

DELIVERED FROM EVIL

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Greetings, friends! It's a great blessing for me to come to you today. It is an honor to bring you the gospel of God's grace, the message of His love and His continual reaching out to humanity where He just wants to save us, bring us life and peace.

Well, as we start this service, let us just pray together.

Father, I want to thank You that we can be here together. Thank You that I can sit out here in just this beautiful day, perfect temperature, birds out here, people singing in the background, in Africa, under this mango tree. It is beautiful to be here. Thank You for Your love and Your grace and thank You that I can sit here and record a message and send it to friends all over the world... Your family, Your people, the people that You love, the people that You care for.

Thank You Lord that You help me today to give accurate expression to what You have done for us, to teach this message on how You've come to save us from the world and not to take us out of the world. Thank You for that, Lord. Thank You that Your grace is on all of us... In Jesus' mighty name. Amen and amen

Before we get into the message, I want to give a little bit of a feedback on what has happened in the last few days here. I have not uploaded a video recently and the reason for that is that which we have been busy with was basically very boring outside of the outreach that we had. Now, we've just been busy especially with Pastor Mayunda, the pastor that I work with here in Zambia, traveling to Lusaka, and we got the registration for our ministry. I think I mentioned it last Sunday, but in this week, we also got all of the building plans drawn up which were drawn up before but it was under another name. The systems here in Zambia work a little bit different than in our system so we made some changes to the plans and had a lot of the stuff redrawn and put on Dynamic Love Ministries Zambia's name. These building plans were then also approved and we also got our certificate that we can develop the land.

What also took place in this week is the transference of the property from Pastor Masiliso that we've worked with for many years in whose name we've purchased this property because South Africans, or non-Zambians, are not allowed to own property in Zambia. Then, after we've now registered Dynamic Love Ministries Zambia here, we've now transferred the land. So Dynamic Love Ministries Zambia is now the owners of that land. Obviously that process is going on but we've also already paid the transfer fees and everything is in place. We're just waiting for them to give the title deed.

Everything is done ready to be built. So, in this time that we were here, we got the ministry registered. We got the land transferred and all the building plans drawn up and approved, plus the certificate of approval for building, starting to build our mission station. Plus, we've preached on Sundays, ministered the gospel and we've had two nights of outreach. Now, I would have loved to preach every night for five, six, nights but unfortunately on Wednesday I just got a cold. It's cold outside and I was sitting here preaching and I got a bit of a cold and because of the covid regulations and that I have to do a covid test, not allowed to have a fever and all those kinds of things to fly out of Zambia, I thought, "Let me, rather, rest properly because tomorrow morning I will be doing the covid test at the local hospital here. Then on Monday we will head off to Lusaka. Tuesday morning, very early, we get to the airport and fly back to South Africa. Once we arrive there, the day after arrival, we will pick up the car that we purchased and we will then get all of that ready and make sure that everything is in perfect order. Then, basically, head back to Zambia and be back in South Africa before the 24th where I will be ministering in a certain town which I'm really looking forward to. So, that's basically what is going on.

I want to thank everybody that has prayed for us, everybody that has supported us on this trip, people that gave extra money helping us in the difficult times when the vehicle was broken. Oh, I forgot about that... that's another thing. All of this was arranged and done and we did all of that without a vehicle. So, Pastor Mayunda and the people that surround him have really done a wonderful job in their travels and everything they did and I am very grateful for that.

Today's Message: We are going to get to the weightier matters and that is the Scripture, the Word of God, the message of God's love and His grace. Today I am going to talk about, "Saved from this present evil world", and what that means. It is going to be a kind of an in-depth teaching although I'm just going to do it scripture by scripture and let the scripture, basically, speak for itself. But I do think that it's a very relevant message especially if we look at what's going on in the world and how things in this world work. This world has a certain way of operation, a certain mode, wherein everything operates and we, as the church, have been saved from that system. That system, as many of you already know that follow my messages on a regular basis, is basically the system of death or the result of mortality where mortal man, in his own ability, try to achieve what God has promised for him freely. They try and achieve holiness. They try and achieve what is good. They try and achieve all the wonderful things that God has put forth unto eternal life. But they cannot. In their own ability they cannot do it. So, they are trying to be saved by their own labor, their own hard work, wherein God has offered eternal life as a free gift from Him, by Him. So, we are going to talk about how we are saved from that system.

