According to true knowledge

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Bertie starts this message by commenting on this beautiful song entitled, "So Will I". https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyYn21RdBBQ

I love the words in this song where is says, "A hundred billion times" where if you just think of the whole plan that God had with man. It all rests in the hand of God. It does not rest in our hand. It is all the hands of God. It is His plan from the beginning to the end. He brought us forth. He is the One that says, "I will bring it forth in you. I will complete the work that I started."

If we look at how Genesis started, it was all about God promising man eternal life. He offered him the tree of life. He told him not to stand by the power of his own ability but to trust and rely upon Him that He will bring it forth. There's no unclear message from the beginning that it is only by faith. It has never been about works. Never! It has never been by works. The only time when works came in was by man's own decision. It was man deciding that it will be by works. God never made it by works even for a short period of time! The law was not even given so that man could be saved by works. The law was given so that man could see that it is **not** by works and that it is only by God bringing forth His will in man by His power, the power of His ability to bring forth and create in us a clean heart, to create in us eternal life.

We see that in *Ephesians 1.* This is so, so, powerful!

- 3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.
- 4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight, In love
- 5 he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

From before the world was made, God has decided that through a Messiah, through a man that would bring forth who God is in us, He would bring us to Him. So, the definition of a messiah has never been that of a political leader that is going to conquer the systems of this world. The definition of Messiah, to God, has always been one that brings forth the fullness of God in us bodily. That is why we could expect a Messiah from the beginning. That is why the message to Adam has been that of a Messiah, one that would bring forth the fullness of God, in man, bodily, which is the tree of life, which is what we should believe and trust in. So, it has never been about works. It will never be about works. It has never even been about works under the law. The law was simply given for one reason and that was when the Jews thought that it was about their special flesh or because they are Jews, that God showed them it is not about your works and it is about grace.

The gospel has been preached through ages and generations even to the Jews, to the point that the Bible says, and we are going to look at that in Romans chapter 10 today, that the Jews clearly heard the Gospel. That they had messengers that did come to them. That the Old Testament was clearly teaching the grace of God but that they didn't want to have it about grace. They didn't want to have it about the work of God but they wanted it to be about themselves, about their own works. And we find that that pattern, sadly, is repeated in people even today where they wanted it to be about their works.

But I've got good news for you today. It is never going to be about works. It doesn't matter if 8 billion people agree together and say that it is going to be about what we must bring forth about where the righteousness will be about what we do and it will be established in our own works. It doesn't matter if that is what we think it is going to be or what humanity agrees upon that it will end up to be. It is never going to be about that. It is what God has decided from before the world was, what He decided in Himself, and that is that He would graciously give us eternal life. And as He spoke and the earth was created and as he spoke and animals came into life and as He spoke and we came into existence, He even, when we failed, as the song so beautifully says, "He spoke and a hundred billion failures just disappeared! And the word of eternal life became flesh and dwells in humanity at the right hand of God!" And that is a word for us... Glory to God! Isn't that absolutely beautiful!

Before I go to Romans 10, I cannot but be mindful of Philippians 3 where Paul says, "I don't find it difficult to repeat myself because I know that this is for your benefit. Because this world is so full of different ways of doing and different systems that want to get our minds into a belief that we need to raise up our own righteousness. This system of own righteousness is not just a system which we look at biblically, in other words, the law and the systems of the world and all of that. But it is also, basically, woven into this normal political world where we think that if we can just have a good enough law system, a good enough system in this world, if we have good enough laws, good enough judges, good enough police, good enough of all of these things, then we will see the kingdom of God in this world. That is what we will see. We get so easily confused should we take Romans 13 where it talks about authorities and that we should submit to authorities and that authority is of God. That we should have respect for authority and pay our taxes and give honor where honor is due, etc. That we so easily misunderstand that passage and we think that through these authorities and through these authorities being right and correct and good, it will create a platform for righteousness. And we would even say that through these authorities, righteousness will prevail, righteousness will stand. It just brings so much confusion if we think that way.

