

# THE POWER UNTO A VICTORIOUS LIFE

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Today we will be talking about the power of salvation through the righteousness of God. I have been in a series now for several weeks where I was just talking about the righteousness of God wherein we talk about the promise of life. God has promised us life.

1 John says: "This is the promise He has made us: eternal life." You know the promise God has made you in not, thank God, it's not a BMW, or a nice house, or any of those things. That's not the promises of God. The promise that God has made man is eternal life. Those of you who missed the Communion in the first part of this meeting, my goodness... make sure you slot in a bit earlier so you can partake of that with us because there is so much wonderful revelation that flows in that time wherein we just share what Christ has done for us.

In the Communion, I was just sharing on how we are partakers of the life of God and how death will not reign over us, rule over us, but that we will have the life of life and how life will manifest in us and push out all death and therefore also push out everything that we think we cannot have victory over. But the greatest promise that God has made us is the promise the Bible says: eternal life. And the wonderful thing is that God has promised this even before time.

When we read John chapter 6, we see the Father of Life has granted Jesus to have life in Him and Jesus lived by the life of the Father and we live by the very life that the Father gave Jesus and by Christ, we will live. **So, the life that Jesus has in the Resurrection, is our life. That life, when it enters us conquers fear, condemnation, guilt and death by God's doing.** And that is the promise of God to us. That is God's righteousness. That is the goodness of God. That is the equitable deed of God. That is what He grants man from the beginning. Church we are going to teach this more and more and we need to realize that the Gospel of Jesus is not about heaven and hell. The Gospel of Jesus is about life.

We have been robbed of the power of the Gospel in two ways: through legalism and law wherein we hear that Jesus is our Savior but what we see salvation is from hell fire. .. that we will not go to hell one day. That is not the Gospel! The Gospel is the good news that God saves us from death by granting us His life, by bringing life to a human being in Jesus and that we who believe in Him, when we believe in Him, Christ has entered our hearts. How does something enter your heart... when we believe in it. When Christ entered your heart, what happens... you find life! You find this life coming to you and now the life that gives life to God, which is the life of the Father, will now start to give you life in this world. Glory to God. **That life manifests in the fruit of the Spirit. Glory to God!**

Now, Church, if I look at what's going on in the world today, we have come to a place where the Gospel was so powerless that we only used the Gospel as in the power of signs, wonders and miracles and that was for certain gifted people. Then the power of the Gospel was in that we were saved from hell and go to heaven one day. But the power of the Gospel was not seeing how God gives us life by His Resurrection power and all we do is believe and we can expect the life of God through that.

Now, I am going to try to explain what is in my heart and I thank You, Holy Spirit, that I will be able to explain this to people today. When I look at the message of Grace, **the Gospel of Grace is God's divine influence upon the heart and the acting out in the life that includes gratitude. In other words, God influencing your belief and God manifesting His life in you today.**

I don't want to start a big stir or anything like that but the Grace teaching is not the message of God's tolerance for death in the life of the believer and God's acceptance of death in the life of people. That is not the Grace message. **The Grace Message is the message of God granting us eternal life.** I want to define eternal life. This is Bertie Brits' definition of eternal life: Eternal life is a kind of a life that is so durable that it casts out all death and on account of this kind of a life that enters us and pushes out death, it also pushes out all the traces of death or in a thing that would cause death in your life, which would be the fruit of the flesh or what we would call the works of the flesh which is mentioned in Galatians 6 which are things like hatred, bitterness, outbursts, alcohol abuse, sexual immorality, and all those kind of things. So that is all pushed out by the life we embrace.