Most of our systems today, our political systems and whatsoever man does, even if we look at the humanitarian work that's being done in the world where it's done from a basis of atheism or a basis of religion neutrality where they don't believe in God. At the end of the day, all of that is human effort. It cannot truly save. It cannot truly satisfy or bring the relief that God has in mind for us.

Now, as we read these scriptures, I trust that you are definitely going to be blessed. Paul starts out and he says in **Galatians 1:**

1 Paul, an apostle—sent not from men neither by a man, but by Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and God the Father, who raised him (this Jesus, the Messiah) from the dead—

2 and all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches in Galatia:

3 Grace be to you and peace from God our Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ,

So, how does Paul start his letter? You've heard me say this many times. This is what God is saying to you: Whenever God greets you, we find that Paul in basically all of his letters, we find other writers of the New Testament, start their letters out with, "Grace and peace to you." It's as if, prior to any correction, prior to mentioning anything that people do wrong, like for instance in the church in Corinth. There were people in Corinth that were sleeping around. There were people in Corinth that were getting involved in a lot of wrong, wrong, things that were acting like the heathen. They were acting like Gentiles that don't believe in God. They were actually bringing over a lot of the customs and the way of living that the Gentiles did, like, for instance, a man sleeping with his father's wife. In other words, his father got married, maybe to another lady, maybe they can have more than one wife there, and then this Christian guy, believer, goes and sleeps with his father's wife. I mean, that is gross fruit of the flesh.

But, when Paul starts out his letter to the Corinthians, when he starts out his letter to the Galatians, people that are basically turning their back on Jesus Christ, the way he starts is, "I've got a message to you from the Father and from the Son. This is the foundation from where I communicate everything that I am about to say and that is, "Grace to you. Peace to you." And this is what he says which is so beautiful, "...that is from Jesus Christ, the Lord." Now, they would have understood that as Jesus Christ, the new King, as well as the Father. So, it is not as if Jesus is an intercessor to the point of there's a Father that sees the sin of humanity and Jesus is just pleading for mercy in front of the Father saying, "Father, please be merciful to them! Don't kill them! Don't punish them!"... or something like that. No, it is, "Grace and peace from the Father as well as the Son." So, we find these two Beings, which is also one in their vision and in their whole purpose, is in unison about this. "Form both of us, we have one thing in mind and that is that these people that we are writing to, through the apostle Paul, that they may experience grace. That they may experience peace."

So, it's like I remember watching that movie, Braveheart, with William Wallace and all of that. I mean, when these two armies stand on the battlefield and they send their representatives out, they don't go and say, "Grace to you and peace to you." No! They say, "Wrath to you! Death to you! Calamity to you! You shall do what I say or I will kill you!" It's not a peace treaty. It's not a communication of peace. It's a communication of battle, either or. But, when we look at God, when He meets with man, what does He say? He says, "Peace to you! Grace to you!"

What did Jesus Christ do when He appeared to the eleven? I mean, He would appear to them after they've done all things wrong, He would tell them, "Listen. I want to correct your unbelief. Here am I. Peace to you!" The Bible says that when He appeared to disciples, in the one account of the gospels, He showed His hands, He showed His side and He said, "Peace to you!" In other words, "Peace in My wounds. Peace in My resurrection!" Not, "Peace in everything you do but, peace in Me!"

So, when Paul starts this letter to the Galatians, of whom he is afraid that they might have fallen, even from the grace of God, He starts out and says, basically, "You might be at a place where you have fallen from the grace that God offers you. It doesn't mean that God is not gracious anymore. It simply means that you are not making use of what grace of what God gives you." That is what it simply means. He starts the letter out and says, "Grace to you. Peace to you." That's what he's saying.

He says, "This is from the Lord Jesus Christ as well as the Father. Listen to this.

