

THE BEAUTIFUL TREE OF DEATH

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Today I am going to be ministering on the beautiful tree of death. Now you might say, “Bertie, what can be beautiful about death?” And you will understand what the tree of the knowledge of good and evil actually is.

As you hear the message of your true innocence and of God bearing forth fruit in you and as we understand what this tree of the knowledge of good and evil actually is, it just brings so much freedom! Let me put it this way: There are things I am going to say today that I have never taught before and this will really impact your life. So, let us enjoy this message and I just trust your heart will be so touched by this. Let us enjoy this message as you hear what the tree of the knowledge of good and evil actually is.

I'm titling the message today, *The Beautiful Tree of Death*. Eve got tempted to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and I have just come to a deeper understanding of what that is and I am going to share about that today.

As a foundation I want to say this: Father God made a promise to man and the promise that God made to man is they will be partakers of His divine nature. That is the promise God made to man. So, God made man and after He made man, He said, “You will have My divine nature. I promise you that!” So by His doing, we will have that and not by own doing. It will be by the very doing of God. That is how we will have the divine nature. The whole emphasizes on having God's quality of life and having peace, on having joy, on having a holy life is not on you. It is on God! God promised us that we will have His divine nature.

2 Peter clearly says, “*By precious promises we are made partakers of the divine nature.*” Many of us may be going through hard times. Many of us may be struggling with certain things in our lives where we feel we don't have victory. We feel we have messed up and where we feel we don't do things the way we are supposed to do it. **Listen! You have a God Who made you a promise. His promise is that He will give you His quality of life as a free gift! That is God's promise to man. There's nothing you can do to make God do it. The only thing that you can do in the presence of God Who promised you His life, is to believe Him!**

Sin would be defined in not believing God when He promised you something like that! That would be sin. When I look at my own life, whenever I see shortcomings, whenever I see anything that is not in line with the character of God, I basically just say, “**God, just love me out of this.**” And that's how God will take us out of that because God is not a sin conscious God. He's not a God Who gives you a list of rules and tells you, “This is My list of rules. This is what you must do in order to “qualify” before Me.”

You know, it has never been about being qualified before God. **When God made man, man was already qualified before God.** The thing was what will produce life in man and what will not produce

life? What produces life is God! And what produces death is an unbelief that God will produce life in you and then trying by your own efforts to bring forth the life you behold in God. So know this: God promised Abraham and said to Abraham, "Abraham, you will be a great nation." And then the Bible says that Abraham believed God and it was accounted onto him for righteousness. And now the sons of Abraham are those who believe like Abraham believed. God came and promises us that He will raise us from the dead and that we will be like the resurrected Jesus on account of God's power and not ours. Those who can believe that God will make it true in our lives, they are the sons of Abraham. They are what the Bible calls the true Jew. The Bible says that there are those who say that they are Israelites but they are not but they are of the synagogue of Satan. Amazing... I don't want to get into that today.

What we need to realize is that God promises us. God doesn't sit with a command: This is the fruit of the Spirit. You see the fruit of the Spirit and now you better start to bear the fruit of the Spirit.

No, **the fruit of the Spirit is God's promise to you that He will bring forth in you when He lives in you.** Now the question is how do we get it right for God to live in us? How does something live in us? If something is physical and needs to live in you physically, you physically need to take it and put it inside you. But the Bible says that God is Spirit. Now how does a Spirit live in you? Very simple! Through BELIEF! When you believe in a spiritual concept or in a spiritual truth, it enters your life. If I look at this thing we saw on SIDC where they robbed their people while they were doing a live broadcast and here they come with guns and steal the guy's cell phones and lap tops. When I look at that and I see the fear that it brings and I start to believe that we are just living in an unsafe country, it is never going to go well, and all those kind of things, when I believe that then that deed enters my heart and then that deed and the truth about that deed will shape my life and give birth to a life of fear in me. What actually takes place is that action starts to live in me and the way it has access to my life, the door into my life, is BELIEF. I believe the message it says. In the very same way, God says that Jesus is the Word of God.

