

WHO ARE YOU?

Who are you really in this world?

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GREETINGS in the wonderful name of Jesus. It is a blessing for me to have all of you in our Web Church meeting today. I trust that you will be deeply impacted and blessed by the message that is upon my heart to share with you. I would like to welcome everybody who is watching for the first time. It's such an honor to minister the message of God's Grace, the message of acceptance, where God has drawn man into who He is and where He is sharing His life with people.

God didn't make you to be a gardener where you work for Him. He has made you and put you upon the earth so that there could be a place where He could share His life with you where you could give full expression to what you actually experience from Him.

If you are slotting in for the first time, I want to assure you that you are only going to hear the message of God's love to the point that when you start to understand and your heart gets grounded in this, your life will reflect this goodness, not by your willpower but by the power of the resurrection. Isn't that awesome to think that God can resurrect and bring forth His quality of life inside you free from your hard work, labor and spiritual efforts where you have to do such a hard, tedious, spiritual gymnastics to try and get God to bless you. Isn't that absolutely awesome to know that God cares for you!

So, those of you who watch for the first time, we want to welcome you and to all of our regular viewers thank you for slotting in and it's an absolute honor for me to have you here and to minister to you.

PRAYER Father, I want to thank You so much that we can gather today and that we can gather around Your Good News and we can gather around what You have accomplished for us in Jesus. Father, I want to thank You that as I minister to these people, to Your people, that are hearing this message today, that I understand that this message is going out to people that You love very much. Therefore, I thank You and ask You, Father, to speak powerfully through me today so that I can encourage Your people in a powerful way. Amen

COMMUNION Our custom is to have Communion every Sunday because we want you to be reminded of what Christ has done but we also want to be mindful that, although this is an internet platform where we gather around the Word, that it is actually a family. We are a family. There are people just like you, sitting at computers all over the world, watching this message right now. They are sharing with you at the same time, in the same moment, the very same Gospel. Each one of us is part of the family of God. We are actually the body of Jesus Christ.

As we have Communion, we are mindful of the body of Jesus Christ as in His body was broken and the body of sin that was ended and broken and died and was buried, as well as the body of Jesus which is also His people today. Isn't that absolutely awesome! So as we take the Communion, we are mindful of that.

I want to read from *Isaiah 53* and talk a little about what Christ has done for us.

4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

That very same passage is used in *Matthew 8:17*, where Jesus healed some sick people, Matthew said, ***“He carried our sickness.”*** What it talks about when it says that He carried our sickness or ***born our griefs and carried our sorrows***, it also talks about bringing relief or relieving us from that. So, when we read Isaiah, we can clearly see that He has come to take away our griefs and take away our sorrows. In what He had to do in order to take that away, men actually esteemed Jesus as stricken and smitten of God and afflicted of God. But the wounds that He was carrying when He was going through and the bruising and the chastisement that was upon Him was for OUR peace so that we could be healed and cured from our wrong belief and all those kind of things.

So when we look at this, we can clearly see the love of God in what He wanted to do to relieve or alleviate our pain and stress because He cares for man.

Verse 10 has been seen in a very negative light for years but I just want to bring out the positive in that verse.

10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he has put him to grief: when you shall make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

What he is saying here is it says that it pleased the Lord to bruise Jesus. Now, that was always seen as it was pleasing for the Father to punish Jesus for the transgression of Adam because our God is a just God. Because He is just, He has to punish sin. Therefore He punished sin and it actually pleased Him. It was always read almost as God is satisfied when sin is punished. Like a father finding a kind of an evil joy in beating his child when his child has committed something that he wasn't supposed to do and now he is punishing him for that sin because he is a righteous father and therefore he has to punish. But if you read that passage in its true context, it shouldn't be seen in that way

It should be seen as in if I go to a mission trip somewhere in Africa, it pleases my wife and my children to send me there not because there is an evil enjoyment because I am not in the house and now they can go and do whatever they want. That is not the pleasing. The pleasing there is connected to what will be achieved in that mission's trip. So the very same way here we see that God was pleased in giving Jesus because the passage says that He saw His seed. He was actually seeing us. He was seeing what will take place should Jesus come and carry our sins and when He died and when He was raised that new man can be revealed as the truth about us and the hope we can have. Believing that we can have a brand new life. It pleased the Father. In other words, what He would accomplish in allowing Jesus to come to the earth, humble Himself, become like a man, give Himself over to a place where sin could be laid upon Him, iniquity could be done towards Him as well as He becoming sin through the faith of the baptism of John. When He did all of that and then died the old man away, when He willfully gave up His life up for that, it pleased the Father because He knew what that would accomplish in your life when you believe this truth.

