## The POWER of the GOSPEL

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**Greetings**: It's a blessing for me to come to you and minister the Gospel of God's grace, the grace wherein God has concurred sin and death and has made His eternal life available to us for free as a gift.

Father, I want to thank You for Your goodness and Your grace. I want to thank You for the power of the Holy Spirit. Thank You for Your brand new life that is in us and is toward us and manifests who You are, Your attributes, Your life, in us. I thank You, Lord, that You will powerfully reach people today through this message as it is preached in Your Spirit of life.

I thank You, Lord, that people's understanding will be open as they see the Resurrected Jesus portrayed before them in this teaching today.

Today I am going to be talking about the Resurrection and I will be continuing on a series on the Resurrection. I am going to go back and recap a bit on what I said previously and explain the importance of the Resurrection. as going into 1 Corinthians:15. I realize that I just need to lay more of a foundation on why a physical Resurrection is important. And that is what I am going to talk about today.

**COMMUNION** In taking Communion today, I want you to be mindful of what Christ has done. He became a man and dwelt among us. His life is towards us. His peace is towards us and now He has come to destroy what has been destroying us. That is what the Communion is all about. When Jesus Christ was on the earth, He took bread and broke it and said, "This is My body broken for you." That means that the old body, the body of sin and death, the body of death is now broken, destroyed, and a new humanity, a new kind of physicality is given unto us through His life that was made available to us. So, the life that Jesus Christ gave to us, He took up His life again. He took up His eternal life again in human flesh and He has now made that available for us.

So as we take the bread and we break it, we break it in remembrance of the finished work of Jesus, of how He is for us and not against us and how He is not a sin conscious God, how He is not a Law orientated God that has a legalistic system by where He saves us but where He is a logical God that comes and sees His people in their distress and He has come to save them. Amen

This week I spoke with somebody again about the penal substitutionary atonement where it is understood that there was a legalistic system in heaven and that God communicates a legalistic system to man because there is a legalistic system in heaven. There was a legal system whereby God cannot give life until He has punished because He is a righteous God. I haven't thought of that for a long time. As I was talking about this and thinking about this again, I just realized what a death trap that is.

It is not a message that can truly produce peace. It robs you from the understanding of the incarnation, death and resurrection of what it truly is. It robs you from understanding your design, the design of God and why a physical resurrection is there. From that kind of a teaching we will find that our destination becomes heaven and not the resurrection and not a glorified body from where this substance, this body, that is dying is continuing into a new glory or a glorified body. It will be very difficult to understand those things if we come with a penalty substitutionary atonement theory.

I do believe that Jesus did come and take my death. He did come and take that which came to us and which was cemented into the life of humans because of Adam. Yes, He did take that away. He was our substitution. In other words, He did come and do something that was supposed to come our way. He did come and take that away but it was not in the context or in the understanding of a Father that punishes but rather a Father that redeems. It would be like a man who would swim out to save someone in the ocean. Yes, he would become tired. Yes, he would give his life to save the others but that is not because someone is on the beach angry, demanding blood or something like that. But it is something more to do with life is given to save a life.

So when we think of the body of Jesus was broken, it was not about punishment. You can never come with a guilty conscience to the table of the Lord. This table is for everyone. Glory to God! Let us just thank the Lord for His body and His blood.

Father, I want to thank You for the body that was broken, for the life that flowed for us, the end of the old and the beginning of the new and that we can share in Your quality of life. Holy Spirit, I also come right now and I pray, "In this body and in this blood that is here, in these signs that are here, there is so much revelation in this and in what You have done. I know we haven't even seen everything. Thank You for revealing to us, in depth, what Your body and Your blood is all about. Thank You that we can experience the power of what it is, by You, right now! Amen

Let us enjoy the Communion together.

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We are going to be talking about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the power that He rose up into and how that pertains to our lives. We will continue and I am just going to repeat some of the things that I had said last week and add some new things in on why it is important to have a physical resurrection in your theology and why Jesus was physically raised from the dead.