The only way that God can enter your life is when you believe His Word. And His Word, I don't want to define as the Bible. I want to define His Word as the Resurrected Jesus where the innocence of God, put on display in the human Jesus Christ, is the Word of God about you. Your sins are forgiven... all of your sins. The righteousness of God, or let me put it this way, the righteousness of the Law is fulfilled in you by the Law being taken out of the way.

Romans 4:15 *Where there is no Law, there is no transgression.* That is all yours. And God will make you His righteousness, meaning that God will manifest His life in you by the power of the Resurrection.

Now, in everything I've said, how much focus is on God and how much focus is on you? ALL the focus is on God! God promises you and because of our design, the moment we believe it, it does something for us. Politicians use this principle very effectively. When they see that people are very upset, and they are burning places down, and they are very upset, what they do is they just come with new promises. And as they come with new promises, then those who believe the promise find that the promise gives birth to hope in their heart and then that promise lives in them.

God has done the very same thing. The only difference between what God does and what a politician does is the politician doesn't have any truth or he doesn't have anything that hasn't already been done by which he can make his promise. "He doesn't have the money in the bank," if you want to put it that way. Where God "has the money in the bank". He has the resurrected human being Who became the sin of the whole world and even while being the sin of the whole world, in the state where he is, the state of the whole world, the Spirit possessed the power to raise him from the dead so that every sinner in the

world can have the hope that Christ can raise him from the dead by the Holy Spirit... and that is the Gospel! That's the Good News! That's what we can believe. That's what we can tell people that their sin has been taken away, God is not a sin conscious God and He promises you His life and He shall bring it forth in you.

What is the righteous thing to do in the presence of God Who promises you that? BELIEVE HIM. What would be an unrighteous thing to do? To try to build up your own life by your own works in the presence of a Father Who has promised you a life FOR FREE!

With this said, and as an introduction, I want to just have your mind flooded and founded in that you can do nothing of yourself and that all the fruit that will come forth in you will be on account of a very humble, loving God that serves you with His life by living His life in you.

Let me give you an example of that. A good friend of mine who was with me in Bible School, came and visited me last week. He bought himself this very nice BMW M3, the V8 with the supercharger and everything. So he stopped by and I said to him, "You need to take me for a ride in this car!" He said, "No, I want you to drive the car." But he said, "I'm too scared to drive with you. You can take it by yourself." I did take it. It's a very nice car! It's amazing how once the Lord has set you free, you know. I could enjoy the car but I don't want one. It's amazing how it works. But anyway, what I want to say about that is, when the Lord comes and He promises us His life, He's not putting you behind the wheel. He'll drive the car and you'll sit with Him and you will feel the rush and the power and the adrenalin of that car that HE drives! He's not giving you the wheel. What that means is, He doesn't tell you, "Live a good life and so by living the good life you will experience My life." What He is telling you is, "You are the vessel. I will come and live in you." And then you will come to the point where you will say at the end of the day, "Oh, my goodness! The life I live (in other words, you are saying you are living in it), it is not I who live but it is Christ Who is living in me and now I am experiencing the union of the Trinity inside my life where I have been included into that life by God and not by my doing." Amen!

Now, we are going to explain the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. I will first go to the story of the prodigal son.

Luke 15:11 And He said, *A certain man had two sons*

:12 *And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me. And he divided unto them his living.* (That's very, very important to understand! He says, "Give me the portion of goods that fall to me and Jesus cleverly uses this word, **AND HE DIVIDED TO THEM HIS LIVING**. Not just the goods... he gave him their life. It was more than just stuff. I will explain that.)

:13 *And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.*

:14 *And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.*

:15 *And he went and joined himself to the citizens of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.*

:16 *And he would want to fill his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave to him.*

:17 *And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger.*

Now let's look at the two sons and the scenario they were born into... the house they were born into. If you look at the two sons, you will find that they didn't contribute anything into establishing the kingdom of the father. They were born into that kingdom. They didn't help the father to get the farm. They didn't help the father to get the goat. They didn't help the father to get the fatted calf. They didn't help the father to build the house. They were born into an already established business, if you want to call it that way, or family. They were born into a place where the way the father does things was already established. They didn't come and establish it. They were born into a system already there.

