

THE HELMET OF SALVATION

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It is wonderful to take Communion together and think on what Christ has done. I would like to advise you to share this in family format and pray for each other during this time. Be good to each other. Speak the Truth over each other. In this blood of Jesus is life for us.

I want to tell you that the more I read the Scriptures, the more I fellowship with God, it just feels that I want to explode with joy! I feel such a happiness and joy in my heart on account of what Christ has done for us and I can't but want to share it! I just want to thank you again for slotting into this webcast and even those who will watch this later on. Man, I am so honored to minister to you! I feel such a passion to do it and I almost want to say that you help me out because it's almost like a singer who cannot sing, or an engineer who cannot design or a race car driver who doesn't have a race car. That's how I would feel if I could not just give expression, express to you and help you with whatever God has gifted me with.

Today I am going to talk about something that can really touch your heart but before I get into it, I would just like to say this: I want to talk a little bit about social media. I felt to do that. When you go on a social media page and you talk and communicate with somebody, I just want to give you advice as members of the Web Church. Because you go to different pages and different places and you speak. The first thing that we do when we comment on a page, and if you want to do it effectively, read what the person says and ask the Holy Spirit to show you what he actually believes. What is his belief system? What is behind what he says? Some people might say that that would be judgment or anything like that. I am not talking about judging the motives of somebody who calls himself gay. We had a wonderful conversation with him on my Facebook page. As I was communicating with him, I just realized that a lot of gay people, for instance, call themselves gay. People will say, "I'm a gay Christian" or "I'm a gay worker" or "I am a gay whatever" and everything is connected to gay. Some say, "I am a gay doctor" or "I'm a gay accountant" or "I am a gay manager". And as I was looking at this I realized that the belief here is that it is just a law belief. I believe that I am by what I do. That's all. And then when you give your advice, you give your advice in a loving way towards that belief.

When we are on social media as Web Church members and as we go out as a family, you know we are associated with this Web Church. As we do it, let us do it from the perspective where we can actually bring correction to the belief of the person in a way that the Bible says we must be harmless as a dove and as sly as a snake. So you are coming in a way that the person doesn't really know what you are doing but you are addressing the belief and helping that person. At the end of the day, it is not about being right. It's about being effective. I am not saying that we should be wrong if using what is right in a way that we can reach people. Paul says, "I don't want to just beat there, I want to do it in an effective way. I want to preach in such a way that people can actually receive salvation. I just want to say: Let us be effective. That is just some practical advice I have for you. Let us be effective when we talk, when we reach out and see the belief. Jesus always spoke to the belief. That is why sometimes He would say things that sounded as if it had nothing to do with what was actually discussed --- for it had nothing to do with what was discussed. Jesus reached the person at his level of belief, which is absolutely awesome. So let us pray and say, "Lord, I want to be effective in that way."

And then let us just pray for the sick. I believe that you must be sitting here and you have a lot of pain, going through a hard time and you might say, "I don't even know if I am able to sit through this service. I have pain and stress and struggles. Let me pray for you. As I stretch forth my hands and as a Web

fellowship, as members, we come together and we gather around the Truth of the Resurrection and as we think of this communion we just had, we thank You for signs, wonders and miracles that can take place today. I pray for people who have migraine headaches, I pray for people who have back ache, people who have very bad stomach problems at this moment, people who struggle with sinus infections, cancer, HIV aids, sugar diabetes, people who feel dizzy in their head because of something, nauseous... I just feel by Your Spirit, Father, to do this, and I just declare over you, healing for your body.

Just take a moment to meditate on the goodness of God... I also feel by the Holy Spirit to tell you, "Don't try and believe for healing... just relax. I will pray, I will believe." Thank You, Father! In the name of Jesus, thank You, Father! Glory to God! I just feel the compassion and the love of God...I'm overwhelmed by the love of God... Hallelujah!

Let us get into Ephesians. What I am going to talk about in Ephesians is the helmet of salvation. Let us read this first and then I am going to tell you what I am aiming at , the conclusion of the message, and then explain it.

Ephesians 6:17 says something outstanding. It says: "***And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.***" Your head, your **thoughts**, will be protected by the helmet of salvation. You can clearly see it here: "***... the helmet of salvation.***" If we don't define that salvation how will we be protected?

What is this helmet of salvation?

We will look at a cross reference where Paul mentioned it also in another place. It says, "***the helmet, the hope of salvation***". It says to take the helmet of salvation. What is this helmet of salvation? It is the helmet of the **hope** of salvation. *1Thessalonians 5:8* "***But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.***" That is really important to understand when it talks about the **hope** of salvation.

What is the hope of salvation?

