

THE THRONE OF GRACE

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Today we are going to be talking about the throne room of grace. We will talk about what that throne room is and what the ark of the covenant is in the New Testament.

There are many people still looking for the old Ark of the Covenant so they can rebuild the third temple. Why would you want the shadow if you can have the substance! The old ark of the covenant was simply just a shadow of what truly is. You can today, in every moment of every day, have God sitting on that ark of the covenant have His rulership manifest in your life without seeing some temple built somewhere or some ark of some covenant. We are, today, in the New Testament. We are standing at the place of substance. We are standing at the place of manifestation. We are standing at the place where God, the Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, is bringing into this world and manifesting what He has always dreamt for humanity. Glory to God!

God has come and in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, He brought forth what is called the first born from the dead which is the firstborn among many brethren. These brethren will also be born into the very same manifestation of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. What that means is that we don't have to seek for anything more or anything else and we are in Jesus, where we are supposed to be. Glory to God! With that said, I want to go to a passage in Ephesians. We will talk a little about grace.

Look at what Paul says in the first chapter of Ephesians. He starts off and this is a famous passage. Paul, in the beginning of his letters, always has a systematic way where he starts the letter. That, to me, is very important! To me, the way you start a letter speaks about the attitude of the person. Since he is writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, I believe that the way he starts the letter also talks about God's attitude, the attitude of the Holy Spirit, the attitude of the Father, the attitude of the Son towards people.

Paul comes as a special messenger or the one who carries a special message.

1 Paul, (Paul comes as a special messenger or the one who carries a special message.) **an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus**, (He is talking about some of the believers there.) **and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:**

I want to tell you that as a church, we have measured faithfulness in how faithful we go to church instead of how faithful we are to the true Gospel. When Paul talks about the faithful in Christ Jesus, he was talking about people that listened to what he preached when he started the church. They then stuck to that doctrine and didn't get washed away by Judaism or Judaizers where people came and tried to get the church to go back to the old Jewish systems and feasts and all those kind of things of which circumcision was one of them. .

So, here he says that he is talking to people who stick to the original message, the Gospel that they have heard him preach many times which is the message of God, the Resurrection message.

He says that he is writing to the people who are faithful in Christ and he says:

2 Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

What we see here is that he immediately starts with a unity concept. He says that there is grace, a divine influence from God And we will look at what that influence is. It is a divine influence from God that can influence the hearts of people to the manifestation of all who and what God is in them. That's what he is saying.

I'm using my own words, an absolute paraphrase: He says, "Listen guys. I am Paul. I am writing this with a passion in my heart. I'm speaking to God and in my union with God I am writing you a letter. I am speaking to God and what He wants me to tell you is that from Him, from the Father and the Son, there is a divine influence unto life and peace towards you. There is harmony between you and God. There is not hostility!: What I like about that passage is that he says that it is not just God the Father but from the Father and the Son.

Traditionally we have believed that the Father is the one who is not always easily smiling and He easily gets upset but Jesus is the friendly one. Jesus actually came to take away the anger of the Father and therefore we are better acquainted with Jesus. We would rather be in the presence of Jesus than in the presence of God the Father because the Father is the one who actually was carrying anger and wrath and all those kind of things and Jesus had to end this. With that in mind and also looking at end time judgment and so forth, I think a lot of people in today's church sit with fear for the Father and a love for Jesus. The love for Jesus is always directed toward the cross and not much at the resurrection because that is the end of punishment because the biggest thing we had in mind was the Father wants to punish all of humanity for the sin of one man. That is not true! The Father did not want to punish all of humanity because of the sin of one man. God wanted to deliver all of humanity from the death and weakness one man brought to all and there's a big difference.

I want to say that again. God the Father did not want to punish all of humanity for the disobedience of one man. That's not what He wanted to do in Jesus. What the Father wanted to do in Jesus is, as sin is multiplied to all for weakness unto eternal life is in all, He has come to reach the depths of the darkness of all people so that He could save all people from the transgression and the death and the consequence of one man's disobedience that has multiplied to all.

Then it says that the grace of God is of all these transgressions unto a brand new life where He is greater than all of that. Amen! So we find that that is from the Father and the Son. So we don't find an inequality in heaven. It is the Father and the Son, both of them, in the Spirit of God, in the life of God, that loves us, that says grace to you, peace to you, harmony to you and influence from God to a brand new life, harmony between God and man since there is the man, Jesus Christ, seated at the right hand of God. Then we find the Father and the Son being one. Glory to God

If we look at the word, grace, and we look at Paul always starting out with, "Grace, peace and mercy to you", what is this grace?

