

BENEFITS OF FAITH

Under the RULE of RIGHTEOUSNESS

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Today we are going to be talking about the fruit of the Spirit in our lives, that which God has saved us to and what we can expect from the Lord, Jesus Christ. I remember when I just got into the message of Grace, I was just so happy that the focus is not any more on the things that I do wrong. But I've come to realize that the Gospel is not about God not being angry but it's about God manifesting His life in this earth where He is the Father and He has children and His children shares in His life.

I've also come to realize that God is basically looking for a bride for His Son so that the life of Heaven can multiply in the children. That is what it is all about. It is about Heaven coming to Earth... God sharing His life with us. That is absolutely found in the foundation of a God that is eternal, loving, living towards us and sharing His life with us where the focus is definitely not on the good that we must do to qualify before Him or any of those kinds of things. The focus is on a loving God that shares His life with us wherein we can feel what it feels like to share in His life and so live forever.

It is amazing if we think of this world and we think of the governments of this world and what this world looks like. Imagine that could be filled with people that are flooded with the fulness of God! Just imagine that! I mean, we don't know how it will look in the Resurrection... how things will exactly be. But we know, and this is what the Scripture teaches, is that it will be on earth, it will be in the earth and we will find the fullness of God manifesting in people.

Now I can imagine if we just think of normal life now. We have thought of heaven in the paradigm of it being clouds. You know, where you sit on a cloud and play a harp. Now, that is not the Gospel. I don't think that was God's plan, you know, that there would just be a heaven with clouds where people sing all day. No, I think that God made Earth. He placed Adam and Eve on the Earth and we get an idea of what He wanted in creating a man from the dust of the Earth and bring forth life in that man when we see the Resurrected Jesus Christ. We also see that He will return to the Earth and that we will find that this Kingdom of Heaven, united with Earth, will manifest in this Earth where we will find people that are just exactly like Jesus where He is right now and where He showed His love and His kindness as He walked upon the Earth.

Imagine Jesus multiplied with one billion people and those people living on the Earth all together! It would be a wonderful place! It would be a place where there's kindness. It will be a place where there is love. It would be a place where there is absolute health. It will be a place where people don't harm each other, where the good that we experience, the joy, the life, that we have between one another would be there all the time!

That is what God has in mind and the beautiful thing that He has done is He, through His Spirit, has entered into our darkness and He now makes His life available for us even while we are immortal flesh where we can tap into a different source of life and experience His life. We are not having our own ability anymore as the source to that life but we can now find that the Spirit of God is the source of that life.

Now, last time I ran a poll on the live stream and I saw, I think, it was 18 percent of the people in our fellowship that watched it. It was a different group of people. It was the afternoon message because this very same message is restreamed this very afternoon. Eighteen percent of the people, sometimes was running a bit lower and sometimes a bit higher, said that they are scared or they kind of feel uncomfortable when a person speaks about the fruit of the Spirit because the feeling is, "Well, what if I fail?" The whole idea of "I can fail" makes you a bit scared and a bit ashamed and you don't want to talk about it. But today we are going to talk about it. We're going to talk about the life that God has for us and it might be uncomfortable. But, most of the people weren't uncomfortable so I think we're going to be completely okay.

I love it when God talked to me about what He's done for me and when I see what He's done for me, it is not just "pie in the sky", but it's "cake on the plate". It's something real, something that I can experience now, something that is greater than the things of this world, something that sets me free from the hooks that the world has on us, where I can fully live, fully love and be who God has made me to be.

What we are going to talk about, like I said, might be a bit sensitive, sometimes like talking about sex. You know, when you have to talk about that it sometimes is uncomfortable. I remember, when I was a kid, there were some people in our family that weren't married. This lady didn't have a husband and I think she married when I was already in my 30s. But, as a kid, I would ask my Mum, "Why is Auntie so and so not married?" I would say it loud and then my Mum would give me the "evil eye". Or I would ask somebody, when they came in and fellowship and say, "So why don't you have children?" But I mean maybe the people couldn't have children and then I would get it once the people have left. My Dad and Mom would be on my case about that because those are things that are private. If people cannot have children, to a certain degree it is, you know, "We cannot bear fruit. What is going on?" We don't know what is going on. The guy could be impotent. Maybe the lady maybe cannot have children. Maybe they are not even sleeping in the same bed. We don't know what's going on so it's a very sensitive thing when it comes to sex. so, we don't want to talk about that. Sometimes it's a sensitive topic and I think when it comes to fruit bearing in the Gospel it might be the same... but here we go:

1Corinthians 6:12 *I have the right to do anything," you say— but not everything is beneficial.* This is Paul talking to the Church in Corinth. This Church was a very arrogant Church. They were intelligent people. When you read this, you can find that there were some intellectuals there. You can find there was some pride there. They were a mixture of Jewish Believers as well as people that were heathen that were used to orgies and immorality and those kinds of things and they became Christian.

