

# **NO FEAR because we are ETERNAL IN JESUS**

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Today we are going to talk about the importance of knowing and staying in the Gospel of grace since it is the only power unto life. It is very important to stay in the Gospel of grace. I found, in my own life, that as my focus goes to legalism, or the law, or what man can do in his own power, to bring forth change in this world, and as your focus is on that you'll find that you are being drained from life. But as we focus on the Gospel of Jesus Christ and we accept what He has done, the message of Grace, (and we are going to define grace today as the power of eternal life that is working in each one of us). when we look at the grace of God that was promised us before the world began, and we are going to look at 2Timothy 1:9, a very powerful verse, we will see that as we stay in this message of grace, we experience life.

Church, this might sound negative, but when I read the New Testament, this is truly what I see the scripture teaches is that Paul was very concerned about people staying in the message of the grace of God. He was concerned about people and that they would fall away from this message. Yesterday, I just basically took the whole day and I was reading through 1John and studying it out and reading cross-references and so forth. I see John being concerned with false teachers where they would come and bring another message and the context of John here is that Jesus died for the sins, not just of the Jews, but for that of the whole world and he puts the emphasis on the whole world because there were people coming, false teachers, that were amongst them and came and started to teach that the gospel is not for all the world. It is for the Jewish people.

And they started to teach that Jesus Christ did not come in the flesh. What they tried to say there is that the salvation that the Messiah brought is not a salvation of the flesh of humanity but that He is a Messiah for the Jews and that He wants to bring a revolution to the Jews and setting them free from the oppression that they would be in Rome and all those kinds of things and what the people would bring their way. That is what is being said.

And then to John, it was very important that these people would stay in the gospel, in the Good News of Jesus and not be drawn away by the things of this world. By talking about the things of this world is basically that they would not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. That is what they should not do but they should continue in the message of life, waiting for Jesus' return. That they would not be ashamed in the day that Jesus comes and the only way you cannot be ashamed in that day is by simply this: Believing on Jesus. That is all... Believing on Jesus from where you have a life where you love people.

That love that is referred to in 1 John is simply accepting the fact that Jesus is the Messiah for both Jews and Gentile and not excluding any people, because of their race or a physical descent, from the salvation plan.

This was of such importance that Paul would write in his message to the Galatians and says, "It is amazing to me that some of you have fallen away so quickly!" He basically knew that there would be people that would fall away from the simplicity that there is in Christ, the simplicity of the gospel that life is from God and it is a gift. It is by God keeping His commitment towards us, the promise that He made from before the world, and just staying in that simplicity where we don't try to produce life by our own system and trying to find life through the flesh or the world and I'm going to read from what that also means.

I want to encourage you today and this is the purpose of this message. The purpose of this message is to tell you that it is very important not to fall away from the simple gospel of grace because when we look at the world, when we look at things around us... I mean, I grew up in this world and I'm 50 years old and I've seen things in this world. But if I see what's going on in the world now, but maybe there were times when it was really worse but I didn't really know about it.

But if I look at what's happening now... I mean all the things that happened in Canada, that happened in America in the last few years, what's happening in Eastern Europe, Russia, wars, fuel prices, South African politics, and when you look at all those kinds of things, I mean in other places in the world it might go very well. I think it's going much better now than the way it went during the second world war. But in our mind, relative to what we perceive, there are times when things don't really look good. And when things don't look good in this world, we would be drawn to try and fix the things in this world by our power or military power or whatever it is, we would want to fix it because we think that salvation lies in how we fix the world. We need to get things stable around us and if we can get that right then that is better for us.

