

Rest, Don't Stress!

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Father, we just come to You, Lord. This 8th day, 28th of March. 3 more days and this month too will be over. Every minute, every day is a gift. We just want to thank You, Lord. As we have heard this morning – it's not that we are better than the others; that we are alive, not sick, not in the hospital, not quarantined only because of Your mercy and Your mercy alone, O God. So, we just want to thank You. We just want to praise You, Father, once again. Now, as we look into Your Word, I pray, once again, Your Word will look into us. As we study Your Word, we pray Holy Spirit will speak to each one of us, Lord. Each one of us! Teach us, speak to us, show us and empower us that we may change and we may be conformed constantly and daily to the image of the Son, who redeemed us. So, speak Father. For in Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

So, again, today is the 2nd session of teaching; not preaching. The world huddles with the pandemic, casualty numbers going up, infected people number shooting through the roof and lot of people know that this is an act of judgment to wake us up. But the greatest act of judgment God ever did was not Noah's flood, was not the ten plagues in Egypt or 7 plagues that will come, prophesied in the Book of Revelation or even this; the greatest act of judgment of God was on the cross, when His entire wrath was poured upon His Son, who became sin for us. That also was His greatest act of mercy toward us. So, all we can do at times of judgment is to lift up Jesus Christ because even when there is judgment, there is mercy. We have to lift Christ because anyone who looks upon Him will be healed, will be saved.

So here we are. The title of the message I want to give you is- 'Rest, don't stress!' We have been seeing how the Old Testament is the shadow and the substance is Christ. Moses is a shadow; Christ is the substance. Law is a shadow; truth is the substance. Israel is a shadow and the Church is the substance. We are only doing what we always did; only thing is this coronavirus gave us an opportunity to do it more. If you actually prepare for one day in heaven, the first day, for that one day in heaven called 'the day of judgment', then you prepare for all the days on earth. We don't have to prepare for all the days on earth. We just have to prepare for that one day in heaven. Then nothing will catch us unawares. So, we will go back from where I stopped last night. All that is happening from the beginning is when man fell into sin and sin entered this world and God's solution to sin always has been the same; it is His Son. So, we will go to the most popular, well known text in the Bible, in New Covenant.

John 3:16-17

¹⁶ For God so loved the world...

We will never understand the depth of that one word 'so'.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Whoever! It doesn't matter what background you come from; whether you are priest or prostitute, it doesn't matter. Your background doesn't matter either. Whoever believes in Him will be saved. You don't have to perish. You can be saved. You don't have to be condemned. You can be confirmed in the Son. So, I would request again if you are tuning in today for the first time, please listen to last night's message, titled 'Blessed assurance' because for new believers (there are lot of new believers) and young leaders, we are putting on the fundamentals of salvation. We will challenge you in the morning and teach you in the evening for some time. We saw yesterday the fundamentals - repent, believe and be baptized. Repent and believe kind of goes simultaneously. You repent from the dead works or works that lead to death. There are two kinds of works that lead to death. One is works of the flesh and other is works of the law, if you put your trust on the works of the law to take you to the other side. One is talking to out and out sinner and other is talking to the one who is trying to be righteous. To the sinner, this is what God says, who knowingly sins.

Romans 8:6

⁶ For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

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If you are walking in the flesh, it is death. Not that it will lead to death; you are already dead. God has to make you alive in Christ Jesus. *To be carnally minded is death.*

Romans 8:8

⁸So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Don't take it lightly because you can be in the Church and be in the flesh. We are not talking to the world; we are talking to the Church. You can also be in the Church and be in the flesh and you cannot please God. It is important that we please God. We look at the lessons from the shadow (Israel), from the New Testament. They went through as a type of shadow what we go through in reality.

This is addressed to the Church.

1 Corinthians 10:1-6

Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, ²all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,

He is talking about their baptism in water and in the Spirit.

³all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

Meaning, they had manna, symbolizing the Word of God and Holy Spirit symbolized by water.

⁵But with most of them God was not well pleased,

He was not pleased because those who are in the flesh do not please God. What was the result?

for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

God says, warns us in verse 6.

⁶Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.

They lived in the flesh and they died in the desert. Did they leave Egypt? Yes! Did they fulfill their destiny, that is to possess the promised land? No! Truth- what is our destiny, those who are saved? *Revelation 3:21*, this is our destiny, too.

Revelation 3:21

²¹To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

This is our destiny. Their destiny was to possess the promised land. Our destiny is to sit with Christ on the throne, rather reign with Him in eternity. They did not please God because they walked in the flesh and they wandered and died in the desert. There are lots of Christians who are wandering this world and quietly, without realizing, spiritually they are perishing, though they had once believed and come out. Because they are still walking in the flesh, they are perishing while they are living. They are wandering. Their spiritual life is, if you look at, they are always wandering. They wander from Church to Church to Church and they are never established. In English, you say, 'a rolling stone does not gather any moss'. They are never established ever because they are wandering. It's not that they have left attending Church but they have fallen away from faith and they are not established. So, we have to repent from the works of the flesh.

Second, we have to repent from the works of the law.

Galatians 2:16

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¹⁶ *knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ...*

Meaning, in the Old Covenant, they all did these rituals. There could be two people doing the same thing, like taking the Passover lamb. One could be ritual, other could be doing it by faith and faith in Son of God. If you only did it as a ritual and put your trust in what you were doing, you were doomed. But if your trust was in God, then you would come through. This is the difference. There was a shadow in what they were doing, but if you were putting your trust in what you were doing and not in God, then you were doomed. So there are lot of people who are righteous, putting their trust in their good works and they are doomed.

Galatians 3:10

¹⁶ *For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the Book of the law, to do them."*

So, we need to repent from the works of the flesh and we need to repent from the works of the law. Only when we repent, then we know what to believe. We repent from this and believe.

John 3:16

¹⁶ *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

Believe in what? Believe in Jesus Christ! In *John 6:28-29*, there is a crowd that followed Jesus and some of them were excited; they wanted to do the works of God.

John 6:28-29

²⁸ *Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?"* ²⁹ *Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."*

He says, "This is where it all begins. Before you can do one thing, the first work you have to do is that believing itself is a work." It's hard work! You need to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. In *Acts 16*, when the jailer was shocked that Paul and Silas and all were over there. Nobody had left the prison. He comes and falls on his knees before them.

Acts 16:30-31

³⁰ *And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"*

He knew this was something supernatural, of God. So he said, what should I do to be saved?

³¹ *So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."*

Everywhere there is this term that is used, 'repent, believe'. *Romans 10:9-11* talks about it even more clearly. Again it brings this thing about believing.

Romans 10:9-11

⁹ *that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*

So, you believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead and you confess with your mouth.

¹⁰ *For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.* ¹¹ *For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."*

So, first, we will look tonight at what does it mean to believe in Lord Jesus Christ. "I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ!" But what does it really mean to believe?

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We saw last night in *1 Corinthians 15:56*, the three things – law, sin and death.

1 Corinthians 15:56

⁵⁶ ***The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.***

So, where there is no law, there is no sin. We are now going to look at what we have to believe. So this principle of law, sin and death is established in *Genesis 2:16-17*, when God speaks to man, after Adam is put in the garden. This is what God says.

Genesis 2:16-17

¹⁶ ***And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;***

What he could do and one thing he couldn't do—

¹⁷ ***but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."***

God told him what he could do and what he couldn't do. There was one thing He said, you should not do. There is this tree of knowledge of good and evil. If you eat of it, you shall die. That's when the first law comes in. There's only one law! In pure, pristine universe, there is one law. The question is- why did man die? The answer is right, everybody says, 'because he ate of that tree'. But the answer is not fully true. The answer is- he died because 'God said', *if you eat of it, you will die*. That's why he died. If God had told him, "of all the trees in the garden, you can lean on them, but if you lean on this tree, you will die" and then if he leaned on that tree, he would die. It's God's word that is the law. If God had said, "you can climb on all the trees in this garden, but if you climb on this tree, you will die", then if you climbed on that tree, you would die. You need to understand what is law. What is law is what God says. This is His universe. He exists and His word is the law. That is what we need to understand. If we separate the law from God, then we make 'the law' god. If we separate love from God, then we worship love. God is love; love is not God. That is what the enemy will do. He will change the laws and make 'the law' god. If you change the law, God does not change. Like in US, the supreme court has ratified homosexuality is legal. Does that make it right? No! God hasn't changed. The law does not change God. God changes the law. Please understand this.

Why did man die? If you get this principle- 'whichever law of God man broke, he died'! That is why *James 2:10* says, even if you kept the whole law and you broke one, you died. Why? It's because God said so; you disobeyed God. Sin means missing the mark. God has set a standard in His universe, in His heaven, that is you need to be absolutely right like Him. So, even if you drop by one point, you are short of His mark. That's the law of God. God is holy, absolutely holy. God is righteous, absolutely righteous. God is absolute in everything that He does and everything that He is. So, sin is the violation of that. So, why did Adam and Eve die? Because they did not believe what God said. The action is secondary. The action comes later. The devil causes unbelief. They act on that unbelief and they die. What comes first is unbelief. You need to understand. If anyone who believes on the Lord Jesus Christ! It is our unbelief that causes us to go to hell. Therefore, the greatest sin of mankind is unbelief. You need to understand. God has said something and you don't really believe it. The action is a result of it. Somebody may not believe and may not even act on that, but he has already not believed. Why was Israel cut off?

