

**New Creation...
No more Jew or Gentile**

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GREETING: It's such a blessing for me to come to you and bring you a wonderful message about the fulfillment of the law and what it means for us today. I am going to talk about how we should look at the Jewish nation. I can make many messages about this but I am only going to talk in general what we are supposed to think about Jews. What are we supposed to think about Messianic Jews and what did the Apostle Paul think of that? How should we deal with that today? We don't want to fall back into legalism and law. We don't want to fall back to the traditions of that which cannot satisfy us with a brand new life. We want to walk in the power of God. We want to walk in the resurrection power of Jesus Christ and see the new creation manifest in our life. That is what we want to see. So, we are going to look at this.

PRAYER: Father, I want to thank You that I can preach Your gospel boldly with great joy, great passion, knowing that You have come to give us life. Thank You, Lord, for the kindness that You have expressed towards us and as You would speak powerfully through me today, all glory, all honor is Yours. We can do nothing that is everlasting of our own power. It's only a gift from You! Thank You that this message will last forever because of Your life and Your power. Amen and amen!

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

Today we are going to look at Galatians 3, Ephesians 2, Galatians 1 and 2 Corinthians 5. We will end off with Colossians chapter 3.

Let's start off with Galatians 3. What we are going to talk about here is the law that was a school master and the clothing...where we clothe ourselves with Christ. We might throw 2 Corinthians 5:1 in there as well.

Galatians 3:23 Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed.

Isn't that beautiful! It says that under the law we get the feeling of being kept safe. That kept safe and locked up has a negative side of it as well, meaning we weren't experiencing what we were supposed to experience. When I say, "we", I am talking about the Jews here. They were locked up and kept in safe guard, not differing much from a slave although the owner of all things. The law, actually kept us, and it was prophesying towards Christ that was coming.

24 So the law was our guardian (a beautiful word there) until Christ came that we might be justified by faith.

So, what is the purpose of the law? The purpose of the law is to act as guardian, that's a type and a shadow that is used here, as a guardian until Christ may come. How does the law guard us? The law doesn't guard us and didn't guard the Jews by telling the Jews what to do and what not to do. It guarded the Jews in protecting them to continually live by faith in having an expectation of a Messiah that was to come.

The law also had another purpose where it showed the Jews that they, by their own flesh, never can be saved, but that they should believe upon the Messiah that is to come. The law also said that the Jews were supposed to be a light unto the Gentiles, meaning taking the message of the Messiah, and the message of life, to all nations. The house of God shall be called a house of prayer of ALL nations. That was what they were supposed to do which they didn't do. But we can't go as far as to say that the Jews didn't do what they were supposed to do because Jesus was a Jew and, as a Jew, He did what the Jews were supposed to do making God's words of prophecy that through the Jews, He would be a light to people. He did it. He didn't do it to the whole nation but through one that was of that nation. That is what He did.

26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith,

The law kept the Jews as a guardian meaning they were kept as children until Christ should come. That would mean that would be a place where they are now acknowledged as the sons of the Father. So, when Christ has now come and they believed in Christ, they are not under the guardian, or the law, anymore. They can now say, "We are sons of God through Jesus Christ, no need for the law as a guardian anymore."

We can still look at the law and how it prophesied to Christ and benefit from it. But as pertaining to keeping the law for righteousness, there is no need.

26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith,

27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ (And should you have done that) ***you have clothed yourselves with Christ.*** Now, that is something! That is some powerful, powerful statement right there.

27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

What does it mean that you have clothed yourself with Christ?

2 Corinthians 5:

1 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

2 Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling,

3 because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.

4 For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

He is basically saying here when he talks about being clothed, he talks about how we clothe ourselves. He says here in 2 Corinthians, that they are expecting, as Christians, to be clothed with the heavenly body.

What is going on in chapter 3 in Galatians, he is saying that when we have been baptized into Christ, we, in our hearts and minds, are clothed with Christ. We are clothed with His eternal life. That's what we are clothed with. We are going to see later in the message that, although it doesn't manifest fully yet, it does not mean that we cannot live by that reality. So, what he is basically saying is we who have clothed ourselves with Christ are those who have been baptized into the belief of what Jesus Christ has done for us and we can now relate to ourself the way we relate to Jesus.

