

EVIL IS TEMPORAL, LIFE IS ETERNAL

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GREETINGS: Nobody has ever cared for us the way Jesus has! Nobody has ever cared for us the way God has cared for us in Jesus Christ, in sharing His grace and sharing His life with us. You are deeply loved by God and God has decided to bring forth man and invite us into His throne room of grace. The throne room of grace is the throne room of the fullness of His life. And we who find life difficult, we go to the throne room of grace, the throne room of the fullness of God's life, as a gift, where God helps us with His life. That is how it works. I mean, His throne is a throne of grace. That is what you find inside that throne room. He's invited each one of us to come and sit with Him at the table, to join with Him in His life, to have the same meal as He is having, to share in His fullness, to share in His kindness, to share in His quality of life.

Church, the fruit of the Spirit has always been a promise from God. It has always been that which God has called us to and what God would manifest in us. It is not about us doing good works. It is about God bringing forth His life in us.

I want to just share from Titus 1. This is such a powerful passage and I've preached on it so many times. But it is so, so, powerful that we cannot but look at it over and over again. It says here in ***Titus 1:2 In the hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;***

What is eternal life? Eternal life is eternal existence, meaning to live and never die. It also means to have nothing in your life that has anything to do with death... To have character, to have the attributes of the Spirit, to have kindness and love and goodness and all those kinds of things that accompanies eternal life. God, who has eternal life, has all the fruit of the Spirit, the fruit of life. That is what fruit of the Spirit means. It's the fruit of life.., fruit of eternal life. Now, God has all of that and He promised us that.

So, when God made you, when Adam and Eve opened their eyes, when the first people that God ever dealt with, that He brought forth, the first high priest that He ever shared His life with, that He spoke to, He came to them in the anticipation to bring forth who He is in them. It was never about them. It was never about what they must do. It has always been about what God can bring forth in them in how He can share His life with people. We have always been the clay and He has been the Potter. We have always been the vessel and He the One that shapes and forms the vessel, pouring Himself out in us. It has never been about our good works! It has never been about us trying to put a smile on God's face by our good works. It has always been the hope of eternal life that has been placed before man.

When God promised man eternal life, God was immediately indebted to man. Now, it sounds like blasphemy to say that God owes us anything. God doesn't owe us anything on the foundation of us doing good and then God owing us. The Bible says that he lives by the law, that which he receives by his good works, is a payment because you are owed the things that the law promised if you live by the law. But we don't live by the law. We live by grace. So, we don't live by the law where we make God owe us.

I remember that there were times when I've listened to tithing teachings and I've even preached, many years ago, a teaching of sowing and reaping where it was said that if you do your part then God is kept, by the Scripture, to do His part. He is indebted to you because of your own good works.

Now I want to say to you that God is not indebted to you because of your own good works because you can never produce enough good works that God would owe you anything. But the fact that God does owe us something is true in the sense that God promised us. If I've promised somebody something, then I have to do it. If Helena and I make a promise to someone in Zambia and say, "This is what we are going to do", or if we make a promise to you that says, "Listen, we are going to spend money that you've given in a certain way, that promise, when we make the promise, we are to keep the promise. We are indebted to the one to whom we make the promise and it would be by our ability that we will have to fulfill that promise.

So, God came and He made a promise to man. That promise, which is called eternal life, is also called grace. Grace is the power of heaven. Grace is the electricity of heaven, the energy of heaven, the very Spirit of God. That is what God promised us. He promised us grace.

Grace is not what comes into existence when man sins. Grace existed before the world began. Grace is the influential power of the heavenly family... the power that there is between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Grace is the very life of God. As the Scripture says in Timothy, it teaches us how to be holy. It brings forth His character. It brings forth His life in us. That is the grace of God.

So, if we live by grace, it means that we have life by the very energy of heaven, if you want to call it like that, the dynamics of life between Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We live by that! That is what we live by. That is the life that there is inside us. That is the atmosphere that everything functions in. So, when we live by grace, it is not by our works! It is by the goodness of God towards us in God keeping His promise.

