

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH

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(In this message Bertie Brits explains what justification by faith is and how it can only be defined in the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ.)

Today we are continuing to talk along the lines of justification by faith and not the works of the law. We are also continuing to speak from the third chapter of Romans. I did a verse by verse in our previous session up to verse 19. Now I will just pick it up in verse 19 and recap a little bit on what I said about this verse. This will really bless you as we go to the end of the chapter.

What I said, in essence, in last week's message was that God was basically put on trial, if we can call it like that... (There is no one who can put Him on trial!! We just use this hypothesis or this idea of God being on trial... use as a picture.) He had to prove that what He said was true. And He did... in raising Jesus from the dead! Man had to prove what they said was true, which they got from the devil, which was that man is inherently an immortal being. And man couldn't prove that. God helped this whole thing so that man can come to the realization that he is not an inherently immortal being so that he would stop to try to live forever by his own works and continue to die and that he could rely upon God for eternal life. God never gave the law so that any man would die by the law. He gave the law so that man could come to a place where they can realize that eternal life is only accessible through Jesus.

Rom. 3:19 "Now we know that what things soever the law says, it says to them who are under the law: (The purpose is now mentioned) that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God."

That might sound very bad because it is now everybody is guilty before God' and if you are guilty it means you are going to be punished because you are guilty before the law and we know that guilt equals punishment. But this is not what this passage has in mind. This passage has something else in mind. I want to just touch on where it says, ***that every mouth may be stopped***. If you want to see what that means you have to go back to verse 10. He is basically saying that both the Jews and the Gentiles were unprofitable in their teachings in bringing man to eternal life.

It is very important to understand the following point. If you don't understand this point, this whole message is not going to make sense to you. We need to start from the presupposition that man is not an inherent, immortal being. We need to understand that human beings are not immortal. That is difficult for us to understand. It is difficult for us to believe. I think one can understand that but it is difficult for most people to believe. When you say that a human being is an inherent, immortal, being, you are actually saying that God is a liar. That is the very poison of the devil which was from the beginning which has been ingrained into man, that man is this eternal, immortal being. We wanted to try and look at the Gospel from the perspective of, "Well, we don't need eternal life. We are going to live forever anyway. So, let's

try and make sense of this Book.”

Unless you come to the point where you realize that man was made from the dust of the earth and that when he dies and he is not believing in God, he will return to the dust of the earth never to live in any form or fashion. That means that the spirit of man is not eternal. Or let me put it like this: the soul is not eternal. The Bible says that the soul that sins shall die. That's what it says. There will be no remembrance of him. He cannot think. He cannot reason. He will be dead. The one who doesn't believe in Jesus and dies, is dead. We need to understand that. A human being is not a being that is going to live forever in heaven or live forever in hell. We will just abandon the earth and God is going to abandon the whole project He started on the earth, take some people to heaven and put some people in hell there they will live forever. Some will live forever in hell and some will live forever with Him in eternal bliss in heaven. If you believe that, I want to tell you that the Bible is not going to make sense. You will try here and there to get a good motivational message out of it or a Grace message where you see God as someone who doesn't punish you or is not angry with you, or that kind of a thing. But, you are not going to understand the heart of the Gospel. .

I've spent a lot of time reading this Bible and not through the time I spent reading this Bible but through the revelation that the Lord has put upon my heart, I have seen in the time that I read this Bible that this truth about immortality, as a gift, is everywhere. It's just everywhere. I find that there are some theologians that seriously study the scriptures that are in agreement with this. Eternal life is not something that everybody has. It's something that God gives. We need to understand that and not just understand... we need to believe it. If you can believe that, the Scripture will just open up to you. Now, with that in mind, let us go to Romans 3:10 and now you will understand what I am saying. It says in verses 10-12 that both Jew and Gentile were basically unprofitable. Unprofitable would mean that neither Jew nor Gentile could get it right to produce one human being that can live forever and never die. But, God could! Can you see how that would make sense?

In the beginning God said to Adam, “Adam, you cannot live forever by yourself. I can give you access to eternal life and I want you to have eternal life and I want to bring it forth in you. Through faith in Me, you will have this.” I don't have time to re preach all the messages I preached on that but I just want to lay this down as I feel in my heart to do this.

