

# Prayer as a believer in Christ

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Greetings! It's a great blessing for me to come and talk to you a little bit about prayer and how prayer works. This is now a message that is recorded on our Zoom church that we are having, where about 30 people on computers are slotted in and we are just fellowshiping around the Good News and sharing and worshipping together and so forth. In the introduction, we talked a little bit about the way a husband is to treat a wife and it is like the Lord treats us and that is a love that is marked by giving and not getting. So, it says we need to understand this, that when God loves us in Jesus Christ, the love that Jesus has for us was not a love wherein God could see what He gets out of us because He had a need, because He was needy or because He needed anything. It was all about what He wants to bring our way and I think that is a very, very great foundation on which we can build prayer.

Whenever we pray, we can go to God knowing that when we put in a request before God, He's not trying to get something from us because He is in any need. He's trying to get something **to** us. That will help us a lot when it comes to a guilty conscience. You know, we are feeling guilty, we're feeling bad, we have the sin consciousness. "God, why is it that I feel so guilty?", and all of that. Once you know that when you enter into the throne room of grace you are entering into that throne on a foundation of perfection because through one sacrifice God has perfected you forever. That means you fully qualify. And I want to just explain that because I think that is very, very important and I've used this in a daily devotional where I explained this as well.

How this qualification works is simple. Gentiles didn't qualify to go and receive the promise that God made. And that was according to the law. In God's mind He has always been for the Gentiles but when we read Hebrews, when we read Ephesians, Galatians and a lot of the New Testament, we need to understand that that was written in the language and the understanding of the covenants and all of that.

So, the Gentiles were outsiders and the Jews were insiders. The Jews did not qualify because they did not keep themselves as God's covenant people. I want to explain that. You know, in my studies of the law and how the law works, I start to understand these things better and better. The law was not really given as something that the Jews had to do in order for God to do something for them. Although I did see it like that, in my studies I've come to realize it wasn't really like that. The reason why people had to live the way they had lived was because that's how you live as God's people. And when they didn't live as God's people, the reason why they didn't live as God's people, is because they started to worship other gods. And when they started to worship these other gods, then they were making their demand from these other gods and they weren't standing as God's people receiving what God has promised them.

So, it has always been that God has been a Giver. He's never been someone that wants to get something. He's always been someone that wants to give and if He wants to get something, He wants to get you to a place where you can receive His life.

Okay, so in the Old Testament, this is how it works: God made a promise to His people and there were covenants. The way these covenants worked was it was mostly there were families. I didn't even plan to talk about this but bear with me. Maybe this helps.) Everything was founded on a family. This family was maybe 20 people. Now, a small family like that cannot really survive in this world. So, if you want to make a covenant with someone else, what that covenant basically meant was you are now becoming part of this family. And that was made through promises that were made on both sides and when you become part of the family, as you honor this promise and you are really saying, "I am part of this promise", you then lived like the family. As family things happen, you are part of that family now. That's how this covenant worked.

If you would say, "Man, I don't want to be part of this family anymore, I'm sticking with another family." then you start to live like the other family. And that would basically be you distancing yourself from those promises and what was given there. So, I said all of this to say this: The Gentiles, according to those covenants, were seen as outsiders. The covenant was not made with them. They didn't qualify for the promise because it was made to the Jews. The Jewish people did not qualify for the promise because they were not participating of it because they were always serving some other god. They tried to use the law in a way where they don't mix it with faith, where they receive for free from God but where they thought they had to work up their own righteousness. So, we sit with people here who don't qualify.