Some of these people came into the Christian meetings and they would just say, “Oh, well, we were going to this temple and they were having an orgy. We went to that temple and then they sacrificed to idols there and now we just come to the Church and we just have fellowship here. And because we have fellowship with the Church here, we have now just mixed all these things together and now we are okay. We’ve got the Christian God as well.” That was that kind of attitude. There were some people that were just in the flesh, meaning not knowing who they were in Christ, not knowing what the Gospel is truly about. They went around and they said, “I have the right to do anything you say.” Then Paul says, “... **but not everything is beneficial...**” This is a very good thing to know. If we have the right to do anything, the question is not, “Do we have the right to do it?” The question is, “What benefit does that add to my life?”

We can talk about, let’s say, giving for instance, and please, you know me very well. I am not saying, “giving”, because I am hinting for money or any of those kinds of things. That is not the case at all! I’m using it as a real-life example because it is something that is just relevant. We can say, “Well, I’m under the grace of God. I don’t have to help someone when he’s in need. I don’t have to do it. I’m not under the law anymore. I don’t have to do it.” But what benefit is there for the other person and for you in making use of that right to say, “Well, I don’t have to because I’m not under the law.” How would that be beneficial? How does that benefit you and how does that benefit the other person? And how does that, using it that way, bring you to a place where you share in the life of God? It is not beneficial.

It says here, Paul himself now answering them: “**I have the right to do anything**”—**but I will not be mastered by anything.** So, Paul says, “I have the right to do anything but I am not having anything having lordship over me. I’m not going to be controlled by anything for I am under the control and the rule of righteousness. As what I was under the rule and the control of sin in the flesh, I am now under the rule and the control of righteousness where I am not scared, where I can live the life that God has given me.

I’ve listened to some philosopher who said it this way and I agree with him, “The reason why people don’t live as a Christian fruitful life is, many times, fear of death. You’re afraid that you are going to die. It’s like, “Okay, if I am kind, let’s say that you live in South Africa, I decide that I am going to get in my car and go to the squatter area and I’m going to dish out food there. The fear of death can stop you from doing something because you are afraid you are not going to have and you are afraid that they might kill you. And you’re afraid that it is cold and uncomfortable and all those kinds of things. But when fear is not there, the fear of death is gone, because you know you possess eternal life. That means that I know that even if I die, I’ll be raised from the dead. I know that even if I give some of my food to those people, I’ve got a God that has promised that He will never leave me nor forsake me. I will always have. Once fear is done away with in your union with God in Christ, you will find a life born in you when you can truly live who you are. That is what he is saying.

Paul says, “I’m not going to be mastered by anything. I’m not going to be mastered by the government. No! If I want to preach the Gospel, I preach the Gospel. They say to me,

“You cannot preach the Gospel.” I will not do what they say. I’ll do what God says and I will do what the Lord puts in my heart. No person is going to say, “No”. We have God who has said, “Yes”. And that is what is in our heart and we continue with that. Glory to God!

If I’m told, “Listen, man, you cannot do this, and this, and this, with your money because that’s irresponsible because you are not going to have in this and that”, but I feel in my heart to do something in the kingdom of God, I’m not going to be stopped. I’ve got eternal life. I cannot die! I will live forever. That is it! That’s the kind of being I am and even if I die, death cannot keep me down! I like that song, “No grave is going to keep me down!” I’ll be raised from the dead! That’s the kind of life we have and I think, as the Church, we can take this truth and see it and appropriate it in everyday life and ask ourselves the question, “How does this life look in everyday life?” Paul says, “I can do all things but I shall not be mastered by anything.

:13 (This is the Corinthian Church), ***You say, “Food is for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy both of them.”*** They had this attitude: “Listen man, the body is going to be destroyed anyway, and the Earth is going to burn up anyway, so we eat and we party and we enjoy our life because this food, this food that we have, this meat, is for our physical body and this body is for food. So let us enjoy one another and this is going to be destroyed anyway. So, we don’t really care about that. That’s what is going to happen in the end and there’s going to be destruction of this mortal body. There’s going to be destruction of this planet.” That was the attitude by which they lived.