How do we relate to Jesus? We relate to Jesus as One that is above sin, above death, that is neither Jew nor Gentile, that is neither male nor female, cannot be defined by the freedoms of this world but is defined in the freedom that God has given Him in being raised from the dead. Amen! Now let us read it again:

***26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith,
27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.***

In this condition where you've clothed yourself with Christ, ***28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile...*** Now that is something because this was written by Paul, a Jew, and was written to people who were Gentiles. But, he said, "In Christ, whom we are clothed with", talking also about the eternal, immortal, physical body of Jesus, that we are saying that we are being clothed with, when we are baptized in that eternal, immortal, glorified body, we find no Jew or Gentile, neither male nor female.

Have you ever asked yourself the question, "What gender is God?" No, He is not. You need gender if you have eternal life. That's what you need because you need to procreate and God has eternal life so there is not such a thing with God. We use what is logical to us and say, "he and she", and those kinds of things. When it comes to God, when we talk about God in the raw truth of who God is prior to creation, we find that God is the eternal, immortal, Being and cannot even be likened in terms of sexuality or gender or any of those kinds of things. God is God. And that's why it says, "In Christ", and this is a very radical statement to make. It says, "In Christ, when we are clothed with Christ, when we have put on Christ, in that condition, is neither Jew nor Gentile."

But we find that people that believe still remain male and female, they can still be able to have children and so forth. So, what does it mean? He is talking about living from the reality of who and what Christ is as the reality from where we live yet, while we are in the flesh. That is why Paul says, "In the flesh, the life I live now in the flesh, it is not I who live but Christ who lives in me." He is saying, "Yes, I do have a physical body. Yes, I am still under Jew and Gentile but my life does not relate to these things. I have a higher place from where I live. I have a greater reality from where I live and that is the resurrected Jesus, which is God's word about you. There we find we are righteous, we are holy, we are above reproach. There is no condemnation. There is life."

It says, there is in this resurrected Christ, **28 *There is neither Jew nor Gentile*** (Meaning Jesus is not a Jew or a Gentile where He is now. He is what we call a new creation. Yet, He is a human. He is the Son of man, a human being, at the right hand of God. The Bible says that Stephen saw Jesus (Acts 7:56) and then said, "Behold, I see the Son of man standing on the right hand of God." So, He is human but He is made new. He's newly created. You cannot draw reference to Him as Jew or Gentile, male or female, a slave or free. Those systems have fallen away.

Galatians 3:29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

He is saying that Abraham was a child of God because he trusted God. It had nothing to do with genealogy. It had to do with God bringing forth life in him. It doesn't matter what genealogy he was from. Abraham, simply, believed God. He was of the Chaldeans. They were idol worshippers. They didn't believe in God. They had all these zodiacs and all those kinds of things, believing in Marduk and all these gods that need to come down, and blessing gods of war and violence, and all those kinds of things. They believed in gods where you had to sacrifice your children. This is the kind of a person that Abraham was. But then God came to Abram and spoke to him. Then Abraham believed and from that belief we find a life through Isaac formed in him by God fulfilling His promise and so was he made a new person.

So, I want to say to you what Paul is saying here is that we that believe in Jesus Christ, even according to the flesh, if we are Jew or Gentile, we cannot refer to ourselves anymore as Jew or Gentile. By that we also then immediately forfeit the right that we would have had should we have been Jews as Jews. That is gone for we are not Jews anymore. I say this because this is very, very important. It plays a very big role in a lot of Christian churches today. There is an amplification and there is a view and there is an exaltation of the Jewish people that there is not supposed to be. Some might want to switch this off and say this is anti-Semitic.

Let me tell you something: This is not an anti-Semitic message. I say this in a love and absolute passion for preserving Jewish people. That is what I am saying. Because the moment we come and preach favoritism, where the Jews are favored above the Gentiles, in any form or fashion, we are going to find jealousy give birth to hatred. And if we should continually hammer on the Jews being the special people of God, they will be under a double judgement from people. It's like if you call yourself a Christian, the moment you say, "Christian", you'll find the world judge you more harshly. Christians aren't supposed to do this.... Christians aren't supposed to do that and so forth.