:4 (This Jesus) *who gave himself for our sins* (and this is the reason why He gave Himself for our sins), *that he might deliver us from the present evil world, according to the will of our God and Father,*

:5 to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

So, he is saying that Jesus Christ gave Himself for our sins. Now, many times when we think of Jesus giving Him for our sins, we think of a penalty substitutionary atonement which means that the Father wanted to punish humanity and now Jesus comes in between the Father and humanity and Jesus is punished by the Father. That is not a Biblical doctrine! The Father never punished Jesus! No! The wages of sin is death and because Jesus became sin, the consequences of sin, which is death, came upon Jesus Christ. The will of the Father was not to destroy man. The will of the Father was to save man from what destroys man. So, the Father didn't kill Jesus on the cross!

I put this Facebook post up awhile back and just something I wrote: The Bible does not say, "For God so hated the world that He killed His Son!" The Bible says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His Son" and Jesus also, willfully, made His life available for all people so that people can be saved by His life." Now, there's a lot to say about that. I can't get into all of that. I am going to try to get into some of it.

So, one thing that we can understand here is that from the Father and the Son there's a message of grace and a message of peace. Thinking of the day when Jesus Christ was born. When Jesus was born, the angels came and they were singing praises to God at the birth of our Christ Jesus before He was now really the Christ as in the resurrection when He was just Baby Jesus. When He was born, what did they say? They said, "Glory to God in the highest!" In other words, "Let us sing the praises of God in the highest and on earth, through this Man which is Jesus, peace! Peace on earth and good will towards humanity."

When it says, "Good will to man", that man there is the same as where Jesus came and the man was led down through the roof and Jesus healed him and He says, "Man, your sins are forgiven you", or "Son, your sins are forgiven you." That word, son, there, or that word, man, there, is the word for humanity. It is not just the word for that one individual. He came to declare forgiveness of sins of all of humanity. It is something that God has established in Jesus where Jesus delivers man from sin, where He carries the sin of man and declares to them, "I am bearing your sins. I'm bearing your weakness and I will conquer your weakness through the Father that raises Me from the dead."

So here we find that Jesus, when He was born, "Peace and good will!" That good will, you can go and study that out, it also talks about reputation. It talks about the highest reputation. So, when He says, "Peace and good will towards man", He basically says that the reputation of God will now be written on humanity. That means the faithfulness of God, in Jesus, is written on humanity. The faithfulness of God is written on people wherein the angels and every demon spirit, and the hosts of heaven, Jesus Christ, the Father, everything that is living, will be able to see the reputation of God manifested in human beings, in sinful human beings. So, what He was basically saying is, "Peace on earth and the reputation of God written on our names!" That's at the birth of Jesus! Hallelujah! Isn't that absolute Good News! That is how Paul starts out his letter and he says here that Jesus ***gave himself for our sins that he might deliver us from our sins***. I just put here, "By Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the Messiah, the Man who walked the earth and was confirmed by the resurrection as the Son of God. That's what gives definition of salvation."

Just in short, when Jesus was raised from the dead, what He looks like is what salvation means, and we will talk about that.

:4 *Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us* (That word, deliverance, means to pluck out; to draw out; to root out; to choose out for oneself; to choose for a certain office; a root or to re-plant; to rescue or to deliver. So, what he is saying is that grace and peace to all of you. Jesus Christ came forth to do the will of the Father. The will of the Father was to deliver you ***from this present evil world***.)

The word, deliver, that we're going to talk about now, is a phenomenal word. It means to pick out for yourself. So, God went and He looked at man in this present evil world and from this present evil world, flooded with people that are under the power of evil, in whom evil lives, He picked humanity out. He uprooted them. Now, when something is uprooted and replanted, it means that the roots of that plant will not find its nourishment anymore from the nutrients that was in the soil where it was planted. If it is replanted and there's not proper nutrients there, that plant will die.

So, what that word, deliver, means is to uproot. It means to pick for a different office. That's what it means. So, when God looked at the whole world in their condition of sin, He says, "What I'm going to do is that I am going to uproot them out of the system where the world provides nutrients to them so that the world system lives in them and that they live by the systems of this world." The systems of this world is called an evil world... this present evil world.

Now let us read it again. It says, "**Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world.**" This does not talk about the rapture. This is not talking about the rapture as we, traditionally, understand, that there is coming a day when God just going to give up His plan with planet earth. He's removing His people from the earth. He's destroying the earth and they kind of, happily, live with God in heaven somewhere. I've got good news for you! Heaven, as we, traditionally, understood it, is not man's destination. Earth is God's destination. That is why it is all about Emmanuel, God with us.

