

THE NEW MAN IN CHRIST JESUS

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GREETINGS in the wonderful name of Jesus. It is a great blessing for me to be with you and I trust that you are going to be blessed in this Service today. I want to welcome everybody that is viewing for the first time as well as those that watch regularly. Our Service is always about the Grace of God. In today's message, I will be talking about the new man in Christ Jesus.

In this teaching you will hear all about what this new man is and how he has been recreated in Christ. You will also understand the dimensions of the Grace of God in bringing forth a new creation. We are going to talk about what the new creation actually is instead of talking about what the old creation is not. There's a big difference and I know this is going to bless you greatly today.

PRAYER Father, I want to thank You that this Service is all about Your message, Your Grace and what You have come to bring forth in Christ. Thank You for the new man. Thank You for Your Spirit that empowers us to Your quality of life. Speak powerfully through me today and thank You, Lord, that You impact every person's life in a great way to the understanding of who You really are and who they really are. Amen

COMMUNION As our custom is, we have Communion every Sunday. In the Communion I want to just start off with a great introduction to the teaching today.

2 Corinthians 5:

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

18 And all things are of God, who has reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

19 To witness, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and has committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

What a powerful passage! What a powerful truth that was brought forth in Jesus written down by the Apostle Paul, preached to the church in Corinth. What an honor that we today can read that in the Bible and see what Paul said and see the power of the Gospel and also experience that. Paul is saying that Jesus Christ Himself is a new creation and that we are included in that new Creature. If you read this from the King James' view, you will see that it says, "*17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is...*"

Those words, "*he is*", are italicized meaning it is not in the original but was added by the translator for clarity on what they believe the Greek would say.

Let us just read it without the italicized words. *Therefore if any man be in Christ a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.* It is saying that Christ is a new kind of a human being. He is a new creature. He is a new creation. He is not just a recreation but He is a new creation. Anyone who is inside Him, whatsoever would be of that man prior to what it would mean to be in Christ, is all old. It is passed away. It is not relevant anymore. It doesn't work anymore. It doesn't function anymore. It has all passed away on account of the power of a recreation. This is what this is all about.

So as we have Communion, we are thinking of the death of the old man. Remember, the Bible says in **Romans 6** that we have been baptized into His death. So, we, when we believe upon the Lord and we are baptized, when we become disciples of the Gospel, we are baptized into the revelation that the Old has died and that there is a recreation, a brand new man. That is what this Communion is all about.

As we use the Communion, we are celebrating the death of the old and the brand new man in Jesus Christ. So as we are family, as you take the Communion, you eat it as a family celebrating two things: the death of the Old as well as the fact that we are now, as the Church, the body of Christ in the earth. We will talk more about that in our session as well. So let us enjoy the bread and the wine celebrating the finished work of Jesus Christ.

Father, I want to thank You for the body of Jesus. Thank You for what You have done for me and for everybody in giving Jesus and bringing forth a brand new man. Amen

TODAY'S MESSAGE

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It's such a blessing to come to you and bring you the Gospel of God's Grace. Today we are going to be talking about the new man in Christ Jesus. When I say, "the new man in Christ Jesus", I say it that way for a reason. When we talk about the new man, we talk about this new man in Christ, Jesus. When we say the word Christ, we can also use the word, king, or ruler, or the one who has dominion over sin and death. So when we talk about the new man in Christ Jesus, we are talking about a brand new man that is inside the one that rules and reigns over sin and death. We are going to talk about this recreation. We are going to talk about what God has formulated and brought forth in the resurrection and how that pertains to us today.

Ephesians 4:

21 If so be that you have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

22 That you put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

24 And that you put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

When we look at these passages, our hearts can quickly jump back to the old, default setting of, “Oh, my goodness. I need to now try to put off the old man!” That means that I have to get rid of the fruit of the old man and I need to put on the new man and try and do the things that I would understand the new man would be... things like, love one another, be kind and be generous, and so forth. I want to tell you straight out that that old way of thinking is not what I am going to talk about today. It's not what I am going to explain today. If I do it in the old way of understanding this, it will leave you powerless, and you will not experience what God has intended for you. God has intended a brand new life for us and that is very important to understand. We need to understand the Gospel from the platform of why God has made us. When we have that in our mind and we go and look at what this old man is and what this new man is and what it means when the Bible says we became a new man, we will experience power in our life. At the end of the day, Jesus Christ came to share His life with us.

