### God brings life to the oppressed...

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**GREETINGS:** It is a great blessing for me to bring you the gospel of God's grace. Today we are going to continue to speak from Psalm 103 and I'm also going to bring in Titus. This will be in preparation for next week's message when I am going to talk about prayer and how that works as pertaining to where the Bible says to pray for your leaders.

I want to assure you that the message that I am going to minister today is all about the kingdom of God. It's about the righteousness of God talking about the good actions that God has done to bring life and peace and joy to humanity. It is all about the influence of God, on the human race, to bring forth and manifest His kingdom in this earth. We are part of a kingdom that can never end. We are part of a kingdom that is from everlasting to everlasting... that is not in need of protection but that protects those that are in it.

So, as we believe upon God and we find our lives secure in His kingdom, we are sharing in His quality of life. That is what it is all about. I want to just tell you that you can relax. You don't have to be on your guard trying to think, "What have I done right? What have I done wrong? Are my sins going to be exposed? What is going to happen here?" No, it's only going to be about the kingdom of God. And as you hear the message of His love and goodness and kindness, obviously there will sometimes be some correction that takes place in your heart and things that you feel you need to believe. But this is all about the love and the goodness of God.

**PRAYER:** Father, I want to thank You so much that we can come together and we know that we are standing under the Almighty God, the One who has no beginning and no end. The eternal, God Almighty, who has come to give His life to us, who's come to be good to us and energize us with good works that You have done towards us.

Spirit of God, thank You that You will powerfully speak through me today and that people will be deeply encouraged by this message. Thank You, Lord, that I can minister this in a way that it brings understanding. Thank You for guiding me and that I can also know that my ability to speak and communicate Your Word is influenced by the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It's all about You, Lord! Thank You, Lord, for Your love that You've expressed towards us. Amen

**TODAY'S MESSAGE:** Today I am going to continue to preach from Psalm 103. I'm just going to give a little bit of a wrap up on what I said on the previous two Sundays because one easily forgets what was said. You know, many times, in my own messages, I would preach a message and then I would think if you asked me what did I preach some Sundays ago, I don't know. I can't tell you, for sure, what I've preached.

I might remember kind of a title but I don't always know exactly what was said. Now, if I, who preach the message, cannot always remember the sequence of the scriptures and how things were said, I can't expect people, that are listening to the message, to always remember everything. So, that makes repetition not a bad thing that we can go and look at things over and over. I find that, as we repeat things, we remember it much better and it sits in our hearts and it forms our lives and how we live every day.

Psalm 103... What we said in the last three weeks was that the name of the Lord is different than any other names of the gods that there were in the old Egyptian times and Mesopotamian times, and so forth. God's name, Jehovah, means the Self-existing One, which was contrary to any of the names of the other gods. For the other gods found their names, basically, just in the things of this world, you know the god of thunder or the god of utility or things like that. It was also believed in Mesopotamian history that the gods were basically made, or they came forth, from the mixing of salt water and fresh water, and that the whole universe, as we would see space, where we don't know where it ends, is just water. And there were two kinds of water: salt water and fresh water. These two waters represented chaos and sexuality and as it came together it formed the gods. The names of these gods, like I said, had something to do with nature or power or any of those things.

But, the name of God is holy. The word, holy, simply means set apart or not in the same category or completely different than the names of the gods of that time. The name of our God is Jehovah. It means the self-existing One. It means that He is the uncreated One. He is not of the same substance as the other gods that people believed there were. The Jews, consequently, then also believed that the other gods are not gods at all. There is only one God and that is the God that was never created. When you deal with a God that has never been created, we are also dealing with the fact that He needs nothing. He doesn't need servants. He doesn't need life. He doesn't need service. The gods of the Mesopotamian people had all the idols which would represent these gods or which was basically the representation of the gods in the earth. They had to serve them by bringing sacrifices to them and then bringing them food and worship and all these kinds of things, as a service to them.