Now when we find people look at the Jews and we find them being elevated to this 'special nation of God', we will find other nations hate them because of that. Now you might say, "Bertie, what if it is the truth?" If it is the truth, we will have to settle with that and accept it.

But what if it is not the truth? What if the Jews were a people that God used to bring the law to the point that once Christ has come that, that which He was speaking through the Jews might find substance in a place where there is no Jew and there is no Gentile? Glory to God! The truth is that in Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile. I remember when I just got saved there was a guy in our church, Uncle Bhuti. He was a Jew. He has passed away now. His son is married to my mother's sister's daughter. He is a Jew. I remember when we looked at him, as Bible school students and as people in the church, it was like one would say to another, "Do you know him? He's a Jew. He's a Messianic Jew!" The other one said, "Wow!" It was almost as if there would be like a little kind of a special respect for Uncle Bhuti because he was a Messianic Jew. The rest of us were Christians but he was not a Christian. He was a Messianic Jew. Why would you say such a thing! Why would there be this Messianic Jew thing? What would that be all about? It is simply a fleshly statement, a statement lacking the understanding that in Christ we have clothed ourselves with a new creation, a physical body, that has been recreated, that is neither Jew nor Gentile... that is neither male nor female but where we have become one with God in Jesus Christ.

We are now going to talk about this whole concept of belonging to Christ. The bible says that we belong to Christ. We don't belong to any group anymore. When we are in Christ, there is neither Jew nor Gentile so we cannot say, "We belong to the Jews or we belong to the South Africans or we belong to the Americans, we belong to this nation. We belong to that..." You cannot say that and fully reason from Christ. You have to become fleshly. You have to become inside the mind of the world to reason like that.

If say "We as South Africans", the moment I say that, even if what I'm saying is very positive, I have moved from the realm where I define myself in Christ to the realm where we are defined by just normal understanding of this world. The people of this world will call that being in your right mind. But, according to the people of the world, we will be out of our mind when we reason along the lines where we say, "There was a physical resurrection. We are now clothed with this physicality. We see ourselves in that, we reason from that logic and there is no more Jew or Gentile."

2Corinthians 5:

13 If we are "out of our mind," as some say, it is for (because of) God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

14 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live unto themselves (This means unto being a Jew or not a Jew. You can't live that anymore) but for him who died for them and was raised again.

16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view (according to the flesh). Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

I want you to just think of this. Paul said that he did not regard Christ according to the flesh, meaning he did not see, at that moment where he was, Christ as a Jew. So, he said that Jesus was born of a woman according to, under the law, according to the flesh, but was then reborn and re-given to us as one born from the dead, born from God in the resurrection. He who believes upon Jesus is in Christ and in Christ all things were made new.

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

So what God is saying is, "You thought of yourself as a Jew or a Gentile. But, when Christ came, you were recreated in Christ. When you believe upon Him, the new creation has now come. This new creation, which Jesus is, doesn't owe His birth or the source of His life from any fleshly point of view. You cannot view it. He doesn't owe it to His mother, Mary, at all. He owes His birth to God meaning He is God's Son. He is the God-kind in the earth. That is what He is. He is not anything else. He can only relate to Himself as pertaining to the flesh as God that gives Him eternal life. That's what it means.

A very, very radical statement really misunderstood in the Church: It says:

16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view (according to the flesh). **Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.**

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, (He is a new creation.) **the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!**

18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself...

So many times, we want to reconcile ourselves to, "Are you a Jew or are you a Gentile?" But, in Christ, we are reconciled unto God. If you want to ask what nation you are from, you have to say that God is your Father. "I am a new creation. I cannot relate to myself based on this earthly creation. This new creation is a physical creation and that is what Christ stood up into when He was raised from the dead. That is what Paul is saying here. And there, in that place, there is no such a thing as Jew or Gentile at all! There's no such a thing.