Helena and I studied this passage out. If you read on, it talks about these people, and this is not appropriate to us now, but just for interest’s sake, they would then eat this food, drink the wine, and do this in a party setup with different belief groups. There would be sexual immorality and all those kinds of things going with this food in the body. So, they didn’t see the bodies that important. Listen to what Paul says:

13 *You say, The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord (is) for the body.*

That is where we are going to stand still, that the Lord is for the body. We’re going to link it to Romans chapter 6 and to some other passages.

So, what he says here and we have had this in Church many times: “Don’t smoke a cigarette because your body is the temple of the Lord. Don’t drink Coca -Cola because your body is the temple of the Lord and you need to care for the temple.” We’ve had this massive focus that our body is for the Lord and that our body is holy and that our body is a temple of God. That was used many times to enforce legalism and enforce fear and to bring down laws and basically the preaching of a certain culture which people want.

And I’ve seen people come to Church... I mean, “I’ve been in church many times and then they want the new diet. When the person comes and preaches on health, then they’ll use the scripture and then say, “Drink this shake or eat this fruit, or you should only eat organic foods as close to nature as possible, or whatever.” That is now then preached as

the will of God, kind of put on people because, "You're the temple of the Lord and you need to take up responsibility."

Now the context here is sexual immorality where they basically took the body of the Lord. Imagine this: You are one body with Jesus, and this is the context here, and we are the body of the Lord and we are part of Jesus Himself. Then you take this body and you make it one with the prostitute. It's like forcing Jesus to sleep with a prostitute. That's kind of the idea that Paul is bringing here, the shame that is showing forth here, the illogical way of living which I'm not focusing on. This is not the focus. Here's the focus: He says, "The body is for the Lord." But, listen to this: He says, "And the Lord for the body." So, our body is for the Lord but the Lord is for the body. They said, "No. The body is for food and food for the body." Paul says, "No. This body is for the Lord." God made a body from the dust of the earth. He formed a bride for His Son. He's using marriage here. He's using oneness of flesh here.

This body, this body we have, is for the Lord. So God was in heaven and He said, "Here is the angel of the Lord. Here is the Word of God and I am from the dust of the earth going to create and bring forth a bride for My Son." So, this bride, from the dust of the earth, that was brought forth and that is mortal, she is still mortal, she is from the dust of the earth. What I want to do is I want to marry Heaven and Earth and the way I'll marry them is through My Son, Jesus the Christ, who has always been and He will unite Him with her. And as You unite Him with her, she will become immortal and eternal as what God is. That is His plan. So, He made us from the dust of the Earth with that purpose.

We can read it in **Ephesians chapter 1**. Glory to God! I tell you, "The Word of God, this message of the Gospel, can consume you! It can start to form your every thought and that is beautiful! Hallelujah!"

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—

6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

Now, if you just read on here, if you just read the whole thing, He predestined us. It's predetermined that we will be adopted as sons, that we will have this eternal life. So, we find that we, our bodies, are formed for the Lord so that He can have a bride. That's why we are there. We have been made for the purpose to be unified with Jesus Christ, with the Word of God, the Word of eternal life. That's why we are there.

But then it says, as what the body, this person that was formed from the dust of the Earth, is for the Lord, when he refers to Lord there, he refers to the resurrected Jesus Christ, is there for the body.

Now, this is just something interesting: If you look at heaven and earth amalgamating, if you look at where heaven and earth come together, what happens is you see life. We see it when God made man from the dust of the earth. He took dust. He made dust. Dust was just there, of the earth, just dust, the shape of a form of a human, but it wasn't the life. But when God blew the breath of life, which comes from heaven, into the body, what happens when heaven and earth came together there is we find the human becoming alive. Now that is the first step of the unification of heaven and earth.

Then there is another step where we find that it is sealed forever in immortality where it can never die. The first step is there so that you are alive where you can exercise a choice if you want to be immortal forever, in believing in the Lord. If you say yes, to that, in belief in the Lord, then you receive the Spirit of God. In other words, you are not living from the power of the dust of the earth anymore. You are now living from an eternal source and you are sealed by that Spirit. Then that Spirit shall quicken your mortal flesh and you'll find the full unification and the manifestation of God in you. I want to tell you... some might say, "But Bertie, you're talking spiritual things here." Yes! We're talking eternal things here and we're not just talking eternal things, we're talking eternal things inside the realities of us now, today, for there's a beautiful life that's born from these realities.