It's humbling to think that the Almighty God made a promise to us and as He made that promise to us, He basically owes us what He has promised and that He willingly, through His own free will, placed Himself in a place where He owes man, not because of man's good works but because of His equity of character... because He cannot lie. And this promise that was before time began, realized, it materialized, in Jesus. And the promise was that He will give to dying man, mortal man, eternal life and we found that this was manifested in the resurrected Jesus.

The Apostle Paul, on his way to Damascus, met with this resurrected Jesus, many days after His resurrection. He, Saul back then, didn't think that Jesus was alive. He was on his way to Damascus. He had a letter from the chief priests to go and take people in the Church captive, put them in jail, take them to Jerusalem and there some of them were even killed. This is what Saul of Tarsus did.

On his way, where he was going to destroy this conspiracy that there was a man, called Jesus, was raised from the dead and stop all of His followers. On his way there, the man who he thinks has died, appeared right in front of him and he sees the fullness of God manifested in human flesh, which was mortal that died and is now raised from the dead. He sees that! He calls that the grace of God. That grace that manifests in front of him, asks him a question and says, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

Saul then had to come to the conclusion that he wasn't persecuting Jesus but he was persecuting the Church. That is actually what Acts says: Great persecution arose against the Church. So, Jesus comes and He looks at the Church and then speaks to Paul who is persecuting the Church and He says, "Why are you persecuting Me?" And what Jesus does is He basically says, "These people, that you are seeing right now, are My body! That is Me." The union that there is between the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, is all of a sudden declared and it includes the Believer. What Paul then, basically, had to conclude is that what the Church seems to be, just a splinter group that is rebellious against the laws of God and a group that believes in the resurrection, they are not what it seems. They are much more because what Jesus is, is what they are, because Jesus said, "Why are you persecuting Me!" Now we can say, "Why are you persecuting what I am doing in the earth?" I do agree that we can say that as well but the words were, "Why are you persecuting Me?"

Saul of Tarsus couldn't but conclude that what Jesus is, this fullness, is what these people are but that it is simply not yet manifested and that the reality around who the Church is, is only truly seen for what it truly is in the glorified, resurrected, Jesus Christ. And Saul of Tarsus, not long from that day, went about preaching the Resurrection. That is what he was preaching. He was preaching the hope of the Resurrection which is that the fullness of who Jesus Christ is, is to be manifested in everyone that believes upon Him and that the Spirit of life which is to manifest that truth, that the one who believes upon Jesus, now receives that Spirit and now has life from that Spirit.

You know, I've preached the message of grace for a long time and sadly, there have been people that have taken this message as licentiousness, just as saying, "Well, that means that there is nothing that we need to do, so let me go and get drunk. Let me go and just live as what I just wish to live. Let me just give over to my addictions." Then we found these people spreading a message saying, "You know, this is what Bertie teaches. Go and sin like the worst sinner. It's okay. God loves you."

Now, I want to say this: The worst sinner there is on the planet is the very one that Jesus Christ died for and that He rose from the dead for and that He invites into the grace of God which teaches us.

“Teaches us” doesn’t mean like in a lecture room where, on a white board, you find 10 rules on how you need to live. No. “Teaches” there empowers us. It shows us how by its own ability, it teaches us the very life that there is in the Godhead. Glory to God! That’s what it teaches. That’s what it shows!

So, when we talk about a new creation, which is the title of my message today, we basically talk about God creating man from the dust of the earth and then taking the dust man and creating that man into the fullness of who God is. That is the new creation. So first there is a creation that is from the earth, a dust creation, and then there is a further creation. That dust creation is then made into something that looks just like heaven. It can be likened to parents having children. You first have to have a baby and then this baby, as he grows up, you shape and teach and love into a person that has a certain quality of life. And that is what God is doing with man.

So, I want to say to you that, yes, as what a baby is born, he is born. But then a creation takes place from that child or that child is then created into a grown-up man. That is what God does with man. He made us from the dust of the earth. And now recreates or from that creates us into the fullness of God bodily. That is what He is doing and that is absolute, awesome, awesome news! This is a reality that we see in Jesus Christ and it is the truth that we think from, reason from, and live from.