God came in Jesus Christ, brought the sacrifice of Jesus. He offered His life and He offered His life for whosoever had death. That would then be for all people. So, Jesus died for all. He was raised and He is now given to humanity as the One who gives life to all people who would have death inside them. This, then, means that all people qualify. We don't come to the throne anymore thinking, "Do I qualify or don't I qualify?" So, you are fully qualified. That qualification does not mean you are saved. It just means that you have the right, or the promise is to you, and you can now believe and receive it. It's like a university. If a university has a certain prerequisite, a certain qualification, that you have to have in order to go and study at this institution. Let's say that you have to have 80 percent in your final exam for school. You're not getting the 80 percent. You're getting 75 percent. That means that you don't qualify. You cannot go. But should the university say, "We are allowing a hundred people with a mark of 70 percent to qualify." The moment you have qualified and you have now arrived at the institution, you are now living at a house there, you are going to the university, you never, ever, think of, "Do I qualify or don't I qualify?", ever again. You are now there to learn what they want to teach you to get equipped with that which they have to offer, to get the knowledge they have and the expertise that they have to learn it so that you can have your life shaped and formed by it so that you can go and live. That live would mean that you can do a job and live.

In the very same way, we come to the throne of God not at all with a mindset of, “Do we qualify or don’t we qualify?” That we need to get out of our mind. Even if you have a sin, even if you have a weakness, you go to the throne of God knowing you qualify because the throne has been opened up for sinners. It has been opened up for the weak. It has been opened up for everybody! There’s no disqualification anymore.

The qualification in the Old Testament was this: You have to be of the seed of Abraham, physically. You have to be a Jew. Then you had to be circumcised. Then you had to live as faithful people to the covenant. You had to live as God’s people and the prerequisite of living as the people of God in the earth was given in the Old Testament in the form of laws. That is it. That should also have been mixed with faith and so you will then be a partaker. The Jews did not qualify because of the law part that they did not live by as God’s covenant people. The Gentiles did not qualify because they were not Jews. Since the Jew/Gentile thing was taken out of the way, because there’s a new creation now at the right hand of God representing people, bringing life to people that have death in them. We never, ever, have to think of qualify or disqualify. It’s not part of the thing.

The bible says, “We come boldly to the throne of grace to receive help in the time of need.” What he is talking about there is to have God aiding you in your weakness. So, whenever you have any shortcoming, you don’t have to first go and feel guilty for three days before you can pray to God or have any confidence. You come just as you are. It’s not even a question, “Do you qualify or don’t you qualify?” You qualify! And then at the throne of God’s grace, as you speak to God, as you are in prayer to God, as you are in communication with God, God will teach you and empower you, by the Holy Spirit, and form and shape your life and so find that you are now sharing in His life. That’s how it works.

With that said we are going to **Philippians 4:**

***4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!***

***5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.***

***6 (This is what I want to point out here), Do not be anxious about anything. but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.***

If you are anxious about anything, we are not even talking about qualifying or not qualifying. You now know you qualify. You are living in this world but man you are anxious. You lost your job. You are anxious. You have some sickness. The doctor gave you a bad report. Your child, I’m thinking of a good friend of Helena whose son fell into the fire and burned both his arms. Man, it was not third degree but he’s going through a very difficult time. He’s in the hospital and has a lot of pain and infection. He’s going through a very difficult time. You think of the mother and father and what they would feel in the situation. There’s an anxiety that can be knocking at the door saying, “You know, this infection can become worse!” and then tears came. I don’t even want to give examples of what can take place and what fear would say. But fear can tell you a lot of things and there will be anxiety. But what does a person like that do? What does Paul say? He says, “Don’t be anxious about these things but in everything, in every situation by prayer and petition,

with thanksgiving, meaning you are praying to God, and we will look at prayer as well, like the Our Father and that kind of a thing. You have a prayer to God where there's a worship of God in what you say. And then it says through prayer and petition, meaning putting in a request. So, we have something where we say, "Our Father, we want to just say, "Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done." That is a prayer. That is a communication of acknowledgement of who God is and where we stand as pertaining to that. But now we are going to God in our prayer with our anxiety and in this time of anxiety knocking at our door, how do we get rid of our anxiety? Very simple... we, through prayer and petition. That petition simply means you put in a request of what you think needs to take place in order for this thing to be settled. That's all! Your request... you put it before God with thanksgiving. You present your request to God.