When we take the Communion we are as pleased. I'm pleased that Jesus died. I'm not pleased in the sense of I am so happy that somebody could be beaten for my part. No, I'm pleased because if I think of that day, it would be a sad day for me to see Jesus going through what He was going through. That pain wouldn't please me but what pleases me is what it brought. That is what we are celebrating in the Communion.

So, when we take the bread and we break it and eat it together as a Web family, we do it in remembrance of our innocence as well as our remembrance of how the old man has passed away and how everything has become new.

When we eat the bread and drink the wine, we do it in remembrance of what Jesus Christ has done. We don't do it in remembrance of our sin or we don't feel guilty at this time. This is a time when we are celebrating the victory that Christ has brought for us. Amen! Let us enjoy the Communion together...

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I just feel in my heart that I want to talk a little bit about finances. As many of you know we don't often talk about money. For many, many years I don't think that I have had any teachings on finances in my Web Church. The reason why I want to talk about this is not because I am in need of an offering or trying to raise support for anything. It is simply because it concerns me when I look at what is said about finances and what people believe in the world and the church, as a whole, and also in the Grace Church. To me it is unbelievable that we can still think of tithing, sowing and reaping as a form of financial income in the Church. It is not that. I want to talk a little bit about money and just give you a short overview on how money works in the kingdom and how generosity works in the life of the believer. The reason I say this is simply that people can receive and walk in the freedom that God has planned for you. You don't ever have to feel obligated or guilty. Neither do you ever have to be in the bondage of stinginess and in the mentality that you cannot be good to anyone or anything.

God has come to bring freedom to man. So I want to just touch quickly on tithing and, like I said that it is unbelievable for me to actually speak about this. It's not the norm. It's not what I do and I don't want to. I feel exactly like the Apostle Paul. You don't find Paul going around teaching a lot about money. We also see his attitude about that is simply this: he doesn't want people to get the wrong impression about his ministry thinking that he is in it for the buck, in it for the money. When it came to money, Paul actually said in 2Corinthians 12, "It's not right for the children to care for the fathers but that the fathers must care for the children." That's what he said in the context of financial provision for his mission's trip to Corinth. So, I want to say exactly the same and I want you to know and understand this. I just believe that when it comes to finances in the Church that the whole thing about the worldly system where it is all about gain and all about what you can get out of that should never be around the Church! It should never be there! It must always be something where it is what God can bring man and what God comes and ministers to man.

So when it comes to money in the Church, this is simply how it works: Jesus Christ gave His Son to provide for us and to bring life and immortality to this earth. When it comes to financial provision He came and gave a very simplistic system where you can know that you will be cared for. He says, "Look at the birds of the air. Neither do they sow or reap or gather into barns yet your heavenly Father feeds them." Then He says, "Look at the lilies of the field. Neither do they toil or spin or work hard and not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed like one of these." That shows you the love that God has for us. By that I cannot guarantee every person and say that God is saying by that that everyone will have a Learjet and a Rolls Royce and a Bentley and all those kind of things. That is not what it means. It simply means that God will take care of you and God will care for you. We know how it practically works through the writings of Paul and that is simply that you can have a job and work a job and God will provide for you that way.

The second thing that is clear in the Scripture is something called contentment. The Bible says "Godliness with contentment, is great gain." So the whole thing about the Gospel is we don't find the Gospel come and nowhere in the writings of Paul does it come and promise the Church great prosperity, great financial prosperity, and that you are all going to be millionaires. It is simply not in the Scripture and any gospel that teaches that Jesus Christ promises Christians that they are all going to be multimillionaires is simply a lie. It is not in the Bible. What Paul actually says is, "Those who want to be rich fall into a snare and fall into many hurtful and foolish lusts." That is what it is all about. Now I am not saying by that a person cannot be rich and that God cannot provide and care for them. Paul says that. He says, "Tell the rich that they must enjoy their riches and also be abundant in good works and in generosity." That is basically what he teaches about giving in the Church.

This is how Paul teaches on giving. He says, "Listen, let those who steal, steal no more but let him work so that he can give to someone." Then he goes on and he says, "Command the rich, tell the people that are rich, that are prosperous financially, tell them to enjoy their riches." In other words, "Don't go and live in guilt but never forget the good works of being generous and giving and supporting, or helping." That's basically what Paul teaches on money and on giving. All the other scriptures in the Bible where it talks about money doesn't use a principle where he tries to teach people how to gain money by sowing or tithing or giving. He doesn't say that. It is simply not there.