It's like I said to my children... actually let me start at the beginning how this actually started... I was going away, a lot, preaching the Gospel when Aubrie was still very small. He would become like rebellious. I wouldn't say rebellious, he was only two years old... very naughty. When I came home I felt guilty to discipline him. Then there was a lady who had six or seven children and she told me, "Listen, you need to understand something. I see you feel guilty and you don't want to discipline him but you must realize that you have to teach him that he has been born into a missionary's home and even if his father travels, it doesn't mean that he doesn't have to behave. He's been born into that house." In the very same way these two sons were born into the house of the father. They were not the creators of the house. They had nothing to do with building the house. The only thing they have is the benefit of experiencing everything the father has already established. They are born into the system by which the father reached all the success he already has. They didn't contribute to that at all.

Let us talk a little bit about the father's house. The father's house, if we liken it to God, is a house of righteousness where the Father has equity of character and act and where the Father, the Spirit inside that house, is a Spirit of love. So here he is a father who is a friendly guy. Here is a father who is a loving person. Here is a father who is not a sin conscious person. Here is a father who is very generous. He is willing to share his whole kingdom with his sons. He gives everything. We find, and if we look at a normal family life, and we take from this parable that this father was a good father. So he would have been good to his wife. In the circle between the father and the mother and the children is absolute unity, humbleness, kindness, love and all the fruit of the Spirit. There's not selfishness. There's meekness. There is trust. There is servanthood. The father serves his own sons by everything that he has ever done making it available for them. The father is even good to the servants. The servants, after they paid everything that they had to pay and after they've eaten, there is even leftovers. That's how good this father is to the servants.

These two sons are born into a house that works. They see a successful marriage. They see a successful house. They see the humbleness of the father. They see the humbleness of the mother. They see the father's love toward them. They see what the father's love toward them produces in their hearts towards the father, meaning that the very love that they had for one another, the very love that they would have for the servants, the love they would have for the father is all the father's love. **The father loves them and because on account of this love they can now love for they have love to love with. It is not their love. It is the love of the father.** If those same children were born in a different house, where the father beats the mother, and where he is never at home, where the mother sleeps around, and all those kind of things happen, you will not find that equity of character in the sons for there is not love wherewith they can love. You cannot have love by yourself. God gives us love or the Father loves the sons and then from there the sons can enjoy this kingdom that the Father has already established and that is the most effective way, or actually the ONLY way, wherein these children could enjoy this family as they were born into.

If we look at the life of the sons, we find that the good life the sons lived was all on account of the father. The father shared his life with them. They were alive because of him. They exist because of him.

Everything they possessed was because of him. The joy they had in their hearts was because of the joy of the house. You know, if I am grumpy at home, then everybody is grumpy. If I'm upset about something and I find my children are upset, everybody is upset. In the very same way, the joy that the children had, the source of it all was the father and what they beheld was the love of the father toward those around him. 19:21

We will now get to this and how it pertains to us and Christianity and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The sons were partakers of the fruit that came from the father and the life they had was born from him that no part in the labor from where the abundance came, neither were they involved in establishing the kingdom of the father. **These children and everything they had was just on account of who the father was.**

Now, let me summarize this and then we will go to creation of man. **God promised us life. So the life you have will be His life in you. There is only one life! It is the life of God! If that life doesn't live in you, you will never have life. That's it!** You cannot take that life and divide it into different pieces. There is just one life. This life is what we call the Trinity life. The Trinity life where we find the Father, and the Son inside the Holy Spirit being humble, self-sharing people that see the beauty of the other and see the worth of the other. From that platform they lay their lives down for one another and inside that Truth we find great energy and great life and life come forth. **That is the only life there is!** This life promised you that very same life will be in you. You will have the very same thing! So this life promised it.

So, what it means is inside this Trinity life between the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, They will see that you have an experience of that life. They will see it. It's their promise to man. Man gets created. Why does God create man? God creates man because He wants someone to feel what it feels like to be God. He wants them to feel the emotion of having peace. He wants them to feel what it feels like to see the value of another. He wants them to feel what it feels like to be generous. He wants them to experience the rush of laying down your life for another. He wants them to experience the rush of someone else laying down His life for you and you finding life from it because the Father finds His life from the Son and the Son finds His life from the Father and the same towards the Holy Spirit. He wants to share that highest quality of life with everybody! He wants to share it. He makes it available just like the father of the two brothers made his whole kingdom available for the children.