You might say, "But I thought I am saved!" We call the helmet the helmet of salvation but if we define salvation in what it really is and we look at another verse in the Bible which explains this helmet of salvation, we will actually see that it is actually the helmet of **hope** and this hope is the hope of salvation. You may say that I am actually splitting hairs over this. Yes, I am because I found that the Church was completely ruined through not having hope --- the hope of salvation, for we have said that we are already saved. You may now say, "Bertie, you are beginning to get completely off the bus! You were a great Grace preacher but now you are missing it!" Listen, you have loved me all the time, and all the time you have listened to me and I have believed this for many years. I just feel that I need to share it with you and the time has come where the people are mature enough in the message of Grace to actually understand what I want to share for this is exceeding great, good news that I'm about to share with you!

This morning I preached it in our church and I could just see people come afterwards and they were just so blessed! You could see life flowing from them! I had a pastor who came from another country. (People watch me on the web and when they come to Cape Town which is a great tourist destination, and when they come, they visit my church.) He listened to this and he said that he and his wife were talking about this just that morning and the previous day. He said, "We are trying to pray for the sick and we don't see them healed and we don't see it working the way it's supposed to work, always living with this thing of what is going on... what are we doing wrong?" That is where all the doctrines of

demons starts, where all the things start like what you need to do to get a breakthrough, all the teachings of tithing and sowing and reaping and what you need to do to get a financial breakthrough! All those things found its way into the Church because they didn't have the hope of salvation. Salvation was put into the category of the kingdom of God or the Resurrection has already taken place, and it has not. So please bear with me. This is where we are going.

So, let me say where we are going:

I'm going to define **salvation as immortality or to have eternal life in human flesh**. That's what I am going to define salvation as and I am going to show you that Jesus Christ came to save us from death. Then I want to define death. He came to save us from physical death. That's what He came to save us from.

I don't believe that we will live immortal today. I don't believe that. I believe that immortality will manifest in the return of Jesus Christ. If you go and look at what was preached, in general, in Church, a focus on the return of Jesus was a very fearsome thing. It was something that was preached from a fear perspective where it would just be fear and blood and guts and the antichrist and all those kinds of things. It was a thing that we feared. Even the Church, I find the Church, is most afraid of the return of Jesus Christ. They don't want to hear about the return of Jesus Christ because the return of Jesus Christ was put inside the category of God coming with a vengeance, burning people, destroying people because He was now fed up with man and now He is destroying man. Then through the Word of Faith, the prosperity Gospel movement, what happened was we were taught that the kingdom of God , or actually what was kept for us in the resurrection, is now. Then we tried to manifest that which would be in the resurrection today and if it doesn't work then the Devil can tell us twenty things that we need to do to get it to work --- and then it never will work. We see some fruit but we don't see all of it. It's almost as if we prophesy in part, we heal in part, we deliver in part. Then because it is in part, now it is like, "Oh, there's something wrong with you and you better get it right."

I'm going to define **salvation as immortality**, that God came to save man from physical death and that's what He came to save us from. In order to get that right, I am going to explain to you what He had to do in order to get that right. When we look at the hope of salvation, it clearly states that we are still hoping for it. I'm not saying that we are not experiencing salvation today. There are certain things that we are saved from and we are experiencing what we call the first fruits of salvation. We can read that in Romans 8. But we are still in the place where we hope. The Bible even talks about the hope of righteousness which actually looks as if we have not been made righteous but we have shall be made righteous. Then there are other places that talks about the righteous and other places that talk about we shall be made righteous, or our hope of righteousness, where it says that righteousness shall still come to us. That confuses people a lot of the time. **The reason why that confusion is there is because we have made the Gospel to be saved from hell and not to be saved from physical death.** We had the Gospel as a fire escape where the whole message was that God is going to destroy the planet and after destroying the planet He will take us all to heaven and we will forever be with God in heaven. I have news for you... God did not make heaven as the place where man would abide forever! God made Earth for man. God made Earth for man. You might say, "Bertie, I don't agree with you!"

Just listen to my logic. When God made the heaven and the earth it was not His second plan. It was His first plan. It was not heaven and then Plan B. No! God's got one plan, Plan A, and that is to have a human being on the planet which would have a body that finds its life from the glorious report of Who God is and so forever live with God. He created a being, spirit, soul, and body, which is called a human. You are not a spirit. You are a human that consists out of spirit, soul, and body. You are one. Like the Bible says, **Behold, Old Israel, the Lord your God is one.** But we know God is Father, Son

and Holy Spirit and you cannot define God outside of the Three. In the same way you can never define yourself just as spirit. No, you are a human. You are incomplete without a physical human body and God's plan is for you to have a body that can give expression to what's going on in the Trinity. So when He made Adam and Eve, He didn't just make Adam. He made Adam and Eve for one human being can never give full expression to what is in the Trinity for you have to be more than one for there is Father and Son in the Holy Spirit in the Trinity. Then that being must have the ability to reproduce for God has the ability to create after His own kind and we also have to have that ability to be able to give full expression to what is in the Trinity. We had to have that ability to be a being that can actually co-share in all that is alive in God. The Holy Spirit had to bring forth a being like that so that He could bring forth what was in the Trinity. Now what I have just said can boggle your mind but Church, please listen and just push through with this and hear me out until the end.