The devil came to Adam and said, “Adam, that is a lie. God is not speaking the truth. You can have eternal life by your own power.” And what did Adam do? He believed the devil and thought that God is a liar. So, if Adam believed that you can have eternal life by your own ability, what must he do to prove that what he believes is right or that the word of the devil is correct? He has to produce a human that cannot die. But, God said to him, “When you eat of this, you will surely die! You will definitely die!” He could die if he would eat of that tree but he could live forever if he should believe in God. But, if he eats of that, he would definitely die. And what did he do? He did not believe that eternal life comes from God and God is the only source of it. He believed that he was an inherent, immortal, being by himself and therefore he relied upon himself and had to produce eternal life... and no one could! Adam died. Eve died. Everybody died all the time and there was no human that could produce, by his own works, an immortal human being... nobody!

That is why the Scripture says that Jesus Christ is the only begotten, or the first begotten from the dead. He was the first one that was raised from the dead in a physical human body... someone that died and conquered death to never die, to rule over all sin and all death. He

was the first one.

So God said, "I can give eternal life to dust that doesn't have eternal life. "And God did! He proved it in Jesus. But, the generations of Adam, mankind, that believed that by their own works they can live eternally, by themselves and produce life by their own works, they could not produce an immortal human.

That is why verse 12 says, ***They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that does good, no, not one.*** Because the doing good, in God's mind, means preserving life forever... to see no one die, to let them live.

:13 Their throat is an open sepulchre (grave); with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps (snakes) is under their lips:

He is using the language of Adam and Eve and the devil and what happened in Genesis 3 and he is saying that the system of works righteousness is unprofitable. It cannot produce eternal life but we know that God can and He has proven it in Jesus. The most beautiful thing and what He has done in Jesus Christ was He took this man, Jesus, that He raised from the dead and appointed Him as the Lord over all death so that by Him, not by us, by Him we, now, can have access to eternal life as we just rely upon Him. For He knows how to conquer death. Glory to God!

This summarizes last week's message where we said that every man is a liar and God is true. It means that every person that teaches that you can be blessed by doing these five things or you can be blessed by being rich. Or, let's just use modern day thinking, you can be blessed by having plastic surgery done on your face and all those kind of things. You can be blessed.

God's definition of blessed is, "Can you live forever, be immortal, flooded with a love and the goodness of God forever, never to die, to shine brighter than the sun in the very glory of God!" That is God's definition of blessed!

We find that everybody that has ever had work on their face in the past, we haven't found one can medically enhance their life to the point that they are now 2 or 3 or 4,000 years old, shining with the glory of God, never becoming old, sharing in the utmost love and kindness and goodness! There is not one!

All systems that promise all these beautiful things and wants to convince you that there is life in that, is a lie. It is all a lie! There is only one place where you can find eternal life and there is historic proof of that! There is historic proof that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead... bodily! And we find the love of God manifested in that man. The Bible says in John 3 that this resurrected Jesus, the one that will be begotten from the dead, the only begotten from the dead, which is defined in Acts 13:28. He is the only begotten from the dead. He was given to us so that we will not die, perish, but have eternal life and even when we die, should we die, He shall raise us from the dead.

You must ask, "What proof do you have that you shall be raised?" Many of you have experienced signs, wonders, and miracles in your life or in the lives of others. That is a sign of the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Amen!

Romans 3:19 Now we know that what things soever the law says, it says to them who are under the law (And this is the purpose of the law): **that every mouth** (Every doctrine or teaching or thing that says that you can have life) **may be stopped**, (Both Jew and Gentile, that man can come to the bottom line-conclusion that we can't do it. **and all the world may become guilty before God**

A little bit of historic background... When you go and study the Mesopotamian cultures, you will see that a lot of them had laws. But what the Jews had was what they called, the superior law which was not man-made but written in the very hand of God. They believed that their law was the highest law that there is. There is no better set of rules where you could get life. If we look at America and we look at democracy, they believe that their constitution is the best constitution there is in the whole world. Therefore they believe that the highest quality of life can be lived in America because of their constitution, because of their law.

Then we find that other people differ. They say, "No, we have a better constitution than the Americans!" You might find that the Swedish people or the people of Norway or somewhere might say, "No, we have a better system. You might have a democracy but we have more of a socialistic kind of a system. Our law is better. This law can produce more life" Now imagine all these people fighting among each other on whose law is the best. And then there is a nation where God comes down on a mountain and He appears to them and gives them the very law of God. I mean, they would believe that they had the best set of rules to produce eternal life. But that law was given and no one could even do that law. Therefore the whole world becomes guilty or is found with lack of evidence that they, by their own works, can produce immortality... eternal life, the fruit of God. That is why the law was given.

