are not double-minded when you ask because a double-minded man is unstable in all his ways and will not receive from God." This is what it means: It's very simple. He says, "You are going through a difficult time. Now you want to know what you must do in this time. Ask of God and God will show you from these basic principles, from this simple Gospel. He will show you in your emotions and in your mind and in your heart, what to do. In that day He will bring it forth. It will become a logic to you. That is skillful now in the word of righteousness. That is the mature life, the mature Christian, continuing to look at the basic principle and looking at that having your life established in that where we are not moving on to weird things.

Simply looking at that and God brings forth and saying, the way I ask for wisdom is, "God, how, by the simple message of Your love and grace, how will that be applied to my life in dealing with my son who needs a job or my wife that needs a job or me that needs this or that or whatever. Or, I've got problems with a neighbor. What must I do? Somebody stole my money. What must I do? Show me " I would say, "Lord, show me from these basic principles by working in my heart to will and to do bringing a thought to me from that perspective." And that's what He does and that's how I live my life. That is mature Christianity. Mature Christianity is, what I call, simple Christianity, just believing the basic principles, not mixing Law with Grace.

Then James says, "If you are double-minded..." In the Greek double-minded means double-hearted. It means you have a heart that believes in Grace and you have a heart that believes in the Law. And now with a heart that believes in the Law and a heart that believes in Grace, you ask God for wisdom. James says, "Let not such a man think that he will receive from God." He's not saying that God will not give towards that man. He says that man will not receive from God. He will receive from his mixed mind. God is never going to withhold from us. He will always love on us but our answer will be received from a mixed gospel and that will make you unstable in all your ways.

Take money for instance. You are going through a difficult time financially and now you say to the Lord, "Lord, what must I do?" You've always believed in the Grace message and now you are actually a bit afraid so you think, "I know that there are also Biblical principles of giving. Maybe I veered away from that a bit and I just believe that God is going to be good and now I am going through a difficult time. So what now?" Now you are going with, maybe there are some principles and maybe there's Grace and we go with this thing in our hearts towards God and now we want the answer about our situation from that perspective. Let me tell you something. God will first address your unbelief in your heart and He will say to you, "My son, let Me just show you the message of Grace that you can come from only a heart expecting an answer from Grace." That's how we walk as mature Christians. Amen!

So, a double-minded man that is unstable in all his ways is not a bad man and God hates him. No, it's just a man who sometimes just come. Sometimes I have been double-minded in my life. Man, I remember when I asked God about crusades and outreaches and reaching thousands of people. I would say, "Oh, God, give me wisdom in how to reach millions!" I would have a Grace message in my heart because God wants to save people but I also had a thing in my life that, "Big equals the blessing of God!" When you have that in your heart, you hear so many things and you get so many strategies but those strategies are not actually from God. Later on, in hindsight, you can see what God said during the whole thing and you can see the thread of God's love all through it but practically right there you are hearing mixture because the one thing is your works. You will have a message of works and righteousness in your answer which will make you unstable and you find instability. Then you have this vision and then it doesn't work. Then you have that vision and you fall around and you feel frustrated.

I want to encourage you and I want to say to you that whenever you go to God, let us not make nothing of the basic principles of the Gospel. Let us not make nothing of the doctrine of repentance from dead works, and repentance from dead works, repentance from trying to be justified by the Law, faith towards God, trusting that God will bring forth holiness and righteousness in me and not me by my own works, of the resurrection, of judgment and of the baptism where we have been united with Christ in the baptism of Jesus when He died and was raised and explaining all those things.

So, when we ask for wisdom, we don't move away from the basics thinking there's something more. God is just showing us and He will show us what to do, by the power of these basics, inside our heart and in our mind on what to do in everyday life. Glory to God! And it's not always going to be an answer where you get a three point plan, when God says, "Go and do this, go and do this, and go and do that." I think when God tells you to go and do this, go and do this and go and do that, it is a very powerful way but I don't think it is THE most powerful way of answering a question. The best way that God answers me is by working in me to will and to do where I just feel in my heart that I don't want to do this thing anymore.

