

"GOD'S WORD & JESUS' BLOOD"

(IS SAYING TO US, "SO SHALL IT BE UNTO YOU")

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Previous messages have informed us that according to God's Plan and design for His people, "as is our faith so shall it be done to us" (as Jesus explained), also, that will work 'in the Truth' as well as 'in the world'. It really means that 'whose word' we believe, and as we see ourselves, that is what will become reality for us. If we 'see ourselves' as God's Word says we are, then that is the way it will become for us.

We are to see ourselves as the Blood of Christ has made us, and as God's written Word tells us, because Jesus' Blood and God's Word have made it an actual fact (that our sins have been forgiven and that we are cleansed through Jesus' Blood by His work on a Cross) which includes deliverance and protection from all sickness and disease!

If God did not make His Word clear to a person, no one could ever understand His Word nor anything about it. Therefore, it is a great privilege (and an absolute necessary privilege), for each one of us to take advantage of, and allow God to be our Teacher under His plan of testing and trying us via circumstances in our life. There could not be anything more valuable for us, than those things which will bring about that most necessary 'spiritual growth' into our life.

We may have noticed at times of how some people have been influenced by Satan's efforts to hinder growth and development in their Christian life. We need to realize that Satan's efforts are always to try to convince a true sincere Christian (one who honestly seeks to serve and trust God in the true Bible way), to convince them that they have no 'spirituality', and, that they are too dumb to ever know anything about God and His Truth.

Satan knows that if he can get a person to see themselves as he wants them to see, or as he says that they are, then that would shut out the entire power of God, (Which is the power that makes and enables us to be what we ought to be). God's power will only work to make us righteous and victorious in life, through our believing God, and seeing ourselves where the Atonement of Christ and God's Word says that we are. We must believe to be victorious in the 'divine life'.

If however, we see ourselves where Satan says we are (and he would like to make us to think that we are), which is that we are not forgiven and not cleansed from sin (through believing faith on Jesus' Blood); also that we do not have the 'fullness of the Holy Spirit' nor the indwelling Christ, and, to think that we are hopeless and not in favor with God. If Satan can convince us of those things, then he can soon bring us to that place, and to our being defeated in that way.

Jesus said, 'as our faith is, so shall it be done unto us', and that works in the Truth as well as in the world. So, if we can see ourselves as God's Word says we are, then we will become 'that way'.

If we will allow God to work within our mind and heart, He will open our eyes to see that all discouraging thoughts and dark pictures are directly from Satan (who wants to put fear within us, because that will hinder our faith on God's Word) (which is Satan's whole object), then we can get victory over the trial much more easily and quickly.

God's whole 'Plan of Deliverance' is that we simply see ourselves where the Blood of Christ has placed us, and as God's Word says that we are (and not believing the devil's lies which try to tell us differently). We have two great foundations for our faith, that is, the Atonement work of Jesus Christ, and God's own statements given in His Word (and written for us to read and believe). We are to allow ourselves to be guided, and so, see ourselves always as that Atonement work of Christ has made us, and as God's Word states that we are. 'No human being on the earth could ever (of themselves), even guess where they were (or are) 'spiritually', as we are incapable of doing that (the late Pastor commented). It is like a navigator on the ocean could not possibly guess where he was in mid-ocean, by what he was seeing or feeling, nor just by considering the direction of wind or looking at the waves. His guess could be a thousand miles off course. The only way he could tell would be by use of instruments and maps.

"It is the same in the Truth. God's Word is to us just as the map and instruments are to a navigator on the ocean. God's Word is the only place where we can know where we stand in the Truth. It tells us that the Atonement work of Jesus Christ on a Cross did a 'perfect work'. God's Word tells us that Jesus' Blood pardoned and cleansed the heart of every human being on earth (for He died for the world of people, whoever will believe on Him, not just say that 'they believe on Him'). (John 3: 16-18) "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. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; 'but' he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the Name of the only begotten 'Son of God'."

God's Word tells us that Jesus' Blood should be claimed in faith as being on the door of every house in the world. Also, that His shed Blood is a token in God's sight, for the pardon and cleansing of all sin and iniquity, and for full deliverance from the devil's power and his torments. It means and represents the fullness of Jesus Christ's indwelling life within ourselves and in our home. It means perfect healing and 'protection' of our body, also perfect peace in our home and the management and control of our loved ones, and, for God's fullness of blessing and victory in everything!