***7 And the peace of God, which that transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.***

The way that works for me is I've seen God and He has been shown as a very faithful God. So, when I go to God, a God that will never harm me, a God that is not there to try and get something from me, not a needy God, but a God that loves and shares. That His love is earmarked by how He wants to bring something to me, how He is for me, how He wants to bring good to me. When I go to such a God, and I through prayer and petition... in other words, prayer and I submit myself to Him, I humble myself to Him knowing that I'm standing under the power of His love, He is going to love me into life. That is what this is and then I bring what I think needs to take place. "God, this is a situation but what I want from you is, can You heal my son whose arms have burned? Thank You, Lord, that You stopped the infection. I thank You, Father." This is my request and because you bring it to someone that has been earmarked as very faithful, loving and caring, you will find that peace starts to flood your mind. Anxiety also means to be double-minded or to be at a place where you feel you need to take up certain responsibilities instead of God taking up this responsibility. As we are not double-minded but we know it rests on Him, we find that our heart goes to rest in this situation.

Now, I want to go to **Matthew 7**. I think that we as the church need to realize, and I think it is a very important thing to realize, and I'm saying it to everybody in the web church this morning and as this video will also be on YouTube for a broader audience, I want to say this: I see, and this is my opinion, that there are a lot of folk that come to God and continually feel guilty and as they continually feel guilty they want to have the message of God's grace to become better and better and better on how God accepts sinners. Then people fall into tremendous sins where they feel this is a serious sin, you know, I shouldn't have done this. This is a very bad thing. A guy cheats on his wife or vice-versa or people get involved in some serious pornography, sexual immorality, drugs, alcohol abuse, and all those kinds of things and this continues now for a longer period of time. Every time they come to the throne of grace they just know that God's not angry with me and then they go away and they just make sure God is not angry with them and maybe God speaks a word of encouragement to them and so forth. And as God speaks this word of encouragement to them then, "Hallelujah! I feel happy. I can have life again because I'm sure that God is not angry with me." And they continue but they never receive freedom.

And as freedom is not received, you know the theology has to change more and more on how God is not angry and how God just accepts you in your sin. And the very power of the gospel is not ministered and this is now flowing over to people who have never accepted the Lord, and those kinds of things. So now everybody is now all of a sudden saved. I mean I had a call this weekend from somebody from India and he said to me he got enlightened now. He's listened to my message for a certain amount of years and I've helped him to know that God is good but he's now come to realize that there is even higher knowledge than that of Jesus and that is the universal Christ and all this New Age rubbish! He's just back to the old Plutarch and some of Plato's stuff and back to Socrates and back to a kind of a self-controlled message that the old stoics ministered back in ancient Greece long before Christ. That's where they back into and thinking it's a new thing just because they are uniformed on history. What happens there is you find people falling into difficult things and then when they come in, they're praying, they come with prayer thinking you know that and knowing that, yes, God doesn't condemn me and then they are just so happy that God doesn't condemn them. But let me tell you something: As we come to the throne of grace, we as the Church can also put a demand upon God to bring forth a new life in us. So, I already know that I qualify. That is not the issue now. I don't go anymore to hear if God's angry or not angry. I'm going to the throne of God's grace to be empowered with His life that I can share in the joy of God's life!

I mean, this person said to me, "Bertie, you know you are talking about true joy and you can be truly happy and all those kinds of things and you know there are higher things in the spiritual world!" I said to the man, "I'm not aiming for higher things in the spiritual world. I'm aiming for bodily immortality. That's what I'm aiming for. I'm aiming for a body that cannot die. I'm aiming to be raised from the dead. That's what I'm expecting and I know how that is going to take place and what I am seeing is the fruit in my life from that perspective. That is what I'm aiming for. I'm aiming for seeing God, by His power, bringing forth the fruit of the Spirit inside my life, sharing the very life of God in kindness and goodness by the doing of God. And then the highest is to find the fullness of God, that manifests in the body of Jesus, manifest in me. That's what I'm aiming at. Guilt is not even an issue, not even thinking of guilt, thinking of grabbing a hold of Him for the purpose of why He grabbed a hold of me, and that is to bring forth His life in me.