I've made an eight year study on finances and looked at every verse in the Bible about this and the principle of you give something so that God will give to you or you give something in faith in the finished work of Jesus and then God will provide for you. It is simply not there! When we look at Corinthians we find that the only thing that took place with the people in Corinth is they made a promise to give to the poor churches in Jerusalem and they didn't keep to their promise and Paul was scared that there would be hurt in the hearts of those in Jerusalem because they heard of this great promise through the people from Macedonia and now the people in Corinth were not going to keep their promise. Paul said, "Listen, please keep to what you've promised and as you give to these people what you are going to reap is great worship in the mouths of those people towards God for how God has provided for them. That is the context of it and you can read all of that in my book, *JESUS IS THE TITHE*. This book is available from my website for free in E-format. I want you to have it for free. Go there and when it prompts you to make a donation, just put a zero in there and you can get it for free in E-format. If you don't want to download it that way and just want to listen to messages go to youtube and type in *JESUS IS THE TITHE*, and you will see all my messages on this explaining to you how Jesus is the meat, that came to the storehouse, that had to be eaten in remembrance of God. That is all that it is.

Lastly, I want to say, "How does money work in the Church?" It's very simplistic. The Bible says that if somebody preaches the Gospel and there are people who, out of the love in their heart, feel to give to a preacher, not because he is making use of a right where he says, "Since I've preached to you I have the right to receive your finances and you need to give to me." That is, also, nowhere in the Bible! You don't find the apostles saying, "Since we are apostles, we have the right that you must care for us." That's not in the Bible. The right that Paul talks about is should you just preach freely and people will, out of the generosity that is born in their heart want to give to you, and they do, you have the right to receive that. In other words, if I preach and somebody feels generous and they want to give money to me, I have the right to receive it. Then Paul said that he didn't even make use of that right all the time. If he thought that there were people who were going to be hurt by that, he didn't make use of that right. That is the right of the preachers.

If you go to a church, there are certain costs involved in that church. If you love that church then contribute and give towards the expenses that are there. If they have mission outreaches, outreach programs and those kind of things, you can get involved in that simply by having a passion in your heart born from God towards that and then giving.

Lastly, you don't have to give to get anything from God. You don't have to give at all.

If you live your life and you feel stingy and you feel that you only want to hoard and never give, not involved in giving, or generosity, or any of those kind of things, I want to tell you that there is a life with God where you can share in the quality of God's life where you can be a generous person. Go to God and say, "Lord, I can see Jesus gives freely and I also want to be like that. I'm open for you to bring that forth in my heart." Then you just follow what you feel in your heart as God brings forth that generosity. That might even take time. It's not going to be, "Well, I prayed it today and it's now it's like that." It's a place where you really feel love for people and from that love that is born from God you can then give. That is how it works in Dynamic Love Ministries and I believe that is how it is supposed to work in every ministry. Glory to God! Remember the book, *JESUS IS THE TITHE*.

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What you are going to walk away with after this message is simply this: you are going to understand a little bit more about the five-fold ministry and what that is all about from a Grace perspective and not from a manipulation, control, perspective where we think that God builds His Church on the office of the Apostle and the Prophet. What you are also going to understand is who you really are and how to reckon yourself dead unto sin because of what Christ has done and so experience a brand new life.

1Corinthians 3:

10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another builds thereon. But let every man take heed how he builds thereupon.

11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Paul says that when he preached in Corinth he came, like a wise master builder, in other words, a guy who knows what he is doing, who has all wisdom, he said, "The foundation on which the Church in Corinth would be built is the revelation of Jesus as the Christ." That's very important to understand. Those of you who missed my message from last Sunday, I am quickly recapping on a little bit of what I said last week. We need to understand that the word, Christ, is not the surname of Jesus. It was not the case that there was Joseph and Mary Christ and then they had Jesus Christ.

When Paul was thinking of Jesus and when he refers to Jesus he doesn't refer to THE Christ. When he refers to Christ he refers to Jesus' accomplishment and where Jesus is after He has conquered sin and death. I would like to explain that to you. The Jews awaited a Messiah and the Messiah they awaited was a person that would set them free from the Roman empire or whosoever it would be that would oppress them. What they then believed was that they could, should they are not be under the power of any nation, that this Messiah that would come to the earth and be revealed which would be a strong political leader who could have an army bringing true freedom. This Messiah would then enforce the Mosaic Law. Then through obedience through the Law and the sacrificial systems and all those kind of things, they would bring peace to earth as Jews.