When God made the earth, He didn't make the earth as a factory for human spirits where people are just made and then their bodies die off here and then their spirits just go up to heaven. No. When God made the earth He said, "It is good." Good for what? Good for the purpose that He has dreamt from before the world began, from before the world systems began, from before the earth was created, which was to have humans living on the earth, share in the fullness of the Godhead, bodily, by the power of God's existence, by the power of His life. That is what He is saying.

So, when it says here, "to deliver us from this present evil world", it doesn't talk about taking us out of the world. It talks about keeping us in the world but that our life will not be from this world. That means that our joy, our peace, our life, does not come from the systems of this world, neither from the politics of this world, neither from the news media, neither from what happens in this world. We will be in this world but we are not from this world.

So, what He wanted to do is, as we are in this world, He wanted to simply plug us out of the source of death and keep us in this world and plug us into the source of life and so shine His glory in this world. This is not by the law. It's by grace! That is how it works.

So, when it says that He gave Himself to deliver us from this present evil world, He gave Him for our sins. You all know that I've defined sin before from Romans 5 and Romans 6, that sin talks about the weakness of, in ourselves, to reach eternal life or to reach holiness. We don't have that. It's called a weakness. Paul says that when he was in sin, it talks about when he was still weak. That's when Jesus died for us. So, sin is basically missing out on eternal life which humans don't have in their bodies. So, God came and provided a body that has eternal life, which is the body of Jesus, by which and through which He empowers us to life.

Let me recap. I see this ad all the time on one of my apps. It tells me, "Do you read a page in a book and then immediately forget what you just read?" So, you might say, "Bertie, you're repeating yourself." A lot of times we forget what we've just read because we are so occupied with a new thing that we are hearing. So let us recap. What I'm saying is that God greets us with grace and peace. And then He says that the will of the Father and the Son was to deliver us from this present evil world which does not mean to take us out of the world.

He gave Himself for our sins means the following and I'm just going to read two verses on that:

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that brings salvation (What is this salvation? It is to be uprooted from the systems of this world. What is deliverance? What is salvation? Deliverance and salvation is not about where you go when you die. Deliverance and salvation is to save you from death and to give you eternal life as defined in Jesus Christ. Jesus' final destination, as a human, is not in heaven. He will return to the earth. That means that our final destination is also not heaven so that is not our goal.

Our goal is the unification between heaven and earth which is seen as who Jesus is today. And who of us, and I've said it before, who of us by loving your neighbor can make your own body immortal? Nobody! Who of us by paying your tithes can cause life to come to you? Who of us by being good to others can cause life to come to you? Who of us, by obeying any law or doing any good deed can bring life to himself? Nobody! Nobody, by no good deed, can bring life to you. God brings life to you and because He has brought life to you, good deeds flow from a person who is flooded with the life of God... and not the other way around!

We don't do good works to get rewards in heaven. We don't send "bricks" to heaven to build a house there! Those are all erroneous teachings. It is not the gospel of Jesus Christ. What God has sent bricks into this earth, which we are, which are living stones where He builds a house for Him on the earth. And we are living stones in the building of God who He builds. You cannot build the house of God neither can you gather in the house of God. You are the house of God! You are the dwelling place of the Almighty God. That's it! And you will see how God fully indwells His house in the day Jesus returns, where every fiber of your being, your flesh, your body, your mind, everything that is inside you, will radiate the fullness of the glory of God as planned by the Father from before the world began. That is what it is. It's not about us going to heaven. It's about heaven uniting with earth. It's about heaven coming to earth, God making everything new and the beautiful thing is that God has now, in Christ, started something where He uproots us from finding our nutrients, our life, our acceptance, from being rooted in this world. This world is an evil world and we still get to what that means.

It says here, "Deliver us from this world." Let me do this. Jesus gave Himself for our sins. I just want to touch on that quickly.