So, I just want to say this: If we are, as a church, continuing along the lines of (I have to be careful how I word this.) but I don't want to say too long because it will be forever where we know we qualified and that God is not angry and those kinds of things. But, once we know we qualified and we are in the throne room, then we have to come to a place where we say, "God, okay, You have had me. Why have You made me?" And let's get busy with that. It's like the doctor. Why is a doctor there? The doctor is there so that you can be healthy and all those kinds of thing. Okay, thank God I am so happy that the doctor is never angry with me and whatever. But man, if you've got some sickness, let's say that you have appendix that is not right. You go to the doctor and you say, "Doctor, I'm so glad that you are not angry with me. Hallelujah!" But, now I'm here for what this is all about and that is that I can be healthy, that I can share in your life because that is what you are about. That is what God is bringing to us and I think that is the foundation from where we are praying, from where we are coming to the throne room of God's grace.

I can tell you Helena and I can testify of this. As this is the foundation where we walk with God, we find great fruit coming to our lives, peace coming to our lives, the fruit of the Spirit manifesting more and more in our lives as God is bringing forth and by the Holy Spirit helping and aiding and bringing forth what God has for us in our lives. Sorry for this long thing but man, I just want to say this: I don't want you, as people that are part of our web church, to fall into universalism. The reason why I am saying you don't want to fall into universalism is, in my opinion, it's an absolute powerless message where the focus is on everybody's already the people of God, everybody is already saved. They just don't know it and the focus is not on the recreation that has taken place where Jesus was reborn, where He was first made of a woman and then that man. Jesus, which was a mortal man, was recreated into bodily immortality where He cannot sin and how we, who believe upon Him, now receive the Spirit wherein we find the first fruits of new creation in us and that brings a brand-new life. The focus is not in that universalism message. I mean, there's so many things that are going around in grace circles now that I don't want to look like a heresy hunter but Church, as we go in our prayer to God, we have to have a foundation of, "Yes, okay, we qualify." But in this prayer, what is this about? It's about the resurrected Christ, what He's promised me, what His Spirit brings forth in me, the kingdom of God in the earth, the Lord bringing what is new to me. And if I have a request or if I have a fear, I can just bring it before the Lord, put that request before the Lord. Put that request before a faithful God who has even conquered death for me and who's bringing forth life in me.

That is what it is and I say this with all seriousness today: It is sad for me to see people believing in the gospel and before they really get a good grab of the resurrection and what God has done, they start to fall into a message which, very, very soon after that universalism thing sets in. I see a certain percentage of those people getting into Buddhism, getting into, "We are the Christ" believing we are gods. We are all innocent and we've always been innocent and Jesus Christ has now just revealed to us how innocent we are. We've always been saved, we've always been equal to God"... and all of that rubbish! Paul never preached that. That is just lies and I want to tell you that it is a powerless message. You can hang into that message. The only power it has is to trick your mind in not feeling guilty, but, power unto true life. I just look at the lives of the people that are in that, man, it is not good! And I know that there will be some listen to this seriously disagreeing with me but then if you are the enlightened one, then love me and you will then believe everybody is already saved and everybody is already perfect and whatever, so leave me. Let me preach whatever I want to preach and walk your faith. Walk according to your faith. Don't argue and fight. It's like this person said, "Man, you know, I'm just deceived and people that preach the gospel are just deceived." There is another guy on Instagram saying that I just said, "Well, if everything is God, that means I'm God and you're God, why are you trying to correct God? You're not even acting according to your own belief. You don't even believe what you believe, what you say you believe, because if you truly believe that everybody is God, how can God correct God, because everything is God? It just doesn't make sense. And the sad thing is we see that infiltrating people that have believed grace for many years but they could not move on to the place where they understand the resurrection, understand that, yes, we are qualified but now there is no more condemnation where we are condemned to a life of destruction and death where we can expect God to bring forth fruit in our lives. Hallelujah!