Remember the scripture in the Bible where Jesus said, "You say you are a light to the world. You say that you are leading the blind and you can help them from not falling in the ditch". It's from that mindset where the Jews actually believed that they were the people to be the light to the world and to show the love and the goodness of God and actually usher in Christ and His coming, setting people free... not from the bondage of Rome, but actually the true bondage which was the bondage of sin and death. That was, in the Jewish mind, the job of the Messiah. The Messiah's job was to set the Jewish nation free from oppressors and then as the Messiah with the Jewish people in control of the whole world and having dominion over the nations, they would then implement the best set of rules that came directly from the hand of God, through Moses. They then believed would be the principles where on the world will run in absolute peace and joy and prosperity. They thought that is how the kingdom of the world will then be established. Some of these Jews, the sect of the Pharisees, also believed in a resurrection where there were people who wanted this but they couldn't have this because they were under oppression. Since they awaited this, that in the reign of the Messiah, something supernatural would take place and there will be some form of the resurrection of the dead wherein this kingdom of God, through the Mosaic Law, and nations and people obedient to this system will then, what they desired and since they couldn't have that, they would be raised up from the dead and then be partakers of the reign of the Messiah. We can see as I tell that, that it is a very good type and shadow of what Christ actually came to do.

When Jesus came and He was the Messiah, we find that He was not just the Messiah of the Jews but He was the Messiah of all people. Now, again, what would a Messiah do? A Messiah would deliver people from oppression and then bring peace and life to that nation and to the earth. What did Jesus come and do? He came and He ended the oppression that wasn't just over the Gentiles but also over the Jews which was that of sin... sin and death. That is what Paul's argument is sjo strongly in Romans and in Corinthians, he said that death reigned over everybody from Adam to Moses. Death reigned over people even until that day. Death and sin was reigning over people and Jesus Christ then actually became sin and He took death upon Him to be the Messiah of humanity where He would lead people free from the oppression of sin and the oppression of death. When Paul comes and he refers to Jesus as Jesus Christ, he is saying that Jesus is Lord. He is the One who has conquered sin and death. When Paul says that as a wise master builder he laid the foundation in Corinth which was Jesus as The Christ, what he means is he laid the foundational doctrine that Jesus conquered sin and conquered death and will bring and manifest restorative justice in the earth. He will restore the earth and restore man by actually in manifestation wipe away sin from people's lives. And in the end the last thing that will be in manifestation, literal manifestation in people's lives, that will be wiped away, would be physical death. Once that physical death is wiped away from the lives of the people of God what will take place is that even the planet will be glorified with the same incorruptibility that is inside the people of God. That is the foundation on which the Church was built in Corinth. That is what it means when the Bible says that as a wise master builder, he laid the foundation in which there is no other foundation to be laid, and that is that JESUS IS THE CHRIST.

What he was saying is, "There was a man that was born from Mary, a physical man, and this man walked the earth. It came to be that this man was actually the Messiah. He was a Messiah, not as the Jews expected, but He was the Messiah of all people because He didn't see the Roman oppression over the people as the oppression that He comes for. He didn't come to set the Jews free from the Roman oppression. He came to set the Romans and the Jews and every person free from the oppression from sin and death that entered into this earth through the disobedience of Adam. And all of that was on account of Satan. That is how the whole thing worked. That's how Paul viewed it and that is what Jesus came to do in the earth.

So, when Paul went to Corinth, this is what I believe he basically did: He preached and said, "There was a man that conquered physical death. There was a man that came and was born of a virgin. He was the Son of God. When He was here, as the Son of God, He did signs, wonders and miracles. He actually became our sin that this righteousness of God can be manifested in the world. He preached the resurrection. All those who love to study the Scripture, do yourself a favor and just type in, "The Resurrection", and see how many times the Book of Acts mentions that they preached The Resurrection. What Paul preached and the foundation he laid in Corinth was that Jesus Christ will return and He is busy, through His Holy Spirit, manifesting the kingdom in the earth and bringing forth the first fruit of the kingdom. This Messiah will come and bring incorruptibility to mankind as well as be the one who washes away all forms of sin and bring forth the fruit of the Holy Spirit. That is basically what Paul would preach. I'm putting it very simply but that is basically what he would preach. We can see what he clearly preached in Acts 17, for instance, when he preached to the Greek philosophers there.