Paul is praying for people in **Colossians 1:**

3 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, (Since when?)

4 Since we heard of your faith (faithfulness) in Christ Jesus, and of your love which you have to all the saints,

This is an amazing passage because what Paul is actually saying is it is referring to these people in Colossae which were Gentiles. These Gentiles were now loving on the Jews. They were loving all the saints, all the believers. They were not just loving their own but they loved even the Jewish believer which is actually a great fruit because you must remember that there was a massive, what we would call an apartheid system between Jew and Gentile back then and it is still true today. The moment one nation thinks they are the nation of God and others are not, that is an apartheid system. That is separation and that is not supposed to be so. That is what Christ has come to bring an end to. These people were really having a lot of hate speech towards the Gentiles. They were saying to them, "You are dogs!" Many of them would spit on the ground when they passed by certain Gentiles. They would not even talk to them. As pertaining to the people in Samaria, they had no dealings with them because they were 'half' Jews. It was such a thing about ethnicity that Paul basically said, "When we heard of your faith and that you are now loving those who didn't love you, we started to pray for you because we saw that the Gospel was really bearing fruit in you! Glory to God!"

With that in mind, we will now go to verse 5: This love that you have for those who were actually against you, for all the saints and not just for Gentiles but for all of them.

5 For (because of) the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and it brings forth fruit, as it does also in you, since the day you heard of it (Heard of what? Heard of the word of the truth of the gospel which is the hope for you, and we are going to get into that. He says, **since the day you heard of it and knew the grace of God in truth:** What is that? We must remember that the Christian hope, when the Bible talks about hope, it is not talking about hoping it goes better tomorrow. The Bible says in Peter that the Christian hope is that we have been born again unto a new and lively hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. That means that since Jesus became sin, He became weak. He became without strength. He died upon the cross and since that death was our death and that He was now resurrected to a body flooded with strength, that has no sin, that will never see corruption, seated at the right hand of God and since we are now believing that that life is also is also our life and yet we are not seeing the fullness of that life manifesting in our life, we have the hope of that life.

That is what Romans chapter 8 says and that is what it teaches. So, we have the hope of the resurrection. We have the hope of immortality. We have the hope of a life where our flesh, our physical body, will be co-glorified in the very same glory as that which God has. Alleluia! That is the word, hope.

4 Since the day we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of your love which you have to all the saints, we prayed for you. And this love that you have for all the saints is because of the hope

5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; So they heard of a word of the truth of the Gospel.

What is it when we say, "The word of the truth of the Gospel"? There was a Gospel, a good news, that was prophesied of in the Old Testament. This word of prophecy was contained in the prophet, that a Messiah will come and that he would even conquer sin and death. He would bring eternal life and that all the nations would be blessed because of this Messiah. This promise was made to Abraham and his seed not as unto many seeds but as unto one which is Christ and whosoever would then be in Christ. So Christ and Abraham had the very same promise and that is that in you all the nations shall be blessed. And they will be blessed with the surer mercies of David which the Bible describes as a resurrection life where man is not living by his own ability trying to conquer sin and death but where God comes and where He is the Master life giver of a brand new life where we just rest in Him. That is what it is. That is a very good news, a prophecy of something that was very good. .

But now it says, **you have heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;** The truth of the gospel should be seen as that this word now of prophecy of this resurrection life has now become true. It is now true. It is like a prophecy.

You have people prophesying many things today. They are prophesying that this is going to happen, and that is going to happen. And then you will ask, "When is this word becoming true?" So there is very good news. We can have good news. South Africa is going to be a blessed nation and that is very good news. But when you hear of the truth of this good news, meaning that this word has now come into manifestation. That is the truth of the gospel. So, what he says is, "You have basically heard the truth of, the fulfillment of, what was prophesied which is Jesus that died and was risen and you believe now in this resurrection. As you believe in this, this power of the resurrection and this truth of the resurrection is now bringing forth in you love for people. That is what he is saying. And he is calling this effect that the resurrection has on humans that believe on Him, grace. That's what he is doing.

Let us read it again.