Sadly, in Christianity today, there is a form of Christianity that goes around where the end goal is and what we see is how God saves us from this planet and takes us to another spiritual place called heaven where we will just forever be in heaven. I've heard people say that when loved ones die then they are where they've always wanted to be and they are going to be there forever. The mindset is that we are spirits, incarnated into human bodies and that we would live in this body temporally and then when we die our spirits will leave our bodies and we would be with God. When our spirits are with God, that is where we will be forever. We will live in the New Jerusalem. We will walk on streets of gold and we will never see sickness, disease or anything like that. Everything that we've desired on this earth will be there in abundance. We will live in heaven in a spiritual form as spirits.

From there we have had teachings that say that we are spirits that live in a body and we have a mind as well. So, we are a spirit and then we possess a body. There's a problem with that because the Scripture clearly says that Jesus said that He is not a spirit. A spirit does not have a body and He has a body. That means that Jesus is not a spirit but He is a glorified human which was raised from the dead. The moment we say something like that that is seen as very radical and offensive and people can just switch the teaching off and say that it is blasphemy and they do not want to hear anything further. But I would like you to listen to what I want to teach today because, according to the Apostle Paul, this is power of God that will save you from sin and from death. As Christians, we want to see a brand new life manifest in us.

If I look at my own life, I do see shortcomings in my life. The things that I struggle with, and I'm sure the things you struggle with as well and you have struggled with it for a very long time. Then you have to come to the conclusion and say, "God, help me and show me how I can be free and experience Your quality of life." In my life, I think there are certain things you struggle with. It doesn't matter what it is and whatever weakness you think, even if it is low self worth or fear, fear about your future, fear about your children... whatever it is you may be struggling with fear. You may have been struggling with fear for so long. You've tried the teaching on casting out the devil. You've been for deliverance so many times. You've tried the teaching of confessing your sins. You confessed your sins and you worn out the recommit button out. You have been for counseling. You have been on the whole package of standing on the Word. You've been down the path of being ashamed of your fear and confessing Scripture in the midst of your fear and you find that you are just a very fearful person quoting scriptures and you are not free.

There is a place where we can actually walk in freedom and that freedom is free from our effort. It is something that God has promised. It is something that is up to Him to bring forth and that freedom from the fruit of the flesh is all connected in the physical resurrection of Jesus Christ where, He today is a physical human being seated in the Godhead from where He will return. There is a great importance in understanding the dynamics of the physicality of the resurrection of Jesus because, when we understand that, the Apostle Paul says that we are set free from our sins. According to Romans 8, it is actually called by Paul, "walking according to the Spirit." That means walking according to the life of God that He brings forth in us. You either walk according to human nature which is flesh, human ability. In the Bible that means to be in the flesh or you can find the source of life the very life of God. So, you can live by the life that is inside humans or you can live by the eternal life of God.

Today's message is going to be a teaching. In other words it is not going to be a message where I'm just going to tell you how God feels about you and encourage you just with a message of trying to lift your emotions by telling you family orientated logic, things on how much God loves you. Things like, "He loses His breath over you." I love to teach things like that, the definition of love which simply means that who you are brings forth passions of love and kindness in God towards you because He wants to be with you forever. It's not going to be along that line. It's going to be a teaching that helps you to get understanding. Once this understanding settles in your heart you will find that you don't have to go from encouragement to encouragement every day but where you have a new life born from the truth in the Gospel through understanding.

Many times the Apostle Paul prayed and said, "Thank You, Lord, for giving people an enlightened understanding." Paul knew the scriptures. He could quote the scriptures. He thought that he understood the scriptures but once Jesus appeared to him, then his mind was opened to understand the scriptures. That's where I want to pick it up in **Luke 24**. We are going to look at what opens our mind to understand the scriptures.

I am first going to read verse 25. This is when Jesus appeared to His disciples and He said to them:

- 25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:
- 26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?
- 27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.
- 28 And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.
- 29 But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.

This was with the people on the way to Emmaus. Jesus came and said to them, "Why are you so stubborn in your heart? The prophet that spoke about the death of the Messiah, the prophet that said all these things... and Jesus explained everything about the scriptures and the fulfillment of the scriptures to these people on their way to Emmaus. Then He broke bread with them and they realized that it was the Messiah.