Ephesians 2:

14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups (Jew and Gentile) **one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,**

15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations.

So, Jesus, by His flesh, the fact that His flesh died as a Jew and was raised as a non-Jew and is the Messiah of all people that are in Him, that believe upon Him. That means not for Jews only but for Jew and Gentile. That is what he is talking about.

He says that those people that are neither Jew or Gentile, that believe upon Him they are now a new kind of a people, a new breed. They do not have the law. The law has been set apart.

15 ... His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two (Jew and Gentile), **thus** (In this way, He is) **making peace,**

16 and in one body (not a Jew body or a Gentile body, in a resurrected body of which God is the Father, in that body everything is reconciled and made new.) **to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.**

So, the hostility was the law. The law was given to the Jews. Because there is therefore no more Jew, the law is not given to any of these nations because Jews don't exist anymore, Gentiles don't exist anymore. Those that believed in Christ is a new human race if you want to call it like that, or a new kind of humanity to whom the law doesn't belong. It doesn't belong to any of those two and they have been reconciled to God where God is the Father of them and the Spirit of God brings forth their holiness. That is what is taking place here.

So, what we do is we look at Galatians chapter 3 where he says that when we clothed ourselves with Christ, we've clothed ourselves with a new form of humanity which is neither Jew nor Gentile. This new humanity, for us who believe in Jesus, cannot talk about things like Messianic Jews. That language doesn't belong to us. We can either get Gentiles, Jews and then Christians. We are Christians. We are followers of Christ. We have clothed ourselves with a new form of humanity which is neither Jew nor Gentile, which is resurrected, glorified, human flesh. That is what we clothed ourselves with. That is what we are clothed in. That is what is going on.

So, when we look at this, we've come to a brand new realization and that realization is that of the new creation. We, as the Church, cannot go and now try to give special places to special people because should we acknowledge the Jewish flesh, inside our Christianity... I mean, we acknowledge that they are Jews. We acknowledge that there are Zulu causes South Africans. We acknowledge that there are Germans. We are not foolish in saying that there are not those groups of people. But inside Christ we don't define those groups as pertaining to anything when it comes to spirituality. We just say that there is a new creation and that is how it is. The Jews have been made a new creation. Therefore, we don't relate to Him according to the flesh anymore.

It's like I said, "We're not going to say, "That John, he is a Messianic Jew!" No, we are not going to do that. We are just going to say, "This is John. He's a Christian." That's all!

I've seen many Jews even call themselves a Messianic Jew. You still need to get rid of a fleshly connotation to who you are into the physical resurrected Jesus and get clothed in Christ. So, you can either say, "I am a Christian for I have been clothed with Christ", or I can say, "I am a Messianic Jew." It almost sounds like blasphemy to me. It doesn't sound right. What do you mean by a Messianic Jew? It means you are a Christian Jew. Those two things don't go together. You can't say, "Jew and Christian."

You're either clothed with Christ in flesh that never existed before, that was formed in the resurrection of Jesus, and that's the point and that's how you relate to yourself and that's your point of reference or you are not that. Special favoritism that is just rearing its ugly head here is bringing harm to the Church and that is not what we want.

Colossians 2:

16 Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day.

17 These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

Colossians 3:

1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts (your belief) on things above (or on the higher form of reality), where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things Talking about Judaism. It's earthly. To say, "I am a Messianic Jew" is earthly. It's fleshly. You are relating to Christ based on your flesh, and to others giving yourself this special place. You need to stop that and the Christians need to stop honoring that. We should honor Christ and love Jewish people enough to stop this favoritism thing. For the moment you favor one child above the other, you'll find children fight. If you have any respect for the Jew, you would live them enough to say, "You are not a Jew anymore when you are in Christ." That is what we teach the Christians that when we judge them according to the flesh, were Jews. That is how it is supposed to be.