But when we look at Christianity, when we look at what the teachers said of that time, I mean, they would say, "When you see war, run!" That's what they would say. We saw that with the destruction of Jerusalem. They quickly said, "Listen man, when you see these things come, make sure that you run into the mountains and hide in the caves. Do that because there is a destruction coming and know that eternal life is given to you by Jesus Christ. So just get away from here!" Then when you hear of wars and rumors of wars and those kinds of things, don't think that is how the world will end. It's not going to end in a war. It's not going to end in a struggle. The end of everything in this world is not a third world war or a fourth world war where the world is completely destroyed by nuclear bombs and God's dream for the earth is now gone. And well now, since the world is completely destroyed, and everyone is burned up in a complete destruction of this world, and a small remnant is saved and Jesus comes back and He now saves the Christians from this world that is in utter destruction.

Since He is doing that, we then now go to heaven and this whole thing that God had with the earth is now gone. Now we sit in heaven and we worship every day sitting on a cloud. That is not how things end! Now I want to read it to you. I want you to be sure. Don't think that God is threatened by what Putin does. Putin and his guns and America and their guns and all these things is nothing to God. It is absolutely nothing! It is no thing at all! It is what the world can do and in all the destruction it can bring as pertaining to ending what God has done, it's absolutely nothing! Remember, Jesus, God in His human Jesus, in the flesh, in this real world, conquered death! If you look at weapons, what do they bring? They bring death. So, if you come and you bring something that brings death but God has conquered death and He's put the spirit of life in us, you are bringing forth, you are coming with a weapon that is not powerful enough! You will need a weapon that can end eternal life and just the word, eternal life, says it cannot be conquered with death because it is eternal life. How do you conquer eternal life? It is impossible and we are of the kingdom of life and light and that is what God has brought us!

**Mark 13** This is in the context of the destruction of Jerusalem. Some would read it in the context of the end of the world. It doesn't matter how you read it. The principle is the same.

**5 And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you:  
6 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.**

What he is saying here, and I don't want to sound like an end time doom prophet and say, "Oh, this is last days and false Christs would appear." The only thing that this meant in the day when this was written by Mark, which is the oldest gospel, people at that time were Christ's coming. Christ to them was defined as political leaders that promised them freedom. That is all! That's all it meant. Today we see false Christs as somebody saying that he is Jesus, the son of the living God." But that is not what those people understood by these scriptures. Church, I think it's very good if we read Scripture in its original context. What did it mean to the people back then? And then we can see what it would mean to us today.

So, what he is basically saying here, "Listen. There will come political figures and they will say, "Listen. We are bringing you freedom." What they understood and what they waited for the Christ to come and do was to deliver Israel from Roman oppression because when this was written Jerusalem was not destroyed yet. It was before 70AD, before 6980 this was written. So, he says,

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When he says, "Come in His name", they would not come, literally, in the name of Jesus as what preachers would come today and say, "I preach in the name of Jesus." They would come in the name of Messiah. They would come as Messiahs and we find that even today.

You will find political leaders, all the time, coming saying, “You know I’m sent by God to bring political freedom here. Or, what you would have is the expectation of a God-sent person to save the day, and I am that person.”

It says that they will deceive many. And that happens today. We find political figures and what they do and what people do is they come and say and what they present is like, “Listen, I’m bringing salvation here! Not salvation as going to heaven, but, I’m saving the day! I’m the answer for the moment.” Some would even say that they are God-sent or they will portray themselves, even if they would not use the word, God, or the name, Jesus, they would come in the authority of a messiah, a deliverer from oppression like what you would find Nelson Mandela was to the South Africans. He came in the power of a messiah. Some people still see him as a messiah but he deceived people because, maybe not even willingly, because people thought that through him they are going to start to live. But they find that they are still dying. Eternal life and immortality and life that is born from the eternal, immortal, God cannot be accessed through Mandela. Neither can it be accessed for the Russians through their ‘savior’ Putin. Neither can it be accessed for the Ukrainian people through what America does and what the allies would do and all those. I mean, there is no life in that. It is just lies. It cannot give life.

We, as believers, have accessed eternal life and that is what we live from. Now, listen to what Jesus says:

**6 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.** They will bring a false hope and just keep your eyes away from what the real thing is.

**7 And when you shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, be not troubled:**

When we hear of wars, and also not just wars taking place, rumors of more wars, what shall we, as the Church, do?