The Bible talks about the foundation of Christianity and who we are and how we must relate to God and to one another. If you really want to know who you are in the light of Christ, you need to understand that Jesus is the Messiah. Sadly, Jesus wasn't preached as the Messiah. We were preaching Jesus Christ but we never preached Him as the Messiah. We preached Him as the One who couldn't be the One who delivers from death. We preached Him as the one who, when we die, we go to heaven. Then we died. Our bodies have died and we couldn't reign and rule over death. It's funny what we believe. We just believe that everybody lives forever anyway and then if you die, you either go to heaven or you go to hell. Then what Jesus would do is He would be the One who could take you to heaven and we thought that would mean He is the Messiah. That is not what the Jews understood under Messiah. That is not what the Apostle Paul understood under Messiah. When Paul preached Jesus the Christ or the resurrection, what he meant by that and what he tried to communicate is the restoration of all things. This is what I mean about the restoration of all things is that there will be no more sin, no more death. People will practically, experientially experience the life of God where they are saved from the fruit of the flesh, including death, and where this whole earth, even creation itself, will be redeemed from corruptibility and become incorruptible where there will be no decay. What He has planned from the beginning will manifest in earth. That is the message of Jesus as the Christ. That means that He has conquered the power of sin and death in human form and now with Him as an incorruptible, above sin, human, at the right hand of God, we can now expect and see His Spirit, that was poured out on the earth, manifest and start to bring forth the fruit of the kingdom in the earth. Glory to God!

With that in mind, we are going to look at Ephesians chapter 4 and the apostles and the prophets and what all that is about. The resurrection is very important. Church, it is sad to say that when we talk about the resurrection and the restoration of all things, the Church is very confused about that. The Church is at a place where if I come and put something on facebook and other social media and I say, for instance, "Today is your day of breakthrough!" or "God loves you today!" you can get 400 likes on that.

But if I write and I say that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, therefore you can expect the physical resurrection and because of that truth, we can find an expectation rise in our heart where God's Spirit can set us free from sin and death in our lives so we can experience the first truth", you can only get 50 likes on that because people are simply not used the word, resurrection. For such a long time the whole claim of the Church has been heaven and not the resurrection, not the restoration of all things, not Jesus as Lord. Kenneth Copeland said it so many times: "Jesus is Lord!" But do we understand what is meant when we say, "Jesus is Lord!" It means He rules and reigns over my sickness. He rules and reigns over my sin. He rules and reigns over my death to the point if I physically die, He will raise me up and that He will bring restoration to this whole earth bringing glorification to the whole planet. We need to understand that. That is the foundation... the foundation, Jesus Christ, Jesus the Messiah, Jesus the Lord or God as King. Amen!

Ephesians 4:

5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

7 And to each one of you is given the measure of grace according to the gift of Christ.

8 Wherefore he says, Having gone up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

Now listen to this. He said that there is one baptism, one faith, one Lord. He goes on and says, "***One God and Father who is over all and through all and in you all. And to each one of you was given the grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.***" What he is saying is to each man was given the inferential power according to what we are gifted with when the Son of God, Jesus, would become the Messiah and the ruler over the earth. Where His rule of holiness and righteousness and the fruit of the Spirit is freely given to man. Where man doesn't sit anymore and try and through his good works create a life for himself or score points with God or whatever you could think of it.

The Jews didn't see the Law as scoring points with God. The Jews saw the Law as living the life that God tries to give. In other words, the way they saw the Law was, as you obey this Law, it is a sign of the life of God that is actually in you and starting to manifest in the world. Where we say that we don't have to obey the Law for it to be a sign of life in us. We see Jesus resurrected and His Spirit brings forth that life truly in us... eternal life! Amen

It says that to each man was given the gift of grace or we are gifted. We have been graced or empowered by the Holy Spirit through Christ, through the dominion that Christ has over our sin and death. God knows that you cannot leave your sin. God knows that man cannot stop to sin. Some people say that they can stop their sin but that is not true. That is why he even says what's even going on in your heart? What do you think about these things? There is a wickedness in the heart of man and Jesus says that He will come and set people free. The Jews said, "We've never been in bondage to any man!" They just lied there and Jesus said, "If you commit sin you are a slave of sin and I have come to set you free from enslavement to sin and death where you can actually start to become part of a process where God by His love and His work and His dominion and His rulership bring forth kindness and generosity and peace and in the end physical immortality in your life by His doing.

I'm just jumping back to money quickly. A person who sows money, having a harvest in mind, has never in his life tasted generosity. Never, because generosity is in a place where you actually give from yourself knowing it's God. That's generosity and that can only be born from one who could give himself in such a way which is God Himself.

