

The world seems crazy but we REST in Jesus

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GREETINGS: It is a great blessing to me to bring you the gospel of God's grace, the message of His love for us. Today's message is just going to be an encouragement. I see that a lot of people are going through difficult times and if you look at the news and circumstances around us, many people can be afraid. I just want to encourage you in the light of what God has come to do through the Church and just bring to the focus, again, who you are and what God has planned for you.

PRAYER: Father, I want to thank You for Your grace and Your kindness and Your goodness. Holy Spirit, thank You that You speak powerfully through me. You are the Spirit of life. Thank You that I will speak words that will be of true encouragement to people that they will know Your love and Your goodness and that they would know the power of Your resurrection. Thank You for Your goodness, Lord! Thank You for speaking powerfully through me today. Amen and amen

TODAY'S MESSAGE: I want to start off by just telling you that, as the Church of Jesus Christ, you are the only thing on this earth, at the moment, that is eternal. This earth will become eternal through the glorification of the Church in the last day. We need to understand that we are the body of Christ and in order for the Church to stop in this earth and not to be in this earth, God would have to stop to exist. That is how eternal the Church is.

When we look at what is going on in this world, when we look at politics and we look at what is going on in the universities and the idea that people have about Christianity. If you look at Europe, South Africa, the whole tendency is to move away from Christianity and to do things in your own power and in your own strength. A mockery is made out of Christianity. We are seen as the weak people. We are seen as the people that are unenlightened and so forth. But, let me tell you this: It doesn't matter what any person says. What God has promised has already started to come into fulfillment. We can already see Old Testament prophecies being fulfilled. It has been fulfilled. Jesus prophesied the end of the temple and it happened that way. We find the outpouring of the Spirit. We find the historic event of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We find God keeping His word and giving birth to what is called the body of the Christ, which is the Church.

So, if we are the body of Christ, what power does anything have to end us? It is impossible! We don't need any political party to fight for us. We don't need anybody or anything to try and help us. All we need is the power of the Resurrection, which we have from where we possess life today. The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ is the most robust "thing", entity, in this world.

The Church of Jesus Christ partakes in the life of God which has no beginning and has no end. Believing the Gospel, for what it truly is, is the message where we are saying that this truth is directed to us bodily. The problem that we have in the Church is that we have spiritualized everything. We have defined who we are as humans, as spirits, and therefore, we have no answer for this world or we believe that there is no answer for this world because it looks as if this world can fall apart. It looks as if so many things can go wrong and we are not going to have life. But I want to encourage you and I want to say to you that everything you see in this world, every bit of physical thing that is in this world, all matter, has been created because of the promise that God has towards us. And we need to understand that. We need to have that in our mind.

As an introduction, I want to encourage you and say to you, "Church, we don't have to worry about how things look in this world." There were times where things didn't look good for the Church but here the Church is today. We can find that even in the Church, there are a lot of people who have wrong understanding of God, wrong understanding of who they are, a wrong ontology... all those things kinds of things not understanding who we are, what the true salvation message truly is. But we find that there are people that have lives that are born from God, born from the Spirit, and understanding can come their way and is coming our way through the Spirit of Jesus Christ, the Spirit of God, that has been poured out on us. We need to understand that.

I want to just mention this: If we look at the Bible, I think it was in the 13,1400s, it was, for the first time, translated and printed so that people can get it and read it at home. That means that for a thousand, five hundred, years after Jesus, there was not a Bible in people's homes... but the Church was still there. The early Church didn't have any form of writing to read. We find that the letters were written to some of the Churches but Paul didn't write to all the Churches. I'm sure there were Churches that were started and they had a preacher and from the day that the people got saved and started to gather, until the preacher passed away and then the next preacher came, and for a long time they never read any document in that Church. They gathered around a simple message and they had what was called oral traditions and traditions where they, through certain rituals, if we want to call it like that, where they would come together and say Creeds out loud and so forth. They were keeping in memory that Jesus died, was buried, and that He was raised and seen by the Apostles. That was what they carried.