The name God, Jehovah, that the Jews believed in, simply means no beginning, no end, self-existing. That means that He can exist without worship. He can exist without service. It was believed, by the Jews, and it is the truth, that God did not create by having man create things for Him. He, basically, just spoke and the power of His word brought things forth. So, He is even the Creator of all things. Now, when you have to do with such a God, who is not demanding worship, who is not demanding service, as Paul said in Acts, "God doesn't live in temples that are built by man's hands. Neither is He worshipped with man's hands as though He needs anything, for He is the One that gives all that is good and life and made man of one blood, out of His goodness." The moment you've got to do with such a God and you ask yourself the question, "Why is He continually, after He created us, having something to do with us?", we cannot but come to the conclusion that He is, basically, serving us with who He is. That is a massive difference than what people traditionally believed about different gods.

Sadly, we find that the old Mesopotamian belief about the gods and the idols, and all those kinds of things, have been flowing in and mixing into Christianity where we still have this thing that God is high and lifted up and that He needs some kind of a worship or some kind of a service. And, if you don't do it, then He is going to destroy you and kill you.

But David said here, "Bless the LORD, o my soul: and all that is within me ..."

The Afrikaans direct translation simply says it this way: "I **must** bless the Lord with all my soul and everything that is within me. I must bless His holy name. I must not forget any of the good deeds that He has done towards me."

That 'must' can be seen as a law or it can also be seen as being so overwhelmed with the goodness of God that he says, "I cannot **but** pray... I just must! How can I not! I can't forget any of this. I must remember it. I cannot but remember it! That is who He is!" That is what David has here: It says, *"Bless the LORD, oh my soul, and forget not any of His benefits:"* Benefits talks about good deeds done.

You know, when I look now, I see in the southern part of America, some of the storms moving in there. In South Africa, they were talking about, even in this time now, there are some areas that still has some drought. People are struggling and suffering. Then I am reminded of a few years back when we were in a severe drought. Now, here in the Western Cape, the drought is completely over. Dams are basically close to 100% full. It's running to the 90% full and it is just green and lush. It just rains and it is so beautiful. But, in these good times as I think back on the times when there was drought and difficult times and bad times, and how people would go and basically take the actions of the Babylonian gods, the god of war the god of thunder, Thor, and taking all these different gods and how it's amalgamated into Christianity where it is said that God is bringing the drought. God is bringing the difficult times and God is trying to teach us.

We find that David says, "Remember all His benefits." What benefit is it if God kills and destroys and do all those kinds of things. It's not beneficial! When we think of the benefits or the good deeds that God has done, we are reminded of Creation. We are reminded of saving Noah. We are reminded of making a promise to Abraham. We are reminded of how God delivered the Jews out of oppression and gave them a Promised Land. We are mindful of how the Jewish people came and the scriptures were given to us, how it was put together, the law, and all of that. And how Jesus then came forth from Israel, from the Jews. How He died and rose again and gives us the hope of eternal life. So, we are mindful of that. That is what we are mindful of.

**Psalm 103:3 Who forgives all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases;** (We're going to go into that again.)

4 Who redeems your life from destruction; who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things; so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

We spoke last time about that means that we rise up and soar up by the power of the Holy Spirit. He strengthens us. He empowers us.

Here is where I want to pick it up again.:6 The LORD executes righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

In order for you to experience the judgement of God, you have to be oppressed. Let me read it again: "The Lord executes righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed."

That means the oppressed will be judged. The judgement of God will come on the oppressed. That might sound like, man, they are already oppressed. They don't need the judgement of God. If that comes to your mind and it did come to my mind many times, that an oppressed person doesn't need the judgment of God to come upon him. It is a wrong understanding of what the judgment of God is. The judgement of God toward the oppressed is delivering and setting people free. That is what the judgement of God is!

The judgement of God is that He, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, God Himself in the heavens, Elohim, was in the heavens and then created the earth and made man and then promised man eternal life. That is basically saying, "Here am I, God, the self-existing One, who has been from everlasting to everlasting. I am enjoying a life that none of these other gods, that are made by man or myths, no being enjoys what I have. And I have now created humans and I 'pulled the chair closer' and I'm inviting them to sit with Me inside My quality of life. I want to engulf them with who and what I am so that they can find Me, who and what I am." Isn't that absolutely beautiful! God has not chosen the mighty angels neither the cherubim or some of these holy beings to be the beings in whom God would express the fullness of His grace in the ages to come.

