

**What is the RAPTURE
and
How does it relate to Christian FRUIT BEARING?**

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GREETING: There is only one name by which mankind can be saved and that is the name of Jesus.

I just want to welcome you. It is an honor to serve you with the Good News of Jesus, in our web fellowship, all that we minister is the love and the grace of God with the focus only on the goodness of God because there is only one side to God and that is a good side. Some people say that a coin has two sides: a good side and a bad side. But God doesn't have two sides. All the sides of God IS good. It doesn't matter how you look at Him, you'll just find His goodness. He is a Savior. He is the One who loves. He is the One who has compassion. He treats people with kindness. He sees their value. He is there to redeem and save them.

You know, so many times we think that we have to let go of our sins in order for God to love us, but that is not what the Gospel teaches. The love of God is towards sinners. The love of God is towards people that have not done everything right and then the message is that He will give you a new life. It's not about you trying to get a new life to impress Him. He impresses you with His life. That is what this is all about. That is what we gather around.

TODAY'S MESSAGE: I am going to teach about the hope... the Christian hope. You know, if we look at 2020 and we look at what we've been through and we look at the years to come, there is a Christian hope ... something that we can expect... something that we can hope for and I want to talk about that. I just want to warn you that today's message is going to be a little bit technical. It's going to be some line upon line teaching and I think this will be good for you to listen to through the rest of this year. We aren't going to make other Sunday messages. I think I might re-broadcast some of my old messages if I'm here or I will just put this one up again because this will really challenge your thinking about how salvation works.

Colossians 1:

3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,

4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love you have for all God's people---

5 the faith and love that spring forth from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel

6 that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world--- just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard and truly understood God's grace.

In other words, what he is saying here is, "The moment that you truly understand the grace of God, the moment you truly understand the message of His love for you, the hope that is laid up for you in heaven, from the moment that that message was understood, the Church in Colossae was bearing fruit. The fruit that they were bearing is that they had a certain faithfulness, or persuasion, or trust in God, as well as love for all God's people.

I want to explain what that means. That means that they continued to believe in Jesus and that they didn't distinguish between Jew and Gentile. They basically said that Jews and Gentiles can both be saved by Jesus and they did not reject or push away the Jews. This was something phenomenal in that time because we need to understand that the Jews of that day were very race oriented. They were of a belief that said, "Our God is the only true God and He is not just a God who is our God but only us, we as the Jews, shall be saved from oppression and then we will be the leaders, or the head, of all groups of people. Then, all groups of people would submit to us and be our slaves because we would have all the wisdom and all the knowledge and we would be the best."

Now, imagine you, as a white person, would say that in South Africa. You say, "You know, God is the God of the Whites, and in order for you to have the only true God is for you to be white. You must be white!" You're going to find yourself in jail, man, and have no mercy! You're going to be in deep trouble! That's absolute racism! Now that was a kind of a thing that a lot of the Jews, of that time, believed. And now we find that Paul writes a letter and he says to the Colossians, the Gentiles that came to the faith, "I heard that you were now believing in Jesus Christ, and I find that you love all God's people." The understanding that Paul had there is that these people even loved the Jewish Christians. They were not against them. They loved them. Then he said that he came to the conclusion the reason why you have this faithfulness and this love is because of the hope that you have heard about, that is laid up for you in heaven.

It's very interesting that he is not saying to them, "You are loving all people because you have the hope to go to heaven." There's a big difference! You know, there's a hope laid up for you in heaven. That would be like saying that while hungry, I drive with a smile on my face on my way home because I know of the hope that is laid up for me in the microwave oven. It doesn't mean that I am going to sit in the microwave oven. It doesn't mean that I am on my way to make my abode in the microwave. No, in the microwave there is a hope for me. There's a meal that has been prepared for me that will be taken from the microwave oven and be put on a table where I will enjoy what was kept for me in the oven and I will enjoy it in this world and not in the microwave oven. In the very same way, the people of that that time understood that there was a certain hope for Christians. This hope was now laid up in heaven which was the physical, resurrected, Jesus who has a perfect human body, who cannot be tempted in any form or fashion,

that will return or manifest in this world and then serve us with the fulness of who He is, bodily. And so, we shall experience salvation from mortality and live forever.