4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of your love which you have to all the saints,

5 For (because of) the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof you have heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

So, what is the hope laid up for them in heaven? It is the esurrected Jesus that is now seated at the right hand of God that will return and bring the fullness of what He is into manifestation It has already begun in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, where the Spirit that has raised Christ from the dead has now sealed us unto that resurrection, that Spirit that is now in us is bearing fruit in us. One of the things it brings forth is love. So what Paul is saying here is that the grace of God in your life was bringing forth fruit. That grace was the power that happens to people and manifests in people because of the influence God has on humanity because He raised somebody from the dead and now they are believing it. That is grace.

Grace is the divine influence upon our hearts through God influencing us in bringing forth a new form of humanity which is Jesus at the right hand of God. He is flooded with life, flooded with holiness, flooded with glory and He is now presenting that to us that we can behold that as a mirror where we see ourselves, our own life in that life. When we behold the life of Jesus, we are hoping for it. In other words, we have an expectation that God will bring that forth in us. Never look at Jesus where He is seated at the right hand of the Father and try to become that. It has never been said that you should try to become like Jesus. God's promise to us is that He makes us like Jesus. It is His doing. He is the Creator and He creates a new heart in you. He creates a new life in you. He brings forth peace in you.

All that you do is you look at what He has already accomplished with the first man where He manifested the fullness of what He has promised and that is Jesus. Since we are in Him, all nations shall be blessed in His resurrection. Glory to God!

This word of the truth

6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringing forth fruit, as it does also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

Before we go to Hebrews 4:16, talking about the throne room of grace, let me just explain in short what grace is.

Grace is not God's unmerited favor. We can define grace as unmerited favor if we have the law as a platform. The amplified Bible translates grace as unmerited favor meaning that man was guilty before God and didn't qualify for favor. He didn't qualify for any goodness from God because he was guilty and he was full of sin. But God came and in spite of man's 'guilt' based on the law, He came and was still good and still gave Jesus. Now if you want to define it like that, then I can say that it is a definition of grace but why use a wrong foundation to define it if we can use the correct foundation?

The word, grace, in the Greek simply means that which can afford or which is rich enough to bring forth all forms of holiness and righteousness, including immortality, inside someone. It is the define influence of God on the heart of people. In other words, it is something God has done that can change what you believe. That's what it is. That is so powerful that it then manifests a new life in you free from your your obedience to the law. That is amazing. So the grace of God is actually the new thing God brings forth by His Spirit because of what Jesus Christ has done. That is it. So you would find a throne room of Grace. Come to the throne room of grace.

What is this throne of grace? What is this mercy of God? I would first like to go to John 20.

Grace is the influence that the resurrection has on humanity. That is grace. That would be a very good definition. It is the influence unto the life of God that is there because of the resurrection of Jesus because when Jesus was raised we could believe something new. Our hearts were now influenced to a new belief through which the truth of this resurrection, the power that raised Jesus from the dead, is now working in us manifesting the very thing we are beholding. So grace is the influence God had on people because of the resurrection of Jesus. That's what it is. That's what he says here in Colossians chapter 4 and that is what I am trying to say there. He says, "Since the day you heard of the resurrection that message of the resurrection was bearing forth fruit in you." then Paul defines it in Colossians as grace. Amen!

Now this is a grace church so what are you going to hear? You are going to hear the message of the resurrection. You are not going to hear the law. You are not going to hear a message of condemnation. You are going to hear God's message of love and grace and how He has come to save man and give them life and bring forth peace by the doing of God.

One thing we need to understand and I know I repeat myself when I say this, but I want you to understand this. When we say that the Jews believe we need to be very careful because those Jews are so divided against one another that you don't know what the Jew believes. There were so many sects, so many different divisions, so many rabbis with their disciples and each one had his own opinion. They were the Sadducees and the Pharisees and among them you would find division about the resurrection. Some believe that there isn't even a thing like a spirit. They were Jews and they were the people that were actually the rich folk that were really running the temple and the Sadducees. They loved to be friends with Rome. That is what happened.

Then you found the Pharisees and they were almost like zealots in a certain way. They believed that if we don't obey the law right then the Messiah will not come. Sadly there are people who are still believing that and call themselves Christians. They are saying that unless the third temple is built and all those things happen then the Messiah cannot come. They thought that they had to do all those things in order for the Messiah to come. Then what they did was they were very zealous. They would by force and fear get in people to live right according to the law so that the Messiah could come. But then the Messiah came without obedience to laws. There were all these different things about the Jews. They were so divided against one another.