2 Corinthians 5:

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation: old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

18 And all the things are of God, who has reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ,

Can you see how the reconciliation to Himself doesn’t have to do with God not being angry but God bringing us into His quality of life. A person that lives by the law, that does very good things, that lives in the abundance of good works by the law, he is still a mortal being. He has to be reconciled to God. The life he lives he lives from his own ability to keep the law and he needs to be reconciled to God wherein the life that he has is produced by God. It is from God. It is through God flowing into human beings wherein humans can then experience through God in the physical by the doing of God. That is called grace. Glory to God! Who doesn’t want to hear about grace! I mean, sadly, there are some that want to stay under the message of the law and not under grace and I think that it is because of self-love. It is because you think that you don’t want to die to self. You don’t want to be at a place where you say, ‘It is not me, myself and I’ but where you say, ‘It is all about Him and none of my good works.’ Yes, sometimes there are people like that but I would say, ‘There is a message, there’s a voice in every person, where there is a drawing unto, ‘It must be about Him and not about us.’

So, I want to tell you that in Jesus Christ we are under the dispensation of grace. We are under the rule of the way the Trinity lived before the world began.

Grace is something like this: There was something like: There was a life before the world began. That life was lived and, if I want to use simple forms, it was a family life, a family logic, wherein the eternal, divine, life of God was active between three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit is what we call them now. I don't know what Father was called before He was manifested as Father. I don't know what He would have been called. I don't know what the second Person of the Godhead would have been called. We know Him now as Jesus or Son, but I don't know what He would be called outside of the terms that we understand as family. I just know that we can call Him, God, the family God, the Hebrew word, Elohim. God was there and then He said, "Let Us make man." And then what happened, He promised this to man. So, He created man and He said to man, "Believe Me, My work and My job with man is to pour this, who I am, out on man." And we find that in Jesus Christ, we find that outpouring taking place on a human being and we saw what it looked like.

When heaven is poured out on earth, we find an empty grave! We find sin in the flesh condemned by the realities of the life that there is between the Father, the Son and the Spirit, poured out on us! Hallelujah! What a beautiful Gospel! What a beautiful truth! We are the workmanship of God created to good works. That means that we are His workmanship. We are created unto the full experience and expression of what was before the world began... and that is called grace. Oh, glory to God! That is what it means when the Scripture says that we are reconciled unto God.

We can almost look at this example: What would it look like if you reconcile a dog unto human. It means that the dog would have to lose the attributes that he has. Or, let me put it this way, another, better example: What would it look like if you reconcile a dog unto a bird. The dog would have to get the ability to fly. So, if God, through Christ, has reconciled us unto Himself through Jesus Christ, it means that because of God, we have now received, on account of God's Spirit, the ability to share in the fullness of God's life, conquering sin and death, by God.

What I'm sharing with you today is called the Gospel, the Good News, the intent of God, the love of God, that which was from the beginning, that which is from everlasting to everlasting, that which is of such a passion and such a form that as what Jesus has said to the Pharisees when they spoke about Abraham as father. Jesus said, "Before Abraham was, I am!" That we would be at a place where, as we receive the fullness of the Godhead manifesting in us, we would also know what it would feel like that before Abraham was that we were. Now, that almost sounds like blasphemy! But I want to tell you that is the life that God has brought for us. The glory that was possessed in Jesus, which God has promised us before the world began, we shall be clothed with that glory and that glory already began in us by the Holy Spirit that is poured out in us.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (creation... that which God intended to create has now started in you. You might say, "But, man, when I look into the mirror, I see gray hair.")

I look at my beard. I decided to grow a bit of a beard. I looked in the mirror this morning and combed my beard and I looked at the gray beard and do you know what came to mind? What came to mind was the promise of God saying that I am not defined by the gray beard.) ***old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.***

When I look at age in my eyes, I just look at what is passing away. I'm not looking at myself passing away. I am looking at what is passing away and that is age. When I look at my gray beard, I look at what is passing away. I'm not passing away. Grayness is passing away. Age is passing away. Why? Because of the Spirit of life that has been poured out on me. The Spirit of life that is in me, that is over me, the promise that I see when I look at whatsoever does not line up with the fullness of the Godhead bodily, I behold at what is passing away. Age and death is not the reality. Age and death is not what is eternal. What is eternal is what God demonstrated in Christ and we who are in Christ, we are a new creation. The old things have passed away.