Now, listen to this:

1 Corinthians 6:

13 You say, "Food is for the stomach and stomach for the food, and God will destroy them both." The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

Now listen to the next verse. This is the whole thing explaining what it means, "The Lord for the body". The Lord was brought forth in bodily form with a power over mortality, raised from the dead for the purpose of raising our bodies from the dead. Our body was created, from the dust of the earth, for the Lord. Then the resurrected Jesus was brought forth, or manifested, for the body and the purpose is that this body can become eternal. And that this body would not be subject to the mortality of this Earth or what we would call the weakness of the flesh. That is what it is and that is what verse 14 says.

14 By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also.

So, can you see the reason for the Lord? The reason for the Lord is that we can be raised from the dead. That is what it is.

So, our body was made by God so that Jesus can have a bride. Jesus conquered physical death so that He, eternal life that He is, can be directed towards our mortal flesh so that heaven and earth can be married together as the Lord and us come together. And, so we will find heaven bearing fruit in us where we share in the very life of God. Church, that is what this whole thing is about. When we have a life that knows it is eternal, when our mind is set in the eternal life that we have, we find immediately that the world has nothing in us. The world cannot threaten us anymore. I want to encourage you. Watch the movie, *Paul, the Apostle of Christ*. (Helena, I'm going to ask you to put the link in there for the people in the Zoom and we will also put a link into YouTube video later on.) Go and watch that and you will behold one of the best, according to me, portrayals of what a fulfilled life

looks like... what the life I'm talking about really looks like, and to what extent it can be. It is just absolutely amazing... a life to be desired! Glory to God! This is the life: God wants to share the life, that is in Him, with us.

So, the Lord is for the body. That means that Jesus is there to fix the shortcomings of our bodies. That's what is there. That is why He's there for. He's for our body. We thought that Jesus was for our spirit. Jesus is not for your spirit. Jesus is for your body, because we are humans, we have bodies. You cannot define who you are outside of your body. You can say, "Yes, I have a soul. I have a spirit and I have a body", but if you want to describe you, how are you ever going to describe yourself without your body? It is impossible. When you think of you, you think of how you look. When you think of your mother, your father, your grandmother, your child, you immediately think of the body. You cannot think of a person, or even be a person, be a human, without a body. So, when God decided, "I'm bringing forth a bride for myself, made from the dust of the earth, He immediately said, "Since he's from the dust of the earth, she will need immortality." He then said He promised a tree of life which is Jesus which will bring it and give it to her.

With that in mind, should we live only from the power of ourselves and not see what God has given us in Christ, we will find that we are bound to sin. Now, we're making a bit of a jump in this message now and the jump is to man who lives from the power of their flesh and how the Lord, that is for the body, solves this issue.

Romans 6:

16 Do you not know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey---whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

17 But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance.

What he is saying is whosoever you obey or whatsoever you obey, his slave you are but thank that you have obeyed the right doctrine. And because you've obeyed the right doctrine, which is to simply believe in the resurrected Jesus Christ, from where He will bear His fruit in you. When they've believed that, what happened to them? They started to see the fruit of God in their lives.

18 You've been set free from sin and have become slaves of righteousness.

What does it mean to be a slave of righteousness? It continues:

19 I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness.

So, he says to these people, and he's writing to Jews here, most of them in Rome, there would definitely be Gentiles in this whole mix, but he would say to them, "You were slaves of sin and death but then you believe on Jesus and as you believed on Him you became

a slave of righteousness. I want to tell you: Make yourself available as a slave of righteousness." What he's saying to them is, "Continue to believe the gospel." That is what he is saying to them.

He says, **20 When you were slave to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness.** In other words, when you did not believe in Jesus and you tried to seek justification by the law where you stood in the power of your own flesh and you were not living understanding the teaching of grace and the mercy of God, where God is the one that makes all things new... where God is the one that forbids sin and where you are not the one. It says, "Before you believe that you were not under the control of righteousness. You were not ruled by righteousness." I want to tell you that is a very, very powerful statement.