You've heard me say this many times. Maybe I've preached this a thousand times in our web church. This is something that I think of regularly and I want you to meditate on it regularly and that is that God has made you for the purpose of sharing His life with you. He has not made you for the purpose of being a servant. He has not made you to be His slave. He has not made you to work in a Garden. He has not made you for the purpose of just worshiping Him or anything like that. He has made you for the purpose of sharing His life with you.

We can easily say that we have not been made to be servants. We have not been made to be His slaves. We have not been made to be worshipers. We can be so happy that we are not those things because under the understanding that we have been made to sing praises to God or that we have been made to work for God, or things like that, we have experienced a lot of defeat and we have experienced a lot of hurt. Now when we come and preach a message that says that we have not been made for those things, we can be very happy that we are not made for those things and it can be a joy that can last for a long time because, glory to God, I am not that anymore.

It can be likened to what happened in South Africa in the ending of the Apartheid System or in the countries all over the world there were only ten countries that were not colonized. This would be true for many nations where people are colonized and were made slaves and where there was a slave trade and all those things. I mean, we can be very happy. People who were slaves can rejoice in the fact that they are not slaves anymore and they can come together and they can talk about how slavery ended. They can have all the war stories on how they came together, how they stood for what was right and how that, which was wrong, ended. But that still leaves you with a joy that you are not a slave but that is still not the joy of experiencing the new man. You can just be happy that you are not in slavery but you still have to ask yourself the question, “Since I'm not a slave, what am I now? How does this life look? What are the dynamics of this life? How do I walk in this life? How does this new life actually benefit me?” Then put your focus on not what you are not but what you are. As you focus on what you are, you'll find the power of the new come forth in your life. That is what we need to understand.

We need to realize that when Paul talks in Ephesians about the ending of the old and the beginning of the new, he does this in chapter 4 from verse 21 and only in verse 25 he talks about certain fruit that will manifest in the new. Now think for yourself. There's a letter with basically six chapters and 24 verses and four chapters and 25 verses into the letter, after explaining the Good News in depth, he uses 4 chapters and 25 verses as a foundation to speak a little bit about good works. Why would he do that? Why would he lay such a vast, big, foundation?

If you study Ephesians you will see that he lays that foundation over and over and he repeats himself to the point that, if you make a true study of Ephesians, it can actually become a bit boring after awhile as Paul repeats himself and says the same thing over and over, first from the perspective between man and God and then from a perspective of man and each other and then from the perspective of man and the very life or the fruit of God in his life. Then from there he comes and starts to explain this new man, this fruit that manifests. Why would Paul do it that way? My belief is that simply, when people hear about good works, we so quickly jump back to default setting of I must do those things and Paul doesn't want that because the moment you think that you have to do the new man, since you are not a new man, you must behold the new man, Jesus, and then do what Jesus does. The moment you think that way, Paul knows that would be the end of your life. That would be a foundation of destruction, a foundation of all manner of sin and all manner of hatred and bitterness that will continue to expound and find its life in your life and he doesn't want that.

When we look at the writings of Paul, we find that Paul talks about old man and new man. What is this old man? This old man is the man that tries to find life by his own works and this you've heard many times. We can define the old man for two hours using different examples and all it boils down to it is the old man found his birth in Adam when Adam implemented the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He believed that he could have the life of God by beholding God, by beholding the good that is in God and then doing good and so by his own works work up God in himself and so have eternal life not needing the life of God to give it to him for free.

Let us just back up a little bit. I want to talk a little about the old man but from the perspective of why God made us. When God made you, the reason why He made you was to share His life with you.

This morning I used a good example that everyone laughed about and found humorous. Let me just use it here again. About 3 or 4 years ago I would cycle a lot. I love cycling. I love to go out in the morning and cycle along the dirt roads around our town. I would go at five o'clock in the morning. As the sun would rise up, you would just see this beautiful canola fields with the yellow flowers. You would see Table Mountain in the distance. So many mornings the weather would be so perfect and it would be so beautiful. I would come home after a forty-five minute ride back and I would tell my wife, "Let's get in the car and drive out there." Then everything I had experienced wasn't there any more. It was gone. All the beauty, the feeling... everything was gone. It wasn't the same in the car as it was on the bike. My dream was that I wanted her to share in that. There were certain things that she would need in order for her to share that life that I have, in order to make use of that life inside her. That is she would have to be able to have senses. She will have to think, be able to reason, and be able to see and hear and feel and all those kind of things. Then she will have to have some form of a natural information to the beauty of nature. She will have that. If she doesn't have that, then I will not be able to share my life with her. Helena does have all of that so if I can just get her out there, out in the open.