Listen... this is written in red. This is the words of the Messiah, the true Messiah. This is the words of Him that fully trusted in God and never put any confidence in His own flesh. He put no confidence in himself to raise himself from the dead but put all confidence in God. This is the word of perfection. This is what a person that knew that His flesh was mortal and that He needed resurrection from the Father and that He, Himself, would partake in death but would have to be raised from the Father. Listen to what He said, the one who now we see as the Son of the living God who is by John called, God Himself. This is His words:

**7 And when you shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, be not troubled** (Let me just see what that word means in the Greek. It says, “Do not cry aloud. Do not make noise by outcry. Do not be frightened. Do not allow your mind to be troubled. Do not be alarmed.” Do not be frightened. Do not be alarmed, that is what it says): **for such things must needs be; but the end is not yet.**

If we look at that verse in the Afrikaans, it is beautiful. It says it this way: Listen, if you hear of wars and rumors of wars, if you see your country being destroyed, listen, the way I would translate that is: "Don't be troubled! That's not how things will end." That's not what things are going to amount to in the end. Don't be afraid. What things amount to in the end is glorification of the believer's physical body, the glory of God covering the earth as the waters cover the sea, absolute manifestation of what Paul saw on the road to Damascus, in every person and in everything on the earth. That is what it amounts to for the things of this world are temporal. It is not eternal. It will pass away. We need to understand that.

***1 John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.***

Let me explain that. That does not mean that you cannot like the house you live in. You cannot think that it is a good house or the car you drive is a good car or having gratitude towards the fact that you are healthy, for instance. Or that you have gratitude that maybe you have some money in the bank or something like that. That is not what it means when it talks about loving the things of the world. I'm going to explain to you what loving the things of the world means.

***16 For all that is in the world (Now it explains what it is), the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.***

Now we are going to look at what that lust of the eye: It is very beautiful! It's amazing that John mentions this.

Genesis 3 talks about the lust of the eye. It's very beautiful! It's amazing how John mentions this. It says, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye and the pride of life.

This is a temptation of Eve. What's going on here is that the serpent says to her that she should eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

***2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,***

***3. but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"***

***4 "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman.***

***5 "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."***

So, what he is basically saying is that through the knowledge of good and evil you will be able to attain unto eternal life or protection of yourselves. God is a self-existing one but God knows that you can become self-existing if you have the knowledge of good and evil.

**6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food (can feed the body) and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom**

Now, the Jews understand gaining wisdom as having access to life. Now, linking that into this, we see here the lust of the flesh. In other words, it is good for food, It can feed you. So, what happens here is Eve was tempted in thinking that through knowledge of good and evil they will have access to feed themselves, to keep their bodies intact. It was beautiful to the eye. This is what it says here... the lust of the eye. It feeds the beauty of the eye. It looks well and then the pride of life, wisdom to life, the pride of we, by our own ability, can produce stability and life in this world. That is what we find so many times in the things of this world, the governments of this world. What is it all about for most governments? For most governments it is the lust of the flesh What is good for feeding us so that we can continue to live? What would clothe us in glory? The lust of the eye... and what would feed our pride that we can promise life. What is wise unto life outside of God where you are a god on your own without having life from Him? That is what this is all about.

John writes a very relevant message in **1John** when he says to the people,  
**:17 The world passes away, and the lust thereof: but he that does the will of God abides forever.**

So, what he is saying is. that the world and its systems and how they think they will have life, that will pass away and the lust thereof. In other words, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and man eating from that and trying to gain wisdom from that, that will pass away, **but he that doeth the will of God abides forever.**

What is the will of God? John wrote about this twice. They asked Jesus in John chapter 6. They asked him, "What shall we do to work the works of God?" Then he said, "This is the work of God: that you believe on Him whom He has sent. So, when the scripture says that the systems of this world will pass away but he who does the will of God will abide forever, what he's saying to you is that the systems of this world will pass away but you that simply do the will of God, which is to believe and rely upon Jesus who rose from the dead, who has accessed eternal life in the flesh, he has that. And He pours out His Spirit of life. In other words, we find that his flesh is not mortal. His flesh can radiate the fullness of God, fully. There's no barrier through His flesh. His flesh can show the fullness of God and through His flesh that can show the fullness of God, the Spirit of life, that which He radiates is now poured out on us. His radiation is affecting us. But we're not getting cancer through radiation. We are finding that our flesh is healed through what radiates out of Him and we shall be forever.