- 33 And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,
- 34 Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.
- 35 And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

So when He broke the bread, then they realized that this must be the Messiah. But, they didn't recognize Him as, "This is **really** Him! We're going to see that now:

36 And as they thus spoke, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and said unto them, Peace be unto you.

37 But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

I find that in the Church today. When they talk about the physical resurrection of Jesus, people think that Jesus was physically raised but when you come to the conclusion of the understanding of the Resurrection, then it's actually just like it is a physical thing. It's as if we are just going to go heaven and our spirits will forever be with God in heaven because we are spirits. That's exactly where we make a mistake. Yes we will go to heaven. Yes we will be with the Lord. I want to say that we will be in heaven in this way: our lives will be safe in the hands of God. Paul said, "I will be with Him." How that state is, is not even described in the Bible. Exactly what that is, should we want to argue about that and describe that, we are at a place where we enter the paradigm of speculatiing because the scripture is not clear. What the scripture is clear on is what will happen after the life after death. In other words, the life after the life after the death, what will happen in the resurrection. That is what it is all about.

Church, let me say it this way: I believe that we have been sidetracked into thinking that the focus is where I go when I die but the Bible is not about that. Christianity is all about, "Will you have eternal life? Will you live forever? Will your physical body be able to conquer death" Will you have that death conquering power where you will be raised from the dead and where you will be saved from the body of death? That is what Christianity is about and we want to talk about that life. Scripture is full of it and we can talk about that. Then we don't have to enter the area of speculation but we can stay in the clarity of scripture.

You may ask what is the importance of this. I'm going to show you what the importance of this resurrection is and why we should start our Gospel with the Resurrection. When we start with the Resurrection, we will understand the Scriptures. Jesus came and said that the scriptures pointed to the death of the Messiah. These people's hearts were warning them and they were thinking of how Jesus spoke to them and they had an emotional flashback on what Christ spoke to them when He was on the earth but they didn't grasp the understanding of it all.

Then He appears to them again and says, "Peace be to you." But they were terrified and frightened and supposing they had seen a spirit. The same happens today. We have many people teach that Jesus wasn't really raised from the dead. People who are against Christianity talk about that. Then there are even Christians teaching that it was a vision that these people saw. But it says that they were afraid because they thought they saw a spirit.

38 And he said unto them, Why are you troubled? and why do these thoughts arise in your hearts?

39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself:

Jesus said, "Look at Me. Look at my hands, look at My feet. This is not a spirit, it's not a vision. It is I, Myself, the very one that walked with you... no different one but that very one!" It is I myself."

handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones, as you see me have.

The moment we see that Jesus says, "This is Me!" He refers to Himself as a human being and He says, "Touch Me." He is saying, "I am not a spirit for a spirit doesn't possess a body." Many people say, "I am a spirit and I live in a body." No, a spirit doesn't possess a body. A spirit cannot have a body. That's what Jesus said. Let me read it again:

39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones, as you see me have.

40 And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet.

41 And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have you here any meat?

42 And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb

43 And he took it, and did eat before them.

44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

What took place here? When we read it in the lack of understanding of the scripture, we think that Jesus appeared to them. They didn't understand the scriptures. He appeared and showed Himself to them and He tried to explain Himself but He magically kept their minds closed, explaining, and they don't understand, explaining and they don't understand... and then all of a sudden He just magically opened their minds to understand and now they understand. That is counter productive because how can Jesus open their minds and say, how can Jesus keep their minds closed, try to explain to them and then they don't understand. Then all of a sudden He opens their minds and now they understand. Then He just wasted His breath all the time trying to explain. I hope you get what I am saying.

What is taking place here is, these people couldn't believe that Jesus was physically raised from the dead. It was a massive thing for the almighty God to convince them that Jesus was raised from the dead. He appeared to the men on the way to Emmaus and they still didn't believe. Then they came and said, "Jesus was truly raised... we had Communion and the way He did it... it must be Him! "What I read there is he was truly raised, Peter said he saw Him, but when Jesus appeared to them, they were still in unbelief and they thought that they saw a spirit. It was a time of confusion. They didn't know what was going on. They couldn't believe that Jesus was physically raised from the dead. Then He said to them, "Listen guys. I am not a spirit. This is not My spirit that was raised from the dead. No, I was dead! You see Me. I was dead and now I am raised."