You might say, "But is this even relevant?" It's very, very relevant because Christian churches, governments, Christians, how they relate politically to the government and everything has this one thing in mind and that is, "How does the government treat Israel?" That is how we find this thing today in South Africa and I know it is well and alive in America and many other nations. It is, "How do we treat the Jews? What is our policy on the Jews?" "And then, unless we have a fleshly definition of Jews, the Christians say that God cannot bless the nation because we are not honoring the Jew. I do believe that we should honor all people! Let righteousness be for all people. Let righteousness be for those who live in Pakistan. Let righteousness be for the one who lives in Uzbekistan. Let righteousness be for the people that live in Kazakhstan. Let righteousness be for the American. Let righteousness be for all these people.

Righteousness is there's a new humanity in Christ wherein we preach Christ and whosoever is in Christ, we don't refer to them according to the flesh anymore. I think that should be the stance of the Church. The Church should say, "Let us honor the Jew as we honor the German. And as we honor both people equally in their flesh or according to the flesh as we reason fleshly, I mean, let that be that! But let us not say that we need to walk in the flesh in order for God to bless our people. That is a lie!

And that thing is so embedded into the church that people struggle to see the gospel of grace. That is to the detriment of themselves because the moment that you, talking inside the church, say that someone is a Messianic Jew, you are saying that you are not. Then you are saying that they are something you are not. But the Scripture says that in Christ, you are one.

I can tell you now that if Paul was here today, he would have taken the whip out on these Judaizers and the Judaism that is being infiltrated in the church. He would have been harsh on this thing. He would have said, 'It's leading to the destruction of people. It's leading to the destruction of the Church.' It's not that the Church can be destroyed. I mean, they thought that Paul was destroying the Church. The Church was advancing.

That will also lead to you not really seeing who you are in Christ. There will be a 'weirdness' about the gospel. Oh, I tell you, "Weirdness is very irritating!" A weirdness... you know we believe about Jesus. We believe all these things and all of a sudden it comes to Judaism and all of that and the Jews and then we become weird. Then all of a sudden Christ is not all in all. Then all of a sudden, "Yes, there is not Jew and Gentile, but..." And we become weird! And as you become weird, you are causing trouble for yourself and others. That is what is taking place.

So here he says in Chapter 3: Listen to how Paul reasoned about himself. He said:

1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

What happens is this: And this is where people get confused. Our life, our physical bodies that we were raised up into with Christ, does not yet appear. We still have the appearance of the old. But that is not where we put our mind. It says we put our mind in Christ for our life, who we really are, is hidden with Christ in God. That means that we are not seeing Jesus today. He's hidden. To us He is gone. It's almost like having money and you put it in the bank or you have gold and put it in the safe deposit box. It's gone. It's not gone but it's gone because you can't see it. Where is it? I can't see it. It's in the bank. So, it does not yet appear. It doesn't appear here. You don't see it here but if you have 10 million dollars, worth of gold somewhere in the bank, you would find that that gold gives life to you today as pertaining to peace financially or stress financially depending on what you think the gold price or whatever. But it will influence your life.

In the very same way what Paul is saying here is that we have died. We are not following rules and regulations anymore. That is gone! We now have been clothed with Christ, the physical body of Jesus. We say we have the same body and from that reality we live every day. And although He does not yet appear, when He appears, we shall appear with Him as immortal human beings which is the reality from where we live right now.

And then it says, "Should you have this mentality, you will find that you put to death a lot of the fruit of the flesh. And even more things like lying and all of that will start to be put away from you because you now have a brand new mind on who and what you are. God's view of Christ is God's view of you that believe upon Christ. Let your view about you become the view that God has about Christ and let it be your reality. The message of the Messianic Jew, and I almost want to say that it is like a swear word now, you don't do that in the light of the finished work of Jesus Christ. We can, outside of Christ, talk about Jew and Gentile when we are in our normal fleshly mind. But when we are in God's mind, we are seeing a new creation.

Galatians 1:

13 For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it.

He says, "My life in Judaism was like this." So, Judaism allowed for the persecution of the church. Now we want to mix Judaism in with Christianity. It is a certain form of persecuting the Church plus it is denying the Jews the recreation. Imagine six million Jews were killed. But those Jews that were killed by Hitler still had the opportunity to believe in Jesus and believe: "I am a new creation. I am not just a Jew. I am recreated in Christ. I believe in Jesus." That person will be raised from the dead and live forever more. But imagine the harm you can do when you teach people, Jews, that they cannot be newly created bodily by the resurrected Jesus. You come with a watered-down message by saying that their flesh is still their flesh and that's how God relates to them. It can have eternal consequences, man!