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That is why Jesus could boldly say in **Mark 13:7 Do not be troubled for such things must be** (but this is not how it's going to end. This world's systems and what they do and these wars and everything, that's not going to mean the end for the Church. A high oil price does not mean your end. A Third World War doesn't mean the end for us. That's not how things end! We end in glorification by Jesus who will manifest himself in the earth for He has inherited the earth.

That is what Matthew 5 says.

**3 Blessed is the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.** (Jesus Christ, when we read Isaiah 58, it is talking about the fast. He was talking about a humble heart. and He was poor in spirit. That means to Him belongs the kingdom of heaven. That is also true for us.

**4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.**

**5 Blessed are the meek** (and Jesus was meek... if you read Isaiah 58): **for they shall inherit the earth.**

Did Jesus inherit the earth? He did. He inherited the physical earth. The Jews would have understood this as inheriting the earth would mean that the whole earth would be under the jurisdiction of the one who has humbled himself. So, Jesus humbled Himself even to the torture of death itself. He was raised from the dead and, in His resurrection, He inherited jurisdiction and rule over the earth whereby He can now rule with His life over this earth. And we, who believe upon Him, stand under His jurisdiction.

We make ourselves enemies of Christ by not believing in Him or by thinking that salvation is outside of Him. We will find that the jurisdiction of we've not submitted ourselves to the jurisdiction of life, we stand in the power of ourselves and this is what the scripture says in 1John 2:17 That world will pass away. It is not forever. It will pass away but, he who does the will of God abides forever.

So, I want to tell you that it isn't how big the guns are. It doesn't matter how powerful the nuclear bombs are. That system, and those who put their weight with that system, will pass away. They will not be. But, we, who do the will of God, which is to believe upon Him when we are sent.

If you want to know, "God, what are you commanding us to do? What is Your will?"  
**1John 3:23 And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as He commanded us.**

What is His command? His command is to believe in His name and to love one another as we believe in His name. That means not to exclude any. The Jews would have read it as, "Not to exclude the Gentiles in this truth." That is what it would mean.

**1 John 2:17 ...But he that does the will of God will remain forever.**

I want to tell you that we cannot be wiped from the earth. It is impossible. It is impossible! Rome, using its most powerful weapon that it had back then, which was the cross, it would be even more powerful than a nuclear bomb because a nuclear bomb just destroys people. The cross was much more powerful than that! The cross was a humiliation, a drawn out humiliation of a person. There was a stigma about the cross. It was the power of Rome and its gods. That is what the cross was. It was a message sent to people.

Remember that I spoke to you about one of the uproars that there was against Rome and then they took people and crucified them next to the road all the way from Naples to Rome. Now, that's like 200 and something kilometers. They crucified people every 20 or 30 meters. They would crucify a person. They'll take the army that stood up against Rome and they would take the cross, crucify people from Naples to Rome. This is in history. It was an uproar like Spartacus in that time. They would crucify people like that. What was the message? The message was, "Our power that we have by which we rule is death. So, if you don't do what we say, we will kill you! We will destroy you! Death is what we rule with."

Then they took the power by which they subdued nations and they applied it to our Messiah... And not just Rome! We even found that His very own did it to Him. Then He entered into death and then was raised on the third day and exploded in eternal life and destroyed Rome by the Resurrection because, all of a sudden, Rome had no more power!