After He was raised, He appeared to them and said, "It is I. It is not a resemblance of me. It is not a type of me. It's not a shadow of me. It is really me!" A spirit doesn't have flesh and bone. Handle Me." And they still didn't believe. The Bible says that they were still not believing. They were very happy because they thought that this was a very nice vision. They were wondering, "Is this still true?" They didn't know. Then Jesus did a further physical thing. He said, "Do you have some food here?" They gave Him fish and honeycomb and He ate. Then they got the revelation: "Wow! He was really raised from the dead!" Then He said, "You see the scriptures and you see this physicality." And when they could believe in the physical resurrection of Jesus and that Jesus would never be a spirit and that He is not a spirit but that He is a physical human in a different glory, the glory of eternal life and not the glory of mortality which we have, then they could understand the passages because all the scriptures is contained and written and the key that unlocks understanding to all scripture is the physical resurrection of Jesus... His death and His resurrection. That is it!

So the moment you want to understand Genesis, you start with the Resurrection. That is exactly what the Apostle Paul did. Paul knew the scriptures. He was learned in the scriptures. He could argue and debate. He knew the scriptures. He was very zealous. Then when the resurrected Jesus appeared to him on the way to Damascus, He said and then He understood. There was a type and a shadow. It was like scales on his eyes. Then Cornelius prayed for him and it fell off. What happened? He met the resurrected Jesus and the type and the shadow shows, then the scales came off your eyes when you see the Resurrected Jesus, a physical resurrection where the end goal is not that we will go and play harps somewhere in heaven but that the end goal is that we would be physical human beings wherein after our resurrection we would say, "This is me. It is me who lived before I lphysically died. It is me. The only difference between the me back then and the me now is the me back then was subject to decay and now I am not subject to decay anymore. Therefore, sin has lost its power over me." That's what it is all about.

Outside of seeing your inclusion in the physical resurrection you are not going to experience the power of God as what you can experience Him. What you are going to experience is the power of emotion in knowing that God doesn't look at your sin, that God is not angry with you, that Jesus took away your punishment, that you can have a place in heaven and you will have joy from that. I can testify of that joy! It is a great joy! It is a wonderful joy. Yet when you understand the power of His resurrection and you start to see your inclusion in the resurrection and you start to see how you are saved from a body of sin and death and you now find that the Spirit that gives life that s now bringing forth this life is not a law. It's not an effort or any of that! You start to see, "Wow! I am now starting to share in the Resurrection life of Christ and the Spirit of God is mortifying my members on the earth... not me... the Spirit, by the Spirit, the life of the resurrection. Amen!

This morning, I said in church that it is so good to preach to people who have heard grace for a long time because you can just say something and drop something that is difficult to understand and they will just say, "I grab it! I know what you are talking about." I am now quoting on those who have been listening to me for a long time. The moment you understand that on account of, or because you are in a body of death, that is why sin manifests in you, you will know that trying to repent from your sins will never solve the problem because the problem is not you that sin willfully. The problem is that you cannot get free from sin because you have a physical body that is under the power of death.

When you believe and call upon the physical, resurrection body, you are now not under the oldness of a dying body but you are calling upon the power of a physical resurrected body and now you find the cure for that body coming to you and the revelation of a resurrected Jesus is now flowing into your life. Then you find the virus of life, to which there is no antidote, starting to grow in your body and live in you.

I heard a medical doctor say something very interesting. He said, "A cancer cell is a cell that cannot die. It's an immortal human cell. I realized, now I haven't planned on saying this and I thank You, Holy Spirit. to help me to give the right words here. It's a cell that multiplies but the previous cell doesn't die. It continues to grow. Then it becomes so big that it grabs all the energy of your body and it makes you weaker and the other cells weaker and it becomes stronger and it kills you. The moment we try to keep this life of the flesh alive by our own works, in other words, we want immortality without seeing Jesus' death and resurrection, when we have immortality in Him. We just want to prolong our lives by saying, "I'm not going to have what Christ gives me. I'm not willing to lay down my old way of thinking." All you do is you are creating a cancer. I'm not talking about physical cancer in your body. You are creating a monster that is a life that manifests sin and death in you. That is all! The old man had to die in Jesus so that a new man can come that can never die.