The law was given that man can come to the end of himself that we can see that we cannot have eternal life by our own works. To all of those who do believe in some form of a mixture of law and grace, I want to say this to you: Why do you want to use what doesn't work and add it into what God has promised for free?"

A very good type and a shadow of a person that would mix law and grace in the Old Testament would be Abraham. He had Sarah as his wife but she couldn't get pregnant. God promised that He would give them an heir. Then she didn't get pregnant for a certain time period.

Some cultures back then said that if your wife could not give you a child, then you may have another wife and another one until you have children. But, under the law that Abraham was under, the Babylonian, Mesopotamian culture that he lived in, believed in having only one wife. So, how could they then have children if she cannot produce a child for him? If your wife, after ten years cannot have a child, then she is allowed by law, to give the slave girl that works in her house, to her husband so that lady would then produce a child for her. So, Sarah legally, because that was the law at that time, gave Hagar to Abraham to produce a child for her.

So, what happened? God promised that He would give a child, but the law also had the promise of a child. And now you want to mix the promise of the law with the promise of God. Listen, God said that the fruit that was produced was a sign of bondage!

Some might hear this and you might be a Muslim and you might say, "This is not right! The Jews are not the only people of God."

But, I want to tell you that there are NO people... both Jew and Gentile! This is what the law says: ALL are found lacking proof of evidence for what they believe. The Jew could not produce what he believed would take place should he obey the law. The Gentiles, with all their laws, could not produce it. We are not supposed to mix these things! Just get the mixture thing out of your life and just trust Jesus! That is how simple it is!

Romans 3:19: ...that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

"... that every mouth may be stopped" means that **every** teaching on how to have a good life, may be found as worthless. In today's day, all the Yes Men, all the motivational speakers, you can come to the bottom line conclusion that none of them can produce eternal life! They can help you with daily things here and there but it is not life giving.

"...and all the world may become guilty before God.

The word, world, there is the word, .

Cosmos: It talks about

The World systems;

The people in it;

The earth and all that is under human's influence;

The world of the Jews, Gentiles and ALL Humans and all that is in the world and everything that is under their influence.

When it talks about them that are under the law, it talks about the Jews. (See Rom. 2:1-2)

So, what he is saying here is that the whole world may become guilty before God. The whole world is at a place where nothing in this world has any evidence or any proof that it can give you eternal life outside of the one event that took place two thousand years ago and that is when God raised a man from the dead. That is it!

I want to tell you that dietary laws and healthy eating and all the creams and all the oils and all that might help a little bit here and there. It might make you feel better for awhile but it will not give you eternal life.

"..and all the world may become guilty" The word, guilty, there simply means "subject to the judgment of God." The phrase is taken from the courts of justice. It is applied to a man who has not vindicated or defended himself; against whom therefore the charge or the indictment is found true.

What he is saying is that God is saying to man, "Man, what you saying that you can have life by your work is a lie." When you become guilty is when you are found that you couldn't vindicate, or defend, your position in a court of law. So, here, man is found guilty. He couldn't produce the good. The devil's system was found to be a system of lies and deceit and we find that God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the fulfillment of the law, through the giving of the law and the fulfillment of the law, has proven and given proof.

He has defended His position. He's vindicated Himself and His position... what He believes. He has proven what He has said and this was done, not for the purpose of telling man that you are worthy of judgment and punishment and death and hell. No, it was done so that man can be redeemed, saved, from that. .

Romans 3:20:Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

I remember somebody said to me, "No flesh will ever be justified before God!" That's a lie!

Flesh can be justified before God! There is flesh that **has** been justified before God. It is the resurrected flesh of Jesus Christ that has conquered sin and death by the power of the Holy Spirit. And God proving what He has said from the beginning and actually making true what He has said from the beginning that in Him is eternal life! There is flesh that was justified before God! And I want to tell you that **you** can be justified by God as well! Your flesh can be justified by God but your flesh cannot justify your flesh and that we need to understand. I think we need to grow up as Christians and say, "Glory to God! I want to understand more! I want to see deeper into this and I, actually, like the Apostle Paul said, "I want to grab hold of the very thing that made God grab a hold of me! The understanding that God has is the understanding that I also want. Where we can come like Adam in the beginning, and this was basically his job if you want to call it like that, think and reason with God. Think the thoughts of God. Feel the feelings of God... share in the very life of God. As Christians we need to get to that place.