When we go to Colossians and we talk about the grace of God and we look about the Jewish way of looking at the resurrection there were so many different ways. Jesus Christ came and He brought forth a grace which was greater than the Jewish way of looking at things. The Jewish way of looking at things was there was a law and this law was called the way unto life. The law was ordained, according to them, as unto life. But then Paul said, "I found that the law which was ordained unto life could not give me life because of my own weakness. Then Jesus said, "I am the Truth. I am the Way. I am the Life." He came and declared that He is the way unto life and not the law.

When we look at the resurrection of Jesus Christ we come to a place where we see that the law promised eternal life but through our weakness we could not live. But now Jesus Christ came and He gives us eternal life as a free gift. He's conquered the weakness in our flesh without us even having the law as Gentiles and without the Jews ever obeying the law because they were just breaking the thing all the time. There was not one righteous no, not one. Their mouth was an open grave meaning that what they were teaching, when they were teaching the law, it's an open grave. It is an invitation to death! That's what Paul said... radical Paul! We know why he was beaten so much because he said it as it is and he was unashamed. The same zeal he had for the law, he now had in grace.

I want to say to you that we need to understand that when we come to the throne of grace we find no need for the law anymore. There's no need for it! There is not need for any form of law. It is all found in the resurrection life of Jesus Christ.

The point I want to make is that when we get to grace and we find the message of the resurrection and we believe in this resurrection, the effect, the power, that comes from this truth in us is called experiential grace because it brings forth a life born from what God has done in bringing forth an atmosphere of grace in raising Jesus from the dead. So, when we go boldly to the throne room of grace, where are we going? We are going to the very place where we now see the resurrected Jesus. That's where we are going to and that is what we are now going to read in **John 20:11**.

John 20 talks about Mary that went to the grave. Before we get to that let me first tell you something about the ark of the covenant. When we talk about the throne of God, we talk about the very place where God is seated. Where is God seated? When we look at the old and we look at the type and the shadow of the ark of the covenant, we get the true ark of the covenant and then we get the type and the shadow of that true one. The type and the shadow of the true one is that golden box that got lost. Inside the golden box was certain things and then there was a lid called the mercy seat. Next to the mercy seat were two angels, two cherubs. Their wings covered this mercy seat. Then the Bible says God would come down, the very presence of God would come down and basically appear between those two angels on the mercy seat. That is where the high priest would then communicate with God. The ark of the covenant was a seat of mercy. So, God's throne, the seat is a mercy seat. Mercy means to help. Grace is to influence unto life.

Now we are going to look at the true mercy seat and not the type and the shadow. We are going to look at the true mercy seat and how the true mercy seat looks.

11 But Mary stood without at the sepulchre (grave) weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, (This was Mary who came and spoke to the gardener. She said, "Where have you laid Jesus? " Then she basically turned away and she was just crying. She was standing outside the grave and then she was looking into the grave.)

12 And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

So what are you seeing here? This is beautiful! You are seeing the most holy place and then you see the veil part, the stone rolled away, and you are looking in there. Now what do you see? You see the mercy seat. You are seeing the two angels one on each side and you find no body there... no dead body! He was risen! That means that the throne room of Grace and the very mercy seat of God is the Resurrection of Jesus! That is outstanding Good News!

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So why would we want to head for the shadow if you can hear the voice of the Resurrection, the message that Jesus was raised from the dead which in the Bible is also called the Gospel of God. The Good News of God is that through the prophets God had a word that was from the beginning.

The word from the beginning is, "I have eternal life and I will bring you eternal life!" It was prophesied from the beginning. When that word became true in our sins and He has conquered our sins and conquered our death, it was the truth of th Good News that Jesus was raised from the dead.

Let me tell you something. The throne from where God reigns and rules over sin in your life and over death in your life is the revelation in your heart that Jesus was risen. That's what it is and I tell you now that we need to take that, meditate on that, ponder on that, think on that, open our heart toward it. This morning, in our church in Durbanville, I said to the folks, "Listen. I'm not saying that you must now use all of your effort and study Scripture. If you are now going to say, "Bertie said that I need to study Scripture" you are going to read it for a day and then you are going to get tired after a few days and then you are going to feel very guilty after five days because you haven't read enough. All I am saying is if you don't have a passion for the scriptures, if you don't have a passion to read your Bible, if you don't have a passion to study, don't feel guilty about that. Just say to God, "God, You are the Creator. Create this in me that it will happen because of your doing in me and not my willpower decision in doing this.