Paul comes and he says, "You, the Church in Colossae, love all people because you've realized that Jesus was raised from the dead and that He, then, will basically raise all people that have believed upon Him, be they Jew or Gentile, and give them a glorified body. Therefore, there is no distinction between Jew and Gentile. That is the context of understanding. If you now study a lot of the New Testament and understand Paul, you will know that is what is in his mind as he writes this. What he is basically saying is that this good works that you are showing to all people is a result of Jesus and His power. It is not a result of their good works or their holiness or their decision to try and love Jews. It was the conclusion they had to come to and to what the understanding of the new body resulted into.

You know, we need to understand that the greatest part of salvation for Christians is seated in the physical. We've tried to get a metaphysical salvation where we need to understand, "Yes, it is metaphysical. There is something greater than the physics of this world. But the fact that God is greater than the physics of this world does not mean that that which is greater cannot manifest in us here and that He will bring salvation to us." If you look at someone who is mortal, if you look at someone that is a normal human being, with normal lack of understanding and all those kinds of things, there are certain things that you cannot expect from that person. And there are certain things that you can expect from that person. If we, as normal, mortal, humans have a lack of understanding, or even in the neuron parts in our brain doesn't run perfectly, there's certain things that are going to happen to us. There are certain ways wherein we are going to think and in order for us to think differently and act differently would not be up to us. It would be up to somebody that can recreate our brain, that can recreate our bodies, that can make us completely new.

In history, I have not found anybody that can recreate the human body. In other words, take a physical body and recreate that body to be a body that can think perfectly, reason perfectly, and live forever. In history I didn't find anybody, but God, doing it in Jesus. And that which we find who Jesus is today as the resurrected Jesus, that is the hope of the Christian... that is our hope.

Last week I spoke about my friend, Danie and his daughter who had prods put in her brain because she struggles with epilepsy. She had 160 wires inside her brain to determine where the epilepsy starts. They then determined that it starts in the area of her brain where her speech lies. The way they do that is, with all these wires in her brain, they put an electric current on the wire and then they would say to her, "Say something. Read something aloud." As she reads, they would put some vault on that wire and all of a sudden, she would not be able to speak and she wouldn't understand the words that are on the page because of an electric current in the brain. Now, when I saw that, I just realized so much more why Jesus had to be bodily raised from the dead and how a person has to have authority over physicality to recreate the human to a

perfect human wherein the fulness of God dwells, wherein we can then have full holiness manifesting in us because of God.

You know, that lady that has the epilepsy, to teach her not to have that would be very difficult. She would find that relapse. She would find that thing happening to her because it is part of her physical makeup. It seems to me that even sin is part of our physical makeup. That is why the Bible says that if Jesus was not raised from the dead, bodily, we would still be dead in our sins because the power that raised Christ from the dead, the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead, as we believe upon Jesus, is put on our body and we start to experience the first signs of the recreation of the human body by the resurrection power of God. That is why we, as Christians, start to see a holy life manifest in us. If we read the Scripture, even if just in Colossians if you read Peter, we find that as people believed in Jesus, great changes took place but then, later on, he reminds them and says to them, 'Keep focusing on this good news and also know that there are greater changes that can take place in your life because of this power of the resurrection that comes your way.

Now that is a lot said and what I've just preached to you as pertaining to the resurrection and how God then brings forth fruit in our lives. The way I preach it now is not commonly found in the Church. I think some people might mean it or some people might say that it is God bringing forth fruit in you but the dynamics on how it works is a rare message although it is not something that we think up today. It is something that we read in the Bible that Paul mentioned here in Colossians.

I would like to look at **Ephesians 1**, talking about the power of the resurrection which works in us now bringing forth fruit.