I want to say to you that a nice motivational message is a very nice thing and good thing. If you want to hear nice, motivational, messages, go to my YouTube channel and you will see that I upload a nice, motivational, message founded in the Gospel of Grace. It's one minute long. It will encourage you for that moment and give you something to go and think about.

When you come to the Sunday message, you will hear, with a 'thinking cap' on, a heart that is open to be taught and you are at a place where you say, "I want to understand the depth of the Gospel!" That is why you are here and that is why I do these messages. I'm not doing these messages just to have a Sunday 'Feel Good' message. I want to tell you that I don't have to have a Sunday 'Feel Good' message because if you just understand the Gospel, you will feel very, very good! You will really feel good! You'll feel good the whole week. You'll feel good for the rest of your life because this saves you from flesh justifying flesh.

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If it says, ***Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified***, it's already has the presupposition there that flesh can be justified in another way, which is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Amen! Your flesh needs to be justified with eternal life. "But, Bertie, my spirit lives forever and I don't even want my body to live forever!" Well, then you want what God doesn't want! God wants humans to live forever and the example of the perfect will of God is the man, Jesus Christ. Alleluia! Amen! Put that in your pipe and smoke it! Glory to God! Think about that!

Think about the Resurrected Jesus, the empty grave, and what God gave. Think about the fullness of God's life that He has granted to the man, Jesus, and He has justified Him in the resurrection! And He has poured out the Holy Spirit, which the Bible says will also save our body from mortality and make us, as humans, immortal. He shares with us the very salvation that includes the salvation of the inner man, the thought, the feelings, and all those kind of things, of a man, where we can live in the love and the kindness and the generosity and the peace of God. Glory to God!

So, here it says that ***by the deeds of the law shall no flesh shall be justified in his sight*** but by the deeds of Christ. Our flesh shall be justified by what He does for us.

Let me explain what flesh means.

Genesis.9:17 And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

He is talking about people... you and all people. The Bible even says that creation waits for the manifestation of the sons of God, for creation, already physical in creation, shall be glorified with the same glory as what we have. I tell you that this salvation thing is not a Mickey Mouse thing, man! It's a big thing! It is something that is greater than our mind. It is something that is greater than what we could ever could have thought about. The bible says, "What couldn't even arise in the mind of a man, God has prepared for us." Alleluia!

Some say, "Bertie, do you want to tell me that if somebody died and are in the grave that God's going to raise that man from the dead ten thousand years from now if it takes that long for Jesus to come? My mind cannot even fathom that!" Amen! Alleluia! That is exactly what God has prepared for us. Amen! He has conquered sin in the flesh. That is what He has done. He has conquered sin in the flesh. It would be unjust for flesh, whose sin has been conquered, not to live forever! That is what He has come to give us.

John 17:2 As you have given him power (This is to Jesus) ***over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as you have given him.*** My goodness! This makes me so happy!

You have given to Jesus, power over all flesh! You may say, "No, no! Jesus has power over my spirit." Rubbish! That is not the truth! Here it says, "And He has given to Jesus power over all flesh." Then he says what He should do with that flesh : ***that he should give eternal life...*** How will He give eternal life? In the last day, He will raise them from the dead! That is what he is saying!

Justified: What does it mean"

Render righteous, to bring forth the proof of righteousness.

Thayer Definition:

- 1) to render righteous or such as one ought to be;
- 2) to show, exhibit, evidence, one to be righteous, such as he ought to be or wishes himself to be considered;
- 3) to declare, pronounce, one to be just, righteous, or such as he ought to be.

So, are we to die? When Jesus was on the cross and He died and was put in the grave, was that how God wanted Him to be forever... His Spirit in heaven and His body in the grave? Is that how God wanted Him to be... how He ought to be for all eternity? No! To render Him as He ought to be, He had to be raised from the dead! Glory to God! And that was just! That was manifesting His righteousness. That was to show, exhibit evidence as righteousness.