Their most powerful weapon did nothing to Jesus and after they applied their most powerful weapon, Jesus was now in a condition which was above anything that they could have and He was indestructible. He was much better off after applying this weapon and we stand under the jurisdiction of that man who has inherited the earth and brings His rule. And He has said, God says, that the lust of the world, the pride of life, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, by which the world lives, it will pass away. But, we who believe, we shall remain forever. We are here to stay!

“What if you die?” Well, I’m going nowhere. I will be raised here and we live here forever. Glory to God! That is what will take place and we need to understand that. We, as Christians, don’t live under the threat of death. We live under the assurance of eternal life. That is what we live under and this is what the scriptures are talking about.

I didn’t plan to do this but let me go to **1Thessalonians 4:16**.

It talks about what God has promised us, how we can be sure that we have eternal life. We are not tossed to and fro by anything. We are eternal, in Christ, here. That’s it! We are not moving. We’re staying. Nothing can be done to us. We have eternal life and this is what John is trying to tell the people. He writes to the people. He says to them and this is his warning: He basically tells them, “Don’t go over to the other belief system where there is just destruction. That is passing away and I don’t want you to be on the side where things pass away. Stick with the Gospel! Stay with Jesus! Don’t be tempted and go over to the destruction. You have passed from death to life. You are under the rule of life. Stay here. Don’t let these people deceive you.”

Then he even goes on in 1 John 2. He says that if some of you are now sinning, missing the mark, missing the goal, don’t believe in Jesus, remember that Jesus is still there for you. You still have an advocate before the Father! Make use of it! Don’t abandon what God has placed before you. Believe in this Good News.

We find the same warning coming through Paul to the people in Galatia. He says to them, clearly, “Listen, I don’t want you to fall from grace!” What is grace? I don’t want you to fall away from the power of eternal life.” How would they fall away? They would fall away by starting to believe in the systems of the world.

So, I want to say to you, and I come with a fatherly heart and I preach this from the heart of a father and somebody who loves the Church: Don’t be swayed by what you see around you. Don’t think that the systems of this world need to be fixed for me to live. That’s the temptation of the evil one. That is the message of the satan telling you to turn stones into bread so that you might also live from the systems of this world.

I said it before that when Jesus was tempted in the desert, the devil came to Him and said, "Turn these stones into bread." Then Jesus said, "We will not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Father." The way the carnal mind reads that is that, "We will live by bread but also..." "So, we will not live by bread alone so, yes, we will have bread but we will live from every word that comes from the mouth of the Father. "How the carnal mind interprets that is, "We will have to have the physical bread but we also need the word that comes." That is not what is written there.

What is written there is, "We will not live by bread alone but we will alone live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Father." That is what it means. We will alone live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Father. The word that comes from the mouth of the Father is the promise of eternal life and that word became flesh and we find eternal life coming into darkness, which was the systems of this world, but also the darkness of the mortal body of Jesus born from Mary. And the darkness could not overcome the promise of eternal life and the flesh of Jesus was consumed by the promise of eternal life and He was raised from the dead. And the glory of God's promise was not veiled by mortality anymore and it was shining into this world. The life that was in Jesus, which could not be overcome by death, but overcame death, is now giving light to every man. That is what enlightens us. That is also what, then, takes away what veils life in us, which is our mortality, and we start to find the eternal life of God shining in and through us. And it shines forth in this way: love, kindness, goodness and the fruit of the Spirit.

So, we are not overthrown by what happens in this world. Neither do we want to fix the world so that we can have life by it. It's like, somebody comes to you and says, "You first need to fix the things in your country before you can have life." Then you can tell him, 'No, no... we will not live by politics alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Father.'" It can be understood as you need amalgamation of both. No, we ONLY live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Father! What is the word that is of the Father? We call Him, "Father". The Word of the Father is He is the Father and He promises that He'll give birth to eternal life to us. That is what it is.

**1Thessalonians 4:13** says it this way:

***Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death,***

So, what he is saying" He's saying because the question is, "What if something happens and somebody dies? What about the Christian, the Russian Christian, that is in the army there that has now died? Or what about the Ukrainian Christian, that is a believer in Jesus, that has died now because of this war? What about them?"