What we have done and what we have seen and I just come to realize this more and more. We have felt so disqualified, Church, by a legalistic approach on the Gospel and towards God by law that we have defined the Gospel basically as the message wherein God' says, "I am not angry with you." That's not the Gospel! The Gospel is not, "I am not angry with you." God is not an angry God. The Gospel is not the message of, "God was so angry and then Jesus came and appeased the anger of the Father therefore He is not angry with us and therefore we are saved from the anger of God. That is a lie! That is an absolute lie and when we believe that we will hear, "God's not angry with us." For all of us who have believed that God has been angry with us, we will feel this salvation from fear. We'll feel this salvation from God going to kill us one day in judgment and all those kind of things. Yet we will refuse to understand what salvation is all about. What salvation is all about is to save us from the death that is inside our flesh by dying away the contract we had with death and therefore receiving the life of God, the life of the Father of life. And as that life enters us we find that life start to grow in us and as that life starts to grow in us the life of God pushes out all the traces of death, all those kind of things, and gives us freedom from sin and then at the end, freedom from death which is the last enemy that shall be conquered. **So what God came to save man from is death in the physical body.**

Death in the physical body manifests this way and I hope I can explain this because it is a radical change from what we normally hear and even from what I would teach in a long time... not that I am against what I taught. I absolutely stand with everything that I taught and I just believe that in many years of teaching this I just came to a place where I felt that I am going to use the boldness to preach what I believe concerning these things. Glory to God... Persecution or no persecution. I want to preach what I believe about this for this shall give us life. Amen! And we will have what God has intended for us, Church.

We've come to a place where we want to apologize for saying that God can set you free from something like homosexuality. We can't say that because "You didn't say it is wrong." My goodness! It is not a sin to say that God can save you from it. It is not a sin to say that God can save you from alcohol abuse. It is not a sin to say that God can save you from the very thing that causes all these things. **It's not a sin to offer freedom!** It's not a sin to say that God, by His doing, when we are set free from the law and the wrong belief, will start to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in our life. It's not a sin to say that we grow in these things and as our understanding broadens we start to see more of the fruit of God manifest in our life. Hallelujah! So what we are saying is that God has come not to save us from an angry Father. God has not come to save us from we have been guilty of breaking the law and now God says, "Okay, the Law has passed away and now you are just not guilty anymore and because you

are not guilty, you are saved.” No, the thing is that God saw that something is killing His people and He wants to save man from what kills man by offering His life that will cast out all darkness, cast out all sin, cast out all those things out of us. The way, the access, we have into this grace, this divine influence upon the heart and its reflection in the life is by faith. **The way something enters your heart is by you believing it.** When something enters your heart, when a thought comes to you and you grab a hold of that thought and you believe what it says, it enters the depth of your being, it has entered your heart, and from there it starts to grow inside you and manifests it, that seed enters your heart, you believe it. **That's how God enters your heart... by you believing Him.** Amen!

So what does God come to do? He has promised man eternal life and that life was made manifest unto us! How? The life which was from the beginning, that which was from the beginning was the life of the Father of life... the life of God Himself! John said that we have seen that life. That life came into a human being. What does that life do? That life took a human who had all the sin of all the world upon Him, who had all the death of all the world upon Him, He conquered sin. He conquered death. He raised that human up into a physical, undying, human body who saw the promise of God fulfilled in Jesus and John said that we have come to handle that life. We've come to experience that life and now there is the law of life that is at work. There's a principle of life. The Spirit can raise people unto life and we will see that life manifest in us and not just as some spooky spiritual life somewhere. I'm talking about a life that entered us through faith in the grace of Jesus Christ that we can see the freedom of God, the freedom from the flesh, freedom from all those things manifest inside us on account of the doing of God. Where we don't get our hands into the mix where we try to do things by our own works and bring forth the life of God but where we fully rely upon the resurrection power of Christ to bring forth the life of God in us! Amen!

(Man, I'm not even in the passage I wanted to read...Thank You Holy Spirit! You are raising up life into this message and You are bringing life to everyone who hears this!)

Let me read 1 John 1-2 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life. (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and showed unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and which was manifested unto us.” So, what is he talking about? He says, “With the Father, the Father of life...” People, let's not beat around the bush.

Let's read John 6:54. (I want to tell you, you hang around this message you are going to have life! Hallelujah! It says, “Whosoever eats My flesh, and drinks My blood, has eternal life. (The kind of life that will last forever!); and I will raise him up on the last day.” He says that you will have the life that conquers all death.

:55 For My flesh is meat indeed (My flesh, Jesus said, will feed your body unto life), and My blood is drink indeed.