So, the law can never show or exhibit you as righteous. If you say, "I have eternal life in me. I am an inherently immortal being and by the law I am going to live." The Bible says, "You shall live by the deeds of the law. Those who shall do those things shall live by them. So if you do the law you have to live by the law. But, who of us can love by the law? No one! That is why the law cannot justify any man. Through the law there is no proof of righteousness. You cannot exhibit or bring forth any evidence that you are right in what you believe through the law. But if you say, 'Well, I don't have eternal life by my works but Jesus Christ died. He was raised from the dead and He is Lord over death, even my death!' You are righteous when you believe that. You believe unto righteousness and you confess that Jesus was raised from the dead. You are confessing to the salvation which you shall experience which is to be raised. Alleluia!

Can you see how this whole thing makes sense? How it fits together? It fits together! Amen!

It says, "to show, exhibit, evidence, one to be righteous." When you believe that Jesus was raised from the dead, that is right. You are now right. If you say that through Him I will have eternal life because He is Lord over sin and death, you shall be saved. It doesn't say that you are already saved from physical death. You shall be saved. You now have the first fruit of your salvation which is the Holy Spirit but you will see the rest of it in the day of the Lord.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation (Now you have already heard the definition of salvation. I have just mentioned it. You shall be saved... saved from the grave!) **to everyone that believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.**

:17 For therein (In the Gospel) **is the righteousness of God** (The fact that God was right) **revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just** (the same Greek word for righteous) **shall live** (have life) **by faith.**

So the unjust shall die, trying to have life by their own works, by trying to live by the works of the law. The unjust shall die by that. The just, the righteous, shall live, be justified, by faith.

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What is he saying when he says, **from faith to faith**" It is very simple: The Gospel was the message that Jesus was raised from the dead. **From faith to faith** means that I have faith that Jesus was raised from the dead. Therefore I am also of the persuasion that I shall be raised from the dead. That is "from faith to faith".

It says that the righteousness of God is revealed in God raising a dead man and promising you the resurrection. And that is what He has said from the beginning. He was righteous from the beginning when He said to Adam, "Here is a tree of life. Eat of that tree and you will live forever. Eat from this other tree and you will die." God was right from the beginning that, "Through My life, you will live!" He has proven it in Christ .

We live by the faith that Jesus has died and that He was raised and that we will have a resurrection through that. That is how we have life.

Let me just go back to verse 20 quickly.

Romans. 3:20 "Therefore by the deeds of the law shall no flesh be justified..."

The legalistic mind hears the justification of flesh as, "I am justified by continuing in my sin." But, that is not what Paul has in mind here. What Paul has in his mind when he says, "***Therefore by the deeds of the law shall no flesh be justified...***", what he has in his mind is that by the deeds of the law shall no human become immortal in his body, in his whole human being. I don't even want to say, "In his body" because there is no part of a human that is immortal. God has come to bring immortality to the whole human. If you want to challenge this, take the scriptures and go and study it and come with scriptural proof and not "Mickey Mouse" guesswork, but proof! Amen

Reading on, it basically says that He is just and the Justifier of them who believe. He is just. He is the just one. He is the Justifier. In other words, He is the one who will manifest our immortality... in us. He is the Justifier. He is the one who will justify you in your flesh. Glory to God! He will physically justify you.

Romans.3:

21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith (the faith) of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

The law was taught this way: You need to be faithful to God in obeying the law. And you need to be faithful to doing the law.

But here it says clearly in verse 21: ***But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested...*** In other words what God had said from the beginning which is, "I can give you eternal life. Life is by Me." That was God's message from the beginning. God's promise from the beginning was eternal life. (Titus 1:2) God, who cannot lie, who has promised us eternal life from before the world began. So, from before the world began, eternal life was a promise to us... something that still had to be done. So, if people believed, they had a promise of eternal life. As they would believe upon God, this manifestation would take place. You may say that really doesn't make sense. Well, we don't have time to explain how Genesis is actually a temple narrative and all of that. One day I may have time to do that or feel the courage to teach on that.

Romans 3:21 *“But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;* This is saying that the law and the prophets actually prophesied and said the truth that there would come a man who will bring eternal life and what God has promised from the beginning will happen. The law and the prophets testify of that and testify that God was speaking the truth when He told Adam, “You don't have eternal life in your own works or by eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. That is what he is saying here.