I'm going to look at Romans chapter 10, and look at what it is to have the righteousness of God and how Paul, basically, corrects his own people because they try to build up their own righteousness from the works of the law.

Romans 10:

1 Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.

2 For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge.

Think now for yourself, these Jews, did they have knowledge about God? Well, they had knowledge about the law. They had knowledge about all the laws and how God created the heavens and the earth and all those kinds of things. We as, I don't like to use these words but I speak in a fleshly manner, we as Gentiles so many times think that the Jews are, in some way, superior to us in knowledge because they have knowledge about the covenants. They have knowledge about the Old Testament. They have knowledge about the Hebrew language. They have knowledge about the traditions and the feasts and all these kinds of things. They have knowledge about that and it's as if they just know a little bit more than us.

But here Paul comes and he says that these people are very zealous for God but not according to knowledge, meaning they don't have knowledge. They know about the feasts and they know about all these things but they don't have the knowledge of God. They don't have the knowledge of how salvation works. They don't know.

Now, I want to just say this: I'm not saying this and pointing fingers to the Jews, at all. If their rejection of the Gospel had the salvation of us as a result, would their acceptance of the Gospel not mean that they would also receive salvation? Yes! When they accept the Gospel, they will also be saved. So this is not pointing the finger but what I am trying to say here is: In our systems of this world, we so quickly get tricked into thinking that if we can just get the ANC government right, if we can just get some of these laws to change, if we can just get less corruption in the police, if we can just get people not to abuse funds, if we can get the government not to steal funds and then tax us more and all those kinds of things... if we can just get that sorted out, then we will find the peaceful kingdom of God in the earth.

I want to tell you that that is a lie. If we think that, we do have, maybe, a zeal to see the kingdom of God in the earth... but not according to knowledge! It is according to the knowledge of the systems of this world which would be defined by Paul as ignorance.... Ignoring God's logic on how to get life into this world.

I spoke to a good friend of mine and he said to me that he basically just veered away from the news now for more than a month. He didn't watch any of the news and he said that he lives a very peaceful life and he doesn't know any of the things that are going on in the news media. And should he have known, he wouldn't have been able to really change a lot of those things because he is just like one man, you know, sitting in a small town here in the Western Cape. How would he now make a difference? He can maybe post three or four things and just be tortured by the thoughts of the destruction that is coming.

But in the meantime, what he has done is he just put his mind on the Gospel of Jesus Christ and that has really blessed him and helped him in difficult times since he is also going through other difficult times, difficult things in his life.

What I am trying to say here is that we can live according to the knowledge of God or we can live in ignorance being very knowledgeable about things that are actually ignoring the salvation that God has brought which is not a works system but a grace system. Once you've looked at every avenue that would lead to salvation, Church, the answer at the end of the day is going to be God being gracious to man and we just believing and relying upon Him, where, in our flesh, come to the conclusion as what Abraham did which said, "In my flesh I can only conclude that it is already dead and that no fruit can come forth."

The moment we've come to the realization that through government or through any system of this world, it doesn't matter how hard we try, the end result is that we will not have any fruit unto life or any fruit unto righteousness whatsoever, but, that we would only have to rely upon the living God! The quicker we get to that, the quicker we will start to see fruit in our lives, we will find that what happens in this world will not "torture" you anymore. You will have peace. You will be protected against being politicized by the systems of this world which could really have a zeal for righteousness... truly a zeal for righteousness. But, the zeal they have, the passion they have, is not according to knowledge!

Hebrews 10:

- 3 Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own (righteousness. In establishing their own righteousness), they did not submit to God's righteousness.
- 4 Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

That is a very, very, powerful passage that Paul has just penned down there. It is just amazing what he is saying!