They, especially the Gentiles, didn't have a lot of knowledge about the Jews, and their culture and their feasts. They had none of that. All they had was a simple message: God created the heavens and the earth. God made man. I think many of them didn't know anything about Adam and Eve or any of that. They just knew that God made the heavens and the earth, God made man and that Jesus came, that He died for our sins according to the scriptures. Although they didn't have the Scriptures, they knew that there were Jewish Scriptures and according to those Scriptures, prophetically, this Jesus died for the sins of the world. He was buried. When they would say, 1Corinthians verse 15's Creed, which we will read, they would say it together, memorizing and thinking of what the Gospel is, they would say that He died, He was buried, showing through the physicality of His burial. Then they would say that He was raised from the dead. T

The focus was on the physical resurrection. Then He was seen by the Apostles. That was one of their creeds. That is what they would recite in the Church. And that was basically what they had. There were some other songs that they would sing which were in the Gospel. When they sang songs, I don't believe it was like what we have today where we sing about how much He loves us and those kinds of things. I think that when they had songs, the songs were in the form of psalms which they would sing. They would sing the prophetic words about Jesus and the fulfillment and so forth, which was a reminder of what was truly going on.

And as the Church was continuing, the Scriptures were formulated and put together. You must remember that Matthew, Mark, Luke and John were written from 50AD up until 90 to 100AD. That is when it was written. The earliest documents were written twenty, thirty, years after the Resurrection, but the Church continued. Then those letters were not put forth in a Canon. It was not a book that the Church had. Yet, the Church continued. Yet, the Church is still alive. The Church was powerfully spreading. That means that they had life without the Bible.

Now, I don't want to play down the Bible. I read this Book every day. I don't just read but I study this and know the importance of this and today I will be preaching from this. I absolutely believe in that but I want to say to you that there is something much more powerful to you and about you and about the Church, than the Bible, and the ability to accurately translate every word, to have inerrancy or any of those kinds of things. There's something greater! It is called, and He is called, Jesus the Christ! What gives us life is the fact that Jesus is alive and not our memorization of scriptures or any of those things. I think it is very good if we should do it in the light of knowing what I am saying to you now. When we do that, it encourages us. But the point that I am trying to make is that the early Church and the Church for hundreds of years didn't have an official Canon, an official New Testament, when they would know that these books are in and those are out.

I think the first official, not just some Catholic bishop that said, "Let's use this" but the first official Canon that was presented was something like 832. Eight hundred years not even having an official Bible. What about a Bible in the house? But yet the Church continued! How did they continue? They simply had this message: Jesus died for our sins according to the Scriptures. He was buried and He was bodily raised from where we are knowing that He is the Lord of this world and we are expecting the deification of ourselves where we will also see the fullness of God bodily. That is all... and that was enough! That was enough for the early Church to stand against the mighty Rome and all of its politics and oppression and everything. That was enough for people to know, to be martyrs. That was enough! It couldn't stop. That was all they needed!

Church, I want to encourage you with this: What all you need to know to have a successful life in this world and then I want to define success according to what God's dream was for humanity is. It is that you need to know that Jesus died, that He was buried and that He was bodily raised and that He was seen in His body by the Apostles. Take that and make that the emphasis, or the focus point, or the pivotal point, or the lens through which you look at this world and everything. Let that be your hermeneutic.

Let that be the foundation from where you interpret everything. Let that be the foundation from where you hope! Glory to God! And as that, you will find that you don't need, in our world, we pray for it and we want political stability, but we don't need it in order for the Church to flourish. We don't need it in order to have a successful life. We don't need to be an answer to the problems of our countries by trying to bring peace and stability. Our job, if you want to call it a job, as the Church, is to be a light unto the world. What is the light? The Bible says that Jesus Christ, in His bodily resurrection, is the Light of Life. We bring light to people and the enlightenment is that there is a man that was raised from the dead, through whom we will have life... and eternal life wherein the Church, the people who believe in Him, will now, in this day, find a life born from the Spirit of God.

The Spirit of God is defined in our lives, and manifest in our lives, as love and peace and joy and those kinds of things. And that is true for rich and poor. That is true for people who are bound in Communism, or liberals, or whatever party or country you want to mention it in. This is true. Christianity is not having less of life in Communist China than what it has in South Africa or in Europe or in America where there is democracy. Christianity is not measured by democracy. Christianity is not measured by capitalism or communism. You cannot put a lid on this. Christianity, and what it is about is people that have a life that is born from the Resurrected Jesus Christ. It is from where we experience the first fruit of this inaugurated kingdom which is ruling over the earth and bringing forth His life and permeating people with the power of the Holy Spirit and putting it inside their hearts. The end goal is to give eternal existence to humans as well as through those humans when they are glorified unto the cosmos. That is what we, as Christians, are to be busy with. That is where all the power and where life lies to have our focus on that. From there, as we believe upon that, we wake up in the morning and we follow what God has put in our hearts. We go to our job. We do our work. We do our business and those kinds of things. And if it should work out that there are things in this world that do not work out, according to what we think it should work out, what do we do? We believe this message and follow what God puts in our heart. That is all. We cannot have our life born from the things of this world.