Romans 11:20

²⁰ ***Well said. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith...***

It was unbelief that cut them off. That's the warning in *Hebrews 3:12*!

Hebrews 3:12

¹² ***Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;***

See, this is the difference between Saul and David. David sinned but there was never any unbelief. He had fear but he never ever believed God wouldn't do what he wouldn't do. He always had faith in God. Saul was a different character altogether. He sins actually less in terms of his actions than David but his greatest sin was a sin of unbelief. When God told him to do something and he did not do it, he thought it was okay. This is the problem. We need to realize we need to tackle the core of our problem. Our core problem is unbelief. Unbelief is our greatest sin. Why do people go to hell? Not because of sin, it's because of unbelief! It doesn't matter what sin you have done in the world. You may be a mass murderer, incarcerated in a

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prison for all your life. How many of our Old Testament people were sentenced to life in prison, but when they heard the Gospel and they realized God has paid the price for their sin on the cross and when they believed, they were set free. So it is not sin that takes you to hell. The government may not release you. That's a different thing. That's the law of the land but that is the first death. It doesn't matter if you die in prison. That's what happened to 'Nirbhaya' convicts. How many months, they appealed over and over, in every court possible, supreme court and back to the president and they didn't get mercy anywhere! My heart used to go to those four guys. If only somebody would just speak to them about Jesus Christ! There is a court for the worst criminal, where there is mercy.

That's why 3 people were crucified. One here, one there and one in the middle. This one died for sin, another died because of his sin and third one died forgiven of his sin. Both had the chance. Jesus did not die because of sin; He died for sin. This man looked at him and said, "Lord!"; he believed. This man also saw it but he didn't believe. The Pharisees, all of them were looking at Him, screaming and shouting but the Roman centurion said, "*Truly, this is the Son of God!*" He said, 'Son of God' because Romans had many gods and they were 'sons of god' so within his Gentile understanding of God, he said, "Do you know what? It doesn't matter He is stripped, naked, bleeding, hanging on the cross, there is something different about Him. This truly is a Son of God because man cannot die like this. Man don't die like this. There is something godly about Him."

So, the greatest sin is the sin of unbelief. So God's answer to sin, every sin, is His Son and *whoever believes in Him!* What is the first work of God for man? It is to believe in His Son. So how should I be saved? Believe in Jesus. *If you believe in your heart and confess with your mouth!* Now question- what is that we have to believe about Jesus? You believe in Jesus. Yes! But what is that we have to believe about Jesus? What makes Jesus different than all the others who came and started different religions? What makes Him different? Why is that you cannot believe on that one and be saved? How come that you can only believe on this One alone and be saved? You have to believe in His name and no other name. Let us look at Jesus. How come we get saved when we believe on Him? What is that we have to believe? The question is: did people in the Old testament get saved? Yes! They didn't go to hell. There are plenty who went to heaven. How did they get saved?

Revelation 13:8

⁸All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

So God has no past, present or future. He lives outside time. He exists eternally so He has seen already the end from the beginning. We are one set of people, who have seen the end from the beginning because the book shows so. So for God, when did His Son die? Not 2,000 years ago, before the world was started. *So He is the Lamb of God that was slain before the foundation of the world.* So the entire salvation work was not an afterthought. God already knew everything that is going to happen and this was the divine plan of God. So, when Abel offered a sacrifice by faith, his faith was in Christ; for him, who (Christ) would come one day but for God, it already happened. God doesn't have time, okay? So, we have to look at how people get saved. What is that about Jesus we have to believe? *Galatians 4: 4-5*, beautifully the picture is given. We will try to go step by step. All my young believers and young leaders, take your notes. Even our little children are sitting before their computers with their notebooks and pen.

Galatians 4:4-5

⁴But when the fullness of the time had come,

God has His own time and we don't understand His time. When we think it is all lost, it's when God steps in. In the darkest hour of human history, God stepped in but that was His fullness of time. Please understand this. That is the fullness of time. What does Scripture say?

⁴But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

First thing, who sent? God sent. Whom did He send? His Son! Third- 'born of a woman'! *God sent His Son, born of a woman.* How? *Born under the law!* So please remember Mary. God sent His Son born of woman Mary and that was the first prophecy in the Bible- '*the seed of the woman*'. '*The virgin shall bear birth.*' When Gabriel talks to Mary, she says, "How shall it be so? I have not known man."

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He says, "The Holy Spirit shall come upon you and you shall conceive."

So, everything is falling into place. *In the fullness of time, God sent His Son, born of woman and born under the law.* For what purpose? *To redeem those who were under the law.* Why did He come? Everybody who had been held captive by the law (*wages of sin is death* and that is the law) and for everybody there, to redeem all of us, who were under the law. After we are redeemed, what should we be? That we might be sons and daughters of God. In 2 verses, the entire salvation plan of God is there from the beginning till the end. In the fullness of time, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem all of us, who are under the law, that we might become His sons. Everything is factored in by God.

Jesus came and He was the Son of God. That is our Muslim brothers find very difficult to understand. How can God have a son? They are thinking physically. For you, in the physical realm to have a son, you need to have a man and a woman. But in the spiritual realm, it is not talking about that. God exists as three persons. The very qualities of God, the nature of God itself demands that He exists as more than one person. God is love and if only God is there in the universe, whom does He love? God is holy. Everything is connected with more than one. So, God is one; yet, He exists as three persons. *Hear O Israel, your God is one.* The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit- this is not a physical thing; this is a spiritual thing. Why is this so important? Jesus came as the Son of God, 'born of woman'. Why is it so clearly written- 'born of woman'?

Romans 5:12

¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

How did death enter? Through one man!

Romans 5:14

¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

Death kept on reigning!

Romans 5:17

¹⁷ For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one...

So, the Bible is very clear. One man sinned and sin entered mankind. It's spiritual DNA. Sin entered Adam and in Adam, everybody died. The question is- isn't it Eve who sinned first? That's not how it is seen. Man is the head of the woman. So even though the woman is the one who sinned first, it is man, who is counted as one who has fallen. He followed her into sin. The woman was deceived. Man sinned with his eyes open. So when Adam fell, man fell through Adam. Your bloodline is never counted through your mother, it's only counted through your father. In the last days, the enemy will of course, try to bring the woman and the mother up. That's what is happening. Feminism is a result of it because it is directly opposed to the fatherhood of God. So, women have to be very, very careful that even when you fall, your failing is counted on your husband.

That's why God does not come and ask Eve, "Where are you?" or, "What did you do?" He asked Adam, "Where are you? What did you do? Who told you?" Then only Eve was questioned. So, women have to be very, very careful. These principles! Because if sin is counted through woman, too, then Jesus cannot be born of woman because it doesn't matter, He is born in sin and shaped in iniquity. So He cannot save us. He is born like Adam through woman 'sinless' because the iniquity of Adam does not come to Him because He is born of woman. You need to understand this. Ladies, my sisters, who are watching everywhere, if you understand this principle, you will be very, very careful how you deal with your husbands. Absolutely careful because how God looks at order and how the world teaches you order are absolutely opposite. Eve fell and Adam fell, but the iniquity is tracked through the father and not through the mother.

So, Jesus had to come, Son of God, born through Mary. So He gets a body like Adam and Eve without Adam's fallen nature. The Son of God born through the woman! Otherwise He can't save us. Please understand that. That's what in *Psalms 51:5*, when David says, "*I was born in sin and shaped in iniquity*", Jesus was not, though He is born of Mary, though He gets this human body (this flesh) through Mary, He is not born in sin or shaped in iniquity because iniquity is passed through the father.

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That is why woman on her own can never produce a child. Even if you are two lesbian partners, you need the seed from the man. Lesbians have children but the seed is from man. So, you can do whatever you want to do, but if you want to have a baby, you need the seed of man. Through the seed of man, even if you have two lesbian partners (which itself is against God) and they have a baby, you don't skirt this rule. The child is still born in iniquity and shaped by sin. Why? It's because the seed is the seed of man, of Adamic stock. So, Jesus was not that. He was born of God, through woman. That's what the prophecies were and that is what Gabriel told Mary, "The Holy Spirit shall come upon you and you shall conceive." So He was born of God through woman.

So, if I am born in sin, born in iniquity and then when I am born again by the Spirit of God and by the Word of God, I am born again in righteousness. That is salvation. Understand that. When I was born, all of us were born, we were born in sin; boy and girl, the iniquity of Adam is passed on. It's not that iniquity of Adam passes the girl. No! The iniquity of the father goes to the son and the daughter, irrespective. So I was born in sin but when I was born of the Spirit in my spirit, I was born without sin and without iniquity. I am born of God in righteousness. That is what genuine salvation is. So if I am born in sin, I will grow in sin. I am growing, sin is also growing. So as mankind grew, sin kept on growing unchecked. So, by the time *Genesis 6*, ten generations, it has reached its pinnacle because man has fallen into sin and every man that is being born after that is being born in sin and sin is growing unchecked because there is no restraining influence. By the time you come to *Genesis 6:5*, this is what the Word says.