**Matthew 7:**

**7 “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find’ knock and the door will be opened to you.**

**8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.**

Listen to this... and this is how we go to God:

**9 “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone?**

What I see there is likening it to God, if you need the bread of the Messiah, why will He give you a law, because the law was written on stones? He’s not going to do that. He’s going to give you what can bring you life.

**10 Or if he asks for a fish (If you need food, if you need nourishment), will give him a snake (poison)?**

He’s not going to do that! God is never going to give us when we are at the throne room of His grace and we require something from Him, anything but the body of Jesus. He is never going to give us the poison of the snake. What did the snake tell Adam and Eve? This is what Adam and Eve were told: “You are already a son of God in your own power. You don’t need God! You are like God just by physical creation. You don’t need God to promise you life and rely upon Him.” That was the message of the snake where you found power, a power unto life, in your own ability.

**“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone?**

I like what Jesus does here. He just used normal analogy as well, but I do believe there is something deeper and spiritual that points to God giving to us as well. He says, “If My son asks me for bread...”. There’s my son, Bertus, who is home for the week-end and sits here today. He says, “I want bread”, I’m not going to tell him, “Here’s a stone.” (You know I see things in pictures. If I give him a stone then I’ll have to take him to the dentist after that and even pay for that.) I’m giving him bread. I’m his father. I care for him. I love him!

**10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?**

**11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him!**

**12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you...**

Paul says, “Listen, you can do to others as you want them to be done to you because that is how God deals with you.” Can you see how God deals with you in the throne room and gives good to you will immediately bring forth a life where you will live the same? So, it’s more than just answered prayer in God giving you the good. It is also a changed life that goes with it that finds its source and its origin in God’s love for you. That is how this works.

So, I want to say to you, “If you have a request that you have to put in before God, I have requests that I put in daily. I pray and I say, “Lord, I’ve got this issue or I’ve got this anxiety which is a mind where I feel I’ve got to take up the responsibility to bring forth salvation by myself. I’m not going there. I’m rather coming to You and I’m asking You and I’m bringing this before You, I think this is what needs to take place in order for this thing to be sorted out. I ask You for the following.” And I bring it to submission to God and what I

do then is, and that is a place where we have to get to and we get to it by knowing how much He loves us, is that we leave it there. We leave it with Him. I can tell you just by experience that very thing you're going to leave with God several times before you really leave it there. I've seen it myself.

So, how many times have you now left this in the hands of Jesus? Well, I don't care as long as I keep leaving it there. That is a good place to be! And as I get this love from Him I find the longer the period is that I just leave it there and continue in peace with God. So, number 1: You are qualified. Number 2: You have a God that wants to give good to you. He wants to bring that which is good to you so we can pray and expect Him to give that answer there.

I want to go and look at this very same passage but this time from Luke. So, he says here, "Whatsoever you ask you'll receive." Let me just read it again and then we will go to Luke.

***11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him!***  
Now, what would that good gift be? I believe it will be two things. The one will be the good that you ask, which I believe have to be in line with the will of God.

Let me give you an example. This was an example this morning while Helena and I were sitting there in bed talking about the message. Imagine I sit here and I say, "God, You know it will be good for my emotions and for my stability in the faith, if you create two other moons and let it rotate around the earth all in balance and whatever. It's not going to harm anybody. It would be good for me." I don't think my prayer is going to be answered. And the "whatsoever" there might not be in line with the will of God. The bible says that sometimes we pray because we want to spend that on our own lust. That means the request of the prayer is simply, basically, fuel for our own system. God doesn't answer work system things. He answers grace things. That's how it works. Now, I'll have to go into another message to explain that but I want you to know that yes, we ask. We put it before God and this is the beautiful thing that I know when I pray: If I put a request before God, I rest and I know and this is the answer: Whatever the request is, whatsoever is good, will always come my way. Now we might be a bit afraid because what if I ask this and it is now not good... I've asked now for this specific car. I don't know if that is now good or not good. What God says is, "Whatsoever is good will come your way." If that is not good, why would you want it? I know you want what is good so what is beautiful to me is I can put in my request. That request, if it's in the spectrum of what is good, I will have that request.