I'm not reading my Bible because I feel that I must. I can't stop! And I am not saying that makes me holy because I used to read this Bible so much and I understood basically nothing! What makes us holy is the blood of Jesus and His resurrection. That is what makes us holy. What brings forth a new life is as we believe in this truth, the Spirit manifests what we believe in and it brings us to that. That is what it is.

I want to say to you that as I put these things together and as we look at the Resurrection, as we look at this revelation of what the true ark of the covenant is, is the Resurrection. Some would say that I am saying that the true ark of the covenant is Jesus' grave. I am not saying that. I am not saying that grave is the ark of the covenant. What I am saying is that the Resurrection, the seat of the mercy that God sits on is ruling from the Resurrection life in Jesus, over sin and death in people's lives and that is how He conquers sin and death in your life. The way that He has access to you to manifest it in you is by you believing in the physical resurrection of Jesus. The Word was made flesh. Today we still think the word is a spirit. No, the word was made flesh and dwelt among us. This Jesus, this Word of the Resurrection that became a human, went through a physical death and then He had a physical resurrection so that from this truth of a physical, human, glorified body, that does have a connection to the old because the old body, after the Resurrection wasn't in the grave any more, that He now rules and can take from the old into the new, us who believe in the physical resurrection of the dead. How important is the Resurrection? Do you know how important is the Resurrection? If you don't believe in it, you cannot be saved. The Bible says in Romans 10, "He who believes..."

I tell you that this message is a bold message because I know that it isn't just because I am happy about the message, but I am also having the life of the Grace of God and the Grace is bearing forth fruit in me since the day I heard and knew the Resurrection. Since I heard of the Resurrection and I heard that it is true and it had happened and manifested. As I believed upon that, it brings forth fruit in me. Hallelujah! It takes away all fear. It takes away fear of death. It takes away fear of what man can do to me or say about me! Glory to God!

Romans 10:

8 But what saith it? The word is nigh unto you, even in your mouth, and in your heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

What is the word of faith. It is the word of faithfulness, the word of faithfulness of God towards

us and also the word where we now have faith that Jesus was raised from the dead.

The word of faith is: **9 That if thou shalt confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus** (That actually means that if you can confess that Jesus is Lord over sin and death and He is above presidents, that He is above religion, He is above all those things, He is above all power and principalities. He's even Lord over poverty. He is Lord over struggling. We don't need principles like tithing and sowing and reaping to prosper. He even is Lord over money. Many struggle to confess Him as Lord over money.

It says in verse 8: ***But what saith it? The word is nigh unto you, even in your mouth, and in your heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;***

9 That if thou shalt confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you shall be saved. Hallelujah!

Saved from what? Saved from death! Now, Bertie, can that be?

We find the definition of salvation in Hebrews. It talks about Jesus.

Hebrews 5:7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared.

What he says here is that Jesus, when He was in weak flesh and He was on the earth, He was crying to the Father that the Father would save Him from death. So the salvation message is the message that God has come to save His people from their sins and death. That gives us the freedom to say that it is not for you to repent from sins or to try and stop your sins, but it is for God to save you from your sins. What we do is we cry to God to save us from it instead of trying to use willpower to do good so that God can save us from hell. We have had a wrong definition of what true salvation is.

I don't want to teach on hell today. We can do that one day. I am not saying that there is no hell. Some are saying that I am saying that. I don't believe that there is a hell. What I am saying is we have defined salvation as salvation from a place called hell instead of salvation from sin and death. And then we said that we need to try and conquer sin by living holy so that we will not go to hell. That is not the Gospel. The Good News is that Jesus, from the throne of grace where He is seated on mercy which is the Resurrected Jesus where He is merciful towards man in bringing an influential power, called grace, that He can help you in the time of need. The context there is the time of need would be to have the Resurrection where you can be raised up and receive the salvation which is the salvation of your soul, or your life, where you will then have immortal or eternal life where your life will not be destroyed. That is what it is all about.

When we look at salvation, if you believe that Jesus was raised from the dead, then God can save you from sin and death.

Hebrews 4:

11 Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. He is actually saying, and I am using my own words, "Continue to believe in the Resurrection and what it means." That's what he is saying.