Rom. 3:22 *Even the righteousness of God which is by faith (faithfulness) of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:”*

What he is saying here is this righteousness of God is through the faith of Jesus Christ. That word, faith, would be better translated as the faithfulness of Jesus Christ to all and upon all that believe. So, the faithfulness of Jesus is whereby we are saved. We are saved by how faithful Jesus was in believing the Father. We are not saved by our own faithfulness to the law. We do have to have a faithfulness and the faithfulness that is from our side is to be faithful in believing that it's not by our faithfulness. To be faithful to Christ in saying that it is only by Him and not by our works.

Paul is having in the back of his mind is now telling these people that he is writing to, the Jews in the congregation who would read this, that salvation is for both Jew and Gentile. That is where it actually started out in chapter 1 where he says that he is not ashamed for it is the power of God to whosoever believes... be it a Jew or a Greek or a Gentile. And now he is explaining that and this is what he says here: The faithfulness of Jesus is to everyone, Jew and Gentile! And it is upon, manifesting, on those who believe. The fact that Jesus died for you, the fact that He rose from the dead, doesn't mean that you are automatically just be raised from the dead. You have to believe this. This is how it works. I do not have time to explain why but there are many messages in the archive where I explained why. i

:23 *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.* That means that all, everybody, both Jew and Gentile, have missed it in bringing forth the glory of God which is immortality forth in themselves. He says that the Gentiles missed it. The Jews missed it. Therefore when Jesus was faithful to conquer sin and death, it had to be for everybody who missed it. Therefore it is a free gift to both Jew and Gentile.

:24 *Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus*

Grace in this passage refers to the power of the resurrection unto the believer through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It should be understood as the effect that the resurrection of Jesus has on people. It is being justified freely by the effect that the resurrection of Jesus Christ would have on humans that don't experience the resurrection power but believe on Jesus. He says, “That's how we are justified.” Where and how? We are justified in our flesh. We even see the first signs of justification in things like miracles that take place and an enlightened mind to see and understand more of the Gospel, peace in your heart in the midst of tribulation.

The other day I spoke to a lady who said that they found a growth on the nerve behind her eye. She said that when they saw the growth, she felt in her heart that it was not cancerous but she felt that if they remove it, she is going to be blind. in her eye.

She went home and wanted to cry. Now listen to this. (Some of you may want to switch this off at the end of the message but listen to this.) This shows true freedom to me! She said that she wanted to cry because she knew she was going to lose her eyesight in one eye. She felt that God say to her, "What is so bad to have one eye?" Now when you say that it's like, "What are you talking about!" But, God knows that having two eyes cannot give you eternal life. But, God will raise her up in the last day to have eyes that can see everywhere and everything anyway! And what I see there is a freedom like I see in someone like Dawn Warner who has only one leg but she is happy where she is. And I already see the first signs of justification for it is not just to be unhappy all your life if you only have one leg. God is bringing the first signs of justification. Our first justification is manifesting.

That woman, who is blind in one eye, called me. She had major operations where they opened up her brain and do you know, she is happy!! She has joy! Her concern is, "I want other people to understand this peace and joy! That's her concern. That's her "worry"! But... she's blind in one eye... but she is happy!

I know some of you are thinking, "How can Jesus say,"How bad is it to have just one eye?" I believe what we need to hear in that is, the same as, I am wearing glasses. Is this changing my salvation? Is this changing the fact that I will be raised from the dead? The proof is not in my glasses, in my eyes, in how I see today. The proof is this and this is the thing: All of us has this disease called death.

Even Kenneth Copeland who said he will never become sick, if I am understanding correctly, is living in divine health. Do you know what is going to happen if Jesus is not going to come? He is going to die. That's it. I tell you now that he suffered from a sickness called weakness of the flesh, called mortality. Kenneth Copeland, Kenneth Hagin and others have had divine health. To me, I believe in that. Alleluia! And that is a sign to me that God can and willfully will restore the body and we see just a drop of it now. But if I look at those people and if I look at myself, I include myself in this package, I look at pictures of my first video that I made on YouTube and I and I look at myself now and I see two things that happened. The video quality became much better. Glory to God for that! But I can see, even if it is an old video, that I was much younger. I had much more life in my body. I see that.

But, do you know what? Although I am suffering in my own body, I see the signs of death, I don't fear death because I have historic proof with a confirmation in my heart that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead and I am not going to seek life by anything else. I am not going to seek life by how many people I reach. I'm not going to seek life by what car I drive. I'm not going to seek life by what food I eat, by how much I exercise, who my friends are, who I influence, who gets saved, who doesn't get saved! None of that! I cannot find any life by that.