Helena doesn't love cycling at all. She tried it and it's just not for her. It is not who she is. I remember the first time we went cycling, we went from our driveway to the first stop street and she said she was ready to go home. That is about twenty meters. That's not far! Then she said, "I think I've had enough!" But she tried and there were times where she could cycle twenty kilometers but it was just not for her. So, because inside her own ability, she cannot find the strength and the power to share in my quality of life, I had to pay a price. That price was that I had to go and buy a motor bike so that she could share in my quality of life. I mean, I just had to make that sacrifice. What can I say? It cost me an arm and a leg but I did it so that she can have her own seat in the back of that bike and I can take her out and have her enjoy this beauty with me that she can share in my life.

I think that is a good analogy of what Christ has done. He knew that man, in his own ability, would never be able to share in His quality of life. Man, in his own ability, could not cycle to the depths of God's quality of life. God was willing to pay a price so that we could have our own seat on this power which drives him, so that He can take us to the depths of His person, to the depths of His understanding, to the depths of how He sees things so that we can share in His quality of life.

Just to get back to the motorcycle, yesterday, Helena and I took the bike and did 18 kilometers on dirt roads around town and it was so nice. What was nice for me was when we went from the power road on to the dirt road I said to her, "Can you just feel that peace, that difference?" She said, "Yes, definitely!" To me that was such a beauty because she is feeling the very thing I feel. Now the end goal is reached because she can share in what I feel and now we can enjoy this life together. It is the very same way with us and God. God has done everything, has made everything possible in Christ, to recreate us to bring forth a new creation, a creation that functions on a platform where they can have access to the quality of God's life. That is what He did in Jesus Christ. Now the old man was a man who beheld God, beheld the life of God and thought that by his own ability could reach the depths of the life of God and so share in the life of God. Since man was made from the dust of the earth and man doesn't have that ability himself, the only way you can have that is if you have it on account of God. His account makes it possible for us. His ability makes it possible for us to share in His life. That is what he has come to do in Christ Jesus.

Paul is trying to bring the attention of the people of Ephesus, to the fullness of the new man and the dimensions of what this new man will bring you to. That's what he wants and he doesn't want them to think anything is outstanding as pertaining to the perfection of this new man. The reason why he doesn't want that is simply because of the effect lack has on the human heart. The moment you think you lack and the moment you think what Christ has done for you excludes certain things, in that area where you believe it is excluded, is the very area where you will be able to be tempted to go back to works righteousness. So what Paul is doing in Ephesians, he is trying to explain to people the dimensions of the new man and what this new man includes.

I recorded a course on Ephesians, verse by verse, which will be made available to all of you when all the final stuff is finished. If you look at Ephesians you will see that all the time Paul puts the focus on how the old belief had a destructive life and negative fruit. He beheld that negative fruit and that destructive life. He saw that as something that destroys the goal that God has for people in their lives where they live in sexual immorality, where they live in drunkenness, hatred and all those kinds of things. As they live in that, he sees that as destructive.

In all his teachings, all the time, he connects that to what they believe. He is saying to them that the old way of belief includes this life. So, you cannot get rid of this life as long as you believe these certain things. Now he comes and says to them, "Since you believed, I saw certain changes in your life which I am so happy about but let me show you the dimensions of this brand new man so you will never be tempted to try and do anything new but that you can be clothed by it as you believe on this new reality as the full truth about you.

The reason why I am teaching on this is simply because of what I am seeing in the Grace Church. As I look at the Grace Church on social media and in my dealings with people and churches that walk in the message of Grace, I find that we are still very excited that we are not slaves. We are very excited that we are not saved by our own works. We are very excited that there is no more guilt for us. We love to quote the verse and it is frequently in our mouths and on our lips, as it is supposed to be, that "There is no more condemnation for us in Christ Jesus."

We love to say, "The old things have passed away." We love to say, "God accepts me just the way I am." These are all true and wonderful! Yet as we behold that, we are beholding the end of the old man. We are still not beholding the new man. We have to ask ourselves, "If I am not a slave anymore, what am I now? I am free! What is this freedom?"