What did the youngest do? The youngest went and he took everything that the father gave him. He took the knowledge the father gave him. He took the substance the father gave him. He took everything the father gave him and all the knowledge the father gave him and went to another country to do what --- to reproduce by the very principles he had seen in the house of the father. He wanted to reproduce his own. And what happened? It didn't work! It didn't work! I am going to explain to you how that is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

You cannot reproduce what is in the Trinity... you can only be included into it and it can live in you ! That is the ONLY way! Any other thing will leave you hungry and needy, feeding swine and wishing you could eat the food that is given to the swine, but no one will give it to you, even if you work and sacrifice hard in giving your life to the citizen of that country. You will never have life for the only life there is inside the Father's house where the Father lives His life in you by you simply believing! That's it!

God comes. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, lives an awesome life, creates man, says to man, you know, gives life to man, and what happens to Adam and Eve? They go and eat of the tree of the knowledge

of good and evil. Now, just look at this picture. When God came and dwelt with man in the cool of the day, how did he come? As a monotone God Who is in self- existence, just a Father in a bright light coming to dwell with you? No, the Bible says, *In the beginning God, Elohim*, (in the Hebrew it is the plural for God which we define as the Divine Ones), *created the heavens and the earth. And God* (the Divine Ones), *Father, Son and Holy Spirit, came and dwelt with Adam*. So what happened? The love that Adam beheld was the love between the Father and the Son. When God came, in the cool of the day, to walk with Adam, I don't see God coming alone down a little foot path. I see a nice big road and I see through the woods and I see the Father and the Son. You hear their laughter from a mile away as they are telling one another jokes as they are happy. That's what I hear as the Father comes closer to Adam. And after they ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil then nothing changed in God! After Adam and Eve ate of that tree, God didn't change. God's attitude didn't change.... nothing! He came like in all the other days and He came and He walked to Adam and Eve and then Adam hid himself. Then He said, "Well, Adam is normally here but where is he now?" "Adam, where are you?" "I am hiding for I realize that I am naked!" Adam realized that he doesn't have the ability to live like God and that all the holiness and life in him was on account of God living in him and he couldn't live it. "I'm naked." But when you try and use your own ability, then you find your nakedness and you are ashamed of it. But if you, like under Grace, you are not ashamed if you are naked. I'm not ashamed to say that I can't do it. I'm not ashamed to say that God must live it in me. I'm not ashamed of that.

Let me explain the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God said to Adam and Eve, "Don't eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil for the day you eat thereof, you will surely die." Now, what is this tree of the knowledge of good and evil? Do you remember the rich young ruler came to Jesus and said to Jesus, "Good Master, what should I do to inherit the kingdom of God?" Then Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good for there is only One that is good and that is God." What Jesus was actually saying to him is, "Are you saying that God is dwelling in human flesh? Are you seeing that I am God incarnated into human flesh?" That's what He is actually asking him because if you could have that revelation then you inherited the kingdom! But the guy didn't answer Him. But there it says that the only One Who is good is God. So if you eat of the tree of the knowledge of good, what is that good? IT'S GOD! --- and **evil**, the word evil in the Greek is, if you read the Septuagint it says: **to be full of labor, to be full of annoyance, to be hard pressed by labors.**

So what God said to Adam and Eve... and I must correct myself here... it doesn't say that you shouldn't eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It says that **you shouldn't eat of the fruit** of the tree of knowledge and good and evil. What was the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? Let me explain. It would be what would be produced by having knowledge of good and having knowledge on how to work the good to bring forth life... to bring forth fruit. The moment I eat of that, in other words, the word, **eat**, in the Hebrew is synonymous for **belief**. The moment I believe that by beholding the love of God and then working what I see there in my own different country producing the life I behold, I will die.