21 What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death!

This is the way I see it: When he says, "When you were under the law, or in some cases when you were still serving heathen gods, you found that it brought forth the fruit of the flesh inside you and how did that benefit you? It brought you drunkenness. It brought you sexual immorality. It brought fear. It brought control, abuse, slavery, in today's terms we can say drug addiction. It can bring a love for money. It can bring all those kinds of things and if you sit with a true love for money, you are controlled by the economy. You are controlled by what the government says on what they are going to do and what they are not going to do, and all that. You have fear born in your heart. All of a sudden you are under the controller. What benefit do you have from that? There is no benefit. It ends in divorce. It ends in your children not loving you. There's no benefit in that! What benefit was there in having a life that's born there? There was no benefit. Now listen to this. He says:

20 When you were slave to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness

21 What benefit did you reap at that time (Nothing!) from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death!

But listen to this:

22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness

Hallelujah! What's the benefit of believing that Jesus died and He rose again and that you are included and that He gives the Holy Spirit as a free gift to you? What is the benefit of that? You will be set free from fear by the power of the resurrection and not your own power. That is the benefit.

So, we can see here that the benefit we reap (reaping is something we receive) leads to holiness. So, holiness, clearly here, is not a demand. It's not what God demands. It is a benefit of believing that you have died with Christ and that you are made new with Him, a benefit when you are saying, "I don't rely on my own ability to try and obey laws to qualify in any form or fashion or where I'm trying to live the heavenly life by willpower." If we say we do away with that but we fully identify with a resurrected Jesus and that His

Spirit on us is the source of the brand-new life in us, as we see that, we find the benefit of that is holiness.), **and the result is eternal life.** Hallelujah!

So what God is not saying, "You better be holy!" No, he saying there is no benefit in living in your own power, the power of the flesh. There is no benefit in that. Let's put it this way: Let's say that you want to drive from here to Zambia in an old, broken down, Land Rover. There's no benefit in that. Nothing. There's no benefit. You're not going to make it. There's no benefit. You're going to just lose a lot of money. You might get to the South African border, stop three times, change the gear box oil a few times and then when you get there, change your head gasket. Man, I know the examples because I've been to Zambia twice with a broken-down Land Rover. It's not fun. Now, there's no benefit in that. The only thing that you find is frustration. All of a sudden, you've got to resist swearing all day. You get upset. You feel unsafe. There's so many things! It's not beneficial.

But what is the benefit if you could, right here, get into a helicopter and fly to Zambia and they drop you right there and right there you have a very good reliable vehicle that you can do the work of God with. What benefit is there in that? There's a lot of benefit. You will be peaceful. You'll have a smile on your face. There are many things. I'm just using an earthly example. There are certain benefits. So, there is no benefit in trying to have life by your own ability. The human willpower car, all the time, breaks down.

So, God says, "Let Me bring in something that they don't have to use the flesh, the power of the flesh, their own abilities, to attain to My life, I will bring forth My Spirit, the power that can conquer death and mortality. I'll pour that out on them and, supernaturally, as they believe and rely on upon Me and not the flesh, as they believe and trust the truth that I say about them in the resurrection, what they see in their union with Me in Christ, as they believe upon that, the Spirit of God will bring forth life in them. And what benefit is there in that? The benefit is holiness. Holiness... that is what **1Peter** says. Now we started the service.

Let me show that. I've seen it in my own eyes. If you say, "Listen man. I am a Christian and I can do whatever I want. I can watch porn. God is not going to judge me. I'm going to drink. God's not going to judge me. You know, I can do whatever I want." What benefit is there? There's no benefit in that. You're going to lose your wife and your children. That's what you are going to do! Then you are going to get married, or live with someone else... and then someone else... and then someone else. There's no benefit in that! But, when you see yourself united with God in Christ and you see that you are truly one with Him and you behold His life as your life, you say, "The life Jesus lived on the Earth was a life of kindness and goodness and that must be truly what I'm united with. That is the kind of life that is my life."

As that is true in your persuasion of Christ, you'll find the power of that Spirit of Christ raise up a life like that in your life and you will find that you are kind to your wife, to your children. You find you are not under the power of addiction of things. You are a free person... free to share in the life of God.

This is what the scripture says in **1Peter:3 Praise be to God and the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**, So, we have a living hope through the resurrection from the dead.

2Peter 1:3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us...

He's come to set you free from depression. He's come to set you free from anxiety! Glory to God!

If you struggle with depression, if you struggle with anxiety, man, take some time and say, "Lord Jesus, I want to hear Your Gospel! I want to spend some 50 minutes or an hour and I want to just hear Your Word." Get an app on your phone and listen to the Word of God. Listen to what God says about you. Envision the resurrected Jesus and your union with Him. You are holy! You are set apart by Him!