Genesis 6:5

⁵ Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

This is – sin has full grown. Every thought! If you look at verse 11, the action part of it, the result part of it—

Genesis 6:11

¹¹ The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

These are the actions. Intentions and thoughts are all evil and outward actions are corrupt and violent. Full grown! It has happened. So what did God do? He just wiped that civilization off because sin has reached full grown. Only 8 of them came through. But do you think that 8 of them came through were not born in sin and iniquity? No! It was God's mercy. They are not born of the Spirit. They are born in sin, shaped in iniquity. Only by faith, they were saved and they came out but the nature deep inside hasn't changed. A little later, you will see Noah drunk, lying naked and a son is scoffer and back to track. You are gone! You are going down. So what is God's solution? A new generation, a new creation (typically, a kind of as a type) after Noah is starting. So sin will increase again. Because sin is increasing and God's solution (we don't know it is coming much later) is a mystery, He has to restrain sin. So, *Galatians 3:19* will tell you that.

Galatians 3:19

¹⁹ What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator.

Why was the law given? To restrain sin! So till *Genesis 6* and the judgment is over, you won't see any law being mentioned there. When is the first law mentioned? In chapter 9 of *Genesis*, after Noah and the company come out. You see laws being given. The first law that is being given is against murder. Capital punishment is instituted. Why? It's because the earlier generation was full of violence. It's not talking about the kind of stuff that was but if God had to wipe a generation off, you need to realize it was unbelievably wicked. So now they have come out, shaped in iniquity, sin nature is still there, nothing has changed. So what does God do? God introduces the law. What is the purpose of the law? To restrain sin! It doesn't deal with sin, it restrains sin.

Imagine Prime Minister Modi came and made a nice speech and said, "All of you, I request you. Please, all of you stay in the house. We are going through a crisis." Everybody for at least 3 days, 7 days, 21 days! Then he left. Do you think people will go in? Why is the army on the streets today? First it was the cops, who beat the daylight out of lot of people. It went down on social media. Still people are not. That was on the roads. Then they went into the lanes and beat them into their houses. Then they sent the army in. What's the reason? Because you have to realize that's an action, the violation endangering the

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lives of the other people. So why do you need law? To restrain! That is the purpose of the law. Law doesn't save anybody. Please understand the purpose of the law. Law doesn't save anybody. Law is brought in to restrain sin. Who is the law primarily aimed at?

1 Timothy 1:9

⁹ knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

Simple – who is the law made for? For the lawless! The law is not made for the righteous man. It's made for the unrighteous man. Are you getting it? The law is not aimed at the righteous. Did we need the law? Did we need the cops? Did we need the army? We heard it. We understood it. We understood the purpose of the law. The intention of the law is not wicked or evil or anything; we understand that. So we didn't need the law. We didn't need the cops. We just heard the news and understood. "Fine! We will stay in." We have timings when we need to go out and how we need to go out (one on a bike and two in a car), we stuck to the law. We didn't need the law. One mention is enough. So the law is aimed on the lawless.

Now, you need to realize when lawlessness is going to increase and increase and increase in the last days because systems and governments itself will become lawless to us. How? Because they will change the laws of God and unrighteous laws will be implemented. That's the problem lifting law above God. Understand the difference of lifting the law above God or lifting the government above God or a nation above God. Nationalism or patriotism or 'law-abiding' are all very dangerous states for Christians.

Nations can come and the laws can be entirely changed to target one group of people, God's people. One man! The entire Babylonian law was suspended for 30 days aimed at one individual. Babylon is huge, millions and billions, 136 satraps and provinces (we have only 31 states) from India all the way to Persia and Israel. This is a huge empire consisting of millions of people. One new law was introduced aimed at one man. Who is that? Daniel! What is the law? You should not pray. The state and the law! "This is our Babylonian law, even the king cannot change it. This is our law. Once it is sealed, you cannot change it." 30 days! What is that? If any man prays, the penalty is death penalty. What did Daniel do? He went and prayed because no law can be over and above God, from whom flows power, authority, righteousness. Every concept about law flows from God.

So, understand this. Never ever judge the underground Churches, how they function and how they live. They are more righteous than anybody else though they may be actually breaking many laws of the nations. The laws are made, aimed at them but they break it for the sake of God. So please understand this. So there is Jesus. So what do we do when lawlessness increases? God has an answer for that, for us.

Romans 5:20

²⁰ Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,

He is saying, "To My children, it doesn't matter what is the state of the world outside, you have access to My grace." It can be the darkest hour of your life, but the grace of God is available for you. How do you access grace? By faith, we access grace. You can go through anything of any wicked system, you can still stand because the power of God is available for you to stand. By faith, you access the very throne room of grace. That is the answer because the things will get only worse and worse in the world, the laws will be continuously changed, aiming a set of people.

So, we have it here. Jesus was born of God through Mary. So He is not born in sin nor shaped in iniquity, yet He has the same body like Adam and Eve, through Mary. He came at one of the darkest periods in human history, Jewish history. 400 years of silence! God hasn't spoken! You need to understand. What do you mean 'dark'? 'Dark' is spiritual darkness first. Darkest period! You have to look at Jewish history because He is born under their law. The Law was given to them and Israel was to be a light to the nations. They became darkness and to the point they became absolute darkness, God refused to talk to them for 400 years. No living Word of God! In the midst of its spiritual darkness and moral darkness! What is moral darkness? The most ruthless empire ever, the Roman empire took over. We talk about the 'pax Romana' and the laws of Romans, but the laws of Romans were only for the Romans. They had more slaves than citizens, millions and millions and millions and anybody raised their finger against the Roman empire, you were made an example in your punishment. The Caesars used to punish

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hundreds of slaves on the highways and leave them to die in days so that nobody would dare to lift a finger against the Roman Empire. That was Rome, the most violent empire and the most immoral empire. They lived for pleasure. Sodomy, fornication, adultery, these were not even terms that bothered them. Young boys were used. You have to hear the history of the Roman Empire. Sexual immorality and living to eat and eating to live. Ships were used to bring rare animals for one meal for Caesar. Modern day calculations say that Caesar's dinner would have cost two to three million dollars, one meal. They lived for pleasure. Everything of the flesh, they lived for pleasure. The nobility, the kings, the emperors, and there's a story I read years ago that the emperors, the Caesars, one of his concubines was taken away by lust and she used to dress herself and go to a booth and sit as a prostitute and she used to have sex with all the men who came, just to enjoy and then go back to the palace and become the empress. That was the culture. And when you live in a culture like that it permeates into the society and into the bones of everybody. That was the Egyptian culture too from where Israel came. That is why the first-time law was taken away. See, law is a restraining influence. For Israel not to go into debauchery, the only thing that frightened them was Moses, not Aaron. Moses scared them. They had seen the power of God manifesting and the judgements of God. So, when Moses went away immediately they said, "Make us an idol." The restraining influence was gone. And the next time actually what happens they were all naked and having an orgy. That's why they were killed. They immediately reverted to the culture of Egypt. You need to understand that Jesus came at one of the darkest hours of human history, Israeli history. That was Jesus, born in the darkest period. But that was God's fullness of time, because when it is darkest light shines the brightest. He came. No living Word. Sin, violence and everything and there He is. The first truth we need to know, He was born without sin. If you're born with sin, you cannot save sinners. He himself would need a savior. First thing you need to understand when you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ what are you believing on? You cannot believe in Buddha. Buddha was born of ordinary human parents, therefore according to our Scripture he was born in sin and shaped in iniquity. It doesn't matter how righteous he was. But that is the way he was born, so he cannot save. You take the name of any man, religious leader, founder, everybody was born of man and woman. Therefore, they were born in sin and shaped in iniquity. So, they could only show the way. They could never say, "I am the way." They said, "If you do this, then maybe you will gain eternal life." He said, "I am the life." Understand the difference. The statements of Jesus were His making about. So, the first truth we believe about Jesus and understand from Scripture is – He was born without sin. He was born without sin to save those under the power of sin. Then why did He come? He came under the law. He was born of woman under the law. If you go to *Matthew 5:17*, you will see He came under the law but what was the purpose? In the sermon on the mount He will make it very clear.

Matthew 5:17

¹⁷ ***"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.***

So, His purpose is different. All the others were trying to keep the law, He came to fulfill the law. There's an entire difference between these two. He was born under the law of a woman, sinless to fulfill the law. Understand truth 1 and truth 2. So, He has to fulfill the law. And now to fulfill the law He has to fulfill it in many ways to redeem us from under the law. First thing: He has to fulfill the law with His life. He was born without sin and He's going to die in 33 and a half years He will die. So, to fulfill the law the nature of the law is you cannot even break the law in one thing. First let us look at,

1 John 3:4

⁴ ***Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.***

What is sin? Sin is lawlessness, the breaking of the law. First you have to understand that. What is sin? The breaking of the law.

James 2:10 We have seen it over and over again, but get it very clearly.

James 2:10

¹⁰ ***For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.***

So, He is born of woman without sin, under the law. He has to fulfill the law. He cannot even sin all the days of His life. Now look at what Scripture says.