Titus 2:

11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

12 (This grace teaches or basically uproots and plants us into nutrients and fertile soil from where we bear fruit. That's what it says.) **Teaching us that, (having denied) denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live (discreetly) soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;**

So, what does the grace of God teach us? The grace of God teaches us, and that word, teaches, is not the way the Lord teaches. You know, the law told you what good things you must do: love God, love your neighbor, give, be generous. All those things were already under the Old Testament. The law was already teaching a lot of those things. If you go and read all of Exodus, if you read all of those laws, a lot of that is good actions towards others, even how to live. Everything was there but that did not teach people how to live holy. That was commandments. That's what it was. True teaching would be, and the teaching here simply means empowerment. Contextually it would have much more to do with empowerment. So, it says, "The grace of God." The grace of God, which is the resurrection power of Jesus, empowers us, uproots us from an evil system, puts us into the love of our Father. It then, teaches us how to live discretely, righteously, and Godly in this present world.

It doesn't teach us how we will be taken out of the world. Jesus even prays, says, "Father, I'm asking You not that You take them out of the world but that You keep them in the world. Just protect them from the world." That is all! Glory to God! So, it's nice to know that I am in this world but I'm not from this world.

It's like I've just explained to you in a previous message: I am **in** Zambia but my financial provision is not **from** Zambia. I don't live under the economy of Zambia. I live under the economy of South Africa. I also have some supporters from different nations so some of them are first world countries. So, I basically can live in Zambia under the economy of a country which is much stronger than the economy of Zambia. And as that takes place I can do certain things in this world, in the world of Zambia. I can do things and be a light here and love here. But, I'm not from here. In the very same way, as I just use an earthly example, we as Christians are in this world but we are funded from eternal life. We are not funded from a system where what you drive, what you wear, how much money you have, how many people you lead to Jesus, and all kinds of things, give you your identity.

Let me give you an example. We purchased this land here, in Zambia, eleven years ago. For eight of those eleven years, Pastor Masiliso was fighting to keep that land because of jealous people in the area that wanted that land and couldn't see that one person can own such a large property, such a beautiful piece of land... absolutely prime ground. They couldn't see it and he was fighting with everything in him to keep that land and only, by the grace of God, was that land kept. And, only now, are we at the place where that land can be transferred and it was transferred into Dynamic Love Ministries, Zambia's name.

So, some people might say, "You are not successful. After eleven years you, only now, have a piece of land." I don't function by the systems of this world and my identity is not by the systems of this world. I function from the love of God that is being shed abroad for all people here and for myself. Even if that land was bought and I never developed it but it could be developed for somebody else that comes after me, who cares! I cannot measure my success by how many buildings, how quick, how many people... any of those things, because I've been uprooted from the evil world.

I will define evil for you now. I've been uprooted from the evil world and I've been placed into the kingdom of His love, of His Son, wherein whatever I have is eternal! I have eternal life! This message that I preach here is eternal. It can never die. The fact that I am here now and what happens here, can never die for it is born of God. It's not born of I'm trying to fight, be successful somewhere, and try and prove anything. I look at this trip, how long that it took. We came here and our vehicle broke. Some might say, "So, is the blessing of God on your life?" The world system defines blessing by, "Does your car break or not, what model do you drive, is it good or not, and all those kinds of things." I'm not defined by that. Neither are you! And it is so beautiful for me to see people in our church, locally as well as internationally, rich financially or not so wealthy financially, find our identity in Christ. It is beautiful to see and I am very grateful for that.

So, it says in **Titus 2:12** teaches us to live Godly in this present world. ***13 Looking for the blessed hope, and the appearance of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ; 14 Who gave himself for us, (Listen to this:) that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify to himself a people, zealous for good works.***

So, whose work was it to purify us? Whose work was it to end iniquity in us? It's God's work! It's not yours. You cannot repent from the iniquities in you. The only way that you can repent from the iniquities in you is not to try and stop the iniquity in you but to believe upon God who will stop it. Hallelujah!

The word, evil, means full of labor and annoyance; hardship; pressed and harassed by laborers. It comes from the word which means to starve or to be poor. So, when the Bible says don't eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, it is simply saying, "Don't eat of the tree of knowledge where you know what is good and now, from your poor life, your starving life, mortality, you are trying to bring up life that you see, the good that you see." So many times, the law has been put in front of people. Good works has been put in front of people as what they must do to be blessed. For instance, giving, you think that you are going to give to be blessed. So now, you, from your poverty, must give something. That means you are already starving from mortal ability to generate funds. From that mortal ability, you must now, that poverty, you must now work hard and labor in your works to do good so that you can have life. That's a tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It will destroy your life.