(What does food do? It keeps you alive. So if we drink the blood of Jesus and if we eat the flesh of Jesus it will feed us and sustain our physical bodies and even raise us from the grave.)

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56 He that eats My flesh and drinks My blood dwells in Me and I in him.

57: As the living Father has sent Me, and I live by the Father (as the living Father... the Father that is alive and the Father of all life, God Himself) has sent Me and I live by the Father, so he who eats Me, even he shall live by Me.”

There was a living Father and this living Father made a promise from before time that He would grant His life unto us and that was the promise. That was the word of life. There was a word, a message, a hope. I am going to get you to a place where that kind of life you have in you is not the life that will cause you to have death one day. The life that I will bring to you is a kind of a life that will spring up into life everlasting. We will have this fountain of living water and this fountain of living water will gush out of us. We will preach the Gospel of Jesus. We will see the fruit of the Holy Spirit manifesting in us and this will be a fountain of spring up unto eternal, immortality, undying, life wherein our bodies wherein this body where sin dwells, wherein death dwells, is resurrected, made alive, by the Word of life and it brings forth life inside us to the point where sin lost everything, all of its power. I'm not talking about guilt before God. I'm talking about manifestation of life manifesting inside us in this form of the fruit of the Spirit ending in conquering death. Glory to God! That's what He promised!

Listen to what 1John 1 says here, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and our hands have handled, of the Word of life."

(What was from the beginning that we have looked upon? Which was from the beginning that Jesus saw and the disciples saw that His hand handled.... when I first saw what His hand had handled... this is what they saw: THE MESSAGE, THE WORD, OF LIFE! “)

From the beginning was a message of life, a promise that we will live and not die. That's what God promised! **The way we will live and not die is not by doing good works! It's about believing upon the Father and when we believe upon Him, the Father of life and the living Father enters us.** When we believe upon Jesus, eat His flesh, drink His blood, He enters our heart and as the Father granted Him to have life, He, when we believe upon Him, grants us to have that life and that life starts to push out and start to stop all kinds of death, all kinds of anger, all kinds of bitterness, all kinds of abuse, all kinds of cravings, all those kind of things and we find the life of God. We find that we are heirs of the very life of God.

Here John said that we saw that Word fulfilled in a human being in Jesus Christ. He said, 1John 1:2 For the life was manifest and we have seen it, bear witness and we show unto you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested unto us;

3 That which we have seen and have heard declare we unto you that you also may have fellowship with us; And truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ.

(So what he is saying here is, "Listen guys! Our fellowship is with life! We have been granted life!" And then he goes on and says in the next verse:)

(If you can confess that you have sinned and that Jesus has died away this for you and you have fellowship and you **walk in the light in this revelation**, this light of what we have seen and you beheld, and you can believe this, what will happen? It says, 'He will set you free from all your unrighteousness,' meaning this message of life will enter your heart and from there, what will we expect? We will expect the righteousness of God. God is just and He will forgive us of all of our sins. What that means is not that He won't be angry. What that means, Church, is that He will set us free! )

:8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us (or to set us free from our sins) and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(So what is he saying here? He is not saying, “I am wiping the slate clean!” This has nothing to do with a slate. It has to do with death indwelling us. That's what it has to do with.)

Now we will go to Romans 7. Listen to what Paul says here.

:19 For the good that I want to do I don't do: but the evil that I don't want to do, I do.

:20 Now if I do that which I don't want to do, it's no more I that do it, but sin that dwells in me.

(Here we see Paul confesses his sin. This is how Paul confessed sin. He said, “If I live by the Law, I find that in my flesh is the inability to have eternal life. I find sin manifesting in me and the wages of that is death.” That means that by the Law I cannot have eternal life. That is what he is saying.)

He says in verse 21 I find then a law, that when I want to do good, evil is present with me.

:22 For I delight in the law of Gd after the inward man.