1 Peter 2:22

²² ***"Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth";***

So, both in thought and intention which is revealed through your mouth and in action, He never sinned. There was no deceit in His mouth. You know *James 3*. He whose tongue is under control is a perfect man. Jesus was a perfect man. There was no deceit in His mouth, because there was no deceit in His heart. He could always recognize another man who did not have deceit. So, He says, "Look at Nathaniel. There's a true Israelite." Light recognizing smaller light. You see sometimes when people talk the truth just the way it is, we think what kind of a hard person you are, because they had no deceit. They always tell about my wife, "Torn down. I know you have no deceit." But people will not understand you have no deceit. You just talk the way it is. She has no guile in her heart. That's why God hears all her prayers. No guile in her heart. When we live in this world, it is better to have no guile in your heart and talk less, because people will misunderstand what you said it's the absolute truth. So, whenever Jesus said something, He told the truth. "Go and tell that fox." That guy thinks like a fox. He's very cunning that fellow. About the Pharisees He said, "You know what you guys are? You're whitewashed graves. Very good outwardly but inside you're rotten full of dead men's bones." If they had no guile in their hearts, they would have received and gone and cried and repented, because He was speaking the truth.

He had no malice in His heart. The problem is that a lot of people who don't speak the truth from the pulpit actually have malice in their hearts or they're people pleasers. They are more worried about what people will think. But you're not helping your people by not telling them the truth. You don't have to nasty. We're not God that we see. But we have to speak the truth as it is, because only the truth saves. So, Jesus had no sin and no deceit. He had the same flesh which Adam and Eve had. Adam and Eve were tempted by Satan with one fruit. Now Jesus is tempted by the entire culture around Him.

Hebrews 4:15

¹⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Just like we are, yet without sin. I've always given this example when preaching to young people. I said, "Jesus' challenge as a young man was greater than anyone of us, because not only was He challenged like all of us but He had the power to fulfil anything." And the devil knew. If you are the son of God why don't you make these stones to bread? We saw the demonstrations of His power when He stepped into the public realm, but He never demonstrated His power and He never used it, because He could be tempted. He could use it. That is what happens, because power corrupts. Absolute power corrupts absolutely. Why do people want money? Not to live but to indulge. He was tempted in all points and He never sinned. You could put Him in any situation. Even the most agonizing situation on the cross, but there is no deceit in His mouth. No sin will come out of His mouth or in His deeds. So first He was born of woman without sin. Second, with His life He remains sinless till the very end. So, He's starting to fulfil the law. He's the only man who lived under the law and kept the law and fulfilled the law. Third, He fulfilled the law by His death. How did He do that?

Galatians 3:10

¹⁰ For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the Book of the law, to do them."

He kept everything. Not by the letter, actually more than that. He kept it in the spirit. Yet the law says, "Cursed is the man who does not continue." Though He kept it all, when He went on the cross He became cursed. He became the cursed man. So why did He go onto the cross? The other verse will tell you.

Galatians 3:13

¹³ Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree")

This is the principle that continues till today in the legal system. Let us imagine I have a very good reputation in the society and all. And let us say, Peter sitting here has a terrible reputation. He's picked up the police and He's there in the police station. But the police will release if I go over there on my surety. I'm vouching for him. His nature hasn't changed. Nothing has changed with him. But based on my bond, they'll release him. This is all gained from the cross. Every principle of the law comes from the cross. Everything where mercy is extended in the law comes from the cross. So, what happens? Jesus becomes the curse under the law for whom? To release all of us who should have hung. So, something happened on the

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cross. There was a transference that took place. So, Jesus was born of woman. He fulfilled the law with His life. He fulfilled the law with His death. If you go to *2 Corinthians 5:21*, what happened there?

2 Corinthians 5:21

²¹ For He (Who is the first He? The Father.) made Him (Who is this second 'He'? The Son.) who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

The Father made the Son who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. That is what happened on the cross. This is how He's fulfilling the law. So, He fulfilled the law first by His life. Second by His death. He did not sin. He became sin for us and became a curse for us. As you heard in the morning what He did was that, He sucked the poison of the serpent. He took the poison upon Himself and said, "You live." Adam died with Eve in her sin. Jesus died for His wife for her sin. There's a difference. What is the difference between the first Adam and the last Adam? The first Adam died in sin for his wife. He also loved his wife, but they died together in their sin like Ananias and Sapphira. They died together. Jesus refused to be partaker of the wife's sin. Instead He died for His wife's sin. And that is the way the husbands are asked to love their wives in *Ephesians 5*. The husband is the savior of his wife and by his ministry of His word, He's forever cleansing. We don't have to go there. So, He fulfilled the law with His life. He fulfilled the law with His death, but that is not enough if He just died for our sins. And if He did not rise from the dead, then death is still more powerful. Death is still more powerful. So, we still have no solution to the problem. The problem is the wages of sin is death. Yes, He paid the wages, but still powerful is death holds Him. He will also be held by death and we also will be held by death. Only thing we'll have a good companion in death. Jesus is also there with us. But that doesn't give you any comfort. In *Hebrews 2:14-16*, we'll see what happened.

Hebrews 2:14-16

¹⁴ Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. ¹⁶ For indeed He does not ^[a]give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.

Something is also mentioned over there. Two things He set us free from. One: He set us free for those of us who are alive, from the fear of death. That is the enemy's greatest power over the living. Why are people panicking and the governments panicking? It's the fear of death, it's not death. Why are we not panicking? Because we have no fear of death. For us death is going home. It's the best thing that can happen to a prepared believer is death, absolutely. You have to get these fundamentals in your head. Don't say what happens to my wife? And what happens to my children? It doesn't work that way. That's another sermon for another day. Learn from Enoch. So, we're released from the fear of death and the power of death. Fear of death and the power of death. When you are living you need to be released from the fear of death. If the fear of death comes in, it doesn't matter. You have to continuously walk free from the fear of death all the days of your lives. Otherwise when the fear of death comes the enemy will keep on bringing it. That's why all these videos are sent to send the fear of death in us. Oh look at them being beaten and one boy in Punjab on the soles of his feet and another one in Bengal. Another one died because the police. The system doesn't really mind all these videos going around all over the world. Why? They want the fear to come in to your hearts that when they say something we better listen. The fear of death is worse than death itself. But we don't fear death. If you fear death at any point you'll stumble there. You have to constantly fight this fear. Scripture says, "At one point in his life David thought, (it started in his mind.) 'If I go like this Saul will one day catch and kill me.'" The thought became an action. He went into the Philistine territory and lived there for sixteen months in darkness. It was the fear of death. It was not death. The same man who said, "Even though I walk through the valley of shadow of death, I will not fear," feared and he went down. You can profess something but you have to live it through. What he said in *Psalms 23* is true and what he did is also true for the fearful man. That's why keeps on saying, "I have not given you the spirit of fear." He broke that.

Ephesians 1:20-23; You will see that also, that is the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:20-23

²⁰ which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places (The power of death was broken.), ²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. ²² And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to

be head over all things to the Church, (He did it all knowing one day His Church will come.)²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

So, He broke the power of death. That is why we are able to sing that song in *1 Corinthians 15: 55-57*. So, Peter, tomorrow, you sing that song, "O death, where is your sting?" That song.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

⁵⁵ "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades (That is hell.), where is your victory?"⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Both the law has been taken away. Sin's penalty has been paid. The power over sin is daily given through Spirit and through grace and death has been abolished for us. Even if we die, we live. So, what is that we believe? Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. That is why He told the Jews when they asked for a sign, "I'll give you only one sign, the sign of Jonah." Three days and three nights. One day I have to preach on that because there are a lot of people who are asking what is this three days and three nights? How do you answer three days and three nights when it does not fit in with Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday? The confusion the apostate Church has created believers, because it's three days and three nights, but Good Friday and Sunday morning, where is the night and where is the day? And Scripture is very clear: evening and morning is the first day. He didn't say parts of three days and three nights. He very clearly said, "Three days and three nights," because that's how the Jewish calendar goes. We'll come to that another day. You need to realize He fulfilled the law. First, He was born of woman, born under the law. He kept the law with His life. He took the curse of the law with His death and then He rose from the dead. This is what we have to believe. If you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ with your heart and confess with your mouth that God raised Him from the dead, you are saved. He died for me. I repent. He died for me and He took my punishment. He's risen from the dead. I don't have to die for sin anymore. That's why John was baptizing and baptizing, preaching and baptizing. That was all work. But He had one work that God had told him, "One of the people whom you baptize you'll see the Holy Spirit descent upon Him." We look at the big picture, but he poured his entire thing, I mean, imagine you're baptizing. This is how John must be baptizing because the Holy Spirit when it comes, must be coming from above right? Poor fellow. We all baptize like this. He's baptizing like this and then one day, "One day he baptized and then he saw the Holy Spirit landing." He pointed and said, "Behold the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world." And all that is revelation, the mystery hidden from man. The revelation was given to John. Behold the lamb of God. You see revelation and truth. Let me tell you the difference between revelation and truth. Revelation is what is God is showing you. Truth is what is gone inside. So, you may have a revelation without the truth of the revelation within you. Are you getting the picture? It's like watching a movie. You're watching the movie and you're enjoying and you think you're a part of it. When you go out, the movie is not you. He had a revelation and he pointed it out. A little later, he will question the revelation, because the revelation has not become truth. That's why pastors have to be very careful. You may have a revelation, good! The problem is I may get a revelation and I may reveal it to you. You may take the revelation and it becomes truth for you when it has not become truth for me. Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Two of his disciples left and followed that revelation. John never followed, but his disciples followed. Jesus looked at them and said, "What do you seek?" They said, "Where do you stay?" He said, "Come and see." A little later, the next day he comes and says, "Come, behold we have found the Messiah!" And they never questioned that he's not he Messiah. So, the man who got the revelation, the revelation did not become truth for him. Please understand these things about ministry. We need the spirit of wisdom and revelation, but the truth sets you free. *The Book of Revelation* does not set you free. *The Book of Revelation*, when it becomes truth, it sets you free. Otherwise *the Book of Revelation* is a very nice book. It's like science fiction which you cannot understand. But it's not the *Book of Revelation*, but the Revelation that becomes truth. So, you go to the first Church and the first truth in the *Book of Revelation* is this – a Church can be fantastic in all its ministry but if they have personally fallen in their first love, God will remove His light from them. That's the truth. Ask yourself, have I fallen from my first love? Is there anything or anyone more important than God in my life? That's the truth and if that truth hasn't come into our hearts then the revelation is irrelevant. The first truth about the first Church. It's called the *Book of Revelation*. That's the truth. Before the revelation of the Churches comes what is the truth? You can be caught in any situation, you can be quarantined for years but it hasn't touched your spirit at all and you can still worship the Lord in the Spirit. The worship is in the Spirit. You don't need anything to worship God. If the truth is inside and the spirit is with you, you can worship God anywhere and anytime. Worship is not restricted. Governments can make laws but they cannot restrict worship. Worship is a spiritual thing. You can stand there in the middle of the street with your eyes opened and you can still worship God. Nobody would even know. Only God would know. No law can stop worship if you can understand worship. There are truths in the *Book of Revelation*. So, it's the truth that sets you free not revelation. This is what