Ephesians says that God has made us for the purpose that in the ages to come, He might demonstrate the greatness of His grace, and His mercy and His kindness, and who He is, in us. That means that God is put on display inside us. What a blessing to be the people through whom God can do that! And that is not accessed by the works of the law or anything we do. It is something that has come our way, something we can do nothing about. All we can do is believe and accept it. That is a verse that I want to get to here.

The Afrikaans translation, the direct translation, basically says that the goodness of God rises over those that fear His name. The fearing of the name there means, "has respect for Him." I want to just read it to you. For those of you who understand a bit of Afrikaans will enjoy this. I want to read this. (Bertie reads is in Afrikaans and translates into English.) This is a passage that says, "As high as the heaven is above the earth, so is His love on those that love Him, or that fear His name. The King James says, "... that fear His name." So many times, we just want to think of that fear. We think, "Yes, the love of God is towards those that fear Him." Then that fear immediately hits our heart and say, "Ah, you see. There it is! There's the law! There's that old thing again where it is about man and what he must do!"

This is a direct translation into the Afrikaans from the Hebrew. I want to read it to you in Afrikaans and try and translate directly. *"For as high as what the heaven is above the earth that's how the love of God towers out above those who have got respect for Him"* That is what it means. That fear is respect.

Why do we respect God? We respect God based on Psalm 103 and what David said. We respect Him because of how humble He is! We don't respect God because if we don't, He is going to kill us. No! I have respect for God because He came to serve us. I have respect for God because He is the most humble Being that there is. We have respect for God because He is mindful that we are but dust. Therefore, He gives His everlasting, loving, kindness as the source from where we can live. We have respect for God because when He was beaten and His beard was torn out, He didn't say anything but He, willfully, entered into death itself... entering into the most darkest place you could ever imagine, in the hope that the Father would raise Him from the dead so that He can be Lord over us and govern our lives by His resurrection power so that we can live forever in Him. That is the respect!

We have respect for God because when humans came and they lived in such a terrible state wherein they caused floods and destruction in the earth, He saved Noah and He brought him forth out of that turmoil. He promised Abraham the promise that all nations shall be blessed. We have a respect for Jesus because He came to the temple and He cleansed out the temple and said, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations. But you've made it a den of robbers and thieves!" That talks about money and stealing from other nations which was also supposed to be part of what was going on in the temple... and the message of the Messiah and so forth. We find a God who reaches out to us and that is why we have respect for Him. That is where verse 11 comes in:

11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great (That's how towering, that's how the mercy towers over them that have respect for Him.) is his mercy toward them that fear him.

### 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

### 13 Like as a father pities his children, so the LORD pities them that fear him.

As a father pities his children.... I want to read to you what that pity means. That word, pity, is the word, bowels, that are the seat of compassion. It refers to the very womb of Yahweh. A womb is a place where life comes from, a birthplace from where a child is born, where life is created and from where it is then given.

So, it says here, "As a father pities his children..." Now you might say, "A father cannot have a womb. This cannot mean this." Let me explain to you how I see this. You know one day Helena and I went to visit some friends just down the road. My two sons were cycling in front of the car. They were just like half a street, a block, ahead of us. I don't know what Henri tried to do but he tried to go as fast as possible on that BMX.

There as a stop street as well and he was just going flat out giving it everything he's got. And as he pulled that bike to and fro as he was going, the front wheel lifted off at that speed, and he just fell right on his head. With all that speed and momentum, he went over the handle bars and fell right on the top of his head on a flat piece of road. I mean he was a bit shocked and he got up. I said, "My son, are you okay?" He was okay but he was dizzy for about an hour after that but he's 100% fine. But when that happened, I found something inside me move, the place in me from where life comes. There was something in me that says that he needs life. My mind rushes to thinking that he would be unconscious. The first thing I do was to pray for him. I pray and say, "Thank You, Jesus, for healing him." If he doesn't wake up right there by a miracle, I will race to the hospital and take him there. The womb of the father started to move. It becomes active to give life. And this is what it says here: *Like as a father pities* (protects) *his children, so the LORD* (Jehovah, the self-existing One) *pities them that fear* (have respect for) *Him.* In other words, it talks about an action wherein life is given.

