

THE ONLY SOLUTION: A NEW CREATION

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Greetings! It is a blessing for me to bring you the Gospel of Grace, as always. It is all about the influence God has on humans through what He has accomplished in raising Jesus from the dead and then placing Him as Lord over all the world.

Father, I want to thank You for Your love and Your grace. I want to thank You that You speak powerfully through me, today, that I could bring Your Gospel clearly so that understanding can come to all of us. As we understand, we experience the dimensions of Your love. Thank You that we can experience the power of Your rulership, of Your peace, of Your kingdom, in our lives, where we can effortlessly share in what You have done for us. Thank You, Holy Spirit, that You speak powerfully through me today in this webcast. Amen

Today we are continuing in our teaching where I am teaching through Romans verse by verse. I am going to touch on scriptures in Galatians as well as in Corinthians today, as I'm speaking about the new creation. All of that is to explain Romans chapter 7 which is basically a whole chapter that just explains a concept that was started in chapters 5 and 6.

In the coming Sunday messages, we are going to talk about the following points I jotted down:

☐ **A new creation as the only way out of bondage;**

The only way out of bondage is for God to physically recreate humans. That's the only way out of bondage. There is no other way out! I remember times when I was thinking that there were other ways out, which we will still discuss, but there is no way out of bondage except for God physically recreating a human, making of the old human a physical new human. That's the first point we are going to talk about today.

☐ **That we cannot modify the old creation: Modification of the OLD is seen as fornication between the holy law and death.** We also going to see in **Romans 7** that the modification of the old creation, if we want to call it like that, or the first one or the old man, the moment we try to modify that man, it is called fornication.

☐ **That the new creation is not a nonmaterial creation but it is the physical recreation of the physical body as seen through the resurrection**

□ **That sin is the fruit of a mortal body that escalates or manifests, as effort to modify the dying body takes place;** This sounds a bit complicated but as we take a mortal body and we try to gain God's quality of life, we just find our mortality showing more and more leading to death.

□ **Understand the concept of NEW CREATION brings peace and rest.** Understanding that only through new creation, which we cannot do ourselves, true peace is attained.

So, let me go through these points again:

First of all, we are going to talk about the new creation as the only way out of bondage. We are going to say that we cannot modify the old creation by obedience to the law. We are going to say that the new creation is not a spiritual new creation where just our spirits are recreated but it is a physical new creation. In other words, it is not a non-material new creation. It is a literal, physical, new creation. We are also going to define sin and what that is in the light of the mortal body and we are going to see how this brings peace to us.

Today, we are going to talk about a new creation as the way out of bondage. A new creation is the only way out of bondage.

Galatians 6:

14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision avails anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Paul is saying here in Galatians, chapter 6, what he has in mind, is effectiveness, reaching the goal that God has set, attaining what God has dreamt for us. He is saying that it cannot be attained outside of a new creation.

In verse 14, Paul says, **But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ...** When Paul talks about glorying in the cross, what he understood by saying, "I'm glorying in the cross", he is saying that both Jew and Gentile were united into the death of Jesus and there is no more Jew or Gentile. All are sinners and all were under the bondage of death. In the cross of Jesus Christ, we find the unity, the union, between Jew and Gentile and therefore we say that there is no more Jew and no more Gentile. I've explained that in too many sessions in my series in Romans. You can just go back to Romans chapters 1 and 2 in the study and you will see that all of it is there.

He says there, "I am crucified to the world and the world to me." What he is saying is, "I cannot see myself as a Jew anymore and they are the world and I cannot see the world's system and its power and that I am under its rule anymore. I cannot see that anymore. All of that has ended.

He says, "***For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision avails anything, nor uncircumcision...***" Can you see that he takes the cross and when he looks at the cross, he connects the death on the cross with circumcision and not circumcision. He actually says that in the cross, Jew and Gentile are made one. The concept that he uses there is that the Gentiles are sinners and the Jews are sinners and they were all under the power of death. Jesus now came and He took the sins of the world upon Him and there He died. Since He is the Messiah of all people, all people are represented in Him. That means that He is the Messiah of all people bringing salvation for all people from what the true problem was which is death.