Church, we need to understand that we are **in** this world but we are not **of** this world and I want to explain that. So many times, we think that we are **in** this world but we are not **of** this world, meaning that God has sent us from heaven. No, God has not sent us from a physical place called heaven and now we have been incarnated into bodies and now we live here and for some reason God is doing something here to take our spirits again back to heaven somewhere. That is this New Age kind of stuff and it was also in Jesus' time where some sects believed that kind of rubbish. The thing that God has done is that He has brought forth people in this world which were made from the dust of this world, this earth and He has then given them life. This life that we have is not of this world. It's of heaven. The life we have, the source of life we have, is from the Resurrected Jesus Christ. That is where we are from. So, we are not of this world although we are in this world. Although our bodies were made from the dust of this world, our life source is not of this world although we are in this world.

The group of people that will remain in this world is the Church. The Bible says that the righteous shall inherit the earth. If the righteous shall inherit the earth, it means that cosmos, the world, the earth, every physical thing that is there, has been made for the Church. That's what it has been made for. By that I am not saying to go to somebody's house and claim, like some Christians did... oh, my goodness. They went to somebody's house and said, "This house is mine because all things belong to the Church." Listen, even if you don't have a house, this earth belongs to the Church in this sense: That God will make humans immortal. Then, through humans, the earth will also share in that glory of eternal existence and so we will live with God in this earth.

I want to encourage you. What I am saying to you now is worlds apart from what any political party can ever offer. No political party, no political system, can ever offer you what I am talking about. We cannot have our lives formed and shaped by the things of this world, or of this world, for we are not of this world. I think it is time that we, as the Church, started to just take 1 Corinthians 15 and just read it aloud in our house every day with our family and have our minds again back into to what the Gospel of Jesus Christ is and what this is all about.

1 Corinthians 15:

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received (This is the Creed that they repeated, said aloud, regularly in the Church), **how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;**

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

That was the Gospel! The Gospel was that Jesus was bodily raised from the dead and that we are now, having this deification where we as humans have received the Spirit from where we will share in the very life of God, bodily.

Church, I don't know how I can emphasize this more. I want to say this: Let this not just frustrate you but let this become the lens through which you see everything. Should we take away the physicality of the resurrection of Jesus and have our definition in anything else but the deification, making Godly of the physical body where we have eternal life. If we take that away from our understanding of the Gospel, we will be hopeless in this world. We will be hanging on the politicians' lips. We will be hanging on the news trying to find our life in that. I mean, I watch the news. I see those things. People send me things every day on what this person said and what that person said. I live in this world and I deal with that in this world, not as a thing over which I stumble, but from the perspective of, "This is just what people say." This is again man's effort to try and bring some form of life to people but they have no idea, science has no idea, a politician has no idea on how to bring immortality to human bodies, bringing eternal existence to humans. They have no idea. There's only one being that has ever accomplished that and that is God in raising Jesus from the dead. And that is the answer to the world's problems.

I cannot have my life, and we should not have our life, directed towards just a few years we live on this earth, the few years we will be alive in this earth. We should say, "God has a greater plan. He had a dream for Humanity from the beginning. He created all physicality for the purpose that everything that is physical, all cosmos, would belong to the Church. God's plan was to bring this into a glorification and into an eternal existence to the point that God Himself can make His home inside the physical world where we would share with God in His life and live together with God in the physical world. That is the Gospel.

What the Church knows today is worlds apart from what I am sharing with you. But this is what will keep us strong in this world where we would say, "What God has dreamed for us is so far beyond the reach of human ability that we can only trust in Him. I rest in Him." I rest in the fact that we look at the Church. The Church didn't even have a proper Bible for about a thousand years. People in their houses, didn't have a proper Bible for about a thousand something years. I mean, that is when the press was made and people started to get the Bible, where you could buy a Bible and have one for yourself and read for yourself. And yet the Church existed. In Africa and in many places in the world, there are churches running and growing, experiencing the power of God in the Church and the preacher cannot even read.