I tell you, I cannot explain to you in words what happens to my subconscious mind and my heart when I realize it is all about His doing where I find my holiness in the eternal life in the Trinity and not my doing! Not in my copying God, not in my trying to be as holy as God or as righteous as God, but by where I am the vessel which is the recipient ... I'm the recipient of His love and because I am the recipient of His love, and I know that His love is for all people, His mind, His emotions and His thoughts for every man, start to live in me and I find the thought of God towards my neighbor. I find the thought of God thinking inside my brain, feeling inside my emotion and actually manifesting in me by His power and His love and I see Him living through me! It is so close to me that I can actually confuse myself by thinking it is me loving the people! But in the meantime it is God living in me and

the only way that He can have access to you is by you believing His Word!

What is His Word? The Bible says that God came to reveal to man the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. What that means is God took a human being and put a human being at the right hand of the Father which means in equality with God and the fullness of the love of God, the fullness of the glory of God is now, already, inside a human. When I can make myself one with that human by saying, "That Man there is me. His life **is** my life. The kingdom **is** established and now we hear about the kingdom that He **has** established. The kingdom that God established is Jesus at the right hand of the Father which is a Human at the right hand of the Father which God promised to every man, that that life belongs to everyone **WHEN WE BELIEVE THAT!** Then we find the spiritual truth enter our heart and the dynamics inside the Trinity start to live inside us and we co-live with God!

This may sound very complicated but let me say it to you this way: By beholding the life there is between the Father and the Son and trying to have access to His quality of life by doing the same will leave you dead! Jesus is not an example **for** us. He is an example **of** us! Big difference! We don't try to copy God. We are the recipients of His love and His love includes the power of a new life!

It's like I find myself saying... Helena came and said, "You know, there is a lady, a girl she is teaching who is in her class. She is in her final year and now her mom, who is a single mom, lost her job in town. She had been working for that place for I don't know how many years and they had to transfer seventeen people and she is one. Now she has to move to Durbanville. She will have a salary here of only six thousand rand and she must keep that child in the school and she has been in that school her whole life. Now she must leave that school in the final year and move to another school." Helena told me that and I said, "Well, that her come and live with us. We have an extra room. Let her live there." It wasn't a sacrifice for me to say that. I don't say that they will do it, but that the mother would even allow it or whatever. But in my heart I didn't feel like I'm sacrificing anything because to God it doesn't feel like a sacrifice to give His Son. **WE CALL IT A SACRIFICE. HE CALLS IT LOVE! HE CALLS IT NORMAL LIFE.**

So we don't live from a platform of, "I'm sacrificing this for the kingdom" or "I give this guy money so I sacrifice some of my freedom." No! The Bible clearly says in Psalm 40:6: *Sacrifice an offering I have no delight!* God's plan isn't that you live His quality of life by sacrificing. His plan is that the life that we would describe as a sacrificial life, which is a normal life, would come and live in you by His power and you will feel how effortless it is to give something to somebody and the joy in it that is born from the revelation of the value of the other because that is how the Trinity has always lived and that's how they will always live and that is the highest quality of life there is. It is so high and so unique that it cannot be duplicated... it can only be shared. God cannot give you that life. The only way that He can give it to you is, "Come and drive with Me and feel the rush of this. Feel the adrenalin of this. I will give it to you! Now, when you can believe that the old man is dead, the man who found his life through sacrificing, by obedience to the Law, by trying to love his neighbor, by doing all of that--- when you can sacrifice that and say, "Lord, Your life is my life. I see myself united in the Godhead. I see myself as sinless. I see myself as forgiven. I see myself as fully the God kind." When you can say that His life is your life then you will find His life living in you **AND IT WON'T BE ANY EFFORT!**

One guy came to me and he said, "Bertie, how do you get everything done that you do?" He had gone to my website and he is a local pastor and we've showed him everything we've done. He said, "I want to just see what you do. I also want to preach on TV and I want to preach on the web. Show me what you do." I took two hours and I showed him how to do a live broadcast, I gave him all the programs, I did everything. Then he said, "Let's go to your website and look at some stuff." So I took him and he