Before I continue, in this last week I had to go and support some people that were going through very difficult times and they were in court. I attended this hearing. As I was sitting there, I looked at the whole government system, the law system, this world system, and I looked at how it is flooded with death. It does not have the ability to save any person or deliver any person from sin. It doesn't have the ability. The only ability that it has is to punish. Even if you call it the restorative justice system, where people come and they realize that our justice system shouldn't be a punishment system. It shouldn't be a system where you punish people but where you restore people. Even if our learned people have realized that, we find that the law system cannot produce that. It is flooded with death in all its dimensions.

To give you an example, if a person is 16 years of age he is the age of accountability. When he is 15 years old, he is a child, and you, as his parent, need to be good to him and love him. You cannot do anything bad to that child because it is negative and wrong and you're a bad parent. But when he becomes 16 years old, the very thing that the government says you are not allowed to do, the government can do to that child. If he should drink and drive, he can be locked up in a room and let him stay with other criminals. That can never save that child from the lack that is in his heart. Neither can that ever produce life in that child.

Now, I'm not saying that we should not have a government system. The Bible says that that it is also there to govern people. I'm not talking about the government system. What I'm trying to say is that no government system, no law, can ever bring eternal life to people. It is impossible. I was sitting there in that court and I was listening to the judge. We were waiting because there were other people before the case where I went to support the people. I listened to the lawyers and the testimonies and everything. I realized, as I was sitting there, that all of this is death. It is death. It will only end in the grave.

Our government system is built out of hundreds and hundreds of years of the most intelligent people putting their minds together to see what laws we can do and how can we govern people to give them the best quality of life. I want to tell you that system falls so short. It cannot produce life in one person. It cannot make him love anybody. It cannot bring kindness from the depth of the heart, forcing anyone. It cannot have true compassion. It falls short by light years. It cannot save. And as I was sitting there, I said, "God, I see all this death. Even if I watch American politics and I watch their system, I just see one thing. It's flooded with death. That's all that it is. There's an injustice there.

There's an unrighteousness there that cannot be explained in words and yet it is man's best effort to bring forth life. I was sitting there and I was saying, "God, the only thing that can save man is if somebody knows how to conquer death. That's the only thing. And if people can be recreated and have a mindset and have a life that is eternal, that cannot die, because once the life that is in them becomes eternal, they'll start to think thoughts that are eternal. They will start to live with eternal life and true change can take place.

So, as I was sitting there, I realized the only thing that can avail unto anything good is a new creation. Man has to be recreated and they have to be created as beings that cannot die, that have something natural in them that is above death. If you have something in you that is above death, you'll think thoughts that cannot lead to death but only lead to life. That is basically what Paul is saying here. He says, "In Christ, I cannot think of myself any more as a Jew or Gentile or 'we and them'. I can know just one thing that this whole world system and all of its doings is crucified to me and I to it."

It says, ***For in Christ Jesus*** (For since I'm now in Christ), ***neither circumcision avails anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.***

In Jesus Christ... means under Jesus as Lord. Whenever Paul uses the word, Christ, or even in the Gospels when it refers to the word, Christ, it refers to the resurrected Jesus, Who bodily has conquered death Who is now the ruler over this physical world, from the standpoint of His physical victory wherein He will attain and bring us to life... His very life!

He says, "In Christ, under the fact that Jesus went into the grave and was raised from the dead, is now the King, or the Lord, or the Messiah of all people who have death in them. It says that under this rulership, under this understanding, neither circumcision nor. uncircumcision, if I'm a Jew or a Gentile, it cannot avail unto anything. The word, avail, there means, according to Thayer's definition:

1) to be strong; to be strong in body

Look at what Paul is saying there. It says, "In Christ, nothing can make my body strong except Christ. When I'm in Jesus, this whole thing of going back to the law and 'Who's a Jew and Who's a Gentile?', walking under the law ... nothing of that can make my body strong. The only thing that can make my body strong is Christ. When I talk about making the body strong is not just giving me a little bit of life that I can cycle well, or have a good health or something. I mean strong unto this body living with a life that even should it die, that it can be raised from the dead to live forever as Jesus. Where that kind of a body possesses a life and something supernatural about it that it will bring forth the fruit of life in this world.