The Bible clearly says that he who is circumcised... in other words, he who goes into Judaism, as a Gentile following these customs, says Christ will profit you nothing.

Galatians 1:

13 For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it.

14 I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

So, as he was advancing in Judaism, he started to look down on the church and I see the very same thing today. And the sad thing is that I see the church embracing that! Repent!

15 But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb...

What did God do to Paul? He set him apart from his mother's womb, meaning that He basically taught Paul, when He appeared to him on the way to Damascus and when He said, "Why are you persecuting Me?" He is talking about Him personally. He said, "You are persecuting Me when you are persecuting the Church." What He was basically saying is, "This body you see now is the very same body these people have!" And all of a sudden, the birth is now God and the birth is not your physical mother. So, Paul was separated from the mother's womb and he came into the womb of God and was born from God, neither Jew nor Gentile.

He says, "When God separated me from my mother's womb, he called me to preach to the Gentiles because how would they preach to the Gentiles while they still thought the Gospel was a Jewish thing?" He had to be separated from the mother's womb.

So, I want to say to you Gentiles: You need to be separated from the mother's womb. We need to separate the Jews from their mothers' womb, and we need to put them in the womb of God and see how God is their Father! That will keep us away from the law infiltrating the Church where we start to follow Jewish customs and commandments and all those kinds of things and we will relate to Christ and the re-creation of this Man as the reality and the truth about us and what we already possess! Eternal life belongs to me! It does not yet appear but when Christ appears, who I am will appear in immortal flesh. The fact that it doesn't appear doesn't mean that we don't live by it." That is what he says here in Colossians. Let me read it again...

Colossians 3:

1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts (set your affection or the depth of your being, the core of your belief) **on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.**

2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. Above... please, you know Australia is down. Alaska is up. The "up" he is talking about is not somewhere high in heaven. When it talks about above here, he talks about the higher life. So, heaven is not up. Where's up on a circle? No, when he says, "Put your mind on what is above", he is talking about the higher way of living, the immortal life.

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things... He says, "Heavenly things." Earthly things are things like Messianic Jew. Earthly things is like, Judaism. That's earthly. Following the feasts and the customs according to the context of chapter 2, that's earthly. Set your mind on heavenly things, the recreated human body which belongs to you which shall appear from where you have your source of life even now as pertaining to your thoughts and emotions and feelings.

3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, who is your life... Your life is Christ. You don't live in Jew. You don't live in Gentile, in American, in German, in South African, in Uzbekistan or whatever. You live from Russia, from Poland... No! You live in Christ, you are physical. I am talking about physicality, your physical origin, is God now. That's what it means to be born of God. You are removed from your mother's womb!

4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.
Hallelujah!

Well, thank you so much that I could bring this message to you. I trust that it has challenged you, blessed you, and set you free. If you know of people that need this message, send them this message. Glory to God! "Yeah, but Bertie, they are going to be offended!" They might be set free! If I must not preach because I think that somebody is going to be offended, I would never preach! I would never preach.

I just feel, and this is not a feeling. I feel it but, from the reality of God's life, we cannot reason outside of these truths. "But, Bertie, I might sound like an anti-Semite!" Jesus said, "If they don't believe you, it's because they don't hear Me and they don't hear the One that I've sent!" That's how it works.

So, do you think that when Paul came and he spoke about these things and he basically got so persecuted for these things by the Judaizers, the people who followed Judaism at that time, do you think that you're above him... that you cannot be? If Jesus was killed because He spoke about these things and a new creation and all of those kinds of things, and He was murdered for it, do you think that you are higher than your Master? Be willing to take the persecution if it comes your way! Speak the truth because even in the midst of persecution, we are rejoicing in the glory of God. Hallelujah!

Well, I've said enough. Thank you so much that I could serve you with this Good News message and I'll see you again tomorrow as I send the Daily Devotional. God bless...