Let me get to that again and just go to verse 3 because I don't want us to miss the flow of thought here. Paul is saying that the Israelites, the people of God, the people that knew God, that understood the law, that had the best set of rules and laws to govern by. Listen, the best set of rules to govern by is not our democratic systems. The best rules and laws to govern by is the Old Testament law that was written down in Leviticus, Deuteronomy, all those things, that is the best set. We can try and redevelop and do whatever we want. The best set was that set and that set fell short far and we, even today, see shortcomings in that system and if righteousness or if life could have been by the law it would have been by the law that was given to the Jews... and there was none by that leading us to the place where we, even in our nation, in our school systems, in everything, can come to only one conclusion and that is that while we live in this world now, we can only rely and believe upon God. We have the systems whereby we walk in this earth, the government systems, and there is nothing we can do against it. We cannot.

The Bible says to submit to it. We just submit to it but, our trust is in God! Our trust is not in any of those systems at all! We don't define righteousness that way.

With that said, Paul comes and says that as we walk according to the systems of this world, we are ignorant of God's righteousness. Now the word, righteousness, there, according to the Treasury of Scripture Knowledge, a cross reference that gives a little bit of definitions of words as well, says that word, righteousness, there means, God's way of saving. So, the Treasury of Scripture Knowledge defines the word, righteousness, as God's way of saving. What they are saying is they wanted to establish their own way where they thought salvation would come forth, but they were ignorant on how God saves. They were ignorant on how God brings salvation.

So, ignorance on how God brings salvation would lead you to want to bring forth salvation in your own works. This is something we do with our children. It is something we do in our own life. We think, "If our kids can just study the best courses, if they just do this, if they just do that" and we have the system whereby we think things are going to work out and we want to save ourselves from poverty because we think that if we save ourselves from poverty we are going to save ourselves from depression and we are going to save ourselves from hardship and we are going to save ourselves from so many things if we save ourselves from poverty. And the way that we think that we are going to save ourselves from poverty is by having all these systems in place.

The other day I looked at a person that went to people at a hotel somewhere in Dubai. It was a hotel for the richest of the rich. They bought their new cars at this hotel. I don't know how it works but they have all these fancy cars like over \$500, 000 and more and people come and buy these cars there. They asked the one lady, "So what do you do for a living that you can afford a car like this?" She said, "Well, I left school when I was in the seventh grade because we couldn't afford school. I didn't ever study but eventually I started a business." I don't know what she does but she makes a lot of money.

Now just like something like money, which cannot even save us, cannot save us from being depressed. Money can't save us from cancer. Money cannot save us from death. But, just as pertaining to money, we find that the systems of this world do not always produce as we think. But so many times we are tempted to fall into the systems of this world and we want to work up our own righteousness where we can be sure that we will be saved from poverty and we will be saved from these things. Instead of just relying upon God and God bringing forth in our way, in our job, a desire in us on where to study, what to do, if I should study or not, if I must just start a business or not or just work for a boss... whatever it is. We are so easily tempted to fall into that works righteousness thing.

But here Paul says that if we are ignorant of how God saves, we will fall into these things. Listen to what Moses says.

5 Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live (will have life) by them."

The righteousness of the law is to say that, "If we do these things, we are going to have life. Now I do believe that in this world there are just certain things that if we just do it, it would be better for you. Just don't be rude and shout at everybody. Drive according to the speed limits and stop at the stop street, pay your tax, do whatever you need to do and you will find a certain amount of peace in this world. But it is never going to be producing true life and inner peace... ever. It is never going to do it.

So, the law system is this: You have rules that you say, "If I do these things, then by doing these things, I shall live." That is the logic that the Jews follow and that is the logic that we are tempted with every day. Every day when you put the television on, that is what you're tempted with. When you watch that video that your friend has sent you, if you watch the latest thing that was said by Cyril Ramaphosa or by Malerma or whoever, when you watch them, when you watch the budget speech, you are facing the logic of, "If these things would be this way, this way, this way, and you've got your certain steps, then we will have life. We are tempted with that.