Listen to what he says: ***Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, (This is not how things end!) so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.***

**14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.** So, God will bring, with Jesus, those who have fallen asleep in Him.

I want to read what that word, “with”, means there. It is a union which talks about putting together. It talks about unity. It is the noting, unity, and the Greek says that it is stronger than the word, “with” or “beside”.

So, what he is saying is that in the day when Jesus is manifested, God will unite those who have died and put them in union with who and what Jesus manifests at in the day He manifests in the last day. He will unite those who have died with the fullness of what Jesus is. Verse 16 says that the graves will open up. The dead shall be raised. That’s how God will bring those who have died, together with Christ. He will unite their condition with a condition that Jesus finds Himself in at His return.

So, it does not end for us with wars and rumors of wars and those kinds of things. No, we need to understand that we are the eternal in Christ. We have eternal life. We cannot be phased by death and the threats of this world! That is what **1John** is actually about.

**John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

In the beginning was God’s promise of eternal life. That’s what that word, “word” means.

**2 The same was in the beginning with God.**

Now he makes that concept of the promise of eternal life for the person, Jesus.

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

**4 In him** (In this person, Jesus, which is the promise of eternal life for us) **was life; and the life was the light of mankind.**

**5 And that light shines in darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.** (Let’s not overcome it in Jesus and still not overcome it.)

**1 John:**

**1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.**

**2 This life appeared** (So, it wasn’t just a promise. This thing that God has promised did appear! Think of having a human being that can never die, that is above death, that is greater than the power of Rome, that’s greater than the power of Russia, that is greater than the threat of China, if you live in Russia, the threat of the U.S., that is greater than the threat of the oppressor which is what hangs over your head is death and destruction. God promised eternal life but for many years it was just a promise. Nothing was seen but then what God promised, was seen! It was manifested. It was made known. This is what it says: It appeared to us.)

**2 This life appeared** (How? It was always, “Okay, there’s a spiritual life. God is eternal Spirit but He promises us eternal life but how does it look? Will it ever happen?” It then appeared in the man Jesus. What God promised appeared. It’s there. It’s real. It happened!); **we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.** It’s a reality. It appeared to us.

**3 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard** (Listen to the reason why), **so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.**

**4 We write this to make our joy complete.** We write this so that your joy and our joy may be complete.

So, what he is saying, he’s saying to them, “Listen. This has appeared and now we are writing this to you so that you can believe that you can also fellowship in eternal life as you believe upon the resurrected Christ and what it encompasses.”

So, at the end of the day, what he’s saying is: Jesus was raised from the dead. We who believe in Him have something in common. One person says that fellowship’s definition is two fellows in one ship. It’s like Father and Son is in one ship. That ship is called eternal life and we are now fellowshiping with them,

What do we fellowship in? We are fellowshiping in eternal life. That is what we have our fellowship in and they are now saying that as you believe, you have fellowship in eternal life. If you read further on, what John is basically saying is that we should stay in this fellowship in belief in Jesus so that we are not part of the world that passes away **but he that does the will of God abides forever.**

I want to encourage you: Don’t be overcome by what the darkness that is showing. This darkness, whatever you see that’s evil is passing away, my friend. It’s passing away. Wars will pass away. They will cease. I promise you now, they will cease. Mortality itself, will pass away. Everything that is evil will pass away. Whatever you see that is evil is temporal. It’s temporal! It is not eternal! Whatever is good, good as in born of God and not good by willpower of man. Listen, if you are a green peace person and you want to protect the world as an atheist and you are thinking that you will protect the world as an atheist and the earth, because you say, “All we have is the earth. We are going nowhere. We are just mere matter in motion and there’s no future for us. There’s no God. There’s no resurrection. There’s nothing like that so we want to protect the earth and you want to use measures like no nuclear power stations, no pumping of oil, and all those kinds of things and you want to so protect the earth without believing in God, your system, I’m just saying it straight out, what you try, including you, will pass away. It is not eternal.