Here he says that God has come to deliver us from the evil world. The evil world is the world where you try and produce life by hard labor and annoyance. That's what evil means. I read to you from the Thayer definition: evil: full of labor; hardships; to be pressed and arrested by labors; to toil for daily substance...

How many Christians today are toiling for daily substance? That means that every day they scrutinize their own life to see where they've done something good so that they can have some form of acceptance from God or where they can feel, "We qualify" or "We are good enough." That's evil! That is absolutely evil!

We have been made by God to know our full acceptance, to know our full glory, to know everything that God has given us freely. That is what we have known and to live from that abundance and not from our poverty which is only accessed by our mortal ability and understanding and effort. Imagine I must find my identity out of how I do things in this world.

When I drove here and went to that village to show Helena the well, the sun was setting in the road. You don't see properly but you think you see and you lose concentration for a moment. You drive over the tree stump. The car breaks. Now you are walking where you need to be for over two weeks. If I look at that and I look at my own ability and I look at what took place there, you can be ashamed. You can think, "Ahhh, man, you are like an accident just looking for a place to happen." You know you cannot feel good about yourself. All of a sudden here is my wife. We're in the middle of the bush. She needs to walk. At that moment there where she was in the bush, she didn't even have proper shoes to walk with. And there's thick sand all the way up. You sit with that. You can feel like a failure because you put yourself, your wife, in a difficult situation here... all those kinds of things. But I cannot have my life from that! No! I am too weak. My understanding, my ability to see properly in a road where the sun is setting, my ability to just navigate all the time and concentrate all the time is not enough. And inside my ability I am poor! If I must live by my own ability and how I do things right every day, I am living an evil life! It says here, "I am toiling for daily substance. I'm starving and from that starving, toiling for daily substance from my own mortal abilities, I am trying to produce life for myself.

It says here that God has come to deliver us from the evil world. That word, world, there is like you would say that you got the arena or you can get the World of Sports, or The World of Soccer or you can get the Music World like that. So, you get the evil world, the system where it is by your works where it's from the human ability trying to please God or trying to bring forth life for yourself. He says He has come to deliver us from that evil world.

I'm running out of time and I've only got halfway through my message. Here He talks about the world. Listen to what Jesus says: ***If the world hates you*** (In other words, if this system where it is by your works and not your identity in Christ, where it's by the good things that you must do again, where it is about your approval by your own successes. You know, a long time ago, the Lord said to me, "Bertie, if you never tell one person about Me, ever, in your life, I will tell you that My love for you can never change. What I think about you can never change!" Isn't that absolutely beautiful! How beautiful is that!)

It says here, ***If the world hates you*** (If the system which by your works, hates you), ***keep in mind*** (know it hated me before it hated you) ***that it hated me first.***

Do you know that Jesus also didn't find His identity in all the good that He did? Do you know that the Father didn't look at all the good things that Jesus did so that He could give Him enough "brownie points" so that He can be raised from the dead?

Jesus wasn't raised from the dead because of all the sick people He healed. He wasn't raised from the dead because of all the good works that He did. That's not why He was raised from the dead!

The reason why He was raised from the dead is because the Father promised Him that He would be raised from the dead and Jesus didn't try to raise Himself up from the dead and simply relied upon the Father. There wasn't a scorecard in heaven where it was saying, "This Jesus is righteous. He's done all these good things." As a matter of fact, if Jesus must have been saved by all the good that He was, He wouldn't have been saved because He became sin. It's kind of as Jesus didn't really become sin and that the Father just saw Him as holy. He didn't become sin and now raised Him because of His holiness. Jesus was not raised because of His holiness. He was raised because of the love of the Father. He trusted the Father. The Father promised Him that He would be raised up on the third day.

In the desert, the devil said to Him, "Listen man, you know you are poor here. You have no food. From your own, ability produce food for yourself. Live from your own power and let us see." He said, "No, I will not live from my own ability to do miracles but I will live from every word that comes from the mouth of the Father. And the Father said, "You are My Son", meaning, "You have eternal life!" And even if I die, the Father's word is true and He'll raise Me from the dead." That's how Jesus lived and that is what He is coming to bring us. He says that the world hated Jesus. The system where you don't trust in your own ability but in the ability of God, they hated that! It says, "That's why they will hate us."