So many times, as Christians we think, "Well there must be a separation between what happens in government and Christianity. So, yes, while we are on the earth, we must invest our lives in the one system, the earthly system, as well as pertaining to the spiritual things, we invest our lives and our hearts in the kingdom of God." Now, if you do that, and I say you cannot do that, I can just tell you that this is how it's going to work. You are going to be double-minded and you are going to be unstable in all your ways. You're going to find that you live in turmoil one moment of the day and then on a Sunday when you listen to a message like what I'm preaching now, you are going to feel better. You're going to feel encouraged. You are going to feel. "Oh, thank You, Lord Jesus! You know I feel a bit better now. Yes, Lord, thank You Lord. It's about You. I'm going to heaven. I know You are with me and I know that I will be part of the resurrection. I thank You that You don't look at my sins and everything." Then at about five o'clock or in the morning, on Monday morning, you just think of the things of the world. You drive on your way to school and dropping off the kids you see a taxi driver that doesn't drive the way he is supposed to. You listen to something on the news and then you are, all of a sudden, quickly switching from one reality to another reality and should you think that is how it's supposed to be and it's from God, you're going to be in turmoil every day because you are living in this world not according to true knowledge.

Remember the scripture that says,"My people are destroyed because of a lack of knowledge." In this week and in the Daily Devotional, I sent a message out pertaining to this. I think I did it a little bit better in the English than in the Afrikaans for those who watch the Afrikaans. I'm going to talk a little bit about this because the knowledge that we are supposed to have, in this world, is about God. And as we have knowledge about God and who we are and we reflect to that and we live from that reality, you will find that even peace will come forth, in this world, from God and not from you.

Hosea 4:

- 1 Hear the word of the LORD, you Israelites, because the LORD has a charge to bring against you who live in the land: "There is no faithfulness, no love, no acknowledgment of God in the land.
- 2 There is only cursing, lying and murder, stealing and adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed.
- 3 Because of this the land dries up, and all who live in it waste away the beasts of the field, the birds in the sky and the fish in the sea are swept away.

He is basically saying is that there is no knowledge of God. People live in ignorance about God and therefore we find that there is bloodshed and fighting and all these kinds of things in the world. And it even says that nature itself suffers under it.

Now listen to this. This is the key passage:

- 4 "But let no one bring a charge, let no one accuse another for your people are like those who bring charges against a priest.
- 5 You stumble day and night, and the prophets stumble with you. So I will destroy your mother—

This sounds very harsh from God. Let me explain it. Listen to what he is saying. He says, "This earth and what is going on in the world is because there is no honoring of God. I'm also going to explain what honoring of God means. He says that this world goes through what it goes through because it is, basically, a lack of knowledge. He says, "Now, don't accuse one another. Don't say, "No, it is you bringing this harm!" "No, it is you bringing this harm!"

You find that in politics all the time. The one person says, "You know it is this government that is bringing this on." Another says, "No, no, man! It is the old apartheid system that brought this. We are here because of the apartheid. That is why we are here." "No! It is because of the Democrats!" "No, it is because of the Republicans!" And we start to accuse one another. Listen to what he is saying here: Let no one accuse one another when you see these things. He says, The destruction that comes...

6 my people are destroyed from (because of) lack of knowledge. "Because you have rejected knowledge (that is why you are experiencing rejection of life. That is why life is not there because you have rejected knowledge)

What is the knowledge that we that we have rejected? Now I say, "We". I am talking about Israel in this context and that what the world in general does. What is the knowledge that they reject? They are ignorant of the righteousness of God. They are ignorant of how God saves. How God saves is not by works but by raising a man from the dead, placing this man as Lord at the right hand of God, and then He rules over people. Because the world is ignorant of this, that is why there is so much destruction. We, as the Church, can find fighting all the time for bringing in Old Testament laws into the government system, fighting for the Ten Commandments to be on the walls of schools and parliament and all those kinds of things, sharing in the very ignorance of those that don't believe in God, because we are ignorant on how God saves.

The way God saves is this way: He promises it. He gives it for free and He brings it forth by His Holy Spirit, in those who believe and rely upon and have the hope of bodily resurrection in the return of Jesus Christ. That is so much contrary to the systems of this world, but that is the truth. We can fight and we can try our best to bring forth the righteousness of God in this earth through the systems of this world. And we will just end up where the Jews end up... very passionate and a zeal for God but not according to knowledge. That is the problem, destroying ourselves all the time, not submitting ourselves to the righteousness of God, not submitting ourselves to what He freely gives us and brings forth in us.