The only signs I've had is I have had some miracles in my life. I remember one day I was almost on a death bed with malaria. I weighed 58 kilograms (127 pounds.). I am 6 feet tall and weighing 58 kilograms, I was a skeleton. I was so ill and I remember my wife came and she laid hands on me and prayed for me and I was instantly healed! That to me is a sign. I have already experienced a sign of what shall be in the resurrection! . And I cannot be justified by anything else but that Jesus will do it in my life!

We are freely justified by grace! He is just and the justifier of those who believe. It is not by

our works and therefore we cannot boast by our own works. Boasting is excluded. There is no boasting anymore meaning that there is no one nation better than another nation. All are equal before God! None could prove their righteousness by their own works. They could not bring forth immortality but we have Jesus who has proven it. The wonderful thing that we have is and this is where Romans 8 comes in. It says that even in this world, in the midst of all these things, we are more than conquerors. And I see that! I see by that lady who is blind in her one eye where the devil would say, "Well, you see she doesn't have sight in her eye so that is a sign that God cannot do something!" No! The fact that I see joy in her is a sign that God is even greater than being blinded in one eye!

In my heart I feel I want to continue on this. We, as Christians, have made the Alpha and the Omega on what I call the American dream. It's the car you drive, wealthy, prosperous, freedom and all those kind of things. But, what about the people in China? Their government is not going to change tomorrow and I tell you now that there are people who live in Zimbabwe today who are going to die in Zimbabwe, under the greatest poverty, as Christians believing in Jesus. Is the fact that they are now poor any sign or indication, on anything? Not at all!

What I see when I traveled in poor countries, third war countries, where people are really poor. I remember when Helena and I went to Mozambique just after the war. You will find after the war, people are scared. If you would drop a paper in the street, they would pick it up not because of any laws but because they don't have any paper. They didn't have plastic bags. If you drop a plastic bag, they would pick it up because they had nothing... not even a bag that someone throws away. I remember those times. You get there and you preach the Gospel to these people and they sit in their greatest poverty and they are willing to share. They are willing to love on you. They are happy! To me that is a sign of a God that is greater than a situation.

They don't go, like the Buddhist and try to get everything away from them and now they must be happy in their denying themselves of any pleasure or something like that. No, they aren't denying anything. They are just happy because there is a happy God that is justifying them and it is just that they have joy. And it is not just that we have joy based on our circumstances. That's unjust. What is just is that we can have joy no matter what!

Like in South Africa the way they work with electricity here is crooked so we don't have electricity all the time. So what do we do? We are happy even if we don't have electricity! Glory to God! How can I find my identity in how much electricity I have if somebody that doesn't know how to manage finances, messes up the electricity system and now all the Christians feel cursed! "Oh, God! What have I done because I don't have electricity, or I don't have a nice car, or my kid didn't get this, or can't go to that school!" Listen, your kid doesn't have to go to the best school! Let me just be honest with you. Your kid doesn't have to go to the best school to have life. Glory to God! Your kid can be happy in any school.

Give him the best you can but don't go and kill yourself feeling that if he is not at this or that school then he will never have a life and then I am a bad parent. Get over that! At the end of the day that school is not going to exist anyway! We are going to find a glorified earth, a glorified people, living in this earth being justified with the very justice of God. Alleluia! You don't always have to have the best of everything.

I speak to this Prosperity gospel thing: Thank God if you have things... if you have the best of

everything. Glory to God! But, do you know what? I have spoken to some rich people. Most of them, 99% of them, feel that that cannot give them life. They got it and they know that life is not in it. It's nice to have but joy in life is greater than these things. The more stuff you have, the more worries you have. I've seen that and people will testify of that. The happiest people are people who believe in Jesus in realizing the true Gospel where God brings life to them. Amen!

I want to thank you so much for allowing me to just speak into your heart. Know that the only justification that is just is to have joy... it does not matter what. The only justification that there is that is just towards you is to have peace. It doesn't matter what. The only justification as pertaining to the fullness of you, that is just, according to God, is when you shine like the resurrected Jesus that appeared to Paul on the road to Damascus. And He has promised that to us! And He is now, as you believe upon Him, given the Spirit that will make all that true. Alleluia! Amen