Each one's Scriptural responsibility is to see ourselves as the Blood of Christ has made us, and as God's Word tells us. Because it is an actual fact that our sins have been forgiven and cleansed by His Blood, then we are responsible to believe that. We are also delivered and protected from all sickness and disease through that great Atoning

work of Christ (the true Passover Lamb of God) on Calvary's Cross (and we are responsible to believe that, as it is a fact already in place).

These facts were made plain by teaching and example all through the Bible, such as the incident we are told about in Mark 5, where a helpless man was lowered down through the roof right in front of where Jesus was speaking to the people. We are given no indication that man had ever prayed, never confessed his sins, never asked for anything. What he came for was healing.

However, Jesus knew what that man needed was a 'clean heart' first of all. Jesus always dealt with people in a way that they would get some 'spiritual help', because then they would be in position to get delivered out of their other troubles and problems. So, as that man reached the floor in front of Jesus, He said to him "son, thy sins are forgiven thee".

We may want to ask 'when were they forgiven? The man's sins were forgiven from the foundation of the world, because the Bible tells us, that "Jesus Christ was the lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Which means that, that man's pardon and cleansing from sin was waiting for him before he was ever born, (over four thousand years before that). All that Jesus Christ did was to tell him the real fact (about his forgiveness from sin).

That is what all of God's written Word tells us, which is something that has been true for about six thousand years. Which is, that your and our sins have been pardoned "from the foundation of the world", also that our hearts have been cleansed from sin, and we have been delivered from Satan's power and filled with the fullness of Jesus Christ (or the Holy Spirit), really filled with God, Himself'.

His Word tells us that we are perfectly healed and protected in our body, and we have perfect peace and victory everywhere (within and without). It was all accomplished for us on Calvary's Cross. God's Word says we are there! It tells us that is where we are in Christ Jesus, and that, that is what we are (through Christ).

"With all of the above-mentioned being true facts (given as fact in God's written Word), it is easy for us to realize what Satan's real object is, in his efforts to convince us that God's Word is not true. It is so that he might take us to the Lake of Fire with him forever!"

The reason for all of Satan's efforts is, to convince us that we are not where we ought to be, and we are not what we ought to be. When the devil gets our eyes away from the Cross of Jesus Christ, and away from God's Word, and he induces us to see ourselves where he wants us to be, at that moment it is like we are on an open sea without a rudder nor compass (for a guide). We would then be at the mercy of the devil, and our growth and development in the Truth of God, would 'come to a stop' right then.

The very foundation for our growth, and of our power of meeting things right, can be found (Rom. 6:1-11), [a complete message in itself for our Salvation through Christ], for it is there that we are given a 'recipe' for 'meeting things right', and a recipe to tell us

how we can believe what God has to say, about His Son's great work of Atonement, and where that has placed us. (Vs 1-7) "To what conclusion then, shall we come? Are we to persist in sinning in order that the grace extended to us may be the greater? No, indeed; how shall we who have died to sin, live in it any longer? And do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Well, then, we by our baptism were buried with Him in death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from among the dead by the Father's glorious power, we also should live an entirely new life. For since we have become one with Him by sharing in His death, we shall also be one with Him by sharing in His resurrection. This we know— that our old self was nailed to the cross with Him, in order that our sinful nature might be deprived of its power, so that we should no longer be the slaves of sin; for he who has paid the penalty of death stands absolved from his sin." [In God's infinite mercy and love for us, He, by His wondrous power has provided for us, a 'way of escape' from eternal torment in the lake of Fire, but instead, the Way to Salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ.]

(vs.10-11)" For by the death which He died He became, once for all, dead in relation to sin; but by the life which He now lives He is alive in relation to God. In the same way you also must regard yourselves as 'dead in relation to sin', but as 'alive in relation to God', because you are in Christ Jesus."

However, if or when we listen to Satan and believe what he constantly wants to put in our mind, we will find it difficult to meet things right. When somebody says or does something that we don't like, we will get upset and resentful about it and treat them with coolness and indifference! To put it in plain language, we will not meet it right (in God's sight), and there is only one cause for that. Satan has gotten us away from the Cross and away from God's Word, so he has convinced us that we are not 'dead indeed unto sin' and not living for God through our 'union with Jesus the Christ.