Even as I preach this, I want to acknowledge to you that I am as much having a normal mind as what most of you would have. As you preach this, one would say, "Don't try and explain that! You now go and try to explain this thing to Parliament. You now go and try and explain this to the school board or the town council. You go and try and explain this to the county and see if they understand this or would ever live according to this. People are never going to live according to this so let us put that aside and then see what is the best we can do with the systems of this world."

Now, if that is how you want to reason, it is good as long as what you just keep it to that level, meaning, "Listen, I can only put as much effort in towards the systems of this world as what I know that it will result to not experiencing true life. True life can only be experienced by experiencing the resurrection power of Jesus Christ as you believe and rely upon Him."

Listen to this passage now again:

Romans 10:

- 3 Since they did not know the righteousness of God (or God's way of saving) and sought to establish their own (way of bringing forth life, salvation), (In establishing their own way) they did not submit to God's righteousness (how God saves).
- 4 Christ is the culmination (the end goal) of the law so that there may be righteousness (or God's way of saving) for everyone who believes.

Can you imagine that God can bring salvation to a nation when they believe? (And we will see what they need to believe.) They believe that Jesus is Lord and that He was raised from the dead. If you believe that, if people believe that, and have the voice of salvation, the message that we shall be saved from mortality, have eternal life, by this Jesus, that can save a nation. Somebody will say, "But that will not end corruption." I won't tell you that will make things much better in this world, if people truly believe that and what it implies. It will make this world much better and we will see perfection in the day of Jesus.

I am not saying this to try and change political views or I'm not saying this to even tell governments what they must do. I'm saying this so that you, today, can live in peace when you hear negative reports.

What I'm doing is I'm taking the true gospel of Jesus Christ and just putting it down in everyday life on making it real in everyday life how I apply it in everyday life and how we can make use of this in everyday life.

This is referring to Deuteronomy:

Romans 10:

5 Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them (The righteousness of Moses or of the law, says that the one that does these things will live by them.)

We say it so many times: "The government can only do this, and if these people can only do that, if they can just stop being corrupt, if they can just stop that, if we can..." but we find ourselves not even being able, after we've said that, when we drive back home from our friend where we've confessed this and described our plan, we find that we cannot even keep to the traffic laws ourselves.

Disqualifying ourselves from a very system that we try to bring forth.

6 But the righteousness that is by faith says (it this way...Now listen to this. It is so powerful! The way Paul was writing here is he was writing in a way where the very next, "Yes, but" that would come up in your mind is addressed in the next verse. That is how he writes because we would say, "Well yes, but you know it sounds like salvation is put so far from us because now how are we going to get the world to believe? It's such a difficult thing!" Listen to what verse 6 says:

But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down)

7 "or 'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)
8 But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim:

We have to look at the cross reference in Deuteronomy 30:14. Paul comes and says, "Listen, you might now say, "It sounds very difficult to get salvation to come to us. It's very far from us. We've tried our best. We're not getting it done. Now, you are even telling us that we are not even having the knowledge of God. So, who will now go up into the heavens to bring us the knowledge of God?" We're talking about Moses. Moses went up to the mountain, went into the heavens. That is to bring the message of salvation down. Then he basically said, "Who will go into the deep?" The deep was also called the ocean. "Who will go to the other sides of the ocean to bring us a message on what we need to do to have salvation?"

Deuteronomy 30:

11 Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. This is the cross reference used by Paul.

12 It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?"

13 Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and (bring it back and) proclaim it to us so we may obey it?"

14 No, the word (the answer) is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.

What he is saying is, "This message, that which brings salvation for you, is not difficult to attain. It's not far. It's not something you do not know. It's not something that you cannot obey. It's something that is very close to you.