I spoke to another man yesterday. He said to me, "Bertie, I have two farms and do you know what? I just feel in my heart, I said to the, Lord, 'Lord, what about the future?' He just came from a real Grace perspective, speaking to God, about his farms and he just felt to sell one of his farms. Who knows if a drought comes. Who knows what will happen. He just feels that. God didn't say to him, "Go and sell your farm" and now it is a commandment and he must do it. If he doesn't do it, he is in trouble. It is, all of a sudden just, "I feel that I want to do this. It will be difficult for me to keep the farm." That is it.

Another person I spoke to felt he wanted to buy a farm. It is just the way God works with each one of us from this perspective of Grace. So, the mature Christian is the one who sticks to the Gospel of Grace and meditates upon it wherein the Gospel of Grace brings forth life in him. Amen. So Paul didn't say that the mature Christian is the Christian who knows everything because he said, "If you were mature, I could teach you more." That's what he said in Hebrews 6: I want to teach you more but you are not mature. You are not making use of Grace in your life. You are using Grace and Law. You are still babes but if you only make use of Grace in your life, you are mature enough to understand what I'm trying to communicate to you." That's what he was saying.

Now, let me end off with this. He comes and he explains. He says, "Let the poor man say, 'Thank God, I'm exalted' and the rich man say, 'Thank God I have been made nothing.'" That just shows the Mixture Gospel because the Jews went back to the old Judaism System where they would define their life by the blessings of Deuteronomy 28. He said, "Rather say, that there is no difference between rich and poor." In other words, we are not defined by our obedience or the blessing of the Law. We are defined by the resurrection of Jesus."

There is so much to say about this but I don't want to go into all of that.

James 1: (This was also one of the questions I had. The Bible says
:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

We get the idea that a doer of the Word is a mature Christian and that's exactly right. A doer of the Word is a mature Christian. We should just not confuse a doer of the Word with a doer of the Scripture. There's a big difference! A doer of the Scripture is the Pharisee because he wanted to do what he believed that the word of God was which was the Scriptures. When the woman was caught in the act of adultery, He said, "The Scripture says that we should stone her but Word of God, what do You say?"

They wanted to be doers of the word and the doers of the word that they wanted to be was doers of the Bible and the scriptures that are written here. but that is not the Word. To be a doer of the Word we need to ask ourselves, "What is the Word?"

The Bible says that before time God promised. His message was, "I will give you eternal life!" That is the Word of God. It's the Word of His righteousness and His equitable deed where He comes to save man, the message that Jesus was raised from the dead and that life and immortality has come to light through the Good News of the resurrection. That is the Word. The Word that we are not under the Law. The Word that our sin was conquered by one man. The Word that Jesus was raised from the dead and conquered even death. The Word that we are co-seated with Christ in God. The Word that there is no separation between Jew and Gentile anymore, it's not us and them anymore. The Word of the innocence of all people. The Word wherein God declares justification as something that He will bring forth by the resurrection power of Jesus Christ. The Word of our union between God and the Father and our co-seated with Jesus in the Godhead. THAT Word... Be a doer of THAT Word!

How are you a doer of that Word? In the very same way that you are, as a slang when you say, "Those people are doing cocaine." It means they are partakers of it. They are making use of it. He comes and he explains exactly what a doer of the Word is. This is what he says :**22 *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.***

What he means is if you hear this message, and not grabbing a hold of it and you see yourself fully included in it, you are just hearing it but you don't come to a place where you say, "I see this as the only truth in my life and I'm making use of it as the absolute truth in my life," you are deceiving yourself.

23 *For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer (if he is immature), he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass (mirror):*

24 *For he beholds himself, and goes his way, and straightway forgets what manner (what kind) of man he was.*

Are you seeing how all of this just comes together? Glory to God! A doer of the Word or somebody who is a mature Christian that is skilled in the Word of Righteousness is somebody who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues to look there and he doesn't forget what kind of man he is. Then it says, "This man shall be blessed in what he does." What does he do? He looked into the mirror.

Let me say that again. "He who looks into the law of liberty....." What is the law of liberty? It is the principle of perfect liberation from sin and death. What is that law? It's the law of life in Christ Jesus. What is it? It is simply the principle that says, "If one man can come and take the death of all and take it out of the way, be raised up from the dead and these alive people would believe upon that man, the Spirit that raised this man from the dead shall indwell them and also raise them up in the fruit of the Spirit and eternal life." That is it. He who looks into that perfect law of liberation.... What is the law of liberation? It is the law that teaches us faith towards God, repentance from dead works (going away from the law system), the resurrection, the judgment, and the baptisms, and what it all means. All of that spells our liberation. So as we look into that, not as we look into the law and are in need of this anymore but as we look into that and study that out and enjoy that and have a life based on that, and we look into that, what does the Bible says, "You shall be blessed in that deed, by the deed of looking at the perfect law of liberation.