Let us define the parameters of this freedom. Let us talk about what this freedom is without fear in our hearts. So many times I find that if I put something on Facebook, for instance, and I say, "Nothing can separate us from the love of God", you can find 300 likes on that. The moment we say, "The manifestation of a holy life, that is Christ, is ours", then you can find 80 likes on that. It's because inside our hearts, in our subconscious, there is still fear of good works. There's still a fear because our mind somehow makes a connection to the good works as something that we must bring forth instead of realizing it is something that we believe we already are for that is what we already are in the resurrected Jesus.

So, what I want to talk about, what I want you to keep in your heart at the end of the Service is, the revelation and the discovery of who you really are... including the good works. Because we would say, "I am not a slave anymore. I am free. I am not under the Law anymore. I don't have to do anything in order for God to love me." Like Helena and me... she doesn't have to do anything in order for me to love her. I love her the way she is. That is how I love her but now that I love her the way she is, now I want to share my life with her. There is a reason why I love her. Who she is brings joy and excitement to my heart and she is the one that I felt to share my life with. Now I want to share my life with her that she can experience my life and that she can feel my life and the same is true for her. That is what this is all about. It is about the union between us where we share in one another's lives.

I want to put it this way and Paul says it this way: "I forget what was behind" and that includes my slavery, the fact that I was a slave. I forget that and I now say, "I was a slave. Yes, I was in bondage. I was all that but now I am a free man. What is this free man? How does this free man look? What am I now part of? What have I been adopted into now? How does this work?"

As we ask those questions, we will realize that the way the new man works is not by works. The way the new man works is by beholding of our perfection including the good works. In other words, when I look at Jesus seated at the right hand of the Father, I look at Him and I say, "I am seated at the right hand of God in Christ! Glory to God!" What does that mean? He is called Christ Jesus. The Christ is the One that is the Messiah, not of the Jews, but of the whole world! He is the Ruler that rules over the sin of the world and the life that is not the partaker of the life of Christ, the life of God Himself.

He is then the One who ends that life and in the resurrection, by the Holy Spirit, brought forth a brand new creature, a brand new form of human, a brand new human being. That human being, a physical human being, includes a new way of thinking, a new way of reasoning, new actions, as the whole deal. So we don't have to repent of our sins anymore and try to live a holy life anymore because He ended our old life and already gave us a new life. What we do is behold the new.

One of the problems that I want to discuss is one that brings weakness in the body of Christ, is when we think of Jesus as a disembodied Spirit. Jesus is not a disembodied Spirit. Many of us accept the fullness of Christ will think that the fullness of Christ will happen in our lives the moment we die. Why do we think that? We think that because we think Jesus is a Spirit where He is today. Then we think if we are only spirit, then we will be perfection. That is what I believe is the greatest lie that has ever come into the Church.

I don't want to be over radical but I would call that Satanic. There's no stronger word than that. It is Satanic because it is anti Christ. It is anti the One who came to rule over physical death and rule over the sins that manifest in the physical bodies of people so that God could come and share His life with these physical people so they, experientially, in their lives can actually share in His quality of life by believing that Jesus is not a disembodied spirit but that He is a recreated physical human being and that recreation actually belongs to all of us.

If our mindset is that Jesus is a Spirit in heaven and He is not a physical human, do you know what happens? Then our subconscious and our hearts don't give our body access to the resurrection power and we continue to struggle with all the old things. The greatest thing we then have to do in the Good News, the Grace Message, is to continue to make the Old worse. In other words, we continue to have our conversation on how bad the old was. Then, many times I find this in many preachers' lives, they try to make more and more radical Grace statements because they don't understand the New. The only way that they can advance in their life is by telling how bad the Old was and having revelations on how anything you would do or any fruit in the Old would actually be negative and bad. Sometimes they are just making a mockery of the Old and finding their whole life in having revelations on what we don't have to do instead of forgetting what we don't have to do and getting on with what we have to do. Have the revelation on the brand new man which includes the very thing which is called fruit, which is the practical place in the here and now, where we can actually experience the very life of God.