So, God comes and He humbly serves the world. Those who humbly receive what He gives, we find that God comes over their lives as a father pities His children. The womb of Yahweh moves! That which caused all of creation to be, the Source from where all life can flow and flows, comes into action to help you. That is what David says there.

I'll continue here a little bit more and then go over to Titus because we want to make this practical to everyday life. Church, because when God looks at us and He doesn't deal with us according to our transgressions, when He doesn't deal with us according to our iniquities, and all those kinds of things, it doesn't just mean that He just doesn't punish us. He deals with us according to His compassion which is the force of life from where He gives life. So, when He sees death in you, He doesn't just say, "Well, I see death in him and I'm not going to punish him further. He's just killing himself!" No, He says, "I offer you life from My very being and as you put your trust and reliance in Me, I will change you into a person which can experience the quality of God's life." That's what eternal life means. Eternal life to me, the first most important thing of eternal life to me, talks about how long it exists. It is from everlasting to everlasting. It is forever. That's eternal life. Then the life is defined as the kind or quality of life that is possessed by God.

We find the kind and the quality of life that is possessed by God seen in Jesus and in how He treated people, how He dealt with the sinners, how He dealt with the self-righteous, how and who he was as a person, putting his reliance upon God, not trying to protect his own life but knowing that God has his life in His hands and his life is safe in the hands of God. We will share in that quality of life which is a life of peace and joy, which we see expressed in Jesus when He was in the storm, He was going over that Lake of Galilee, and He was asleep. Yet, the storm was raging but He was asleep. What did Jesus believe? Jesus believed that the storm cannot sink Him and that He will definitely get to the other side. Nothing to worry about!

Then the disciples said, "Don't You care that we perish?" Then Jesus rebuked them for their unbelief. The unbelief is to think that God doesn't pity and God doesn't care. He calmed the storm and took them to the other side.

Now, it wasn't even needed for Jesus to calm the storm to take them to the other side. They would have gone to the other side anyway. What I am trying to say is that the quality of life that's possessed by Jesus is then also given to us. That is what he is talking about here. Removing our transgressions, and all those kinds of things, is actually talking about taking away, by the power of the Resurrection, those things that harm our lives, giving us peace and joy and righteousness in our lives.

This morning I was in the Afrikaans Service that we have for our Church here on Zoom.

I said: "If things harm your life, call out to God and let Him help you to be free from those things. And I know, and I'm sorry for sounding like I am just hammering on one thing all the time but I feel that I need to say this: This is relevant. I see it needed by many people all the time... even people that regularly listen to these messages. If you find that you are harmed, emotionally, by what you see in the news, ask God to deliver you from the news. He can because when He sees you watching the news and turmoil rises in your heart, anxiety rises in your heart, fear and doubt rises in your, the womb of Yahweh moves to give birth to a life that is free from that.

And all you have to do is have respect for what is going on in the heart of God as pertaining to delivering you from what happens in your heart where you feel that everything is going to waste... everything is being destroyed. What is the future of our children? What's the future of us when we are old and all those kinds of things? When those things bother you, what you do and this is what I have done several times in my life, where I just say, "God, You need to deliver me from what brings fear and anxiety to my life. And I want to honor You for I know that inside You are pitying me when you see me going through this." That pitying me is not to just say, "Oh, so sorry!" No, the very part of God from where creation came forth when He spoke and said, "Let it be!" starts, comes into action, to help you and deliver you. And let us not keep God inside a place where He wants to help us and He has that feeling inside Him that says, "Man, I want to help you!" It is a feeling inside Him which is, "I now need to help them!" Let us not keep God in that feeling all the time, by our stress that we go through, without calling out on Him to help us in the time and the trouble of our distress.

The Lord pities us as a father pities his children. Listen to what it says here and how He pities us:

#### Psalm 103:14 For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

He knows our design. He knows that we are just dust. And now he explains what the dust is like:

15 As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourishes.

16 For the wind passes over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

17 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him (that has respect for the compassion that is in the heart of God. There is a pain in the heart of God when He sees us and what we are going through.), and his righteousness unto children's children;

I would call sin this: Knowing that God has an anguish in His heart when He sees you in pain and you are not calling out on Him, delivering Him from His anguish, in helping you.