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is happening over there. What do you believe? This is what you have to believe. If you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, if you call upon His name, what is His name? Yeshua means savior. If you call upon the name of Moses you're not saved. If you call on the name of Joshua you're saved. Two types. Moses can only bring you till here, to the edge of the land and he points to Joshua and he will tell all the people, "Follow him. He will take you across." That's the purpose of the law. What's the purpose of the law? It will bring us till Jesus and say, "Follow Jesus. He will take you across." I can only point for you. I cannot take you anywhere. My only job is this. Law itself is a sign board. What is it? To show Jesus. The purpose of any law, every law in any religion is to point us to Jesus Christ, the impossibility of keeping it. And when I look up at the cross and look at the finished work of Jesus Christ and when I repent, because I have to repent. You know what you have to repent of. Then you realize I'm not putting my trust in anything. I'm repenting from the works of law and I'm putting my trust only in the work of Jesus Christ, Scripture says, "You are born again." There is a supernatural act of God when the Spirit of God comes inside and spiritually there's one part of you which is activated. It's not your soul. It's not your flesh. It's your spirit. Suddenly, divine light comes in and you know you are born again. Suddenly the Word starts making sense. That's the problem you can always make out. That is the gift of the spirit. What is it? Christ is born in me. I'm born again by the seed of God that is Jesus Christ. Nicodemus could not understand this. We all understand it. We don't know the Torah like Nicodemus did till today. But He couldn't understand it. We can understand it easily even though we don't know the Torah because of something spiritual. This is the promise in the old testament, the shadow and the substance. In *Galatians 3:16*, the Bible says:

Galatians 3:16

¹⁶ Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.

This is where my dear Muslim brothers, your controversy should stop. You'll always say Abraham took Ishmael up to the mountain and not Isaac. That's how they read their Quran. We say it was Isaac. But actually, it is irrelevant who was taken up. It is relevant in another way, because God was not talking about either Isaac or Ishmael, God was talking about Jesus. When God promised Abraham, He promised him a seed that was Jesus not Isaac, not that if you believe in Isaac or Ishmael you will be saved. But if you believe in Jesus, you will be saved, but then we know it is Isaac because secondary evidence is that Jesus comes through Isaac. You know Jesus did not come through Ishmael. Primary fact is this: God is not talking about Isaac or Ishmael, He is talking about Jesus Christ. There are different parts of it which we know Abraham saw. That's why they picked up stones when Jesus said, "Abraham rejoiced to see my day." You are not even 40 years old, what are you talking about? Because Abraham saw. God took him out and in that vision, He saw that Jesus would come and Jesus would die and Jesus would rise again. And he realized this is where the salvation of Israel is connected. Abraham knew. Whatever format he knew it we do not know. Whether it was pdf or ms word, we don't know. But he knew it in some format, because all the old testament only saw it as a veil but they knew very well. They knew very well. So, that's what we believe.

Galatians 3:14

¹⁴ that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

What was the blessing of Jesus Christ? It was the blessing of the Holy Spirit. I will bless you and I will make you a great nation. All that. But the actual blessing that was pronounced over him was a spiritual blessing that Jesus Christ would come and through Jesus Christ the Holy Spirit would come and he would have millions and millions of people born again through the Holy Spirit. That is the promise. Instead, they took it and ran saying, "If you are a seed of Abraham, an heir according to the promise, you'll have houses which you did not build and cars which you did not pay loan for." They turned it all upside down when it was talking about the Holy Spirit. That's why Jesus would always correct these things in His ministry. If your evil fathers know how to give good things, how much more will your Father in heaven give you the Holy Spirit? The greatest blessing any man can receive is to be born of Christ and to receive the Holy Spirit. That is salvation. How do you know you are saved? It's not because you believed in certain doctrines. It's because you an inward proof and an outward proof. Outward proof is that I'm born again scripturally. I have repented of all these things. I have believed and I have been baptized and I have an inward witness the Holy Spirit from inside speaking to me and through me, 'Abba Father.' Faith comes from hearing and hearing from the Word of God. The Word of God is the outside witness. The hearing is the inward witness. You need to have both. That's the proof. You need to have both. There are two witnesses. Everything in heaven shall be established with two or more witnesses. Every believer has two witnesses. One is witness of the Holy Spirit inside. And the other is the witness of the Word. And they never contradict. The Spirit and the Word never contradict. That's your proof. That's why a man who

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is not really saved but under the law of Christianity or a law of this thing, he will go under the law and try to do under the law when he falls by giving peace offering and this thing and this thing. But the man who falls who's got the inward witness immediately knows, and he'll fall before God and puts it right with God and he walks away free, because the inward witness tells him. It's not his conscience. Conscience can always be manipulated. When the world turns wicked and wicked your conscience also turns darker and darker. But if the Holy Spirit is there, your conscience cannot be manipulated. It gets more and more sharper, because in the darkness your conscience is telling you even more clearly don't go that way. It's the witness of the Holy Spirit if you follow the principles of the Holy Spirit because you are born again. Yesterday we saw by the incorruptible seed, not the corruptible but the incorruptible seed of God *1 Peter 1:23* and we're born again by the Word of truth. And that's what Peter said in *Acts 2:38*, "If you repent and be baptized," what will you receive? "God will forgive your sin. Remission of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit." In *Galatians 3:2* that is what Paul is saying.

Galatians 3:2

² ***This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?***

The proof is the Holy Spirit. And *Galatians 4:19*, Paul will say,

Galatians 4:19

¹⁹ ***My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you***

So, what is salvation? Salvation is Christ in me and I in Christ. That is salvation. This is not a theological argument. It's a real spiritual experience. Christ in us and we in Christ. Individually speaking, I in Christ and Christ in me. That is what *Colossians 1:27* says,

Colossians 1:27

²⁷ ***To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.***

What is the hope of our glory? Why are we not afraid? How will our fear of judgement go? It depends on how much Christ has grown in us. When Christ has reached full measure as the Bible talks about. There is no fear of judgement. We don't tell God to tarry. You'll say, "Lord, come quickly." You want me to stay it is for the people. But if you ask, I want to go. So Paul is able to see the fullness of Christ in him and say, "I see the crown of righteousness." Who's worthy of the crown of righteousness? Only Christ, not us. Christ has grown full in him. This is salvation. This is the growth of salvation. We're looking at salvation. So, in *John 15:4*, God will use an illustration so that we will understand in our human physical.

John 15:4

⁴ ***Abide in Me, and I in you...***

"You stay in Me and I will in you, because you have free will. I also have the free will, but I have already chosen in My free will to stay in you."

...As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

It's just like that. He says, "I had my free will when I came in the flesh. Born of a woman under the law. And I've used My free will 24 hours every second of My living life to stay in the Father. I used My free will. I had the free will to step away." That free will is what the devil was targeting. If Jesus did not have the free will the devil will not tempt Him. That's why the devil never tempts animals, because they have no free will. The devil tempts only human beings because if you don't have free will you cannot be tempted. What's the point of temptation? You have no free will to choose. The greatest gift God has given mankind is the freedom to choose which we call freewill. And as long as freewill is there and sin is there and the devil is there and the universe exists as it is, there is always temptation. And in that freewill we have to make this choice for God or fall in with the temptation. And Jesus refused. How did He refuse? He chose to abide in His Father, by abiding in the Words of His Father. He says, "I'm showing you a way how you should go." That He will say in verse 7.