said, "Where do you get the time to do this?" I said, "Many times I work until eleven at night doing these things." He said, "Isn't that a sacrifice?" I said, "Maybe to you it will be but to me it's not. I find the life of God living in me. It's not a sacrifice. It would be a sacrifice **not** to do it!" I'll have to sacrifice my freedom because I have been set free to do it. If I don't do it, I'll sacrifice. I'll sit there and suffer." Do you see the difference? The one is the life of God. The other one is not the life of God! So, don't eat of the fruit of the tree that says, "Behold the goodness of God. Work that goodness you behold in this life and then you will have the life you behold with the Father." Don't believe that! It will destroy your life! Just say, "Father, I am the recipient of Your love." I believe that You... let me put it this way: This is what Abraham believed: He looked at his own body and the deadness of his own body. What does that mean? I cannot produce fruit. The Father said, "I'll make you a great nation!" What did he say? "I cannot make a great nation. I cannot do it! Sarah's womb is dead and I'm a hundred years old." (or very old whenever God made him the promise... it was beyond the time where it was possible for humans to have children. And he looked at the deadness of his own ability and then he believed that God can bring forth a child from them. He even believed so much that when God said, "Sacrifice your son," that it was okay for Abraham for the power of his blood line was not in Isaac but in the God who can fulfill His promise. He can even raise him from the ashes! He believed!

The Bible says, *It was accounted to him for righteousness*. Righteousness in the kingdom of God cannot be defined as my effort to duplicate the kingdom. Righteousness in the kingdom is to say, **He has** brought forth His kingdom in the earth, in the resurrection and He promised me that I would be as immortal as Christ in the same holiness, in the same agape and He will bring it forth in me and I believe it!" That is why Paul spoke so much about faith. There's been a great deal made about faith in the Word of Faith Move in the Church where everything was about how we faith for a car and a plane and those kind of things, but very little, almost nothing was made of believing, having faith that whatsoever God had said He will bring forth outside of my contribution because God, anyway, made His promise to Abraham while Abraham was a sinner. And He said to Abraham, "You will be a partaker of My kingdom by **My** doing." **Abraham just believed! That's how God could enter the heart of Abraham! How will God enter your heart? How will the message of love enter your heart? Don't behold God, the good, and then think you are going to work that principle and buy that life.**

Let's make it very practical and I am going to end off with that. Let's take marriage for instance. You might have marriage problems and you might think the only thing that can heal this marriage problem is if I just love my wife more. The wife can think that, "If I just submit more." Beholding the life in the Trinity and now thinking, "If I duplicate that life, then my marriage is going to be saved." No, that is not what you need. You don't need to love your wife more. You don't need to love your children more. That is not the answer. The answer is, you need to behold who you are in Jesus to the point that that reality becomes your only truth. Then as you find that truth born in your heart you will think, not you, God's thought of your spouse will flood your mind, His feeling about her or him will flood your heart. And then He will live His life towards her and He will live His life toward you in her and you will never get a divorce! That's the way! The key is not in, "Let's look at the Father and what He does. Let's look at the Son and what He does and I am going to solve my problems in this earth by duplicating that. I'm walking in darkness and I am going to bring forth life by taking their works and creating life by doing it." You are never going to have it! You're never going to have it. That's not the answer! The answer is to see the glory of God in the face of a man to the point that God thought captivates your mind to the point where His will becomes your will... and that is all by HIS doing! The only thing you do is hear what He says and believe that you have, in Jesus, been united with God. We've been united with death in Adam. How much more are we not all now united with God in Christ! So let us not try and live the life of God. Let God live His life!

Let me just read this verse: **Genesis 3:4** *And the serpent said to the woman, "You shall not surely die for God does know that in the day that you eat thereof, your eyes shall be opened and you shall be as gods* (That word, gods, there, is the word Elohim. It's the only place where it is translated correctly... gods. That's the right word. Where the Bible says, *In the beginning God...* (that's the same word, Elohim.) *You will be as God knowing good and evil.* So, what did he say? He said, 'Listen, God knows you will not die but you will have life. You will have the very life of God! You'll have the life of God. God knows it but He just wants you to be dependent upon Him. He wants subjects. He wants slaves. But do you know what? You don't need that. You can behold everything God does, all the good, only God is good, and then work the good --- that is the word, evil (to work the good). Then work the good and then what? You can live. With what life? --- the same life as God.'