In these last times, I could just see how a lot of people are going through difficult times. As we go through that, as we feel anxiety in our heart about politics, about our country, about the future of our children, about what will be, about liberalism taking over the world where all kinds of things just become "good and right", where people can decide if they are male or female, if people can marry animals, people can marry dolls... those kinds of things... it is like absolutely crazy!

We look at the world and we think, "Where is this world going to go to?" We find we find fear in our heart. As we have fear in our heart, God's womb, the womb of Yahweh, moves. He wants to help us and then we, not respecting that the Creator of the human race, the Creator of all things, feels like that and He wants to help us and we are not allowing Him to help us. Allow God to help you to set you free from the fear and anxiety. I'm talking about South Africans, allow God to help you not to have certain political leaders have the power to create certain emotions in your heart, direct your thoughts, direct your life. Allow God to help you because He sits with all the help and He wants to help. It is the way that you would feel if your child has cut himself with a deep wound and he can bleed out and he's in the house and you are locked out. You can see through the window how he's dying, but he's refusing to open the door for you to help him. It's basically torturing the one that loves you! The respect we have for God is on account of the great love that He has for us! And that is how these things work.

Pray to God and say, "Thank You that You deliver me from these things." And just start to read the psalms. Read Psalm 23. Do this: Whenever you think, "Man, I want to just get into fear and anxiety...", I want to tell you that at that moment, the womb of Yahweh moves with life-giving force! Grab a hold of that and say, "God, I know that and I honor You and I respect You for that and I want to say, "I welcome Your kingdom, Your peace, into my heart. Thank You for renewing my way of thinking."

I put something on Facebook and I knew that it would cause a bit of a stir but I felt a need to put this up. The reason I put it up was to bring some comfort to people. There are many of you, that are not following me on Facebook and so forth, had watched the YouTube.

I said, "I'm not saying that one shouldn't bear arms. I have absolutely no issue with having a gun." But then I said, "With that said, I now ask the following question: What role did swords have in the protecting of the kingdom of God as well as the advancing of the kingdom of God, and living your life out as a Christian in the early Church?" I

t caused a massive thing in many people's hearts but I can't say the majority of folk just said, "None. It had no role."

The point that I want to make is this: The kingdom of God doesn't need our protection! The kingdom of God is God's rule protecting us! If we are at a place where we think we need to protect the kingdom of God, your mind is not at a place where it protects you and you are not safe! You are at a place where everything is given over to your own works. What gives me peace of mind in South Africa, what gives me peace of mind in this world, when it comes to business and all those kinds of things... you know when your kids go out and they need to get jobs and step out into the grown-up world, there's always the thing of are they going to make it. I don't know why it is like that. It's like you thought you would make it when you went out into the world and you trusted God, believed, and God provided for you. God has provided for billions upon billions of people who have gone thought that. But when your kids go into that it is like, "I don't know what he is going to do? Where is he going to find a job? Is he going to find a job?" And you are in that uncertain time.

But when you are in that uncertain time and you have those feelings in your heart, you can know the womb of Yahweh, the compassion of Yahweh, is there to bring you freedom. What I then did and what I do is I just say, "Thank You, Lord! I know that You bring freedom in this area." I can say that when those things even just became thoughts in my mind, there was an overwhelming peace because I knew that the kingdom from where I am provided for, doesn't need my provision! It doesn't need my protection. It's protecting me! Glory to God! You cannot protect the kingdom of God! How do you protect God? If you say that you can protect the kingdom of God or protect God, you have made yourself the god of God. No! God is the One that protects you!

The beautiful thing is that the kingdom of God, as it expanded until now, is on account of the work of the Holy Spirit. Man, through their actions and their swords and their military power, tried to even break down and destroy the kingdom of God and they couldn't. They couldn't! We, so many times, feel that we need, forget our arms and those kinds of things, just from our own life, we think that we need to stand up for God otherwise God is going to be wiped from the face of the earth. It's not how it works! God stood up for man. The way that God stood up for man, in the resurrection of Jesus, is of such a sort that it brings a life in us that stands strong with the power of God in all humility and all kindness and all love. And that is what He has come to bring for us.