So I want to say to you that being a mature Christians is somebody who looks into the perfect law of liberation. A mature Christian is not a Christian who knows everything. We have confused people who know a lot of Scripture and has been in many places, preached in many places, men of God, or people who have been Christians for a long time, we have confused them with mature Christians. A mature Christian is not somebody who is skilled in the Law or skilled in demonology or skilled in all those kind of things even skilled in eschatology, but somebody who is skilled in applying basic principles in their life, which is the simple Gospel of Grace, and lives by that Grace.

Paul says, "I so wish that I can teach you more." In other words, "If you were already skilled in this Word, I could teach you more." Glory to God!

I want to say to you, "Church, let us always stand in the basic principle, the simple Gospel, and move away from all forms of Law and continue to look into the law of liberty. I feel in my heart that I want us to move on and talk about things as pertaining to the order of Melchizedek, the things pertaining to life and the application of these things in everyday life where we find the Church having this Good News as the basic principle from where they live, from where we counsel, from where we reach out and from where we just live our lives so we can go on and not when. every time something is said, that is more into the area of liberation, that everyone is up in arms about things but that we can continue and experience that which Christ has come to do for us. Glory to God!"

I want to say to all of you, that there are so many of you walking in maturity. Those of you who are still in need of milk, I want to say this to you: "It's not a shame! Maybe by this time you ought to have been a teacher. I don't want to say, "Shame on you." I want to say, "Get out of that because that system is going to destroy you and continue to kill you. It's killed you for twenty years and it's not going to change." Maybe you are afraid and you say, "If I grabbed a hold of this Good News and I really show forth this is my life and I'll be ridiculed. I'll be mocked. My family might reject me." If you think that way, I want to say to you that the trustworthiness of this basic Gospel is so powerful that it will even give you wisdom in that. Take that step of faith. Glory to God!

Know that you are loved! If you sit here and you are just a babe, I want to tell you that you are so loved. You are so welcomed. You don't ever irritate anybody. It is just a thing of, "Listen, this is life. The only frustrating thing there can be is when a mature person sees how the continuing old thing kills you but YOU are beautiful! YOU are acceptable! Glory to God! So many times we don't want to hear that we don't know it all because we grew up in a world of, "You must always be the best and if someone else can teach you something that means that guy is actually better than you." That's just law. We don't live by that. There is still so much that I have to learn. Even this year I said that I'm going to stay at home and not travel so much. I will travel if I feel in my heart to go somewhere then I will get on an airplane and do it because it will be a desire in my heart. But I just felt I want to give myself this year to study and I want to give myself to study and prayer and just continue looking to this Good News and every area of Scripture that I can understand more of the goodness of God. Glory to God! It's not a shame to learn something. Amen

Thank you so much for watching and I want to thank everybody who watch here that you allow me to serve you. I want to thank everybody that is part of this ministry and are just internet evangelists and going around sharing these messages. Thank you for doing that! Use the boldness and share this message. "But what if they know that I shared this message that Bertie Brits teaches?" Listen, right there in the front is the trustworthiness of the faith of the Good News will raise up a power inside you and those who see this might just be so blessed. It's up to them to grab it or not. So, I want to thank you that you go around sharing this message.

I also, from the depth of my heart, want to thank everybody who faithfully gives to this ministry. It is wonderful to see how you faithfully give! People have been supporting this ministry for a long time and I just want to say this from my heart. Some people faithfully give \$10, \$15, \$20, \$30 a month. I just want to thank you! I see your heart and it is wonderful to see that and I just wanted to express my appreciation for what you are doing. So, it doesn't matter what you give! If people give once a year, it doesn't matter. I just want to say, especially now, those people who give faithfully, have been giving for so many years, I thank you for that. It's such a blessing! I just see that Grace that has brought forth that fruit in your life and it really blesses me. Thank you so much!