18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,

19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as his mighty strength

20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at the right hand in the heavenly realms,

So, what he is saying here is that I want you to know the hope. I want your mind to know this hope and in knowing this hope I want you to know that the power that will bring forth this resurrection, that that power starts to work in you right now. It's the power that raised Jesus from the dead, that took His mortal body and made of it an immortal body in which the fullness of God dwells bodily. I want you to know that power! And that is the power that works in us who believe.

What is that power that works in us who believe? It is the power that can recreate the human being into a human wherein the fullness of God dwells. We find this working in stages. The first stage of this is God starting to bring forth fruit in us which is mentioned

in Colossians as love for all people. It would be equivalent to people that were oppressed in South Africa under the Apartheid System and then seriously oppressed and being belittled and all those kinds of things. And the moment they become Christians you start to hear of their love towards those who have oppressed them.

That would mean that the power of the resurrection has worked in their physical bodies to the point that it is changing their minds that their brain thinks differently for it is experiencing the first part of recreation or new creation. Isn't that amazing!

I want to tell you that as I preach this, I realize we always thought that it is us in our spirits that must try and suppress our bodies in some way and we, by will power, must try and live holy. But that is not what is taking place. It is God that brings a recreation. God brings a new mindset. That is what this is all about. That is how God works. He brings forth a new body. The only place where we can walk "as guilty" is where we hear this truth and we don't want it. That is the only place. But as we see shortcomings in our life, we just yield to the Good News. We say, God, I stand under Your power. I stand in, "it's for You to bring it forth." It's called the fruit of the Spirit. It, basically, means that the holy life that people live is a result of God's working on them. It is not you looking at the Ten Commandments and then doing it. It is not for preachers to go and preach laws bringing people into guilt and condemnation all the time. That is not how it works. It is for preachers to preach the true Gospel and it is for Believers, including the preachers, to believe upon that truth and to remind people of the goodness of God.

I want to go to this hope that is laid up for us in heaven. I want to go to 1Thessalonians 5 but let me just read Colossians again. This might be a bit much but let me just read it again because we need to get the point. He says that the love that they had was because of the hope that was laid up for them in heaven. I'm going to explain what this hope is. Let's read **Colossians 1:5** again.

5 the faith and love that spring forth from you is the hope stored up for you in heaven of which you heard in the true message of the gospel

So, he says, "You heard of a hope that is laid up for you in heaven which is this resurrected Jesus which will return which will glorify our bodies. He says, 'And this is the true message of the Gospel.'"

Let me read it to you again. It says, "***the faith and love that spring forth from the hope which stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you.***" What is the message of the Gospel? It's the message that Jesus was raised from the dead and promises eternal life to you! That is the message of the hope of the Gospel. It is called the true Gospel. It's called the true message of the true Gospel according to Colossians.

So, there is the truth of the true Gospel. I don't have to have a list of sins that I need to mention and say I'm preaching the Gospel. That's not Gospel! It's like if somebody has cancer and is in the hospital. If somebody's body is full of pain.... I remember when I had this frozen shoulder. It was so painful! I mean, the Gospel to me was not, "You've

got a frozen shoulder.” That’s not Gospel. Gospel to me would be how we can cure it free from my own work because I was already so tired out. I was starting to suffer with some form of a depression because I only had pain all day and all night. I couldn’t sleep.

So, I needed a doctor that can help me. The good news to somebody that’s drowning in the ocean is not swimming lessons but that there is a lifesaver that can save you, free from your effort.

So, we see here that it talks about the true Gospel.

6 that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world--- just as it has been doing among you since the you heard and truly understood God’s grace. When you understand the grace of God, you’ll start to bear fruit.

The grace of God is mentioned in 1Peter 1:13. It talks about the grace that shall be revealed to you at the last day which is the resurrection of Jesus. Let me move on.

1Thessalonians 5: This might sound like a difficult to understand scripture but just bear with me.

6 So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober.

7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night.

8. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

9 For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

10 He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep (It means whether we be alive at His return or if we have already died), **we may live together with him.** (In other words, Jesus died and He rose again so that those who are alive at His coming, as well as those who died before He came. That all of us might live together with Him.)