2) The word, avail, also means to have power as shown by extraordinary deeds; to exert, wield power, to have strength to overcome. So what he is saying is, "In Christ", when we are in Jesus, it means if I can say that I have died with Him and His resurrection is my resurrection and since He was raised by the Spirit, the hope that I have is that I will be bodily raised from the dead. My body, which possesses mortality leading to death, that that is conquered by Jesus. As I rest in that, then I will have strength to overcome.

How do we overcome? We overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony.

The blood of the Lamb is Jesus who has died. The word of our testimony is that we testify that He was raised from the dead and so shall we be bodily raised from the dead.

Before His death, Jesus had a mortal body and God took a mortal body and recreated. He brought forth a new creation wherein a human cannot die. There has never been a creation where a human could not die. But, when Jesus was raised from the dead, human flesh entered existence. Human flesh that cannot die entered the existence and that's the new creation. Now the Bible says that the only thing that can avail or have strength is not circumcision or uncircumcision but a new creature, a new creation. So, in Christ, under the rulership of Jesus, we are not law minded. We are not Jew/Gentile minded. We are mindful of the fact that we are new creatures.

That word, creature, in the Greek, means created thing through the act of creating. That would be something that God creates in Christ. So, when we are Christians and believe in Jesus, we know that nothing we do, no law we try to obey, can avail. That means to have strength to overcome. The only thing that can give us the strength to overcome is a new creature. That word, creature, means, created things through the act of creating. The only way that we can overcome is by God giving us the strength to overcome by God creating us afresh through the work of Jesus. And that creation there is not just spiritual. It includes and it actually has its foundation in a physical recreation.

You would say, "Bertie, you are just hammering away on the very same thing you preached last year." Let me just quickly tell you, as we are on this point. The reason why I do this is because it is the power of God to a brand new life.

If I could just testify, personally, out of my own life. If I think of things that I have been through in the last year, I will not mention it but one day I will talk about these things. I am not ashamed to testify but there's a time for that. If I talk about the things that I went through, and I think of if I had to stand in positive thinking and positive confession and trying to meditate and all the old typical Charismatic Pentecostal sayings, I wouldn't have made it! The only mindset that I had is Jesus was raised from the dead! Whatever death I have, He has conquered and physically I am now starting to experience, by His Holy Spirit, the regeneration of everything in me. I'm already seeing the first signs of eternal life in me wherein God, by making my body new, brings forth new thoughts in me and all those kinds of things.

Friends, we need to understand that the recreation is an understanding this mindset and understanding the concept of eternal life, changes the way you think. It changes how you think about money. It changes how you think about your children, about your wife, about your family, about friends, about this world. It brings inside you a mindset that God is truly God. It brings a mindset where everything of you and about you is your heart allows it to be under the jurisdiction of God.

You know, when we had the idea that a new creation is simply just God bringing forth something new in the spirit and not a physical new creation, we still had the idea, okay spiritual on this side tried to connect to God and now I must take what I learned in the Spirit and go and practically apply it in life which is not the right way. If you can believe that the physical is included in the recreation where Jesus was bodily raised. And as I believe upon Him, I believe in the physical recreation by the power of God's Spirit, you'll find your mind puts everything under God and you are not busy trying to take spiritual things doing your own thing. Everything is naturally under Him. You just find your mind working that way by His doing.

Let me conclude point one here. Paul says that when I'm in Christ, it's not a Jew/Gentile thing. One thing I know is that my works by the law, if I'm a Jew or Gentile, cannot avail to anything. The only thing that can avail, or to have strength to overcome, is a new creature. I've defined creature there according to the Greek as created things through the act of creating. In other words, the only way whereby we can overcome is by God's act in recreating us into what He wants by **His** doing as we simply rely and believe upon Him.

2 Cor. 5:17 *Wherefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

When you are in Jesus, the old way of doing things have passed away. There is no more Jew/Gentile. Plus, the old way has passed away where you are now trying to recreate your life by thinking on positive the scriptures. He is saying here that ***if any man be in Christ***... in other words, as we stand under the rulership of Christ, he is a new created thing by the creation power of God recreating him. Where it is God's job to bring forth this new way. The old things have passed away and Paul has the Jew/Gentile here in mind and that whole system as well. They are become new.