John 15:7

⁷ ***If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you*** (Leave the rest. Other will focus on the rest let us look at that part alone, the first part.), ***you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.***

"You abide in Me." How do we abide in Him? "By abiding in My word." Now you're not talking about the letter of the Word. The letter of the Word kills. By the letter of the Word you're not abiding in Him. It's by the spirit of the Word that you abide, because you can say, "I'm not a murderer." God says, "Are you an angry person?" In this whole morning sermon, if you look at it, cutting hearts, basically it's not to bring condemnation, it is go deeper into Him. It's not looking at the letter of the law, it's looking at the spirit of the law. This is how you read it. This is how you see all the old testament example and their reactions, each one of these people when they were not zealous for God, the zeal of God caused them, not the zeal for God, but the zeal of God caused them to do different things. I'll tell you exactly how it is. When Abel offered by faith that blood, it was Christ living through him, it was not Abel. It's a testimony of Christ in him. When Enoch walked with God it is Christ in Enoch walking with God. When Noah build the ark, it was Christ in Noah that built the ark for the saving of his family. So, we look at those examples and it is the spirit of Christ living through all these people and we learn from their example and we forget their sins. Learn from their sins not to go that way. It is Christ in all. That is why if you read *Hebrews 11*, it begins as – "By faith." By faith. What does by faith mean? Faith comes from hearing. So, you've heard. You're not listening to yourself. You're listening to another voice that is of God. Two, by faith you access grace. So, grace is the power of God. So, you've heard somebody, you have received his power. What is yours? Only the action. The rest is God's. So, He has just used your body, but He lives through you. And if you haven't heard, you heard another voice the voice of the devil. He speaks in many many cultured voices with an accent, educated or illiterate, he can voice in any kind of voice and he can speak to you. When you obey him, he also empowers you, because he has power to empower you. And you also have power. The sole power of man, because God breathed into you. You also have power on your own. So, you have God's power, the devil's power and man's power. And in the last days it will be like the days of Noah, where the sons of God saw the daughters of men. These are the fallen angels and the humans coming together. So, it is the power of devil and the latent power of man coming together and there were giants in that land. The Word in Hebrew is 'nephilim'. 'Napha' means the fallen ones. That's what is happening now. All over the world in secret places, there are men and demons getting together and what do we call? This is a giant of industry. This is a giant in sports. One of the reasons I don't watch sports is because I don't know what empowers them. When a guy is technically too good, I back off. I don't want to see something if it is empowered by the devil. That he stuns and he has this huge fan following. I stay away. The movies stars, the mega stars, I have realized that the demonic has taken over the whole thing, because men and women and demons have come together from the beginning. Into the religious system also they have come together in the Book of Ezekiel, God will say, right? Yesterday we looked. Seventy elders do you see what they are doing? And religious people also they hear the Word but they have no power. They need power and they don't have the patience and the time and the perseverance and the repentant heart to go to God and fall before God and be broken. They don't understand the mercy of God actually. And God breaks them. God restores them. God empowers them. They don't have that. That's what the devil says, "It's all about worship." Remember Pharaoh's compromise? You don't have to do all this. The same thing the devil also says, "You don't have to go through all these. What are you talking about? Just bow down before me. I'll give you. What do you want? You want the world, right? It's in my hand. I can just give it to you on a platter." These are the two things that we have to fight every day. When you fail run to the right source. Don't run to the wrong source for power. Run to the right source to say Lord, "Save me! Save me, Lord!" So, man will abide in Me and My words have to abide in you, meaning the truth has to become real. It's not memorizing Scripture. Lord of people who memorize Scripture are as bad as the devil. Didn't the devil quote Scripture? Was he converted by the Scripture? No. There are so many devils behind pulpits preaching Scripture. They've have not been converted by Scripture. Though the Scripture is the power of God, you can deny the power of God. So, we are not talking about Scripture per se. Behind the Scripture there is a truth. "If you abide in Me and My word abide in you," Lord, how do I abide in you? How do I stay? Abide means to live. How do I live in You? How do You live in me? Pastor Vijay is over here. Now, Abigail is sitting and watching and taking notes. But afternoon, she must have been doing math. Why? Because her father's word is living in her and living through her. Her father said, "I've sent you the homework, do it." Though he is so far away and he's not watching, his mind and his thoughts are controlling her actions. You know what, that is living in her. Abigail is not doing anything that she wants to do. She's doing what her father wants her to do. That is what Jesus talking about. When faith comes in God lives through us. He lives through us. Salvation begins there. You hear. You believe. You repent. You get baptized, meaning you're cutting off your ties with the world and the law. Then you're married to enter into a covenant with Jesus Christ and the Bible says—

Romans 1:16-18

¹⁶ ***For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is (what?) the power of God...***

The gospel of the Kingdom is the gospel of Christ. It is not the gospel of prosperity. The gospel of the Kingdom is the gospel of Christ. What is the gospel of Christ? He came born of woman. God sent His Son. Born of a woman. In the fullness of time, God sent His Son, born of a woman, under the law. For what? To redeem us all who were under the curse of the law. How could you do that? He had to go through an entire process and He went through the process that is according to the law. That's why when Paul writes in the Book of Corinthians he'll say, "Jesus Christ according to the Scripture, according to the Scriptures," it's all according to the Scriptures, because otherwise it's not true. The law and the prophets point to Jesus Christ and everything that He does has to be proved by Scriptures. So, we have an external truth and an internal witness.

...to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first...

Why? Because it's easier for him to believe. When they refused then God went over to the gentiles.

...and also for the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

Meaning, how does your salvation begin? By faith and from that the whole journey has to be fought. Why? Because My just shall live by faith.

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness

They suppress the truth in unrighteousness. A lot of religious leaders suppress the truth. They know what the truth is and they suppress the truth in unrighteousness. Let's leave that alone. My just shall live by faith. So, there is only way to live. There are no two ways to live. There's only one way you can live. My just shall live by faith. After you're saved, there's only one way acceptable to God. Why? What has God accepted? He has accepted the offering of Jesus Christ? What is the offering of Jesus Christ? His life. He gave us His life. So, what is acceptable to God? His life. My life is not acceptable to God from the beginning to the end. Why am I saved? Because when I believed in Jesus Christ, He came in and God says, "I accept the Christ in you. I don't accept you but I accept the Christ in you. You are born of divine Seed. That's why I accept that seed." That's why Scripture says, "He, who is born of God, does not sin because the seed remains in Him." If you go to *1 John 3:6* or something, you will see it. That is incorruptible seed and God accepts Christ in me, He doesn't accept me. So, the more I allow Christ to live, the more pleasing I become to God. So, there is only one way of living for man and what is that living? *My just shall live by faith*. If you go to *Romans 5:1-2*, you will see the entire Gospel of man in Christ and the Gospel of Christ in man.

Romans 5:1

¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

What is the first act God does? When I believe I am declared just or righteous. I'm not a sinner forgiven or pardoned – that's all Old Testament. I am declared righteous with the righteousness of God because what is the seed that gave birth to me? The seed of God, the incorruptible seed of God. I'm declared you know how? As righteous as God in seed format. Like you say, you take an Oak seed and you look at it and you know that this has got the entire potential to become an Oak tree. So, God says, "In you is the seed of My Son. It can grow and become holy," not power, power is a different thing. But I don't think even God has issues with power because He had no ego issues. "You can grow and become perfect in your righteousness and perfect in your holiness, perfect in your love and compassion if you allow My Son to grow." But in the seed format, He is not forgiving you or anything, He does but that is secondary but He is declaring you as righteous. Because He declares me righteous, what do I have with God? I have peace with God. What do we have first? We have peace with God first and that's the first thing that God gives you and that's peace. You have been justified and suddenly the weight of the law has come. I don't have to do one more thing to please God, to perform under the law, one more religious ritual. I don't have to do any of those things. God is pleased with me because I am born of Christ as a baby. Like a baby; Srikanth is not here, their baby Athira doesn't have to do one thing to please the father or the mother. All you look at the baby and you say when you sleep and when you cry, when you crawl, it doesn't matter what your expression is; I am pleased with you. You know why? Because you are mine. That's the person who is born of Christ. But you cannot remain that way. Athira grows up and she makes faces

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and God says, "I'm not pleased with you because your face is showing something and that is from within you." Meaning, you are not pleased with what I said. God gives the baby in Christ a long rope. So, please understand how God deals with babies, young men and with fathers.

So, what do we have? Peace with God. Please let me hammer it again. God is perfectly, totally satisfied with the work of Jesus on the Cross. No one has to do one more thing to add to the work of salvation. When Jesus said, "*It is finished*", it was finished. You and I cannot add to the work of salvation. So, what we do after salvation is not the work of the salvation. It is the work of the saved but not the work of salvation. Even when you repent, you are not repenting to be saved; your repentance is the repentance of the saved. The repentance of the saved and the repentance of the unsaved are two different things. The repentance of the unsaved is, "Lord have mercy on me." The repentance of the saved is, "Daddy I've hurt You." That's the difference and these are two different things. When my father spanked the daylights out of me at school that was a principal hitting a student. When he spanked me at home, it was a father hitting a son. And the reaction was different. He wouldn't allow me to call daddy or father or anything at school. It was very embarrassing because I was a small boy and I didn't understand his concepts but now I understand it very well. Those days I didn't understand. Like you are posted to a new school, new class room and the students are all sitting over there and I'm sitting with them as well and everyone is sitting and suddenly, the principal comes into the class and asks everybody, "What's your name?" He looks at me and asks, "What's your name?" He doesn't even blink. I say, "My name is Santosh James, sir." And then, he continues asking everyone, "What's your name," and walks away as he doesn't even know me. That's a student and a principal. Do you think when I went home he asked me what was my name? That's the difference.