Now I want to quickly go to Titus. This is just going to be an intro to next week where I am going to talk about the passage in Timothy where it says, "Pray for your leaders so that you may live in peace and be holy. There's just a little hint there: Praying for your leaders cannot make you holy. The blood of Jesus makes you holy. But it says, "Pray for your leaders that you might be holy. It's going to be interesting.

### Titus 3:

# 1 Put them (the church) in mind to be subject to principalities and powers (leaders), to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,

**2** To speak evil of no man (That's amazing. It talks about leaders here. He basically says there are leaders over you. Don't speak evil of them. If Cyril Ramaphosa is the President, don't speak evil of the President. Help me Lord. If Nelson Mandela was President back then, don't speak evil of him. If Trump is President, don't speak evil of him. If Biden is running, don't speak evil of him. This is what it says. The Bible says to teach this to the Church. So, I'm teaching this.

# 1 Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,

# 2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers (fighters), but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

It's specifically talking about leaders over you. These people were chopping the heads of the Church. This is the kind of people there were. Our leaders now are Sunday School teachers compared to these people.

### 3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived

When I say this, this is the piece I want to get to into Psalm 103. He's now talking about leaders that are evil that do bad things. He says, "Speak evil of no man." That's what he says. Speak evil of no man! Because, let me tell you, if you are at the point where you speak evil of all people, your heart is in so much turmoil, you're not in the peace of God anymore. You are now in the news media controlling your life. You're not remembering like David said in Psalm 103, the one that has forgiven all iniquity and for all those things, keeping in mind the One whose womb moves that pities us as a father pitying his own children, knowing that we don't have the ability to do things by our own works... knowing that our days are like just a few days. He's then making available His eternal loving kindness as the source from where we live. He says, "I know man is mortal. He cannot live forever but I now make what is eternal, which is My loving kindness, available for them to live from." That's what He says. And that's how we will live forever because forever.

# Now he says, "Speak evil of no man..." Now listen to this: 3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

He's talking about people, that are over them, that are driven by different lusts, different pleasures, living in malice and envy, hatred, and hating one another. That's who their leaders were. He says, "Don't even speak evil of them because you were also there when you were not walking under the power of God."

#### 4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, 5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

He says, "We were like these people over us. We were like them so let's not speak evil of them knowing that we were as evil as what they were. But, when the grace of God appeared unto us, not by works of righteousness that we have done but, **by the washing of regeneration**, the new creation, the power of the resurrection, we were made new by the Holy Spirit

#### 6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior; 7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Now, that is a mouthful. I've come to the end of this Service but I think this speaks for itself... self-evident. Let us remember the good that God has. You, as you hearing this, God loves you! He is merciful towards you! He is kind towards you! The womb of Yahweh, whenever you are in distress about your money, about your children, about your business, about your job, about your country... when you feel that distress, the womb of Yahweh moves to give birth to life in that area. Let's not lock Him out. Let's say, "God, yes, I feel this but I call upon You and I want Your quality of life in this area." And as we open up, we find God giving birth to that newness, that regeneration, that takes place.

As we now are in righteousness, let us not think bad about any person. He says, "Don't speak badly about anyone!" The context is leaders over you that are full of malice, evil, and all those kinds of things. Can you see how God's kingdom, according to Paul, is not threatened by these leaders? He says to the Church, "Be kind to them." He didn't say, "Wash them off the face of the earth otherwise the kingdom of God will not exist and will be gone." It doesn't say that. Paul comes with a surety of the kingdom of God and how strong it stands and he says, "You can be kind to these folk because that is how you were anyway." And then without your works of righteousness and you understood and accepted the Gospel of Jesus, we were made new by the grace of God. And that is what God's got for all of us.

Let us pray: Father, I want to thank You that You love us. Thank You for Your Gospel. Your word sets me free.

Lord, as I preach this, I hear You speaking in me and through me, to me and to others. I humbly accept Your word, Lord. And thank You for the humble God that You are in serving us and giving us Your life.

Thank You that everyone that watches is renewed in their minds, opens the door and experiences the birth of life in every area of their lives. Amen and amen.

Thank you so much that I could come today and just serve you. Make sure that you watch the Facebook. I put messages up every day of the week, Monday through Friday, that are very encouraging and it's teaching orientated but simple and I trust that will also bless you in this week to come. God bless....