Church, I want to say this and because we are in an age of knowledge, we have so much knowledge of our sicknesses. We have so much knowledge of our diseases. We have so much knowledge of economy and countries and this and that and whatever. But I don't want to sound like an old, legalistic Pentecostal preacher, but my goodness, if we can spend one hour of time in knowing who we are in Christ compared for every five hours of time we spend in knowing and thinking of what pills we take and what disease we have, you know, I'm sure things will start to go a bit better. Have one hour of listening to the message of grace, I would even listen to my own messages, and you feel lifted up. You feel you want to take something and go and give it to the poor. You want to do something. You want to preach the gospel. You feel the power of God as we meditate upon the Word of God, the truth of Jesus Christ, having fruit. So, there is a benefit. There is great benefit.

What is the benefit? Listen to this: **Romans 6:22 ... the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.** Hallelujah!

So why do you feel alive when you hear that your sins are forgiven? Why do you feel alive when you hear that you are united with God in Christ? Why do you feel alive? It is because it is the eternal life of God that brings forth holiness in you. What will happen to you as you know who you are in Christ? You will find the following: And that is such a wonderful blessed life! The other night I was walking down the street and I just saw people in the cold next to the road there. and I just felt, "Let me just generously bless these people." What a life to just do something for someone! What a blessing to get to a place where you are a bit out of what would be called, "the normal comfort zone", sharing in the life of God. I mean, you become very comfortable. I mean I feel more and more, as I study and know the goodness of God, the comfort of loving on people. That is what God has come to bring for us. We, as the Church, are not a people that sits here in a corner waiting for the government to dictate to us how we'll feel next week. No! We are the body of the living Christ! We are under the rulership of heaven. We are under the power of the grace of God. We are the hands of God extended into this world. We can open our heart and say,

where you are, “God, if there is a place where You want to supply financially, do it to me because I have a passion to live and help those around me in my town.”

And I know people are watching from Holland, from South Korea, places in Africa. Later people watch this in the U.S., Europe, Asia... all those nations in the world. As you watch this right there where you are there’s a place where you can say, “God, I am the very place where heaven and earth touch. I am the very temple of God. The very presence of God is inside me! That is who I am! That’s the reality about my life and here I am and I have a life that’s flooded with a knowledge of how eternal I am, how endless I am, how endless the life is that You have given me and I see people around me in lack, in need of life. What will I do? I am going to find the way where it is working for me right there and bring that life to people. That’s it... introduce them, connect them, with this God. Hallelujah!

I wanted to read what this eternal life will bring forth in us. This is what this fruit of this Spirit of life will be:

Galatians 5:

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Last night I watched on Daystar Television, a discussion around the table. They had this guy in there from the U.S. Man, I tell you he got in there... I don’t want to disgrace him. I don’t even know what his name is but he came and talked about the food shortage and all those kinds of things. They were sitting there. their eyes were big. All those ladies were so scared. Oh, my goodness! And the guy was just continuing and then three-quarters through the 30-minute session he says, “But, now I want to bring some good news” and he could get that right for 10 seconds, literally 20 seconds, and then he went into the bad news again on how bad things are going to be in the world now. Everything’s going to fall apart and all those kinds of things on how we must prepare and how food shortages and whatever. Let’s say everything he says is true. The source of our life, Church, is God!

We have the Almighty, eternal, undying God whose source is us. We, as the Church, will be the place where the world, that doesn’t have, will come to, where we can help them, in kindness share with people what we have. That’s who we are. We are not dictated to by the world. We are not dictated by food shortage. We are not dictated by any of those things. No! We are under the rule of righteousness.

When we were under the law, Paul says, “The bad that I didn’t want to do, I did.” Why? Because I was under the rule of the flesh. But we are not under that rule. We are under the rule of God, the One who spoke and the galaxies were formed, the One who spoke and it was, the One who says, “I am” which also means in the Hebrew, “I am and will continue to forever be.” That’s what it means in the Hebrew. He says, “I am that I am has sent you.” That is the One we have to do with that That I am that! That Yahweh is the One that Peter and James and Paul connect to the angel of the Lord which is our Lord Jesus Christ who is the One whose body we are. He can never die and we are His body. How

can He die? How can His body die? No, His body will live forever. We have eternal life. Therefore, we are not dictated by this world. We are under the power of the Almighty God and as we know that, we as the Church, in great haste and expectation and great hope we go and have this life give life to us and we love on others. Hallelujah!.