So, what is beautiful is from a mind that is shaped from the grace of God, who we are, who He is, what is made for us, from that mind there is, and I want to just speak in a normal way here, I would say, 85, 90 percent chance that the request that you put in before God is going to be in line with what is going to be answered. A person whose life is always born out of the law, self-seeking and all of that, not knowing the grace of God, will have completely different requests than what you and I have. We have been acquainted with a message of grace. We have been pampered by the love of God. As



we've been pampered by the love of God, He will give desires to our hearts. These desires that comes to our heart is what we can make known to God with boldness knowing that it will be answered. Hallelujah! That is how we live and the beautiful thing that I have is I know that if I ask something that will not be good to me and I don't have full understanding, thank God that that will not be answered. But whatever is good as pertaining to that area of my life, my loving Jesus and Father will see that it comes my way. What a beautiful life to live! Hallelujah! Thank God for that!

I want to quickly go with that same thing where it says, "Whatsoever you ask you'll receive."

**Luke 11:**

**9 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.**

**10 For everyone who asks receives' the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.**

Now, it's going to give context to this:

**11 "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will you give him a snake instead?**

**12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?**

**13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children (Listen to this), how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"**

So, what He is saying is we make our requests known to God and I believe in normal requests we make it known to God. But I also see in Luke that there is a deeper understanding of this and that is you are knocking, you are seeking, you are asking for the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit means the life that is born from God in that area.

I use this friend again as an example: "Lord, I come before You Thank You that You heal my son and I thank You that I am knocking, seeking Your life, that is born from You in me, in this situation. And thank You, Spirit of God, that I'm welcoming the resurrection power of Jesus in this area of my life."

So, if we are at a place and we are knocking and seeking, we're asking, we have our request, according to Philippians 4, and we know that we are co-requesting the very life that is born from God in that area of our lives. It's like, "Lord, thank You that You sort this thing out for me. This is I know I qualify. I can come with my anything to You, thank You help, You provide." Let's say, for instance that I need a vehicle for me. I need one here or I need to go and study there, or I need a job, or whatever. "Thank You! That is my request to You and I also, with that, know that I am knocking and seeking for a life born from the Holy Spirit in this area in my life." If we that are evil know how to give food to our children, how much more will God not grant us and give us a life born from His love for us and have us share in His life! We're going to share in His life. We are not going to get away from it That is what He is going to do. Alleluia!

I want to tell you that our gospel, the gospel preaching web church here, the gospel of the resurrection, is not a weak gospel. It is a very, very, powerful gospel! It saves you. It saves your mind. It gives you hope. It changes your life. It brings forth what is new. It's God's doing in this earth. It is not a spirit gospel which is aimed at only your spirit and cannot have some real manifestation in this life. On the contrary, the gospel of Jesus is all about the real in this life. It's just about that! It's not *also* about that. It's only about that. It's about God bringing heaven to earth and we've seen it manifested in the resurrected Jesus and thank God His body is not in the grave! That means that the kingdom of God and our bodies and who we are, did not escape the salvation plan. No! Salvation is fully defined in the empty grave, in the resurrection and in the fullness of God now manifesting in man. We don't sit with this sloppy, sloppy, message! We have a gospel where we don't have to think ourselves into a kama-kama land or la-la land, where we just feel like we are on the clouds. No! We have a gospel that saves! We have a gospel that brings forth new creation and I'm not talking about your spirit. I'm talking about new creation... new and creation. When you think of creation, you are thinking of the physical earth creation... new creation. That's what you think of. Glory to God!

And our gospel has a hope based on historic facts. There was a man like Jesus. Historically, it is true. There was something like an empty grave. The contemporaries, the enemies of the church, even acknowledged that there was something like the grave of Jesus and that the body was in the grave at a certain point in time and that the body is not there anymore. They, at least, acknowledge that. They didn't want to give the true reason on why it was like that, why the grave was empty. They didn't conclude resurrection. They said He was just stolen. But He was raised in His physical body! He was raised from the dead. That is what we find. That is what we see. We have a gospel that is true in this world. Then we find that the church, scared people who were hiding away, all of a sudden were not scared anymore. They were no scared anymore. They were now, all of a sudden, not running to Galatia somewhere. They were staying in Jerusalem preaching that Jesus Christ was raised! Then the church grew into what it is now.