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all the new that has come is of God. I don't have to try and make myself new. I don't have to try and make myself holy. I don't have to try and make myself righteous. I don't have to try and make good works rise up in me. No. This has happened years ago and I don't know why I think of it today but even if I think of people that have spread a message and said that Bertie is preaching that we can sin as much as what we like and whatever, that person is not understanding the Gospel and he is not beholding the truth about himself. He is believing a lie. He is looking at what is passing away and make that reality about himself.

Whenever I see something in my life that is not lining up with who God is, I just say, "Well, that is not eternal. It's passing away. It's not the reality of God's promise about me. God will grace that out of my life. God will grace holiness and His fullness into me. God will grace joy into my life. He will grace a carefree life. Carefree, not in the sense of you caring for nobody but that you are not taking care of that which promises death. But you care about that which is eternal and life-giving.

18 And all things are of God, who has reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ

We are not reconciled, or we are not united, with death. We are not united with the latest conspiracy theory that is on the block. I just want to say this: "Even if every conspiracy theory that is available turns out to be the truth, it is still not the message that's going to bring you life. Even if everything that is said, even if everything about the vaccine that is a conspiracy theory would turn out to be the truth, even if it changes your DNA which makes you half reptile or something like that, even if it is that they try to kill people and Bill Gates wants to kill people, even if that would be the truth, that is not the message that's supposed to be in the mouth of the Church because that is not what God preached in Jesus. When Jesus was on the earth, neither He nor His disciples were going about spreading all the strategies that Rome has to rule over the Church. They were preaching the Resurrection. They were preaching Jesus Christ.

God is not going about today, in the Holy Spirit, sharing with people what the wrong things are that is going about in governments everywhere. He's not doing that. That is not the work of the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit of God, the grace that is inside the throne room of God, is reminding us of what we have freely received in Christ, which is the very force of the throne room of God, the dynamics that there is in the Godhead. By that I am not saying that you cannot bear any knowledge of what is going on and when there are evil governments and those kinds of things. I mean if I drive to Cape Town and they have riots on the N7, I would like to know about that so that I can take a different route. It's not that I'm saying that the Church should just be having no knowledge of anything that is bad in the world. But what I'm saying is that we are not going to have salvation by having knowledge of every bad thing that's in the world and trying to steer away from it. No!

That would be like the law would tell you what is the good and what is the bad. It's a knowledge of good and evil and then you have to try to do the good thing to clothe yourself with life. We don't have to have knowledge of every bad thing that is in the world so that we can be afraid of it, steer away from it, and so produce life by our own works.

The only knowledge that we have to have is the knowledge of God and that is the knowledge about God, what God has done in Jesus Christ and how we can see ourselves included into that as the Apostle Paul had a revelation about it when he beheld the resurrected Jesus on the road to Damascus and had to conclude that the very person that I am about to persecute in Damascus, when I touch him, I am touching this glorified Jesus and they are actually one, that you cannot kill the Church.

When you behold the Church, you behold that which will never die. When you behold any conspiracy theory, even if it would not just be a theory, even if it is seen as the truth, even if it would be true, whatever evil you behold in the world, you are beholding something that is temporal, something that does not have eternal life that doesn't have eternal existence. We need to understand that death doesn't have eternal life. We need to understand that anything that is evil doesn't have eternal life. We need to understand that hatred and bitterness and all those kinds of things... plotting and scheming and lies, and murders, and all those things, are not eternal. That is what is passing away. It will not be forever. What will be forever is what is demonstrated in the resurrected Jesus and that demonstration of what is in Christ is our reconciliation, our union, with God.

We were part of what is temporal. We were part of what is passing away. We were part of what is decaying. But in Christ we were reconciled unto eternal life. We were reconciled unto peace. We were reconciled unto joy. That means that we don't need for the world to first change before we can be happy. What makes us happy is this reconciliation. Glory to God! And that is the reality about yourself. That is the reality about who you are.