The more we want to sustain and the more we want to do like Job who thought that by just saying the right thing all the time and never saying the wrong thing about God. He's going to have eternal life. Or, let me put it this way: he is going to be very prosperous and blessed if he never curses God, if he never says the wrong thing. Job lived by a law which says, "Never say any bad thing about God. Confess positive all the time and if you never say anything negative, then you will only be blessed. What he realized is that it is not true. He realized that he was actually using his own ability, trying by his own ability, to always say the right thing, to get God to protect his stuff making himself the creator of his life. Then, he was actually declared as in the hands of the devil already because of that. That is it. Then destruction came and people thought it was God because they did not understand what was going on. Then, at the end, he came to the realization and said, "My goodness! God is greater than me and He will never put His trust in humans that are dying. He will only trust Himself to get the humans that are dying, back to life. Amen

I made a point there that I want to explain. I want to make this point in the first part of this message: True understanding of the scriptures comes from the foundation of the revelation of the Resurrection. Once we understand that, we find what Paul calls the power of the Resurrection whereby we live and whereby we have, what we would call, a sin conquering life in us where we get set free from bitterness, hatred, unnecessary arguing, where we can, even in our family life, have the security that it is God who brings forth peace in that situation. Alleluia! That is what it is all about. And from this resurrection life we have understanding of Scripture. That's the first point.

The second point I am trying to make is that there was something in the life of Job that was, simply, not the way it was supposed to be. I don't want to put the focus on Job. I want to put the focus on what God said about man's body. We are going to look at **Genesis 2:7** and then I am going to explain your design. From that design you are going to see, and what I am going to explain is, that you are a mortal being. The day that Adam was created was not immortal. He was mortal. In another message I will explain why he was mortal and not immortal the day he was made.

If Adam was immortal, he couldn't ever have died but he did die. We know that.

We are quickly going to see why does God, all the time, come and promises us something.

## He made a promise in **Titus 1**:

- 1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;
- 2 In the hope of eternal life (Paul said, "I am in the hope of eternal life." Since when was eternal life promised?) which God, that cannot lie, promised <u>before</u> the world began; So, before time, God had a promise of eternal life. When did time start?

We can get into a big thing about that but we see here that before time, and that word eternal life means before the world began. Before the world began there means time. Before time began, God promised that He wants to give someone eternal life.

The word, promise, in Strongs, means to announce upon. That means to engage to do something; to assert something respecting oneself; to profess or to promise. In other words, God says, "I will give you eternal life. I promise eternal life wherein He says that since it is a promise, when you promise something, is when you engage voluntarily, when you engage yourself, voluntarily, to bring forth something in someone else. It says, "When you engage to do something."

So, in order for us to have life, we cannot work because God promised that He will work to give us eternal life. He is the one who will work to give us eternal life. He promised this before the world began. That means that He has never placed an emphasis on man's flesh or man's ability. He's never trusted man and whatever He formed and made, He never trusted in the ability of what He made that it could attain unto eternal life. But He has formed and shaped that to be a vessel where He puts eternal life. The focus, all the time, is on God bringing forth eternal life. He promised. He promised to engage in bringing that forth.

Let's look at what God thinks about man's ability to produce life in himself. Many of us will not even understand that if you are thinking that it is not about conquering death, it's not about conquering sin. The thing is that we've made it all about, traditionally in the church, about going to heaven. If that is your theology, I want to tell you the Gospel will not make sense to you. The physical resurrection, the physical body will not make sense. You will only need the death of Jesus and the punishment of Jesus and then Jesus' spirit going to heaven and then you will be able to go to heaven. Why a physical resurrection? The reason why there was a physical resurrection was because God's dream was never to try and take you to heaven. God's dream was to take heaven and unite it with earth and bring forth a glorified earth. A glorified earth means a physical earth, just like it is now, which does not have the glory of death but the glory of life.