When we are really and truly believing 'the facts of the Atonement' and have settled it to believe what God's Word says, the Holy Spirit will 'be in control of our life'. With the Holy Spirit in control of our life, then those things that people say and do toward us, won't bother nor affect us at all. We won't even feel it, and it won't disturb us at all. ("it will be like water on a duck's back", the late Pastor said).

In making our decision to see ourselves according to God's Word, there are two or three things about it that are necessary. (As always) the first thing is that we must have truly repented. Because, if we are knowingly doing anything that is contrary to God's Will, it would (in the nature of the case), hinder our faith to be delivered. Apostle John was inspired to tell us "If our heart 'condemn us not', then we have confidence toward God, because we do those things that are pleasing in His sight, and we keep His Commandments."

That doesn't mean that we are to do things in our efforts of self in our strength (to please God), nor does it mean that we have any merit in ourselves (or in our good deeds). 'What it does mean is that we have ourselves made use of the great provision made for us on Calvary's Cross, and seeing and believing ourselves to be as God's Word says Romans chapter 6: Also, believing on God's Word, is the only possible way that we could ever keep His Commandments, or do those things that are 'pleasing in His sight'.

We need to understand that God's New Covenant Plan, is for Him to control us via His indwelling Holy Spirit within ourselves and He is the same Spirit who wrote these Bible Scriptures, for us to know and follow in our life. It is that very same Spirit that Jesus Christ had, who is to be the ruling and reigning power in the heart of each one of us. 'Outside of that, we will have nothing but 'the devil to pay' in everything that we do.'

The second decision we must make, is unconditional surrender of our life to God, to allow for His Will and Word to be done in everything that concerns us, that is, our choosing to make a final decision that God shall rule over us (and not the devil).

We can recall what they said about Jesus Christ, saying "we will not have this man to reign over us." That meant they willingly chose to have the devil to rule over them, instead of Jesus Christ!!

That was a desperate 'spiritual condition for them to be in, and they got the fruits of their wrong decision. God could not help them, because they made their final choice (not to believe on Jesus Christ).

They got the dire results of that wrong choice and decision, and it has not stopped yet!!

God's Word says, "if thou shall really believe that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead and shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord of your life, you will be saved." (Rom.10:9). That is telling us that God will take possession of us, and perfect us in everything that concerns us (and we cannot do that ourselves).

That is one of the first steps of one's surrender of their life to God, which is to "really believe what God says about the Atonement of Christ, which is God raised Jesus Christ from the dead, so we are allowing Him to be Lord of our life." Also, "believe what God's Word says about where we are, through Christ's work on the Cross, instead of believing thoughts the devil puts in our mind, to try to convince us that we are nowhere, are nothing, and never will be anything."

The truth is that God comes down to us, for He sees that we are 'dead in our trespasses and sins', so that is what apostle Paul tells us (Ephes. 2:1). That means, we who were dead in sins and trespasses, God has raised us up out of that sin, idolatry, and power of the devil, and has raised us up to be with Christ. This becomes a reality with us, by just accepting the testimony about the work of Christ on the Cross, and so, settle it to believe on God's Word. Apostle Paul gave us that testimony (Rom.6:9-11) saying "knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has

dominion over Him. For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise, you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

In summary, a third step for us to take, is to believe that that great work of Atonement by Jesus Christ on a Cross gives each one of us the full right to take that position in our life (and we have the full authority of God's written Word to back us up). But we must take it by faith (without sight or feeling or any other evidence other than God's Word) and His testimony concerning His Son. So we are to take the position that "I have been crucified with Christ, yet not I but Christ liveth in me, and the life that I now live, live by faith on the Son of God who loveth me and gave Himself for me." (Gal.2:20)

A very important point to make (the late Pastor noted), is that when we make that surrender and we believe God's Word and testimony about His Son, that is to be a 'final decision' that (no matter what the outcome), 'there is one thing I am going to do, and that is, to believe God's testimony concerning His Son.'

If someone told us that they paid off a large financial debt for us, it would be easy for us to believe that testimony. In these divine things, God's Word tells us that Jesus' great work on a Cross has already paid our debt for us and has not only given us God Himself to be with us, but everything that we could need or want for this life and for Eternity. That should be the most valuable and most far-reaching news that any human being could ever hear! And if we really surrender fully to God in everything, if we really believe and accept His Word and Plan, it will not only make us happy throughout our entire life here, but it will make us happy forever, throughout the endless ages of Eternity.

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