11 Therefore encourage one another(with these words) **and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.**

He is saying, “Put on the hope of salvation which is the resurrection from the dead.”

So, the Christian hope for the early Church was that we will be bodily raised from the dead. That was the Christian hope for the early Church. This hope produced something supernatural in them and that was that they started to love all people. The message was not preached: “You better love all people so that you can go to heaven.” The message was the other way around. It was something like this: In heaven is a man, Jesus Christ, and as you have the hope that He will bring His fullness to you, He will bring forth love in you today by the power that raised Him from the dead.

So, the message is not about how we can go to heaven if we live right. The message is about how God brings heaven to those who rest and trust in His love for them. And that hope is the resurrection.

Let me explain it this way: There's a phenomenon that takes place in people's hearts when they believe that they are aliens. I now see that somebody put up and said that the head of Israel's Space Research person said that the aliens are now asking permission that we should not reveal that they exist because people aren't ready for their revealing yet. Now, there are some people that believe those things. There are certain people that believe that the earth is flat. If you believe that the earth is flat, it will have some effect on you. If you believe that there are aliens out there, you will believe it will have a certain effect on you. If you believe the earth is round, it will have a certain effect on you. If you believe that there are no aliens, it will have a certain effect on you. In the very same way, if you believe that there was somebody bodily raised from the dead and that he wants to preserve your physical body and that he will raise you up bodily and that by the power that recreated him, you are under that power, it will have a certain effect on you. That effect is documented in the scriptures as love. And there is no other way where you can truly have that love. It's only that way. And sadly, this whole way where we have access to love has been kept a bit away from the Church because we don't want to preach the resurrection. We think, you know, when we've died and our bodies have been cremated or buried, or whatever, God is done with that and now we are going to float somewhere. No, that is not the Gospel. That was not called the Gospel.

So many times, you say, "You know this body means nothing." This body does not mean nothing. If you say that this body means nothing, if your daughter gets molested by an uncle or somebody, you are not going to say, "They didn't touch her. You know, they just touched the body. The body means nothing!" You're going to say, "No! They're ruining her life!" That's what you are going to say. Why? Because in our very being we know that our bodies make just as much of our life as what any other thing makes up of our life, as the breath that we have. It is part of us. And that is the life that God has come to give to us. Amen

With that said, let me build this message. First, he says, "This hope brings forth fruit. Since you heard the truth of the Gospel, which is this hope, which is also called the grace of God. It says here, "Encourage one another with this message of the resurrection of the hope of bodily fullness wherein we will have bodily, the fullness of what Jesus possesses today."

Now we get into this old rapture scripture: **1Thesolonians 4:18**

Now. Just for those of you that are not informed about this. Let me first tell you what a lot of people believe. It is, by a great amount of people in the Church, that there will be a rapture. This means that Jesus will return and then only the Christians are going to be caught up into the clouds. Then the non-Christians will be left on the earth. Then there

will be complete chaos here and then later on Jesus will return and we are going then live in heaven for a while. That teaching is what many people live by today and they're waiting for the rapture which would be God taking people out of this world. Jesus is going to appear and Christians are literally going to fly into the air. The graves are going to be opened up and Christians are going to fly into the air and that is how people are now going to be with Jesus. This is a big teaching in Pentecostal and Charismatic churches.

Now I just want to look at that scripture and explain to you that there is not such a thing. That scripture actually simply refers to the Christian hope which would be the resurrection of the death. That's all.

1Thessalonians 4:

13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who have slept in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. Remember that we are talking about hope here. It says, "I want you not to cry like people who have no hope." What is the hope? The hope is not going to heaven. Hope is the bodily resurrection here. Listen to this:

14For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. Now listen to this. Let's read the verse again. It has been taught that people die. They go to heaven and when Jesus comes back then He brings them with Him. But let's read if that is written there. **For we believe that Jesus died and rose again** (So these people died. He said, "I don't want you to be ignorant about people that died.) Listen, "**Jesus died and rose again**. So, He left life and then He came back into life through the resurrection), **For we believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring, with Jesus, those who have fallen asleep in him.**

So, God will bring, with Jesus, those who have fallen asleep in Him. That means: How did Jesus come into life? How will Jesus bring people into what He is, with Him? It's just by raising them from the dead. That's all. That is all that it says there. He will bring them also into life, the very same way that He got into life. So, "with Him", simply means as He was raised, they also will be raised from the dead. That's all it means.