Job had a dream. Job 4:

- 12 Now a thing was secretly brought to me, and mine ear received a little thereof.
- 13 In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falls on men,
- **14 Fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones to shake.** (He said he was so scared.

15 Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up:

16 It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: (That's exactly what happens when people don't understand the Gospel. You see this spirit but you don't understand the the form thereof... you don't know what it is.): an image was before mine eyes, there was silence, and I heard a voice, saying (Job said, "I had a dream. In this dream in the death of night, I saw this vision, a dream or something, but a spirit appeared before my eyes and I was very afraid!". Then the spirit said the following words:

17 Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker? 18 Behold, he puts no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged with folly:

In other words, he sees his lack and inability in his servants. That means he doesn't see that they can do the job. That's what it means.

19 How much less in them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, which are crushed before the moth?

**20** They are destroyed from morning to evening (How do we trust people who are dying all that.): they perish for ever without any regarding it.

21 Do not their excellency which is in them go away? they die, even without wisdom.

He is saying that we are made out of dust.

#### Psalm 103

14 For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

15 As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourishes.

16 For the wind passes over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

Then it goes on and says the glory of man is just for a time. He is not an inherently immortal being.

## 17 But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him,

He is saying that the glory of man is, the ability of man, God knows that we are just dust and we don't have the ability to have immortal life inside us. We don't have that. So if we call on our own ability, what are we going to experience? We will experience sin and whatever sin leads to which is death. We are going to look in Genesis and explain that. So he says, "God is mindful that we don't have that ability." In other words he is saying that man is, for a time, being. But that is not a problem to God because His mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Therefore, we, that are mortal beings, that cannot have eternal life by our own works when we face the mercy of God and receive the mercy of God since His mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, we will enter through His mercy into the eternal and be made immortal. Once we receive the mercy of God to conquer our sin and death, since we have now entered and are the possessors of eternal life, we are saved from the body of death mentioned in Romans 7. Now we can actually have a life, where w are not condemned to the fruit of the flesh anymore, but where we can have the Spirit bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in us and wait for the adoption which is the salvation of our physical bodies into the glorious body like the one of Jesus where those who have already died in Christ will be raised up immortal.

Those who live in the earth in His return will be changed in a twinkling of an eye without

experiencing physical death. That is what 1 Corinthians 15 teaches.

You may ask why are we teaching on these things. What does that mean? This is Christianity! You may think you don't need this and you don't need to understand this. Ask God to show you this. Then once you see this truth, the scriptures will be open to you, the logic on how the power of how God works will be open to you and you will start to see the fruit of God, effortlessly, manifest inside you. Glory to God! Fear will start to fall off your back. Glory to God!

With that in mind, it says that God knows that even His angels have shortcomings. He says, "How much more will He not put His trust in people who live in houses of clay, whose foundation is dust?" He doesn't trust you to bring forth holiness in you. He doesn't trust you in the smallest bit that you can bring forth joy by obeying the Law. He doesn't trust you. He knows your frame and you should know your frame. That's why the biggest thing when we talk about the fall of Satan and all of that, is pride. Pride is to think something of yourself, to think more highly of yourself, than what you ought to think. If you think that by your repentance every day from sin, you can cause rain to fall out of heaven, you are thinking too much of yourself. Jesus goes so far to say in John, "Of yourselves, you can do zilch... nothing... zero! That's it! But if you abide in Me then who I am, the immortal, eternal, will abide in you. Then whatever your request is, whatever your shortcoming is, will be met by the Father and He will raise you up out of your sin. He will raise you up out of your death!" We have made the Gospel the message of how to get God not to be angry with us. The Father was never the Church's problem! The anger of God has never been the problem. I thank God for His anger because His anger is revealed to what destroys us. Amen! Alleluia! God is not angry with His people. He has never been angry with us. He's a loving God! Jesus didn't have to come to save the Father from His anger. He had to come to save us from and death! Alleluia!