:23 But I see another law in my members (in my flesh), warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

(So he says, **“In my members is a law that says that I cannot have life by my works. Inside my flesh is death and I'm dying by my ability unless the Father of life, or the Living Father, grants me life, I have no life.” That is the confession of sin. That's what it is. )**

:24 O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

(Who shall deliver me from the thing that the life I live I don't want, the life I hate, I live. Who shall deliver me from this system of “the more good I want to do, the less good I do”. Who shall deliver me from that?)

He then said in verse 25: I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God but with the flesh the law of sin (and death).

(He says, “When my mind wants to do good, I find that my human body does not possess the ability, it doesn't have the life in it, to live forever and have that life, I can't have it. “)

Then it says:

8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

(What is he saying here? When you want to obey the law, we find that this body does not have eternal life in it but Christ does have it! So if we need something that can set us free from having life from trying to access freedom from sin by will power and works of the law, for the law cannot do it. The law has the promise of life but it cannot bring it forth but God comes and He gives life as a free gift! Now if we are in the place where we receive the Holy Spirit, what will the Spirit do? It will set me free from the law of sin and death.)

Therefore he goes on and he says:

:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

(What does that mean? God condemns this power that takes us back all the time. So what can we expect when we believe upon Jesus? My goodness! **We expect a life of God!** We expect freedom from all these passions... freedom from bitterness, hatred, resentment... freedom from all of that and the life of God and we present our members now as an instrument unto holiness! How do we do that? By believing that we are believing that God's promise of life has been granted to us. He's raised a man from the dead. He has poured out His Spirit upon all flesh. Now as we believe that, through belief, something enters your heart and as I believe this, this becomes a core from where my whole life is shaped and formed and what do I find? Voila! The life of God starting to manifest in me! Glory to God! Isn't that awesome! He says that when we believe this we shall have life!)

8:10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

(So what is he saying here? He says that if Christ is in you, as it says in John 6, If you eat Me then you are in Me and I am in you." When we believe this truth what do we find? We find Christ in us and we find our thoughts and our life and everything inside who and what He is. And what happens then is he says that when we are in this place, he says, "The Spirit is life and if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin." He said that if Christ is in you, this body is dead because of sin but the Spirit is life because of righteousness." So even if Christ is in me, this body is a place wherein death will manifest. So if Christ is in me, when I eat of that, what do I see in my body? I still see some of the fruit of this flesh in me but this is the reminder: this Spirit is life because of God's righteousness. So my expectation is then the resurrection power of God manifesting in me.)

Then he said in verse 12: "Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

(What he is saying here is that we don't owe the flesh any service any more. I don't owe the flesh any service. I don't owe the flesh anything where I have to have bitterness, hatred, self, resentment, stinginess, fear, and all those things, I don't owe it any more. It's got no right to that anymore, but now all I can say is that my life is now available for the resurrection power of Christ! Amen and amen!)

Church, let me end up this way. This can be very challenging to you because it's confronting you with a life wherein God manifests His life in you where you are set free from bondage and all those kind of things and you might easily think that this is just all about I must change my life. I am not saying you must change your life. I'm inviting you to Christ bringing forth His life in you. Amen and amen!

Let us just pray together:

Father, thank You so much that I can just minister this Word to these people by Your life that is in me. I thank You that as I pray for the people in our Web fellowship that they will just experience Your life... everyone who is listening to this.

I thank You that people are set free, today, from all kinds of abuse, from all kinds of hurt, pain, things of the past as they present their bodies a living sacrifice unto You wherein they stand up and say, "Body, you are alive from the dead on account of Christ. I present you alive. I present you, you are alive yet you have died with Christ and that the life of Christ belongs to you. I thank You, Father, that I can do that right now, in Jesus' mighty name."

I just see someone who started with alcohol and now taking that bottle and throwing it away. You are free! I can see that.

I see somebody being set free from drugs, medication and stuff. You just feel that freedom coming your way. You are free in Jesus' mighty name!

I just see people who are confused with the message of grace. Where you felt, "What about the power of God? What about the new life?" I just see a clarity... that ahhhhh, Thank You! It was not a works' thing. It was also an acceptance of a debt thing. This is a God thing. I see freedom for you as well, in Jesus' mighty name.