15 According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. There he explains it.

So, what I am saying is that when Jesus brings those with Him, when He returns, all it means is that they will be brought with Him into life by the resurrection. Some people might say, "I disagree." But the next verse explains that verse.

16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first bodily.

17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever

Now, where is the clouds according to the Scripture? The clouds, according to the Scripture, is the glorious resurrection. So, Jesus, when He was raised from the dead, He was standing in the glory of His Father in the cloud of witnesses which is called those that testify to the resurrection of Jesus. So, Jesus is in the glory of resurrection. He will bring these people with Him into this glory which is the bodily resurrection. Then we will meet them in the air or what they are caught up in. And we will be caught up in the very same which simply means that our bodies will be co-glorified with theirs without us dying. That is all it means.

So again... for those who watch for the first time, I am sorry for this very in-depth teaching about what will be in the end. But I think this is needed for the Church because we've got so many weird teachings. All that this is saying, the hope of the Christian is this: Jesus will be manifested in the glory, the glorious cloud. The cloud talks about the full presence of God. That cloud was in the temple on earth when God was manifesting Himself in the most holy place. That cloud would be the cloud wherein Jesus manifests Himself bodily, on the earth, in His return. Those who have died will be brought with Him into that cloud when He bodily raises them from the dead or, if they've been cremated or whatever, God will restore those bodies. Then we will see that we, who are alive on the earth, will still be in our mortal bodies but we will see how they become immortal and how these people are raised up. Then, in the twinkling of an eye, the Bible says that we who are alive and remain, who are still living on the earth, we will be changed. And so, we will be with God forever in that condition on this earth. That is what that scripture teaches.

Now you might say, "Bertie, why is that of any importance for us?" It's of great importance for us because Colossians says that those who believed this had a certain fruit in their lives. That is why this is important.

You will have to go and listen to this again if you are pro- rapture. You're going to have to go and listen to this again and sit with the verses and you will see that the rapture is simply to be caught up into the condition of living forever. That is all it means. It means living forever, bodily!

1Corinthians 15

51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep(die), but we will all be changed—

52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet (That will be when Jesus reveals Himself).

53 For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable and we will be changed.

54 When the perishable (meaning those who have died) **has been clothed with the imperishable** (meaning the dead must be raised), **and the mortal** (Those of us who are alive and remain must be made immortal) **with immortality**, (Then when this has happened, when the perishable have been clothed with the imperishable and the mortal with immortality) **then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."**

Can you see how the early Church had a massive concept of bodily resurrection, physical resurrection, a changing of the physical body into something real and tangible as that of Jesus and return of Jesus and that this Jesus is the ruler under whose jurisdiction we stand on the earth and this took fear away from them. I mean, these people weren't afraid to die because they knew that we will just be raised.

Like I said when my Mom passed away and I looked at her in the coffin, that couldn't satisfy my heart by just saying, "Oh, well, she's in heaven." No, because when I looked at her body, I remember my sis was with me, and you know my Mom had marks where they tried to resuscitate her and she was blue. I could see my sis was crying and she said, "They've hurt you." And we looked at her body and we said, "There's some injustice here." Although we could think, "Well, she's in a better place." But that is not peace. What brought true peace, what brings me peace in that day was, "Justice shall be served and there will be a resurrection!" That's justice! That's God's justice. It was defined in the resurrection of Jesus and that gives me hope. That brings respect for the human body.

By that I respect somebody's body because that has been made to be eternal. That can set you free from a lot of things in this world, a lot of hatred towards people, fighting, beating up people, molesting of children, those kinds of things, because if people believe that it would change them as what people will have a different life if they believe in aliens or not, or in a flat earth or a round earth, all those kinds of things, it changes your life. In the very same way, when we believe in the resurrection and in the value of the human, the complete human and the full restoration, it brings forth a fruit in us. I personally believe that the Spirit brings forth a way of thinking in our brain that could be measured. We think differently. Things change. We think differently about people and that is called the fruit of God in our lives and that which is brought forth in us is eternal. Hallelujah!