Listen to this: ***John 15:19 If you were of the world, the world would love his own: but, because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you (I have delivered you I've picked you! I have uprooted you) out of this world, therefore the world hates you.***

So, I want to tell you that you are picked up out of the world!

John 17:14 I have given them your word and the world hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Listen to Jesus' prayer:

John 17:15 I do not pray for You to take them out of the world but for You to keep them from evil.

So, what is Jesus' prayer? "Father, keep these people from trying by their own works. Keep these people from toiling in their own poverty." The law has come to show us that we are poor in our own ability but, that we have a treasure which is Jesus which is the source of our life. That is the way it is.

Let's take just a normal, natural example. If I sit here in Zambia, do you know that I don't even have a job in Zambia? I don't even have a work permit in Zambia. As pertaining to, if you must measure me right here in Zambia outside of the other country that I'm from, just here in Zambia, I'm a poor man... absolutely poor. I don't even have a job in Zambia.

I'm not even allowed to work in Zambia. I don't have a work permit. So, in my own ability here, I can produce absolutely nothing for myself. I am basically condemned to a life of poverty. But, I'm not from Zambia. I know where I'm from in a natural sense. Looking at that, how much more should we see it as Jesus says here? "I'm not asking You, Father, to take them out of the world. All I'm asking You is to protect them from not toiling in their own abilities but resting in You and in My work for them."

I end off with this: ***Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service***

Listen to this: ***2 And be not conformed to this (evil) world*** (Do not be conformed to the works righteousness system) ***but be ye transformed*** (That word, transformed, means to be changed into a different form as what Jesus was when He, in the transfiguration on the mountain. Be transformed) ***by the renewing of your mind...*** So let us not submit to the systems of this world!

Man, I wish I had another hour to preach! But, let us not submit to the evil that the Lord has come to redeem us from and see that He's the one that has come and He keeps us in this world but He's uprooted us and given us a new well of life. We live by the fact that He was raised from the dead. We live by the acceptance and the union between God and man in Christ. We live by the abundance of life possessed by Jesus. We live by His rulership over our lives. We live by His kindness, His mercy and His grace whereby He greets us and whereby He will conclude everything. He is the alpha, meaning grace and peace to you is how it begins. Grace and peace is how it will be in the middle of the whole thing, and grace and peace is how it will end. The Bible even says that awaiting the grace to be given to us at the revealing of Jesus Christ, meaning, when He comes back, we'll be graced with bodily, eternal life. It's all by grace and nothing else! Glory to God!

Well, this is my last message to you from this trip to Zambia. So, you will hear from me again as Helena and I travel home. I will maybe make just a short video with the phone, sending some pictures flying and those kinds of things. But I want to thank you that you have traveled with me, that you've carried me in your heart during this whole trip. And I want to encourage you today, as I sit here outside. It's so nice to have such a beautiful studio. I want to encourage you and I want to say to you, "Don't see salvation as where you go when you die. See salvation as being saved from a works-based mentality and system where it is not about living from the poverty of your mortality but living from the abundance of the resurrected Jesus who has conquered mortality in the flesh, whose Spirit gives you life! Live from that! As you think of what I've preached, you'll find that news' articles and what they say about Covid and what some president now has done again and what some political leader has now done again, you wouldn't even worry. You wouldn't even worry! You would find that the source of life, as you are not living by the systems of this world, what have they now said again? But, where you live from what God has said defined in the resurrected Jesus, you'll find the abundant life flowing from Him and not your own works. Glory to God! Amen and amen

Thank you so much that I could have blessed you with this message. Let me pray for you.

Father, I want to thank You that I can stretch forth my hands to everybody that is watching me today. I thank You that as Helena and Pastor Mayunda and I sit here and we are just hearing Your word, we are blessed. We are blessed! Thank You, Father, for that!

And thank You, Lord, that every person that has heard my voice is blessed by You, well-spoken of by You, honored by You, delivered by You, picked out by You for Himself, having grace and peace. Amen and amen.