That is why when Jesus became sin on the Cross and His Father turned His face away from Him and He cried out, "*My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?*" and not "My Father, My Father." It was not My Father, for His Father never forsook the Son but God forsook Him. As a Father, He never forsook His Son but as God, He forsook Him. That's why when He dies; He dies by faith saying "*Father, I commit My Spirit into Thy hands.*" You have turned Your face away, it's all dark but I still trust You, I know who You are. I have fulfilled My purpose and I'm trusting My Spirit into Thy hands. And on the third day, You will raise Me up. These are spiritual truths and that's how we get confirmed in our salvation and don't walk under condemnation. The condemnation of a sinner and a conviction of a son are two different things. The law only brings condemnation and that was the problem with the prodigal son and he went away. When he comes back, he is under the law because he is coming back like a servant or like a slave. And that's my issue with Pastors who take back people back to the law because you are in the light that is Christ and I am the light and what is law? It is the shadow and people who sit in the shadows are looking for light and those who have come to the light, you are taking them into the shadows.

Those who have lifted the veil and can see the glory of the God are being taken and the veil has been put back onto their face. Do you understand the treachery and debauchery of that without even realizing that this is the one of the most dangerous deception that happens? That's the one reason why I don't go to Israel. How many times, free travels were offered and I said, "I'm not going to Israel." What do I have in Israel? Even Paul says, "Christ, I don't even want to know Him in the flesh." No sentimental attachments with Israel. My sentimental attachments are with the Christ who rose again. When do I want to go to Israel is when He comes back. I don't want to see Israel, I want to see Him. Once this Israel mania began and everybody went over there, they started bringing all the things of the law and slowly they have become Jewish. When God is expecting the Jew to look to the Church and get saved, now we are going to the paths of law, back to the shadows. People won't even realize the danger of it is. Not just the Book of Philippians but in ever letter Paul will have something to say. He was so mad with the people yet he should have been the happiest because he was a Pharisee of the Pharisees. Under the law blameless, he kept the law like no man's business. He called them dogs. Imagine a man under the law now taking them back to the law. What does He call them? Who kuthey (those dogs). And I'm telling you when he writes or calls them beware of those dogs. The Holy Spirit inscribes it and I can tell you that there is no guile in his heart because he is willing to die for them. He loves them, he has no guile in his heart but when he calls them dogs he is using an illustration that a dog goes back to its vomit. God saved you from the law and now you are taking them back to the law. That's what he means and these are people who have no guile. Otherwise, Holy Spirit will not put it over there. So, the beginning of it is that we have declared just.

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¹ ***Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.***

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We have peace with God. By faith, now, we have now access to the very throne room of God and have grace for each day and you don't even have to stand in your own power to do one thing. Anything God asks you to do; you have the power of God to do it. By grace and it's unlimited. Not brazen grace but grace unlimited. All these people who preach about grace including Joseph Prince doesn't even know what they are talking about. Scandalous some of their preaching's. This is grace that takes you back to the world. Be very careful about this. I'll tell you the truth. The temple was divided into three places. The Outer courts, the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place. In the outer courts, you know the history of Israel; the eleven tribes were caught in the outer courts. So, the crowd there was very big. One tribe had access to the Holy place, the Levites. In that Levitical group, one person had access to the Holy place. So, as you go further and further with God the number decreased. But the man in the Most Holy Place went once in a year. He came out and ministered to those who were out and to God. Because he is making atonement for everybody. Where was the crowd the largest? Outer courts. Whenever you see ministries very large, you need to realize they are only feeding the flesh and that's flesh. That's why the number is very high. You cannot expect to take that crowd to the Holy Place or to the Most Holy Place. For this is flesh ministry. If you ever get into ministry don't ever say you want one million hits on my message. You don't want it. Then, you have to start questioning what you are preaching. Even Jesus at the end of the day had only eleven. Moses had only two.

Then, you have another set of people which is in the Holy Place, which is all correct but you need to realize that in the Holy Place the Spirit never spoke. Man had to eat the bread and lit the light and with all the soul effort that was going on and that is the pattern which is the soul. The soulish man seeking the righteous of God but when he went to the Holy of Holies, man did not speak there; only God spoke there. Let's leave Aaron out, he can only go out once a year but there was another man that is his younger brother called Moses who went in and out of the Holy Place all the time. He never died nor did he offered atonement either. Did you ever see Moses taking the blood inside? No, he didn't because he was a New Covenant man living in the Old Covenant knowing that Christ has already done it and had free access. When he came out he could speak to the people in outer courts and Holy Place but he remained separate and his message they did not receive. That's why they were so mad at him and they didn't want him.

I'm telling you honestly, now, we are on camera. So, don't get disappointed by numbers or excited by numbers. Numbers and ministries have no meaning at all because Paul by the end of his life in *2 Timothy* says, "All of Asia has abandoned me." Practically, he is dying with five or six or seven believers who remained loyal to him at the end. And he is lying in the prison in Rome and nobody searches for him except one guy who searches and finds him. That was the end of Paul. We consider him great because he is in Scripture. Do you think Apostles had a crowd when they died? Apostle Thomas had a crowd when he died? No, none of them had. So please don't get it wrong. But our job is at least get them into the outer courts where there is forgiveness because these are children. To make children into young men is not an easy thing at all. To get the children into the Holy Place is very difficult because the Holy Place is the ministry of the Word.

Let's go to *1 John 2* before we close, we will look at that. This is how the Holy Spirit divides the people within the Church into three groups.

1 John 2:12-14

¹² I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

What do children know? Only forgiveness of sins. I'm not talking about children, I'm taking about spiritual children.

¹³ I write to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning.

If you see, that's the only thing that is mentioned about the fathers. From the beginning, you have understood who He is and what He is like. You have understood God.

...I write to you, young men, Because you have overcome the wicked one.

They are into spiritual battle; they have entered into the Holy Place and understood the value of righteousness and holiness.

I write to you, little children, Because you have known the Father.

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How have they known the Father? As a forgiver of their sins.

14 I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, (why are you strong?) and the Word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.

Three categories – children, young men and fathers. And all three know the Father at three different levels. About the fathers you don't have to write anything, you have known Him from the beginning and you are persistence. So, Paul is a father and Timothy is a young man spiritually. So, Timothy always has to be told to do but he is a father. Nobody has to tell Paul what to do because he has understood the heart of God. So please remember once you are saved and you get into the kingdom of God the Old Testament shadows are there, patterns are there. So, we all enter in, doesn't matter what age. Even if today you have entered in as a 60year old man, you enter in as a child. How do you enter? With the knowledge of what? Forgiveness of sins. Thank You Daddy, for forgiving my sins. You need to have that all your life, thanking God for forgiving you of your sins. A child like appreciation for the forgiveness of sins. But you cannot stop there, you need to go further. What is it? You need to become a young man, spiritual young man. Who is a spiritual young man? A spiritual young man is the one who knows what spiritual battle is. He looks at the world and says, hang on the people in the world are not my enemies but the world system is because everything is created to bring me down. My flesh and this world they like each other, I need to fight the world and my flesh and I need to fight the enemy. He realizes this is too much of a thing, fighting this world daily is too difficult. Fighting this devil is too difficult; this fellow never sleeps nor slumbers, that nature he has of God. He never sleeps, he has energy unbounded, he never gets tired and he's got millions on his disposal. So, fighting him and fighting this flesh is too much. The city never sleeps and this fellow never sleeps. So how do I win this battle? I just die to my flesh. If the flesh is dead, neither the world nor the devil can do anything with you. That's why Jesus said, *the ruler of this world has come and had found nothing in Me*. Khalaas! (Over). I'll tell you the easy way. The easy way to win over the world is to die to your flesh. What does the world appeal to? It's your flesh. What does the devil try to catch you by? It's your flesh. Die to your flesh. So, the young men have understood and how did they understand? By the truth of the Word. They are very strong in the Word. Because you are strong and how are they strong? Because the Word of God abides in him. *If you abide in Me and My words abide in you*. So, they understood the truth of God's word and they are trying. Now they are on the road to becoming a father. They have understood the truth of God's word and now they need to know the God of that truth. They are two different things. Word of God and the God of the Word. One truth is also like an ideology, an idea they have an incredible power. Honesty is the best policy. It has incredible power but that doesn't mean you are imbued and the God behind the honesty has become yours. There is truth and there is God. Truth as an idea. "Thy Word is truth." God is truth. So, when I read the Word, I can encounter the truth here as objective truths and I can also encounter God as truth. When you have encountered the truth and have worked out things according to that, you can still be at peace because you have really didn't know God as truth. But if you have known God as truth, even though you have handled all the issues according to the truth, you are still restless because you have not made peace with the God of truth. So, David has done everything. Uriah is dead. "Anyway, he died in war. I didn't kill him. I just gave a letter. He could have said 'no' but he went. He didn't have to die in the battle. He could have probably come back alive. So, it was God's will for him to die. I didn't kill him. The Philistines killed him. He went to battle. Soldiers die in battle. So, it's a normal truth. So many soldiers die in battle. So, he died in battle. She's a widow. Now, I can marry a widow. I took the widow and I married her." Everything is fine. But the problem is – the God of truth, He knows. As far as truth is concerned, he settled the truth. The kingdom is at peace and everything is fine. But inside, he knows – something is gone. What is gone? The joy of salvation has gone. That is connected to a Person. Remember his cry? "*Restore unto me the joy of my salvation*. You are my salvation. My joy is connected with a Person. Joy is gone, Lord." And God knows He can encounter this man. So, He used the same illustration which will only appeal to a man who knows God. "Okay, a rich man had this and a poor man had this. And the rich man came and took his poor man's lamb." And immediately, he got angry. He was very sensitive. "Who is that man?" He said, "You are that man." You have to understand these things. If you don't understand these things, we will not grow in our salvation. So, whether you are a child listening or a young man listening, fathers, I have nothing to say. I'm beyond telling you anything. If there's any father listening, a father needs to speak to you. So, let God speak to you. Fathers don't need instructions. Young men still need instruction on how to become a father. It's going to be one more minute and tomorrow, we will come back again.