I end off with **1Corinthians 15:**

50 I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable (Perishable talks about those who have died.)

51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep (die), but we shall be changed—

52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet (At the return of Jesus.). **For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.**

53 For the perishable (the dead) **must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality** (must first be raised and the mortal must first put on immortality).

54 When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality (Meaning when the dead have been raised and we that are have now changed into a different form of physical body), **then the saying that is written shall be true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.** Hallelujah!

So, I want to say to you that you, as a Christian, when you think of when will the end of the world be? What will take place? Some people say that Jesus has already come. So many things are confusing.

All I want to say to you is that I've got this beautiful message to you:

This world was not created for nothing! God made it and He has a purpose with this world. The purpose He has with His physical planet is so that He can have this planet to be an eternal planet that can never perish, never to fade away. He will have people, on this planet, that can never perish, never fade away. They will have glorified bodies that look like the fullness of God, bodily, that shine as bright as the sun having all ability to experience the love of God and the kindness of God. They will have all ability to express it wherein these people share in the love of God and love on one another in this world forever more. Hallelujah! That blesses me so much because I know that any good thing I do on this earth is part of what is eternal... not to just waste away in God burning up the earth and taking us to another place making everything meaningless.

You are deeply loved by God! I promised you that you will be raptured, if you want to use that word, or caught up, into an immortal, glorified body. The way it is going to take place is Jesus will return, the dead will be raised, and we will be changed. Many people ask me, “How will we see Jesus when He comes back because the Bible says that all will see Him. I do believe that all will see Him this way: The earth is round and Jesus returns. How can all see Him? This is how all will see Him: When He returns, we shall be changed and the fullness of God will manifest. As Helen sits there and she operates this computer as we're doing this broadcast, in a twinkling of an eye she will shine with the fullness of the glory of God to the point that the fullness of God in her, bodily, would be equal to the fullness of God Himself. Then, I will see Jesus in her and she will see Jesus in me and all will see God!

I'm not saying that I become God but you and I will be so full of God that to see you would be to see Jesus. That's what Jesus said. He said, "If you've seen Me, you've seen the Father." In the very same way, it will be in that day. That when we see each other, we would see the Father. And that is what God has come to do for us.

I end off with this: Who, by trying to fulfill the Ten Commandments, can reach that! You cannot! By your own good works, you can never attain to that condition. It can only be done by God. Amen and amen.

Thank you so much that I could serve you with this message. I would like to pray for you.

Father, I want to thank You that I can pray for all people that are hearing this message. There are people, Lord, that when they look at themselves, they feel, "I've got mistakes. I've got faults. I'm going through difficult times. I don't know what to do. But Lord, thank You, that they can know that the solution is in the resurrection and in the Spirit that is poured out on their flesh, on their mind, on their brain, in their hearts, Thank You for that Lord, and thank You that Your Spirit that works in us, as we are mindful of what You have done, works in us signs, wonders and miracles. I thank You, Lord, that as people are hearing this, some people might watch this and have Covid. Some people can watch this now and have cancer or some form of sickness or disease. I thank You, Lord, that You, through signs, that You can recreate the human body, come and bring healing to those people just as a sign that You can do this.

Thank You that signs, wonders and miracles, take place as You stretch forth Your hand to heal people today. I thank You, Lord, that these people, all of the people in our fellowship, will have a wonderful festive season, that they will celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day. That they will say, "Thank You that You came and You brought forth a human body into this earth so that this body could be glorified so that we can have the hope of salvation and so we can experience the fruit of the Spirit today.

Thank You, Lord, that I can love everybody that is in this Church, that I can love people around me and that they can love one another and love me. Thank You for the love that we can have, as a congregation, for each other. In Jesus' mighty name! Amen and amen!

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