So when God comes and He wants to deal with you, He wants to bring forth His life in you. When man was under the rulership and dictatorship and enslavement of sin, which can be likened to Egypt and how they ruled over the Jews, He, through His blood, came and broke the slavery and led everybody out. Now that we are led out, as we believe this truth, we find that the power of our freedom manifests in our lives and we enter into what God has always promised us... the Promised Land. Amen

So, He came and broke the slavery over every person so that He, in His rulership, in His kingdom, by His power, can rule over the sin in your life. You cannot stop stinginess. You cannot stop hatred. You cannot stop bitterness. You cannot stop alcohol abuse. You cannot stop drug abuse. You might say that you stopped it with your "Ten Point Plan". Maybe you stopped the manifestation of that but you will always hear people say, "Never go close to that thing because you are actually an addict and when you touch it again you will be addicted again. It means that I haven't been set free in my heart but in my manifestation I've used, I'm using coping mechanisms to keep myself in a much better life today. I'm not looking down on that. I'm not saying that you must go and waste your life. What I am saying is Jesus Christ has come to rule over that and we can look at ourselves from a completely different perspective. I'll get into that now in Romans.

Ephesians 4: It talks about one God and then it goes on and says that He gave gifts to man. It then he goes on and talks about the five-fold ministry. This is very important. It says that He went up and first went to the lower parts of the earth, meaning that He brought exaltation to man and who is now coming and giving gifts to the earth. This are the gifts He gave: ***He gave apostles and some prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the building of the body of Christ until we all may come to the unity of the faith and of the recognition of the Son of God to the perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.***

What he was saying there is he doesn't say that those people are there to actually manifest and bring forth people into maturity. He is not saying that. What he is simply saying is that this fivefold ministry is there to get the people to a place which is called the unity of the faith. In those days, the unity of the faith was simply believing that Jew and Gentile are equal and that both are in unity. He took the two, Jew and Gentile, and made one new man. Even in the Church today it is not believed like that. People still believe that the Jews are the special people of God. Oh, my goodness. I don't want to bash a certain nation. I love Americans. I've been there so many times and they have been so good to my ministry but I want to tell the Americans, "Wake up! Get out of this Judaism thing! You don't have to suck up to the Jews to be something! No person has to do that. God has come and He wants the Church to come to the unity of the faith. The unity of the faith is explained in Ephesians. I have a paraphrase of Ephesians out. I took it from the beginning to the end. When he talks about the unity of the faith he's coming to say that Jew and Gentile are all sinners and Jesus took their sin upon Him and so unified both in one man, Christ, where there is neither Jew nor Gentile anymore. He wants the Church to understand that! The job of the fivefold ministry, the job of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers is to teach the Church that there is no such a thing as Jew/Gentile separation from each other. It is all in one man, Jesus Christ, where He is now the Messiah of the people of God... which is us. Amen! That is what the unity of the faith actually means.

So, if you ask, "Who am I?" You are no more Jew, no more Gentile. This is what the message is about: Who are you really?" I'm not a Jew. I'm not a Gentile. Paul says that neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything but a new creature. There was a new creation. God recreated man to a new kind of a being. ***To the unity of the faith and of the recognition of the Son of God to the perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.***

He is saying, "The job of the fivefold ministry is to get you to see Jesus as a perfect man and the Christ where you come to the unity of the faith where you say that Christ is not just for the Jews but where you say that the rulership over sin and death is for all people. There is a perfect man and you understand the full stature of this man seated at the right hand of God, Jesus the Messiah over sin and death, ruling over sin and death. Our Messiah, the Messiah of the Jew as well as the Gentile, delivering mankind from the oppression leading them into the promise that God has from the beginning which is eternal life. That is what the Church needs to come to and I think that is why these offices are there. The gifts are there to teach that. Sadly, it is not taught that way, but that is what is written in Ephesians. People have not come to the measure of the understanding of what it means to have the unity of the faith. There is still this Jewish/Gentile thing. I'm not anti-Semitic. I'm not against the Jews. If you say what I am saying today it is like you are being treated as a Jew killer and that's not true! That is not true. Thank God!