**Genesis 2:** We are looking at our frame here, the makeup of man. I want to say that we were made from the dust of the earth. This is talking about the makeup of man.

7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

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"...man of the dust: dust in the Hebrew means dry dust, dust powder, ashes, earth, ground mortar or rubbish. You may say, "I'm not rubbish!" You are not rubbish. You are the beloved of God. You are the one that He loved so much that He gave His Son for. But as pertaining to your own ability to attain unto life, it is just rubbish. That's why the Bible says that our most righteous work is as filthy rags. It is just rubbish because what He has taken us from, and I am not about to explain why He uses those words and why we are made from the dust of the earth. There is a reason why God did that and I don't want to get into that. It's a teaching on its own but what He is talking about here is that man was made from the dust or the powder or the mortar, or the rubbish, the debris. Remember when the twin towers exploded. I mean it just fell in. Those airplanes went in there and it exploded. The debris was everywhere.

It says that man was made from the rubbish and the debris of the earth. The word, earth or

the ground, in Genesis 2:7 means the following: The Hebrew word for ground is the word, adamah. But the word, man, is the word adam. So he is saying that God took the debris or God took the rubbish, the dust of the adamah, the earth, and He made it alive. He put the breath of life into it. He made it alive. I believe He took the lowest part of what was on the earth and out of the greatest nothingness, or rubbish, He came and breathed life into that. There is a reason for that because that is how He will recreate everything and make everything new and make the whole world filled with His glory. So if He can win the lowest thing then the highest will also be won. That is why Adam had dominion. We don't have time to get into that.

He says that He made man, He formed man. Let us just look at the word, formed, there. Elohim, formed. According to Strongs, the word formed means to squeeze into shape, to mold into a form especially as a potter, figuratively. That is what we want to see, the figurative thing here; to determine, that is to form a resolution. So He said that He is going to form a resolution. Resolution means a firm decision to do or not to do something; the quality of being determined. In other words, when He made man, He made man from the dust of the earth. He determined the quality of being by what He made him from. In other words, if you want to look at your quality of being without God, you can only say, because God has decreed... He knows our frame that we are just dust. He knows that inside ourselves, we don't have eternal life by ourselves. It is not possible but He knows His mercy and how He can, out of this nothing, create something that can be a co-sharer of His life and His life force and everything that He is, that nothing, that rubbish, can be glorified into something that can actually have a seat in the Godhead, in the Trinity. From the fact that He would take that dust of the earth, the debris, the leftover, the rubbish of the earth, and if He can give life to that and that thing can have dominion over everything in the earth, then He will come and bring forth a whole planet, a whole universe, flooded with the glory that He can put in one grain, one speck, of dust. Amen! That is what it is all about, Church!

So here we come and we see that, as pertaining to our own ability. This is why God said to Adam, "Adam, don't eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil which is to say, and I'm using my own words, to be at a place where you say, "I am a self existing one." The moment you say, "I am, by myself, going to exist like God forever more.", you will surely die for I have decreed that in you, in your flesh, in your own ability, dwells nothing good but that you would be a temple of Me and that you will be a house or a part which I will .glorify, where My beauty will be its beauty when I indwell it... and no other way! Glory to God!

We are running out of time and now you can understand why we will have to talk about this more and more but I want to say this to you. Go to my website, Dynamicministry.com pr Bertiebrits.com if you want to listen to this in a 25 minute session, you can just click on Television Broadcast and you will see TBN there where all these messages are uploaded. This is being preached on TBN and different channels all over the world. So, go and grab a hold of it and listen to these messages there on my website and say to God, "God, I want to understand these things!" And you will find Him showing you the revelation of the Resurrection from where you will understand everything. Glory to God.

The Resurrection is not the cutting off of the Old! It is a continuation of the Old but a New glory... the glory of immortality and not the glory of dust anymore! And that's how God makes everything new in Jesus Christ. Glory to God!

I trust that you have been blessed by this message. Let me pray for you.

Father, I declare these people are blessed, touched, the blessed of God! The power of God is over them! Healing, signs and wonders take place in their body as a sign of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thank You, Father, that as we can believe this truth, see Your Scripture and have Your power live in us. Amen