Let me give you the example. We will look at it. As long as the quarantine continues, we shall thrive.

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Once upon a time, there was a young child in a house. He was a child. He loved his father. But we do not know the nature of his life as a child. When he is introduced to us, he comes to us as a young man who is 17 years old. His name is Joseph. When Joseph is introduced to us, the Word abides in him and he has defeated the wicked man. From 17 to 30, you see the battles of Joseph, the young man, spiritually. At 30, he is a father over Egypt. At 40, he is a father to his father and all his brothers. He's a father because he has known the Father from the beginning. He feeds his father and the elder brothers and everybody. Understand patterns in the Bible. The first 17 years of his life, we do not know. We don't have to know. It's a life of a child. So, when *Genesis 37* begins, it begins strange.

Genesis 37:2

² ***This is the history*** (generation or genealogy) ***of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old...***

And it begins with Joseph. It doesn't talk about Jacob. Meaning – God has only a history. The history of God is always connected with the testimony of Christ. So, this is the history of Jacob but Jacob's entire history as Israel as Christ is rolled into one life – that is Joseph. And after that, 13 chapters are about Joseph, except one with Judah and Tamar. That interruption is there because Jesus will come through that. Otherwise, that interruption wouldn't be there. Chapter 38 – Judah and Tamar. Chapter 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50. At 50, Joseph was different from his father. Father says, "Take me back." He says, "No. Keep me here because one day, God will send somebody and take me back." So, his body is not buried. It is kept there as a symbol for generations of Jews who grew up in Egypt by saying that, "Whose body is that?" "That is Joseph's." "Why is that body outside?" "Haven't you heard our fathers say 'Joseph had said 'one day, God will send us somebody and he will take us out of this land'.'" Who was the symbol for the Israelites groaning for 430 years? In the prosperity and adversity, it was one body that was kept embalmed and kept up there in the public square. 450 years later, when Moses comes and takes out, Scripture says, "They took Joseph's body with them." These are the things which you have to see in the eye of your spirit. They were wandering. They crossed the Red Sea. They wandered through the desert. They crossed the river Jordan and after the wilderness journey, before them goes the Ark. Right behind the Ark, it was Joseph's body. Two boxes are following. One is the box, carrying the testimony of God. The other is the box carrying the testimony of God's man. That's the Spirit of God still living. That is what it means – the anointing rested on Elisha's bones. You understanding? It's the testimony of Christ continuing with him. Elisha died. The testimony never dies. Abel is dead but he still speaks because Christ never dies. From the beginning, Abel, down to the last man who walks by faith, it is the uninterrupted testimony of Christ and the Spirit.

So, understand these pictures and say, "Lord, that is what I want." And because we are on this side; we are a child and He is a Father, we also know comfort. If you, fathers, know how to give good things; meaning – you stumble and fall, it doesn't matter. He is interested in my finish and your finish more than we are. Because He is a Father and His love for His children is perfect. Perfect love. His love for us is not like our love for our children. His love for us is perfect. So, that's why we are talking about the knowledge. Yesterday, we looked at one little knowledge. Pastor Vijay also mentioned that this morning. One little knowledge of God everybody appeals to. What is that? The mercy of God. "Lord, have mercy." The Canaanite woman said, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy." He didn't respond. "I'm a merciful God but you are out of line. You are Canaanite and you are calling Me by a Jewish identity. You are not Jewish. You can't call Me 'Son of David'." He didn't say anything. Second time, He sent her away. Then, she understood and she said, "Lord!" That, anybody can call Him 'Lord'. Then, He looked at her and He said, "What you are asking is for children. Bread is for the children." He is answering her according to her first appeal. "You called Me the Son of David, right? But you didn't say that thing to all the others who said 'Son of David, have mercy' because they were His children." "What do you want? Healing? Take. A spread from the Father's table. All these are the Father's. Freely, generously, take it. It's all part of mercy, part of grace." He said, "You called Me the Son of David." But everything God gives is to His children. You are asking something which is meant for children. She is not offended at all. She said, "But, Lord, even dogs eat crumbs at the table." I know. What is she saying? She is saying, "Even if the God of Israel consider the Gentiles as dogs, He still feeds them." Compared to what He has given them (His children), they may be crumbs but we have never gone hungry. The rain of God falls upon the righteous and the unjust. He still feeds crumbs. That's the mercy. They may get the mercy shower but you are getting mercy droplets. And appealing to your mercy. And Jesus says, "I've not seen such faith in Israel. Go, your child is healed." Those are the parts of Jesus, I like. Meaning – even the most ordinary person, He never refused to act like a King. "Have mercy." "Go." Yet, He was the Son of Man and the Son of God. How He balanced it both! And He was not acting; He was living. You need to realize – that is what we are spiritually – sons and daughters of God. Son of man and son of God. Son of Mr. James and son of Jesus Christ. So, how do I act like a son of God? What is the greatest act of a king? When he extends mercy. That's the greatest. How do you act like a king even though you are ordinary? Keep extending mercy. He says, "You are living like a king, acting like a king." Sons of God extend mercy. You want to be really royal? Extend

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mercy. That's royalty. You don't have to say, "I'm a king. I'm extending mercy." You don't have to say that but you live that, by extending mercy. Amen? Let's pray.

Closing Prayer:

Father, we just come to You, this evening. We just thank You. We just praise You. We just worship You. The reason we are here is because of Your mercy. You extended Your mercy and Your grace towards us because we are Your children. We just want to thank You, Father. Those all who are hearing today, even now, hearing, I pray, Lord, You would touch their hearts. Even if the wickedest man on earth is hearing, let him know – if he repents and calls upon Your Name, You will extend the hand of mercy. He may not escape the judgment of this world, of this life because what he has sowed, he may reap; but he will escape the judgment in the next one. I pray, Lord, they will cry out. Because You are a merciful God, absolutely merciful God. At this side of Heaven, there is always time for mercy. At the other side, it is justice. You are not seated on the Throne of grace; You are seated on the Great White Throne and Heaven and earth will flee from Your presence and the glory of Your face. Righteousness of that Judge and all – great and small will stand before Thee. We don't have to fear that Day. We don't have to fear Your Judgment at all. We make peace with You now. Your Word says, "Everyone who calls upon the Name of Jesus will be saved." And we are justified by faith, imputed with the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus and we can have peace with God now, today. I pray, Lord, somebody will make their peace today. Somebody. Law doesn't bring peace; the world doesn't bring peace; Christ and Christ alone can bring peace with God. So, we are not ashamed of the Gospel. Even in the midst of this calamity and all. We are asking for salvation. When we cry out, "Lord, have mercy upon this world," we are praying, "Lord, touch their lives that somebody, anybody, everybody before they die, because of this virus, would cry out and call upon the Name of Jesus." That's the cry of mercy because any way, everyone will die one day, one virus or the other. Or an accident; or murder. Everyone has to die, if You tarry to come. So, death is not the important thing; it's how you die. I pray, Lord, as You were longsuffering during the time of Noah, You haven't changed. You are the same. Extend Your hand of mercy over this world. Touch their hearts. People are all quarantined. One thing alone has not been cut – the internet and the TV. Divinely ordained that people will tune in to some genuine message, some genuine channel on the internet; not some sloppy, fake one but real one which will bring to conviction and to Christ. Divinely guide the crying hearts, that they may be saved; that they will truly experience mercy in the midst of death. They will experience mercy that in the midst of darkness, they will experience light. That's my prayer, Lord. Thank You. Once again, I pray for all Your children that are joined to us as a Church around the world. I plead the Blood of Jesus over every one of them – young and old and children – every one of them. Everywhere of our Churches. Because You haven't given me power or authority over the rest. Over our Churches, I plead the Blood of Jesus. Let this virus pass over every house and every household. It will not touch Your people. Let them stay under the Blood, Lord. Thank You, Father. Thank You, Lord. We praise You. We worship You. We glorify You. And as children, sanctified by the Blood of Jesus, the Blood of God and the work of the Holy Spirit, once again, in this sanctuary, we lift up holy hands. We bless Your holy Name and we proclaim to our Father – Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever. For in Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

Benediction:

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit rest and abide with each one of us, Amen.