Do you know that the Bible actually states that salvation is of the Jews? That means that salvation would come through the Jewish nation. And it did come.? Yes, a Jew, Jesus, fulfilled all the Jews had to do to be the light unto the world. Were the Jews the light to the world? Yes, in one man, the Jew, Jesus, who is now called the Christ, the Messiah, of all people and when He did that, He fulfilled everything Jews had to be to the world. He was the light. The Jew, Jesus, which is now the Christ of all people. Amen

Church, you might say that this is complicated, a difficult teaching, but we need to understand these things. It is in the presence of wrong understanding where we find so much turmoil. **"... until we come to the unity of the faith."** So what kind of a man am I? I am a man who has been united. Mankind has been united. I am not a Jew nor Gentile. I can only see myself in Christ. It says, ***Till we come to the unity of the faith and of the recognition of*** (where you recognize) ***the Son of God the perfect man,*** (when you can recognize the Son of God, when you can come to the recognition of a perfect man) ***the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.*** In other words, he is not saying is that we must come and we must, as preachers, develop people until they look like Jesus. That's God's job! We are there to teach the fullness of Christ and that people can come to the recognition of that fullness. Why? The next verse: ***That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness*** (the deceptiveness that is in some people), ***whereby they lie in wait to deceive;***

From this revelation of the fullness of Christ, the perfect man and man relating to himself in that fullness, he will not be tossed to and fro by teachings like tithing, sowing and reaping, walking ten times around a town to get a breakthrough or thinking that if we preach Jews in a special way then God will bless us... we will not fall around by those deceptions of doctrines anymore!

He is saying, "Jesus is the Christ." Since Jesus is the Christ, as He ascended on high, He gave gifts to man. This gift is the Grace of God. Out of this Grace there are people that came forth that have the ability to explain to you who you are in Christ. Amen! I don't want to explain to you who you are in Jesus. I want to explain to you who you are in THE Christ, in the perfect man that is seated at the right hand of God, never to die, who possesses all authority on earth, be it dominion, be it power, be it government. The South African government, the United States government, Donald Trump, the ruler of any nation, be it Putin, I don't care who it is... I want to tell you his dominion is subject to the Messiah. God is King of the world! He's already King! He is not going to be made King. He is King! He is the Messiah and He is the perfect man without sin, without death, seated at the right hand of God!

The Church needs to come to the acknowledgement and to the knowledge of that Man, seeing no division of the earth anymore but of that truth and that is the truth about people so that we can know who and what we are. Amen! That is what he is saying. That is the job of the apostle, the prophet, the evangelist, the pastor and the teacher.

We've made the job of the apostle as the one who has rulership over the others. I remember teaching it like that myself, that the thumb can touch everyone so the thumb has power over the prophet and the others and he needs to inspire all of them. I don't know what we thought! Listen, we can come with all our "thumb and finger" teachings and all of that.. that is all nonsense! What it is all about, and Church, I want to say it with a passion in my heart..."Preachers, we are there to show THE Christ, to teach the Christ, the Messiah, the ruler over sin and death and present man with the perfect man, Jesus so that they can come to the recognition of His rulership. Once the Church understands that they will not be tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine. Where they won't believe this lie again and that lie again.

My mother-in-law was in a church in Pretoria and spoke about her preacher there and how he was grabbing a hold of this message in Jesus and how when he started a church many people from many denominations came there. They wanted to force down their doctrines on this man but he didn't fall for any of them because he understands JESUS IS THE CHRIST. He couldn't fall around and be tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine because he has come to the recognition of the fullness of the stature of Jesus. That means you have come to realize what He was raised up into and what it means when He is your Messiah and The Christ and what it means to you, who you are on account of that. Amen!

Romans 6 talks about sin:

10 For in that he died, he died to sin once: but in that he lives, he lives unto God. It says that Jesus died unto sin and now, because He is the Messiah, seated at the right hand of God, the life that is inside Him is alive on account of the life of God inside Him.

11 So also you reckon yourself to be dead indeed to sin, and alive unto God (living to God) in Jesus, The Christ, our Lord.

What he is saying is, when we look at the fullness of the stature of Christ, we come and we realize that this Christ rules over my sin and over my death and I don't have to try and shove it by willpower. I am now at a place where His dominion is over me. It's like in the new and the old South Africa that I have mentioned so many times. Since I am in the new South Africa, those people who were oppressed, we find that the black folk were oppressed but the white folk were also oppressed. We were oppressed under the lie of thinking that racism is right. We were equally oppressed. We were also deceived. So when freedom came, freedom came for all. Now when somebody is being shouted at in a degrading manner, using some of the words that are against the law, and because you can be sued for that, he doesn't have to try and vindicate himself. He can just make use of freedom that was given him. He goes to the officials and brings a charge saying that this man called me this and that. And do you know what will happen? The power of the government will deal with that which oppresses that person and remove it. That is what it means if you come to the understanding of the fullness of the stature of Christ. In South Africa, just in the normal democracy, so many people have not even come to the understanding of the fullness of the stature of democracy. Now we talk about Christ the Messiah. The job of the fivefold ministry, if you want to call it that, I don't like that word, but we call it the fivefold, is to teach people the fullness of the stature, the revelation of what it means if a man is seated at the right hand of God, who has conquered sin and death so that they can come and they can actually look at that Jesus who has died unto sin and that He is alive unto God and understand what it means.