The only way the earth can be preserved is by one Man, Jesus Christ, and the power of God in that Man. The only way that we can have access to that is by relying and believing upon Jesus. Whatsoever is born in man on account of Jesus' Spirit that's poured out on man, that will be eternal. That effort shall be seen as something that worked together as the work of God in the last day. It shall not be burned up. It shall not be destroyed. It shall not enter eternal destruction. But whatsoever man does that is not born from the revelation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, I tell you now, it is not eternal. It will pass away. It will absolutely pass away. I want to tell you, be it constitutions, be it countries, be it whatever, it's temporal. The only thing that is eternal is the kingdom of God and those who are under its rule, who believe upon and is born of God, which you are part of. So let us not be overthrown in our minds in thinking and believing what the world believes and find ourselves in the system that passes away. Let us find ourselves in that which is eternal by belief in Jesus Christ.

I'm going to end off with this powerful scripture: I trust that as I preach this that you can feel how fear of death is just falling off.

**Hebrews 2:**

***14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by His death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death--- that is, the devil---***

***15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.***

Isn't that beautiful! We were kept as slaves! How are we kept in slavery... by fear of death. But now we are not enslaved to the system of the world to try and work the world system because we are not afraid of death because our fear of death has been conquered for, we know even if we sleep in Christ, He will bring us and unite us to the condition that Jesus is in. God will do it by Jesus Christ.

**Galatians 5:1 *It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.*** Freedom from what? Freedom from the fear of death itself. ***Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.***

What was the yoke of slavery? He came to free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. So let us not go into that! I'm not afraid. The reason I am not afraid is not because I decide I'm not afraid and I'm brave. No, the reason I'm not afraid is because God has convinced my heart, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, that He has power over death. And what also gives confidence to my heart is the fruit that I see is coming into my life because of the resurrection of Jesus. I'm not loving people because of the law. I'm not loving the people because of commandment. I'm loving people and I have the fruit of the Spirit in my life by the doing of God. I'm under no command to go and be generous and kind and whatever. I find that the way I think, the way I reason, and I'm not saying I see it manifesting perfectly, but I can say that I'm seeing, and if you look at your own life, you will be able to confess and say that I'm seeing the fruit of Jesus in my life. And that assures me that God is already busy with what He has promised in my life.

I've seen Jesus being raised from the dead and seated at the right hand of God, by revelation of the Holy Spirit to my heart, and so you. We have seen it just historically and by that we don't have fear of death. So, I want to tell you that whenever death wants to speak to you, the only thing that death can say, and I've put it a while back that painting called Checkmate that I have here in my studio, the grave is empty! The mouth of death... when death opens its mouth, you'll see there's no corpse there. It couldn't keep Jesus and it cannot keep you! Glory to God!

I've come to the end of my message. There is more to say but I don't want to keep you too long. Thank you that you've joined in. It is so wonderful to have all of you here and I trust that you are encouraged by this message.

Church, as we gather around this Good News, we gather around life. It's life-giving. It brings peace. It brings joy. I would like to pray for you. And as a Church, we are gathering together around this Gospel. There is power in this Gospel! There's signs, wonders and miracles in this Gospel and we expect signs, wonders and miracles to take place. That is what God has promised as signs of the resurrection of Jesus.

I'm going to pray for you today:

Father, I want to thank You that as I stretch forth my hands to this web fellowship, via the zoom meeting where we are gathering together, as I stretch forth my hands to them and also in this prayer I thank You, Lord, that everybody that will watch this later on whatever platform it is placed, that I thank You that You stretch forth your hand to perform signs, wonders and miracles in the name of Jesus Christ. I thank You for healings that take place... any form of sickness that is being healed. Thank You, Father. Thank You! Any form of sugar diabetes, cancer... whatever it is... autoimmune disease. I thank You, Father, that You just heal people. Signs, wonders and miracles take place. Thank You for that, Father. Thank You, Lord, for Your Spirit that has convinced us of Your Good News! Amen and amen