Do you know where you experience the life of God? You experience the life of God in your actions. It is a feeling in your heart as well as a living out. If I go and take my bicycle and I cycle and I take a beautiful picture of the sunset, I can take it home and show it to my wife and I can show it to my friends and I can put it on Facebook. That can only be likened to the Law because it is just a shadow. It is a shadow of colors put on a phone screen that you can behold, trying to see what the real life, just casting a shadow on what the real thing, really is. The only way that you can experience my life is if you either get on a motor bike or a bicycle and you cycle out there and sit there and it happens in your life. That's the only way you can experience that. You can never explain in words how it feels to stand on Table Mountain and overlook Cape Town. You can never, in words, explain to somebody how it feels to walk underneath the Eiffel Tower. You can never tell somebody what it feels like to walk in the beautiful Alps. You cannot explain that in words. It has to be experienced.

In the very same way, God cannot explain to you what it feels like to love someone. What He has to do is He has to love you to a point where you can behold your brand new life which includes a loving life or a life of kindness where you say, "This new man actually includes these good works. It's not something I have to do. It's included in the package!"

As I would say, "I don't live by my works anymore!" Why? I have been created to good works which He has prepared beforehand that I should walk in them. I've been created to sharing in the very life of God. As you hear this you may say, "Oh, my goodness, there he goes again. I must now go and do good works!" If that is what you are hearing, I want to say to you, "Repent! You are not hearing what I am saying!" Listen again. As we behold what the old man is and that we are not that, we have to, then, turn our back on that and say it was for freedom that we have been set free. I want to tell you that it is not true freedom to all the time talk about what you were under.

True freedom and the freedom that we have been made free for, according what Paul said in Galatians 5, is so that we can experience the fruit of the Holy Spirit. It can only be experienced by beholding the fullness of the new creation which includes a life where Jesus, not as a disembodied Spirit, but as a physical human being, did not leave His physical body in the grave. His resurrection which includes the physical body, that we can have the very experience of God... the love of God, the kindness of God, such a victory that is even victorious over physical death. When we behold that man as us and we see that that man is actually as much as what it is Jesus, is us, for He became us. His death is our death. His resurrection is our resurrection. Therefore His life is our life.

This morning in our morning broadcast I said that if you look at South Africa and look at our politics, you know that Jesus is not stressed out about it. And if Jesus is not stressed out about it then I can't say, "Well, since Jesus is not stressed about it, therefore, I don't have to stress about it." That would be wrong. That would be works. That would be saying, "If Jesus is not stressed, therefore I must also not stress and now I am going to try to live as stress free as Jesus." That is excluding yourself from the resurrection power. What you need to say is, "When I behold the stress free life that Jesus lives, I am actually beholding my own life and anything else is a lie. Any other belief that causes anxiety or anything in me is a lie. As long as you experience the lie and feel the lie, let that lie be something that tells you that you need to look in the mirror more.

James says it clearly in **James 1:21** *Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.*

He says that the way we lay filthy works and overflow of naughtiness and all those things apart is by receiving the engrafted word. The engrafted word is the certain message, the message and the way we have a brand new life is by being doers of a certain message. This message is **22** *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

It means that when I come and preach the word to you, the word according to the New Testament, is the message that Jesus was raised from the dead and there was a physical human being and not a disembodied spirit. We find this teaching, and many might be upset with me when I say this, but I want to say this from the depth and the love of my heart: We find this teaching that says that Jesus was raised from the dead and that is now a spiritual resurrection and that there is no physical resurrection any more. There is the extreme of preterists that believe that and from there believe that everybody will be saved. That is not what I see the Bible teaches. The Bible doesn't teach that. The Bible doesn't teach there is no physical resurrection any more. Paul was awaiting a physical resurrection. If we cannot believe that the resurrection of Jesus includes the conquering of the physical flesh's inability to obey the Law, and in conquering death and bring forth a physical recreation into a man who in a physical body cannot die, and we don't see ourselves included into that, I want to tell you will live a defeated life.

Some people say, "I feel happier than ever before." Yes, you are just experiencing the happiness of thinking everybody is saved. You are not experiencing the joy of God. You are still not sharing in the life. There are many things that can make you happy. If South Africa yesterday, would be the winner in the stage, in the Tour de France, that would make me very happy and can even make me happy for five years but that is not the joy of the Lord. That is not the joy of God. That is not the joy of God. That is not the eternal joy that is between the Father and the Son that is not based on circumstances. That is what God wants to come and share with us and give birth in our lives.