12 For the word of God(What is the word of God? It is the message of the Resurrection. That is the word of God. What is the word that went forth after Jesus was raised? It is the word, the message, the Gospel, the Good News that God has raised Jesus from the dead. Then people believed this and they were witnesses to that. Then he said that this word..) **of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.**

I have a teaching on that passage and I am going to paraphrase for you what it actually means in the original. He is saying to continue to believe that Jesus is the Resurrected one and continue to have the profession and hope that He will bring forth that in you and don't go back to Judaism and the old law so that can come forth by your own doing and work. Don't mix the Jewish system with grace. That is what he is was saying. He says, "For the word of God, in other words the message of God, this Resurrection message, is quick. That word, quick, doesn't mean fast. I remember, I don't know why with my bad English when I was in school, when I read that I said that the word is quick and powerful. Man, I would say that the word goes like this and I would click my fingers. No, that word, quick, means alive. The word is flooded with light and it has power and it is sharper than any two edged sword and it reaches into the deepest part dividing asunder. In the Greek it means distributing life to the **soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner** (giver) **of the thoughts and intents of the heart**

He is saying, "Stick to the Gospel of grace which is the influential power of the Resurrection to a new life by the doing of God for that message of the Resurrection is flooded with life and it will distribute, to every part of you, fullness of life. You don't need to do anything else and don't be like the Jews who fell away from the manna and was bitten by the snake. Don't do that! Continue in your faith. What is the faith? It is the faithfulness of God towards man when the Father raised Jesus from the dead." Amen!

We are going to go to Acts 13 and I'm going to prove to you from the Scriptures this Word of God. This is Paul teaching on the Resurrection and bringing the Gospel.

Acts 13:

27 For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath day, they have fulfilled them in condemning him.

It says that the Jews and the Gentiles fulfilled the prophetic word that Jesus would be crucified.

28 And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain.

29 And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulchre (grave).

30 But God raised him from the dead:

31 And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people.

32 And we declare unto you glad tidings (It is the word, Gospel. It's We have a good word to you. We have glad tidings toward you), **how that the promise which was made unto the fathers,**

33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again;

He is saying, "Listen. I have a message to you: God had a word from the beginning. His word from the beginning was a word of life. Then the Father raised Jesus." They were the people who saw Jesus. They walked to Jerusalem with Him. They were with Him. They were witnesses to all people now. They actually saw Jesus raised from the dead. "And I, Paul, now I **declare to you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers,**

33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, You art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

38 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the (deliverance) forgiveness of sins:

39 And by him (this Resurrected Jesus) **all that believe are justified** (set free) **from all things, from which you could not be justified** (set free) **by the law of Moses.**

He is saying, "Guys, I want to tell you. Jesus was raised from the dead and because He was raised from the dead, it was a promise that God gave to our forefathers through the prophets and He has now fulfilled that. That word was that in Abraham and in his seed, Jesus, all the nations will be blessed. What will we be blessed with? We will be blessed with a free life, free from guilt, free from condemnation, free from the power of sin and its enslavement and the fear of death and death itself. We will be blessed with that through the resurrection of Jesus Christ and now it is preached that whatsoever you wanted to attain to by trying to keep the law to get some form of breakthrough or freedom what the law could not do, God did in condemning sin in the flesh.

If you use slang, you would say somebody is really bad. Like, Chuck Norris is real bad. He is real bad! He is powerful. There is nobody as bad as powerful, as bad as, Chuck Norris. You can find kids telling another one, "You know how bad my dad is! My dad is so bad he can pick up 400 pounds!" Another one would say, "My dad is so bad, actually so powerful that he can slap Chuck Norris around." Then I can say, "You know, my dad, Father God, is so bad He kills death! He condemns sin in the flesh!" I want to see what man can condemn sin in the flesh, that can kill the witness of man to eternal life and grant them immortality, in the equality of God. There is no man... there is only one, Jesus! God our Father raising up Jesus and giving us eternal life through Him! Glory to God!

I feel like I just started the message but we've come to the end of this message. I want to tell you that God loves you. Ask the Lord, say, "Lord, show me the revelation. Show me the power of Your resurrection and I can have life from that by Your doing." Come boldly to the throne of Grace ! See God seated on the seat of mercy which is the Resurrected Jesus from where He rules. Amen Go to the throne of grace. Don't go any other place! Just go to the throne of grace. The message, the place of the resurrection. Glory to God! Let me pray for you:

Father, thank You so much that I can declare that You are Lord and that You rule and reign over all their pain, over all their sickness and disease and everything that is bad. Thank You, Lord, that we can see You high and lifted up, above sin, above death! Thank You, Lord, that we can see the truth of the Resurrection and see Your covenant that You made where You have conquered death and give us life. Thank You for the glad tidings of the Resurrection that we can preach today and thank You for empowering us to preach this always! Amen!