I am saying is that there is something eternal about you and me and the Church in this world that nothing can stop it. Nothing can stop it and we don't have to try and save the Church. The Church cannot be stopped! It is eternal. It is forever, physically, in this world. There is an erroneous message that is preached that God will take the Church away from the world in some form of a rapture or something like that and that this world is just going to die and then we will forever be with God in heaven. That is nonsense! What God has come, and we need to know this Church, we as believers in this earth has a share in the eternal life of God. You might say, "But what if I die?" Even if I die, because I am a possessor of eternal life, I shall be raised from the dead and God, Himself, in Christ will return to this earth and this will be the abode of Almighty God. Just for simplicity, You will not find God in heaven because heaven would have come to earth and the abode of God will be with man. That was His dream from the beginning.

John 1:

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God (Why would John write and start his letter. You know some people say, "How do you know that John wrote this? How do you know that Matthew wrote?" It was by tradition. That is what we believe, it was by tradition but what if John was written by someone else? Who cares! I don't care if John was written by some lady somewhere or by some other guy. I don't care. What I care about is what is written there. **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God.** Why would he use the word, "word"?)

In the beginning was the logos. That word, logos, is best translated, to me, not as an eternal mind. We can do it that way, but I would say that the easiest way to understand what John is trying to say here is: In the beginning there was a message. That means that in the beginning, the eternal God had a message which is translated by John in 1John as a prophetic word of eternal life. So, what it means is that in the beginning, this is what God wants us to know where the beginning is. In the beginning, God had a promise to us of eternal life. That's what He promised.

And then it says that this was with God in the beginning. That means this dream that God has was with Him. It was God's dream and it says here, God's dream was God Himself.

So, what I believe John was saying from the beginning is that God, he wants us to know in the beginning, this is where we must know everything starts as humans. Where we began is in God making a promise that He will give Himself, fully, to us, in each one of our bodies so that we can share in the fullness of God. Where we can know what it feels like to become the theist of God Himself, having the fullness of God, bodily, because of God. That is what God has dreamt.

Then as you read on, it says that everything that was made in this world, was made by this Word. Let me put it this way: If I had a dream it's like me going to my son and saying to him, "You know, in the beginning your Mom and I had a dream that you would be born and that you would have a good business." Let's put it that way. **And everything that was made** ... let's say that we walk through your property or your business and you say that everything that you see here was made by that dream that we had in the beginning. And that dream materialized and by that dream or that message or what we decided to give to you, everything you see is here." By that we understand that everything that is made, in this world now, was made by the promise of God which is also called the person of Jesus. I don't want to expound on that. I just want you to get this part of it. God wants us to know that everything started with Him promising us eternal life. And then from the idea He has on how we would share in His life, the cosmos was made.

So, Church, when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, when you get into your car and feel physical things, when you see people, whatever you experience as pertaining to matter, all of it exists because God has dreamt that you would share in His eternal life.

Now, if we look at the magnitude of the cosmos, how can we, after Christ has come, enters this cosmos, conquered death in this cosmos, and has now already poured out the Holy Spirit from where this cosmos would be born into eternal existence sharing in the fullness of God, how can we care, how can we doubt if someone robs an Amazon van in looting, breaking something? How can we, if some political parties come and have ideologies that is, according to us, not life-giving and they are pushing for that, how can that bother us in the sense of where we get fear in our hearts?

What we have is so overwhelmingly greater than the little sparks of threats that there is against the life of God. That it is so minute that it cannot even be considered in the magnitude of the resurrection of Jesus Christ! It is just nothing! Like Psalm 2 says: God sits in heaven and the kings of this world have planned to rise up against God and His Christ. But God in heaven laughs. He is laughing. He is saying that as pertaining to them ending and stopping what I've dreamt and planned, I can just laugh at them. I'm the eternal, immortal, God, whose Son was and is and is to come and manifest in this world, fully. And how can people who I have made, stop Me? It is impossible! It cannot be done! We are the body of Christ! The Word by which we are here is the message of God's promise of eternal life.

Let me give you an example. When God spoke to Abraham, why did He choose Abraham? It was not because Abraham was full of faith or anything. God came to Abraham while he was not worshipping God.