The only way that it can take place is He had to bring forth a truth about our life, put that truth in the heavens as an eternal truth it had to include us. As we behold the new man in Christ, it includes the conquering of the power of the flesh and the corruption that there is in this world through lust and inability to do the Law and where the brand new life, which the Law promised, which we could not attain, is now given as a free gift to us where we can love and have mercy and kindness actually live in us on account of the power of the resurrection and not our own working. It is a gift!

I've said it many times, the fruit of the Spirit is not a command. It's a promise! It is something we hope for and what we can expect He will bring forth in our lives.

Remember I said that Noah found Grace in the eyes of God. One of the root meanings for Grace means to pitch a tent or to encamp. I am going to end off with **Exodus 34** which clearly says that when Moses beheld God, he said, "If I have found Grace in Your eyes.... so what Moses said is, "What I am seeing in your eyes is that You want to live in us." He is saying, "If I have found Grace in Your sight today..."

Remember the whole story is that God appeared to Moses on the mountain. He said, "I will explain who I am. I am merciful, gracious, longsuffering, abundant in goodness and truth..." Then, the first time Moses speaks again, he says, "Well, I behold who You are and what I am actually seeing is if You are merciful, You are actually saying, 'I need people to be merciful, too?'" You are gracious. You are kind. You forgive iniquity, transgressions and sin but what You are actually saying that You want people to be good to." What I am beholding in Your eyes is that You actually need somewhere to live, God. You want to come and live Your life somewhere."

Then verse 8 says, "If I have found Grace in Your sight, then come and live among us, a stiff-necked people, and pardon our sins." Do you see what God does when He moves in? He comes and He pardons sin. That does not mean that He isn't angry anymore. That is the lowest way of trying to explain forgiveness. Pardoning of sin means to end missing the goal that God had with that person's life... to end that missing the goal and bringing forth the true goal which would be to bring forth a merciful, kind heart, as is in the heart of God, into those people's lives, they can share in the life of God. That is what God brings forth with His visitation.

The Bible even says in **2Corinthians 8:9** when Paul talks about finances, he says to people in Corinth when they promised to give money to the poor churches in Jerusalem and give them gifts because they were going through difficult times, he said, "You promised to give the money and now I want to ask you to keep that promise." Then he said, "Let this Grace be in you which was also in Christ." He then defines what Grace is. He says, "How he that was rich became poor that those who are poor can be rich." What is Grace? He said, "Let this Grace be in you which was in Christ to take of His riches and enrich you with His very life." That is what he is saying. That is what Grace is.

Grace is not God not looking at your sin. When the Bible says that God was not imputing their trespasses against them, that means that they had a trespass which was not believing in Jesus and if God would impute that trespass, it would mean that He would allow that unbelief to continue to bring forth the fruit of the flesh on to eternal death in the lives of those who don't believe the truth. But what he was doing now is he says, "I am not going to allow this trespass of unbelief, or believing the wrong thing, to cause complete destruction in their lives. How? Because I will bring the truth and I will reconcile, recreate them in Christ, and now bring a truth they can believe so that this trespass of not believing the right thing will not result in a life of the fruit of the flesh and complete annihilation or death. That is what he is talking about. God has come to share His life with us!

Church, I'm not pointing fingers, please hear what I am saying. Sadly I found that there are some folk, when they saw that the message of just rejoicing that I am not a slave doesn't have the power to bring forth a new life, now say, "Well, I do believe in Grace. We are not slaves. It is not by our works." Then they say, "Since we are a new man, we need to live the new man." No, that is not what Paul says. That is Law! Sadly, we found a lot of churches in Grace, especially when it comes to the area of money, deviate a little bit from the truth and bring in mixture and so are falling deeper and deeper into the Law. It will just end again as the Apostle Paul would say, "It was for freedom that Christ has set us free. Why do you want to be brought on to bondage again for that bondage, that Law System, will bring forth all the fruit of the flesh in you?" Then he says, "Don't you know that those who have that fruit in them are not partakers of the kingdom of God! They are not inheriting what God has intended for them and you are now using the system that will bring forth all this death. I don't want you there!"