Once we start to meditate and ponder upon, and think upon this very verse and the reason why this verse was written is because it is true, we realize that we have been reconciled to God Himself! As what a dog would be reconciled to a bird in sharing in the life of the bird, so we are reconciled to God by Jesus Christ. And we have been given the ministration of reconciliation which is that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself by not imputing their trespasses against them. That means that He is taking away the trespass that is in them and He is not reckoning it unto them but He is reckoning who He is unto them, sharing His life with them. That is absolute, absolute Good News!

I want to just quickly touch on **Galatians 6** that I also preached on this last week:

15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision avails any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

What it basically says that the only way wherein you can share in God's life is by God making things new and not by you keeping the law or not keeping the law.

16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them

What rule? The rule that says, "It is not by my works but it is by the grace of God. Peace on them! Hallelujah!

So, we have a certain principle by which we walk. That principle is the principle of "What is true in Christ, is true in me!"

Colossians 3: It says here, and I think this is what we have to do as the Church as people. This is the part that pertains to our understanding and our everyday living.

9 Lie not one to another, seeing that you have put off the old man with his deeds; 10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

He is saying, "Let us not live the life of the old man since the old man, the mortal man, the sinful man, the dying man, that in Christ it was put off." That means that it was like getting unclothed, taking off a jacket and putting it down. You are unclothed from that. How? Because of Christ. And now he is saying that we have put on the new which is, and I want to use my own words here, which is manifested in this world as we acknowledge the truth about it. And what we are manifested into is the very image of Him that created Him. So, God created a new man in Jesus and He made you new in Christ. And as we acknowledge that this is true, as we see this as the truth and believe it about ourselves, we find that we are renewed, talking about the manifestation in this life, according to what we are acknowledging.

So, as you are acknowledging that I have been made new, that I don't live by the works of the law but I live by the power of the resurrection of Christ, that His life is my life. That when I look at Him, I behold the glory of God in the face of a man. And since I am a man, that glory belongs to me.

The invitation to the life of God, which God made before the world began, that invitation has now materialized in the way that the party, that is invited us to, the date of that party has now come and we can now go to the party! We can now experience what God has promised. As we believe upon Him, as we say that what is true in Christ is true in me, as we behold Jesus as the Word about us. In the beginning was God's promise to you!

John 1: Now some might have an issue with the way that I interpret John 1 here but I'm just using the liberty that I have to put it out there. You can go and look at it and study it out for yourself.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word (Some might have an issue with the way I interpret John 1 here, but I am just using the liberty that I have to put it out there. You can look at it and study it out for yourself.

In the beginning was the Word. What word was in the beginning? It was the word of promise. That is what it says in Titus 1, which says that we are in the hope of eternal life which God has promised before the world began but has now manifested his word through preaching.

So, what was the word that was from the beginning? There was a word that God would bring forth a human being and share His grace, His fullness of life, with humans. That word of promise was from the beginning. That promise was God Himself!

So, what did God promise? God promised Himself! In the beginning was the promise of eternal life and that promise of eternal life was the promise of God Himself. So, what did God promise you? He promised you Himself! This is what is in **Genesis 15**. He comes to Abraham and says, "Abraham, fear not, for I am your exceeding great reward!"

What is the reward for believing in God? It is God! That's the reward! In the beginning was the promise of eternal life, the promise of God. This promise was God Himself! This promise was with God. In other words, "with God" means together with, standing face to face, being in line with who God really is.

John 1:

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

So, from the beginning God had this intention to bring this forth in you. It's not something new with God. He says in verse 3: ***All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made***

"All things were made by this promise of eternal life; and without this promise of eternal life, was nothing made that was made." So, all things, the earth that was created, the heavens that were created, the stars that were created, the angels that were recreated, everything was created by this promise or with eternal life to humans in mind.