I believe what made God pick Abraham was the fact that he couldn't have children and that he was actually dead in himself. Because the word with Abraham was this: "Even if you are dead, I can bring forth life for you and I can give you eternal life." That was the word. So, God needed somebody who could not have life so that He could bring the message of life forth in that person. He brought that forth in Abraham. Then He went and spoke to Israel. He said to Israel, "I want you to be a light to the Gentiles." And He prophesied that the Jews, or Israel, shall be a light to the Gentiles. And we find that Israel was not successful in being a light to the Gentiles. But God said that Israel would be a light to the Gentiles. And then, even if all of Israel was disobedient, He found one Israelite that was a light to the Gentiles and it was Jesus. And should you have critically had looked at Israel, you would have said that God's promise is not coming true. There's not one in Israel that is a light to the Gentiles. Look at what is going on! They are darkness themselves!" Then you find, when you think everything is gone, there is nothing left. It's seventy years before the destruction of Jerusalem, one faithful Israelite, called the servant of God, rose up born of a virgin and He is a light to the nations. And as everybody was thinking that this can never be true, your God, through one man, an Israelite, showed His promise and it became true. The house of God is now called a house of prayer by all nations. And He came and He raised this man from the dead and He loved the world so much that He gave the Resurrected Jesus to people so that we can share in this life of God.

Church, don't ever measure victory, don't ever measure success, by stupid things in this world! We cannot measure the success of what God attains in this world by how much money we have. Let's use South Africa. You know our president came up and we thought they are going to announce phase 2 of the lockdown. We are now in Phase 3 and now announce Phase 2 but then they announced Phase 2 in load shedding. Load shedding simply means that we are not having electricity. So, we've got the lockdown and as they ease up on the lockdown, the electricity grid cannot carry what is supposed to be there. And now we are running out of electricity in South Africa. Now, should we measure success by, if we have electricity or not? Should we measure success of what God is doing in the Church by whether a country has electricity or not... if a country is in Communism or not? Should we measure by that? No! Should our peace and our joy be measured by those things? No! Because what has been promised us is so much greater that it would be just an absolute foolishness to measure the work of God by electricity, roads, streets, education, and all of those things?

"But we need to have proper education!" Yes, I agree with proper education but Church, let us not make education the measure by which we measure the blessing of God. I am very grateful when my son went and studied and it was by God that he got a sponsorship to go and study in the University and everything was paid for him. But, let me put it this way: If he didn't get that, it would not have been a measure whereby I would say, "Well, God did not answer my prayer or whatever." The only way when I measure if prayer is successful and my relationship with God is successful is in if I should rise from the dead in the day Jesus Christ comes back. That is all! And as I believe that, I find peace in my heart now.

Acts 12: Just listen to this and just because you look at your country and it might be falling apart, worse than ever before, and now our hope is in presidents and in those kinds of things. Church, be encouraged! Be encouraged! There is no president that can bring to you what God has promised you! Know that! Hallelujah! Every political party that offers you peace and joy stand up as a competition to God. Peace is only found in Christ! Why do we, in the Bible, don't read anything about how the Church was involved in the political parties and all of those things? And do you know why we don't read of that? We don't read of that because it is not unto life. It's because they did not find their life in those things. They found their life in believing in Jesus. I want to encourage you, Church, to believe in Jesus. You might say that things don't seem to work out. I just want to show you in Acts 12.

1 Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church.

2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

Now, the Church is praying all the time, "Thank You for protection. Thank You for this and that and whatever", and here you find James being killed. If you read on in the very same chapter, you find that Peter was in jail and Herod wanted to kill him but the angel came and took Peter out of jail. How do you explain that? Here we find an answered prayer, as we would see answered prayer, for Peter and we find that James died. Now, how do we reconcile those things?

This is how you reconcile and you can only look at the success of God's work in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and in the last day. That is all. There we will find that these people will rise up. And what God has promised for man, from the beginning, and everything was created around that model of bringing that life to this world, these people will rise up. And we will see the fullness of God manifesting bodily as God lives with them. They believed even until the end.

Even Peter was also killed later on. James was killed. All the apostles were martyrs. Some say that John died a natural death and some say that he was also killed.

I want to encourage you, Church! This is my encouragement to you: We, as the Church, are the body of the Christ. As Christ cannot die, you cannot die. You cannot cease to exist in this earth. Even if you die, you shall be raised in this earth. And as you get raised, through you, by the power of the Holy Spirit, this whole cosmos will share in the eternal life of God and so God will forever dwell with His people. And it cannot be stopped! It is the fire that was kindled that cannot stop. You cannot stop the fire that God has kindled in the resurrection, in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit when the tongues of fire was on people and fire started to burn in this world. It will consume all death. It will consume everything to the point that we only find our life in the resurrected Jesus Christ.