It's the same with me. I don't want the Church there. I don't want you in this Dynamic Love Web Church there. Neither do I want any Church leader to bring in some form a little bit of Law or "human responsibility" into the thing saying they must do good. No! Paul says, "Be clothed with the New." Clothing with the New is believing that I am new, even in my works. If I find areas in my life where I am hateful or resentful or bitter or anything like that, where I find my identity in what my parents thought of me when I was a child or what I did when I was a child or any of those things. If my mind goes there then all I have to do is I behold the new man, the recreated man, the new creature, and old things have passed away. I cannot relate to the old anymore. And I behold a loving, kind person. I behold a person that is not a slave, not there for the purpose of worshipping, or any of those things, seated at the right hand of God, righteous with a righteousness of God, created after God in true holiness and true righteousness, including all the fruit. That is who I am. I'm beholding the love of Jesus and I say, "That life is my life!" And only by that faith do we have access to the grace where Jesus became poor to enrich us with the quality of God's life.

I hope you understand what I saying. Some might say, "Bertie, you are bringing us back to the Law!" No, I am not bringing us back to the Law. I'm talking about God bringing forth His life in us and that is what we can expect! That is why the Bible says that it is better to give than to receive because on the receiving side it is wonderful and glorious and without receiving we can never have the very life of God. But as we receive the very life of God and we find the end goal of receiving the life of God in becoming a giver, in becoming generous, in becoming kind, in becoming loving, in becoming having compassion. In becoming all those things now it is better than being at the place where you just have to receive because now the purpose of receiving something is flourishing in your life and you can now share in the very life of God which is the only eternal life! Glory to God!

I trust this will give you a lot of hope and a lot of inspiration to know that the things that are in your life that are pulling you down, negative things and all of that, you don't have to try to make it work by your faith. That is not what I am saying. I am not saying, "Believe it until it is!" I am not saying, "Work it up by your faith." I am saying, "Just believe who you are! It is the work of the Spirit to bring it forth the fruit of God in your life."

How do we inherit this promise? The Bible says, "By faith and patience, we inherit the promises of God. There might be a time, in certain areas of your life, where you need to be patient but that is what God is bringing forth in in your life. Let's say that you have a drinking problem. You drink three bottles of wine every day. You cannot go without that. Let's say that you have a drinking problem and you know that you cannot be free. You don't have to go and say, "Well, Grace doesn't work for me." What you do is you behold the sober person that is not addicted to anything, seated at the right hand of the Father, that is free." and can say, "No" as the new creation. Behold that as you.

As you behold that, be patient. Maybe you don't see it today. Maybe you don't see it tomorrow. Don't disqualify yourself. Don't say something doesn't work.“ Don't say, “God doesn't love me. God doesn't care for me!” That thing that you are ashamed of, you live in shame, you feel afraid that people will find this out, you live in all that fear. That is not for you! You are being tortured by the enemy. It was for freedom that God has set you free. He says, “Just look in the mirror. Continue to look in the mirror, the perfect life of Jesus. As James 2 says, “Behold your life in the mirror and don't be a forgetful hearer. See what kind of man you are and don't forget what kind of man you are. As you are remembering who that new man is you will find, in due time, the Holy Spirit will bring forth a brand new life and it will be born of God and not born of willpower. It wouldn't be, “I just faced it until it was!” No, it was a revelation of the new settling in your heart and then God, by His Grace, where He became poor so that you can become rich, rich in His quality of life, will manifest by Grace and by Grace you shall be saved from that which puts a burden on your life. Glory to God!

We can use alcohol. We can use anything there is. Maybe it's just anger, bitterness, unforgiveness. Whatever there is that is not the quality of God's life. That can be put in that category and through faith and patience we will see how we inherit what God has promised us. Please don't see the new man as a man who excludes the good works. Amen.

Father, I want to pray for everybody that is watching. Thank you for the brand new man. Thank You that You have come to recreate man. You have come to bring forth a new creation. Thank You that the old things have passed away. Even our old, what we would call anti-law parties, are also over. We can now rejoice in the New and we can be happy for the New. We can be happy because we now have access to a life of love and kindness and freedom and joy --- a life where we don't fear about politics, where we don't fear about our finances. We don't fear about things where we have a confident expectation of Your life. That is what we are saved to. I want to thank You that we can rejoice in that.

I want to pray for our Web Fellowship. I thank You, Lord, that everyone here will understand this message, grab a hold of it and see the fruit of this manifest in their lives. Amen and amen.

I want to thank you that you have watched this broadcast. As you know I haven't had any live broadcasts for two weeks and also we were having some problems with Facebook but it is working again. I had the flu so bad that I couldn't preach at all but now I am feeling good again and I am excited to preach this message. I want to say to you that you are loved and you are cared for by God and you are what God has always dreamt and He is powerfully sharing His life with you!

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