I challenge you: Go and fabricate the lie and see if it can grow like the church. It can't. So, if you can see that the resurrection is for the here and it brings forth life to us now, it is not something that is just spirit and gone. No, it is real. It is new creation. It is of such a sort that Paul said, "There is neither Jew nor Gentile." He is talking about physical creation now. He's talking about Jesus being raised from the dead. He's talking about the Spirit poured out on flesh. When we pray, when we go to the throne room of grace, we go with these things in mind and we have an expectation of God giving the Holy Spirit to us, bringing forth a brand-new life in us. Hallelujah!

We are the colony. We have become a colony of heaven where heaven is manifesting in the earth. I mention those things because that is how we pray: "Our Father which art in heaven..."

Number 1: "Our Father". It's not just, "My Father." "Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Can you see that what I'm talking about and the resurrection and all those kinds

of things, is not like, "I'm going to float off somewhere when I die and you know even when Jesus comes back, we're floating off somewhere. No, we are floating nowhere. God is bringing His life to you and you can believe it. It's true! Glory to God!

This is what this is about: **Romans 8:** You might say, But Bertie, I don't even know what to pray."

**22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the paths of childbirth right up to the present time.** It says that the whole of creation is in the pangs of childbirth. It's talking about something is being born and what he's saying is the suffering that creation is going through should be likened to a woman that gives birth. That means there is a new life coming forth right there.

**23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit,** (and even we) **groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.**

**24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is not hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have?**

**25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.**

What he is saying is we are waiting for that manifestation of resurrection. We are not now changing our gospel. Church, believers in the grace of God, web church, people that follow dynamic love ministries and other preachers that preach along the lines of grace, listen to me: Don't get impatient when you are not seeing full manifestations of things and then start to feel guilty and now you're going in prayer and now you start to want to change the gospel into something that it is not. Just stick to this! Be patient.

**26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness.** (So as we are patient and as what we see this world in a place where a birth is taking place, this is in the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness.) **We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.**

**27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.**

So, this intercession of the Spirit, if you study out this whole passage, when you don't even know how to pray, you can go to God and you have a longing and a desire to see the life of God manifest in you. The Holy Spirit will help you by manifesting actions in your life and fruit in your life by what the Spirit alone knows in how to line your life up with the will of God. So, the beauty of this is you know you are qualified, you go with your request before God, whatever that might be, normal things. Part of that request you know that God will bring forth, by the Holy Spirit, life in you, when you don't even know what to pray and how to pray. You know that there's a groaning and a desire and a longing inside you to see the hope of the resurrection manifest in you. According to that hope and accordance to what the will of God is, the Holy Spirit, when you don't even know what to pray, will bring forth in your life what needs to be brought forth. That has brought a lot of peace in my life and it sounds like this in prayer, or in communication with Helena, or my

children or friends: “Well, I just know that it will work out fine!” That’s how it sounds. That’s how that life is. Glory to God!

So, the Holy Spirit makes intercession for us... Jesus as well. Hebrews 7 says that He’s the intercessor and you know what the definition for intercession is. Sin means to miss the mark. Intercede means to hit the mark of one throwing a javelin hitting the mark. Sin says of one throwing the javelin missing the mark. Intercession means to hit the mark, to hit the goal. So, what he’s saying is that God has a goal for you and as you don’t even know what to pray, you don’t know what to say, the Holy Spirit will see, as your heart comes before God and you’re just standing in the gospel of His grace, the gospel of His love, the gospel of what He’s promised, and you say, “I don’t even know how to pray in the situation. I don’t even know if I’m right or wrong. I don’t even know what to ask.” It doesn’t matter. He will still bring forth life in you. He will make sure that you hit the mark. I like to put it this way: God will not miss the mark with you! The Holy Spirit is there that God will not miss the mark with you. That’s what it is about. So, Jesus is there so that what God wanted to bring forth in people’s lives can be brought forth through His resurrection. We come to Him and in Him we will find that God hits the goal 100% with you in bringing forth life and peace and joy in your heart. We have an intercessor, Jesus, the immortal, seated at the right hand of God, and He knows how to get us from where we are to the fulness of what He is, manifest in this life. He knows, the Holy Spirit knows, how to bring peace and joy and actions and fruit into our lives right now.