Nothing that was made was made without this promise of eternal life that God has promised us. Nothing! It is what it all revolves around and we find that this promise of eternal life, this word, has come into manifestation in Jesus and we behold the glory of this word when Jesus was raised from the dead. And when He was raised from the dead, He gave the empty grave to us as His covenant with us. And His covenant is not as of two people, meaning it's a covenant between two with a mediator wherein He has his part to do and we have our part to do. No! His covenant with us is in the power of a promise which means it only needs One and that is God. God promised us. All we can do is believe it and share in it or reject it and destroy our own lives by our own works.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life (In this promise of eternal life is the life that we need. And this life was made flesh and came and dwelt amongst us. I want to tell you that there was nothing that God ever did outside of having in mind to give you eternal life... nothing! He didn't make the earth. He didn't make the heavens. He didn't have the Jewish priesthood. He didn't make a covenant with the Jews. He didn't create one tree. He didn't create one animal. He didn't make one angel. He didn't do anything without it, without bringing eternal life to humans as the very foundation from where He did everything.

This eternal life, this word, is the source of all things. It is nothing that was created outside of it And I want to tell you that this eternal life is what sustains all things and keeps everything going. Because God has promised us eternal life, that promise of eternal life, which is now seen and fully manifested as the glorified Jesus Christ, is what sustains all things. That's what keeps the earth spinning. That's what keeps the galaxies in its place is the promise that God has towards you in sharing His quality of life with you, His faithfulness towards you. Amen and amen!); **and the life was the light of men.**

I just want to say to you that you are a new creation. That which God has promised has started the day you believed upon Him and when you found that you are now born again from the new and living hope. When the Bible talks about being born again of a new and living hope it is by understanding this message and having a life born from the expectation of the grace of the throne room gracing you to the point where you even bodily will shine forth like the sun... and brighter than the sun. You might say, "But Bertie, I'm becoming old and I'm dying." Even if you stand at a loved one's grave, that grave is something that is temporal. You are beholding what is passing away and when you experience the life of God in you, you are beholding and experiencing that which is eternal. Glory to God! Hallelujah!

Let me end off with **Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus** (There is therefore no condemnation. We are not condemned to death anymore. We are not condemned to the fears of this world anymore. We are not condemned to have our joy based on the latest news report. We are not condemned to the fruit of the flesh anymore. We are not condemned to addictions anymore.)

There's no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. These are those who have their life born after the spirit and not the works of the law.

I'm going to use my own words, paraphrase, Romans 8 here. "There is therefore no condemnation unto death or the fruit of the flesh, to them which are in Christ Jesus, who find the source of their life as grace and not the works of the law. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, has made me free from the law of sin and death. For the law was not able to bring forth life in me. It was weak because of my own abilities. But God sent forth His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin and condemned sin in the flesh."

You are not condemned. That which kills you is what is condemned.

:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh. Hallelujah! Isn't that absolutely, absolutely, powerful! If you read a bit later on, it says there in verse **34**, ***"Who is he that condemns"*** It is Christ! What does Christ condemn? He condemns death. Condemn means to kill or to give a death sentence. So, God in Christ, gave a death sentence to death in your life and the eternal life sentence to who He is, in your life! And He promised it to you and He will bring it forth. We've seen the first signs of how it will look in the resurrected Jesus. And we see the first signs of it in our lives as we believe and call upon Him and He brings forth the fruit of the Spirit and we have the hope of the resurrection seeing the fullness of who God is manifesting in us bodily. And that is called the Gospel of Grace. You who believe upon Him, you are already part of the new creation reconciled unto God.

Your sins are not accounted to you. That means that God does not say that He doesn't make your sin your problem. He makes your sin His problem and He gave you His life! Glory to God!

Thank you that I could share this message with all of you. Thank you everybody who have slotted in. I see your names here on the screen. It's just beautiful to have all of you here. Thank you for allowing me to serve you with the Good News.

Let us just pray together:

Father, thank You so much for Your love and Your grace. Thank You for the kindness that You expressed towards us. Thank You that we are a new creation. Thank You that as we look at the news and politics and all the evil that is around in the world, we are beholding what is temporal. It is not eternal. Thank You, that as we look at everything that spells death, we see the empty grave. When we behold the place of death, we see that we are not included in that death because You were raised from the dead and we are included in Your resurrection. Thank You for Your life over us, oh God, in Jesus' mighty name. Amen and amen