John 1: In the beginning was the Word... What Word? The promise of eternal life to us and by that Word which became flesh and was a person and is a person today, a human being today... everything was made that was made. In the word of eternal life was life that gave life to Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve became alive because of the promise of eternal life to man. By that promise we find that God spoke to the prophets of Old and He told them about the coming of the Messiah. Through that word of promise, Jesus was bodily raised from the dead and is seated at the right hand of God now, from where God speaks to us today. Hallelujah!

Before I go to Galatians 5, let us just go through Ephesians 1. You might say, "Bertie, you are talking like a person that just believes that everything is just found in Jesus." Yes! Hallelujah!

My one son is now finishing his Master's degree in engineering. My other son did not go and study. It also looks like my third son is not going to go and study. They are just going to start their own businesses. Should I now find my identity in if they studied or not? Should they find their identity if they study or not?

Yesterday, my oldest son and I were talking about where he is going to work one day and whatever. I said, "Son, it doesn't matter what country you live in but make sure that you believe the Gospel, your wife believes the Gospel and you (excuse the word but this is what I'm going to use), indoctrinate your children with the Gospel of God's grace to the point that neither you, your wife, or your kids can ever not believe it! That is living in the success of God. That's it. I don't care where you work, how much money you have or any of those things. This is the source from where all life flows. Then, from there, we find in our heart what we want to do every day and we just do it. And that puts God in the driver's seat and we sharing in the life of God."

I've had that in my ministry. Next week I will start to preach on prayer. I found in my life that there was a time in my life that I struggled with prayer. You know, where you pray for certain things and you see some of it happen and other things don't happen. You don't know what's really going on to the point that I felt it difficult to pray for specific things because you don't want to be confronted with, "What if the prayer is not answered." And then I just, basically, came to a place where I say, "God, I just know that you have me and I'm not trying to beg things down from heaven specifically. I will preach about this but I'm just going to say, "You've got me and I am just going to follow what is in my heart." And I found peace. I found, "Hallelujah!" I don't have to answer when things go bad and I don't have to try and answer when things go good. I am just having the life that God has for me and I'm experiencing the joy of Him and I am not trying to create a new country through confessing! It's God's job and I believe in the resurrection. I believe, today, that I have the Spirit of God and I live by that Spirit. Tomorrow I might be a martyr. Who knows? But one thing I do know is, like Paul says, "I will be delivered by your prayers." This is what it says, "I'll be delivered by your prayers be it through life or death." Listen to this: "I'll be delivered by your prayers be it through life or death."

This man, Paul, had a vision of who he was, who the Church was and how things will work out in the end, which was greater than what we would have in our typical South African dream or the American dream and all those kinds of things. Hallelujah!

The person that had the greatest influence in the world, ever, is Jesus! It is Jesus. No nation, ever had an influence in the world, as Jesus has. Everything good, every nation or every person ever did in this world that will last forever was because of Jesus doing it through him. That's how it works. So, we can now sit back and we can get to a place where we say, "We are not saved by our works but we are saved by the Resurrected Jesus.

Ephesians 1:

19 (I want you to know) ***what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,***

20 ***Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,***

21 ***Far above all principality, and power, and might...*** Jesus is not influenced by some power or principality or political power or nothing! He's not influenced by that! He is far above) ***every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:***

Listen to this: **22** ***And has put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church*** (So Jesus who is the head over all things, is given to the Church.)

23 ***Which is his body, the fulness of him that fills all in all.***

So, what was given to us? Jesus was given to us. The fullness of God is given to the Church. We cannot find our fullness in anything else but Christ that is given to us!

Let us believe that. Let us teach that to our children, to our grandchildren. This is the truth from where life comes. Glory to God!

I want you to know that you are deeply loved by God. You are cared for by Him. Have your focus on Jesus. Let us not be caught into the yoke of bondage again. We've been set free with a liberty that is a freedom from death which is in the resurrected Jesus, which is toward us... even in our bodies.

You are deeply loved by God and your future is secure as what James' future, that was martyred, was secure and is secured. As Peter's future is secure, so is yours! And in this world, we are waiting for the resurrection of Jesus by having a life now that is born from the Holy Spirit. That is love, peace, joy, long-suffering, kindness and all those things. Peace, knowing that we are cared for even tomorrow. Hallelujah!

Father, I want to thank you that I can just stretch forth my hand towards this camera. This is just a sign of You laying your hand, Your work, Your doing, on the lives of every person. And thank You that they are experiencing Your life now and they would be greatly encouraged by the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ having their eyes focused on the truth. Amen and amen

Thank you so much for allowing me to serve you with this message. Then I will see you again in this week. God bless...