So, when we pray, and we go to God and we say, let me summarize it: Qualification is never even an issue. You qualify! You don’t go with a guilty conscience. “Oh, God, I’ve done this sin. Oh, Lord...” You don’t even go there! It’s not for you. We’re not conscious of disqualification according to the flesh, at all. As we are there, whatever, we take our anxiety, we make it known to God what we think the answer should be. You make your request known to God and you leave it there. If you don’t even know how to pray, the Spirit of God is going to bring forth actions in your life anyway. And all of this is on the foundation of understanding and believing the Good News. That is what it is all about. The Spirit of God, as well as Jesus, will make intercession for you and bring forth the life of God in you. With that I can say and come to the conclusion, as you look at this logically, you can come to the conclusion, “What can separate me from the love that there is in Jesus Christ, the love of God that there is in Christ?” Nothing can separate me for even if there is a difficult time, how to act in that time will be born from the Holy Spirit! I will find the love of God manifesting there and if you truly study Romans chapter 8, the love of God is defined as two things: The first fruit of the Spirit and the resurrection. That is the love of God. That is what it is. What can separate me from having immortality as was promised and so after receiving that immortal body inheriting the kingdom and so ruling with God? Nothing! Because we have this God that loves us. We’ve got this God that loves us and brings forth life in us. Glory to God!

You will have to go and listen to this message again if you have some time. I will see that maybe I put a bit of this into the devotionals in the week to come and let this just meditate on it, think on it, ponder on it. Glory to God. It is a good thing to give your mind to this.

You will find what I said is true and I'm sure many of you, over years and years of knowing the grace gospel, testify to the validity of what I'm saying and the power of it.

Thank you so much that I could serve you with this Good News message today. Let us pray and end with prayer:

"Father, I want to come and first of all I want to say, "Thank You that we are fully qualified because, through one sacrifice, You have perfected forever them that are being made holy. Father, we don't see all the holiness manifesting in our lives but we acknowledge that we have been perfected. As we stand before You, You see where and how we desire more of a life that is set apart from the things of this world wherein we are having our lives and our members available for the manifestation of what is good and what is best for us. Thank You for that, Lord.

Father, as I pray for this congregation. First of all, I want to acknowledge that all authority and all power belongs to You, and that this congregation that I'm praying for now is Your body and that Your Spirit is poured out on each one of them. A life born from You is their future. Thank You, Lord!

I thank You, Father, that I can pray according to Your will and my request, as I must be honest before You and before them, is I look at how I see so many people that are listening to the grace message, falling into doctrines that are wrong, that are powerless, that doesn't need an empty grave as the absolute center of their theology. I see people being tempted to go into that direction. Lord, because of, I don't know, it can be simple laziness to study the scriptures or to be serious with the text, being tempted just of the devil, going away from the truth, Lord I come and I make my request known to You. My request is, "Lord, that these people will stay with Your gospel and that You give them an enlightened mind that they know how high, how wide, how deep, and how long, the love of Christ is. That they may know the resurrection. That they may know the gospel of Your kingdom. That they may know what the true message is, which they already know. Lord, all I am doing is I'm just praying what You've said we should pray: Lead us not into temptation but, deliver us from this evilness that is in the world that comes in the form of sheep but there are wolves, people that are deceived themselves, really believing what they are saying but they have a powerless message! Help this church, help this congregation that You have given me, Lord, In Jesus' mighty name. Amen and amen

Thank you so much that I could serve you with the Good News of Jesus. This message will be available and it will be great if you want to share it with somebody later on.