Church, I don't say that we don't need to encourage. Let us encourage one another. Thank God for, "Today is the day of our breakthrough" or whatever we want to call it. I want to say to you that two thousand years ago Jesus broke through the heavens, entered our darkness, grabbed us, pulled us up, put a man at the right hand of God who dominates and rules over sickness, sin and disease. When we welcome that truth into our hearts we find Him ruling and judging and bringing forth life by the power of the truth of who He is in our life and so we start to love on one another. We care for one another and we live in the love of God.

11 So also you reckon yourself to be dead indeed to sin... Since the Church is still struggling to come to the understanding of the fullness of the stature of Christ and what it means and they are still tossed to and fro by all winds of doctrine of quick steps to prosperity, Five steps to a breakthrough, whatever is in the Charismatic/Pentecostal church going around the world and traditions and all those kind of things that is going around in the world, and because they don't understand that and they don't see the truth in that, we cannot apply, we cannot reckon ourselves to be dead indeed to sin ***and alive unto God (living to God) through Jesus, The Christ, our Lord.***

Why can't we reckon ourselves dead to sin? We don't understand the mathematical equation of a man seated at the right hand of God who has conquered sin and conquered death and now rules over sin and death because He conquered my sin, He conquered my death. He was born of a virgin, innocent, blameless, took it upon Him, died it away, was raised up, conquered it, and now He is manifesting the kingdom, He established, in His resurrection in the earth where we don't resist sin but where God resists sin, wherein He brings life and freedom to us. Because we don't understand that fullness of that stature and the Church is ignorant on that, they cannot make the reckoning, they cannot see the mathematical, if you want to call it like that, or the theological calculation. They cannot make that. It says,

11 Likewise reckon you also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, and alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body...

13 Neither present your members as instruments of unrighteousness... That word, present, is like a presenter, when you present someone. He will come and he will say, "This is so and so." He will tell everything that he has done and present him as you present Tiger Woods as a golf player. If I would present Joseph Prince, I would present him as a preacher of the Grace message. In the very same way the Bible says that we can present our members, not as instruments of unrighteousness because we have beheld the fullness of His Lordship and what it means in our lives.

So, I want to say to you, "Who are you?" Behold the Christ. You are a man that is on the earth that has someone that has conquered your sin and your death. He is the Lord. He is the King and He rules over the universe! He is greater than Putin. He is greater than any president there is. You can name any king, any great power, He is greater than the Illuminati, greater than anything! He is The Lord and He rules and reigns and His kingdom is being established in the earth and He rules over sin and over death! All that do wickedly will be uprooted and only life and righteousness will remain on the earth by the doing of One who is greater than a Donald Trump, greater than s Putin, greater than a Jacob Zuma. I say to South Africans, "Our Lord, Jesus, is greater than the government." "Now, Bertie, you shouldn't talk like that. You can be locked up!" Well, the early church people were locked up for what they preached because they preached Jesus as the Lord. That Lordship is in lording over sin and death where righteousness shall prevail in the earth. Alleluia! Glory to God!

This is how you make it practical. See the Messiah. Ask the Lord, "Lord, please show me the measure of the fullness of Christ. I want to come to the measure of the fullness of Christ. It doesn't mean that I want to manifest the measure of the fullness of Christ in me. I want to come to the revelation, I want to come and face the fullness of the measure of Christ where I understand the perfect man, Jesus, and how that pertains to me. Then you can know who and what you are. Glory to God! Thank You, Jesus!

Then I say to the preachers who watch this: "Let us preach Christ. Let us preach the Messiah as the One who was crucified and conquered sin and death." You're not going to preach the Messiah as the One who wants to lift up a certain nation. We are going to preach Him as the one who was crucified and conquered the sin and death of all people so that they can believe upon it and appropriate the rule and the reign of the Messiah in their hearts and see how Christ brings forth His kingdom in their lives. Amen and amen!

Please listen to this message several times. There's a lot in this and a lot to ponder on and think upon.

In conclusion, it is just beholding the fullness of Christ and as you behold that fullness, you will not be tossed to and fro by winds of doctrine and you will, by that truth, find peace in your life and the love of Christ flooding your life. Amen and amen

Thank you so much! I really appreciate you allowing me to serve you. I want to ask those who watch this and if you have a friend whose name comes up in your mind and you think he needs to hear this, please share this with him. It might just help him a lot.