I titled this, *The Beautiful Tree of Death*, because God is beautiful and what God does is very beautiful! The life in the Trinity is so beautiful but if you think you can do it and have life by it, you will die! Listen to what it says, *And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant for the eye and a tree desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof and did eat.* What she did was she looked at the concept of the beauty of God and what's alive in the Trinity and then she went and she said, "If I look at that and if I do that, that can feed me. That can give me life. Doing that will make me as beautiful as what God is. He's desirable for the eye, will make me as beautiful as God. So if I just love the way God loves, then I will be as beautiful as God.

And then he went on and said, *Desirable to make you wise.* What does that mean? Let's look at everything God does and let's have this wisdom of how God does it. Isn't that wise? Look how God gives His life and let's do that. That's wisdom, man! Let's do it! *And then she took the fruit thereof* (in other words she believed that she could have life by it), she took the fruit... listen, this is the fruit: you can have this life! And she ate it. She believed she could... finished... died. And Adam was with her and she gave to him. She persuaded him of the very same thing and then they couldn't live! They couldn't live. They died.

So, your financial situation cannot be fixed by you working harder, sowing money, giving money to the Church or anything like that. Your relationship issues cannot be fixed by you loving more, being more humble or anything like that. The Truth is that when you behold the love of God, humbleness will come to your heart but it will be the humbleness of God and that will change, that will have an effect on the one next to you. But to take the beauty of the good and to work it, to make what you see work in heaven work here, will kill you! It is so close, people! It's so close! The actions are actually righteous. It's virtuous. It's wonderful! It's love. But to think that you can have life by loving, you are deceiving yourself. You cannot! **YOU CAN ONLY HAVE LIFE BY GOD LOVING YOU TO THE POINT THAT HIS LOVE LIVES IN YOU! AND THEN YOU WILL SAY LIKE PAUL SAYS: IT'S NOT I WHO LIVE BUT IT'S CHRIST LIVING IN ME! TO GOD, THE FATHER OF US ALL, ALL THE GLORY!**

Do you know how loved I feel, how secure I feel when I preach this? When I teach this truth I feel so secure because I know that I will not come short in any good work. With this in mind, I will know what it is to truly feel the generosity of God inside me. To feel the peace of God where when I look at tomorrow, then tomorrow is not a problem anymore because I know as sure as what God is cared for tomorrow, I am, for I don't live.

Let me end up with this. The beauty of this whole thing is this: that you didn't get lost in this whole equation. When you were included into the Trinity, you still remained you. You still remained you although God lives in you and you are one Spirit with Him. You still remained you to the point that you

can say, "It is not I who live but Christ Who lives in me." Do you see what I am saying? "It's not I who live but it is someone else living in me. The life I live is not I who live but Christ living in me." It's lie Helena and I. We are one. Yet, she is Helena and I am Bertie. The same with God. He hasn't consumed us to the point of our own death. He's consumed us where He has made Himself available and created us as a being that has a mind, that has a will, that has emotion and He pours it out inside us and the vessel can say, "I can feel the substance I carry is God. It is not myself. Amen!"

You'll have to get the CD and listen to it again. I try to give little information when I teach but it is difficult.

Let's close our eyes. If you are in this place and you say, "I tried by myself to reproduce the kingdom of God. I feel far from God and I just need the love of Jesus. I want to give my life to Jesus. I want you to, right there where you are, pray this prayer with me. Just pray, say, "Lord, Jesus Christ, thank You for Your love. I've tried to produce life by my own, but I can't. I receive Your salvation. I receive Your life. I am innocent and I am forgiven. Your life is mine! In Jesus' name.

Father, I thank You that I can pray for this congregation, everyone who will listen to this message today and later whenever they listen to it on the internet, I thank You that their lives will be deeply impacted by this message. I thank You, Father, that the peace that this brings, Your peace, and not the peace that a man can work up in his mind, beholding his holy life where it's about him and what he does for You.

Thank You, Father, for the humble Person that You are in establishing a plan wherein You can be the Alpha and the Omega. Thank You, Lord, that the Trinity is not the Alpha and we are the Omega where we end it by our works but YOU are the Alpha and the Omega. You are the Beginning and You are the End that lives this in us and we have the privilege of having this joyride with You! Thank You, Lord! Amen and amen!