Then he goes on in the next verse in Romans 10 and says, "This is the word." It's not far. It's not difficult. It's right there with you. It's the simple word of salvation which we have heard, which we have known for years, which we have preached so many times. That is the word that must be in our hearts. So many times, we say, "What else must we know. What is the deepest things that we need to know?" There's nothing deeper if this is how simple it is.

Romans 10:

- 8 But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim:
- 9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
- 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.
- 11 As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame."
- 12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,
- 13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

That's my message for today. I want to make it practical for us today. What he is saying is this: Romans chapter 10 refers to the Jewish laws and the Jews. You need to understand that they believed that the world had to be governed by their laws so it was also a political government law system which they had in mind, which we today so easily push out of the way because we say that we are not saved by the law of Moses. We are saved by grace. But, when it comes to our countries, we simply think that is something else that God has instituted because there is authority and that, through those systems, we're going to have life. But, by doing that, we are falling back into what the Jews did and we live in turmoil every day of our lives. We're not having life. We are struggling!

What God is saying to us is, "Listen, let us not build up any system of salvation outside of believing that Jesus died, that He rose again. And know that He will even bring salvation to us today, in this life, through this way. We, as outsiders, as citizens of another country, look at the things of this world. We have our involvement but we have our involvement in this in a way where we know that our source of life is something else. It is not what we get involved in when we say something or when we vote or when we read the news or whatever. We can have our opinions. We can have our say but it is of very little importance when it comes to the bearing of peace in our hearts.

So here Paul comes and he clearly explains that the Jewish people did not serve God according to knowledge. "My people perish because of a lack of knowledge."

I'm going to end off with this: That word, knowledge, is the Hebrew word which basically talks about oneness of flesh between a husband and his wife when they have intercourse, when they become one flesh from where children are produced... the act of procreation. That is what it's talking about. So, it says that my people have a lack of knowledge.

Here it says the Jews did not serve God according to knowledge and what is the knowledge? The knowledge is the union, the oneness between God and physical humanity and we find that union, that oneness of two bodies, is the body of God which is Spirit and the physical body of human becoming one as a husband and wife become one from where the same kind is produced. That knowing where God knows man and where man knows God. Because of a lack therefore, of the knowledge of the resurrection and God's creation power, to bring forth man in the likeness of God, because of a lack of that, that is why things perish... a lack of knowing that.

The other day I saw someone from our local town here, write something on Facebook, a very political thing that causes a lot of people to be so angry. It is also written with a sting in it. I just said, "Well, I'm not going to comment anything there and I see this man lives in our town. I wrote to him in Facebook Messenger and I invited him to come to my house and have a meal, so that I could hear his story and hear where is his heart. And should I have the opportunity, if I don't have the opportunity it is just going to pass by. but should there be an opportunity and an open door as he experiences true love from my heart towards him, I want to bring true knowledge of the resurrected Jesus and how God brings true life to us to him because that is the only answer. That is the only answer, the only way that we can stand in combat, if you want to do that, in the systems of this world, is by bringing the love of God as a fruit of God's love towards us and sharing the Gospel of grace. That's the only way. There's no other way.

I want to encourage you with this word: If you have time in this week, just listen to it again. Just put it on and drive your car to work or listen to it even if you just catch a little bit here and there, it will encourage your heart and keep your mind in these things. It will bring that continual peace so that we serve God according to knowledge and not in ignorance. We can be very zealous for God but not according to knowing the union between God and flesh in Jesus Christ. Amen and amen

Let us pray together: Father, I want to thank You so much for Your love and Your grace. I want to thank You that You have reached out to humanity and You've given us true hope. Thank You, Lord, that we will not get to a place where we serve You without knowledge. Where we are zealous about God according to the law. Where we define righteousness according to the systems of this world. But, thank You, Lord, that in every answer we bring to any problem, even if it is to our own understanding, will always start and end in seeing the fullness of the Godhead, bodily seated at the right hand of God, which is Your eternal word and destiny and hope for us where we see You bringing that forth. And let that be on our lips and our answer to everyone who asks us for the reason why we have the hope we have.

I declare that everyone that hears this message, blessed in Jesus' mighty name! Amen and amen