2 Cor. 5:18 *But all things are of God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ (Christ is the resurrected man, Jesus), and gave unto us the ministry of reconciliation;*

2 Cor. 5:19 *To wit, that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, not reckoning unto them their trespasses, and having committed unto us the word of reconciliation* This word of God being the Creator or the recreator of these people bringing forth a new creation in them.

When we talk about reconciliation and that we have been reconciled to God, this is how it works. In the beginning, when Adam said, "I am going to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, what he basically said was, "I'm going to create my own life!" But when we reconcile to God it means to come back to where God is the one that is the Creator of life. So, God has to, should He want to save me, recreate me. How will He recreate me? He cannot just recreate my mind. No, He has to recreate me as what He, basically, brought forth a new creation when He raised Jesus from the dead. Jesus was made of a woman. The Bible says He was born of a woman of the seed of David, but He was born of God the day He was raised from the dead.

So, when we look at the physical birth of a human being, we can see that a mother is involved and a father is involved. In Jesus' case just a mother is involved, a physical womb was needed and we find that Mary gave birth to Jesus. But in the resurrection, we find that no human was involved in giving birth to a physical body. We find that only the Father was involved and the Father gave birth to the resurrected Jesus. Therefore, the Father created every cell of that human body and there was no involvement of mortal man. And that recreation that can never die, that can never sin, is what God does with us as we believe in Jesus. When He does that, physically, things start to change in our lives. The neuron paths in our brain start to change. We start to have new ways of thinking. We have new ways of feeling. Our logic changes. Our compassion changes. The way we deal with people changes. What we think about the future and our things and all of that changes. Why? How? By God availing unto life in us by Him recreating us. Church, that is very, very important!

God brought forth a new creation in resurrecting Jesus from the dead

Romans 6:

4 We were buried therefore with him through baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father (which is eternal life), **so we also might walk in newness of life.**

It says that we were baptized with Him into death that just as Jesus was raised from the dead. How was Jesus raised from the dead... spiritually or physically? He was physically recreated as a man that possesses immortality! That is what took place. Now who of us can attain to that by the works of the law? Nobody! And that is what needs to take place in our lives. That basically brings us to the last point but I want to speak about in the weeks to come that gives you absolute peace because you know that only God can do that and nobody else.

4 We were buried therefore with him through baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father. (How was Jesus raised from the dead? By His own works? No, through the glory of the Father which is the Spirit or the very life, the eternal life of the Father.) **So, we also might walk in newness of life.** See, we were walking in the oldness of death... bodily death, physical death. But now we are walking in the newness of, "I'm not trying to engage my mortal body through obedience to the law to have life. I am now standing under the life of God where I am tapping life from His life and He is bringing life to me recreating all of me by His doing.

5 For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection;

6 Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done away, that so we should no longer be in bondage to sin;

So, what does God do in Jesus and what did He do with us? In Christ He ends the physical body of sin and brings us a glorified body that has eternal life. You might say, "Bertie, we are not seeing this right now. Why are we not seeing this?"

That is why Paul wrote Romans chapter 5. He says, "Well we might not see these things right now but we are seeing the first signs of these things and we have hope in that God will manifest this. If we go to chapter 8, we find that Paul says that we patiently wait and even our mortal bodies shall be fully quickened by the very life that is now bringing forth love and peace and joy and all those things in us. Glory to God!

That is basically all I want to say for this message. Listen to this again and just think of this. What I have realized, in my own life is, as I have studied these things, for a long time it is knowledge in your mind. But then there is a time when you think of this as the reality. You can say, "Well, Jesus died. He was raised." But, there's also the place where this becomes a reality. He really did physically die. He was physically raised. The body of sin was done away with. Now we have a body of life and as I believe upon Him, this life of this body will also now quicken my mortal body. So, I am under the recreation of my body and as my body experiences the life, new thoughts come to me because of the recreation. My goodness, thank You, Father, that becomes reality!

That is what I wanted to share with you. Ask God, "I want to know this from the point of reality and not from the point of me trying to think good thoughts. I want to know it as the truth and the only reality." And you will start to see these things work. Just ask the Father and trust Him.

Thank you so much that you have allowed me to serve you today. I will continue to serve you as the strength of God is inside me and the love of God just prevails in my heart to bring you this gospel of grace. You are precious to Him! He loves you and He wants you with Him forever! Amen and amen...