God's plan was with Earth. His plan was not to make the Earth for awhile and then go to heaven. No, His plan was always Earth. We read in Romans Chapter 8 that Creation waits for the manifestation of the sons of God so that creation can have the same incorruptableness, if you want to call it like that, or, immortality, if you want to call it like that, as what we have in our bodies in the return of Christ. People, we must realize, that when we die and we go to heaven we receive what we would call a spiritual body in heaven. That would be a place where we would be in a certain spiritual form with God. But that body we receive there is not what is called immortality. The Bible clearly says in 1 Timothy 6 that Jesus Christ, the only immortal. There is only one immortal and that is Jesus. Immortality is not defined as having eternal life. Immortality is defined as having a human body that gives full expression to the glorious opinion that God has about you in Jesus. There's only one being that has that. Everybody who had previously died, they died without receiving the promise... and the promise is an immortal human body. Now, in order for us to have that body, Jesus had to do certain things. To explain what He had to do, I have to explain to you how we died. All of this is about the helmet of salvation.

Now, people, what I am preaching here, I haven't heard being preached about the helmet of salvation. .. ever. Not that I am saying that I am leading with some doctrine. I've heard it preached before... I stand corrected... I heard the Apostle Paul preach it and we are reading what the Apostle Paul preached. So it was preached before... by the Apostle Paul. But I haven't heard it in recent history in the last twenty years that I've been in church and recorded stuff that we can maybe hear from the early twenties, thirties... I haven't heard this preached but it's not that it's not the Gospel. The reason why this is preached like I'm preaching this or the reason I preach this is simply because you want people to be protected against legalism and the law and the death that comes with it.

How does man fall? God said to Adam and Eve, "Adam and Eve, do not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil for what that tree will cause you, or because of that, or what it will bring forth in you is death." So, if you eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil... what is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? It wasn't an apple tree. It was not a fig tree. It was no physical tree because Jesus is called the tree of life. We are called trees of righteousness. The Pharisees were called trees with roots and then John the Baptist said, "The ax is at the root and the trees are going to be cut down. What was he talking about? He was talking about belief systems. He was talking about certain persuasions. That's what he was talking about and there was a tree that said, "If I have knowledge of the good... if I behold the good... if I mimic the good and then do the good, then I can have life by the good I do and by the good that comes forth in my life I can have a glorious report about myself and that glory can manifest life in me --- WHICH IS A LIE! So when Adam and Eve started to believe in their own ability what happened there was they died!

How did this death take place? When God made man, we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works which He prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. What is this good works that were prepared beforehand? How was it prepared beforehand? The way God lived was what He prepared for us. What I mean by that is that we have been made to be a being that can behold the living God as the Father of us. And when we behold Him as a Father, as a Brother, as our Lord, as the Truth from where we come and we can behold that as the Truth and be persuaded of it, we will find the glorious report that we behold will give life to us through emotions of peace, joy... we will first have the first fruit. The first fruit will be peace, joy, kindness, meekness, temperance, knowledge, the Spirit of the Lord. We will have a life in our emotions from that and that, then, will manifest in our physical bodies as eternal life or immortality wherein we will not have the ability to die, like what we see in Jesus. That was God's plan. That's how He made man.

If you want to kill man, what you need to do is you first have to use that pattern. You have to change the source from where he draws life. When you change the source from where he draws life, the next thing that will happen is foreign emotions and thoughts will come to his mind --- things that he was not designed for. The first fruits of the wrong belief will come forth.

What is the first fruit? The first fruit of the wrong belief is fear.. guilt. We see it in Adam and Eve. What was the first thing Adam felt? He felt guilty. What happened when this guilt took over his life? We find his body died. It was nine hundred years later but his body died. So, what God wants for us is He doesn't see you as separate from your body. He sees you as a unit and if He wanted to bring salvation to you He needs to say, "What must I do to bring complete salvation to man?" That means, "I need to save His physical body from physical death."

How will He do that? He needs to end the contract that Adam cut with himself wherein he said, "I will live by what I do." He needed to end that. You must remember... I know this is technical but just hear me out, when Adam fell, everybody born after Adam only beheld a man that lived in works and nobody could behold a man, a physical human, that lived and is alive by the glory of God. Nobody could see a human in whose face the glory of God shines, that is immortal. Nobody could see that because Adam died and there was no such a man. Since there was not such a man, and the only belief system by which we could live was by what we saw in Adam which was the system wherein we find life by what we do. The moment that happened, everybody was condemned unto death even if you didn't sin in the similarities that Adam sinned because we couldn't behold the truth about ourselves which would be a glorified human. There was no such a truth for that man fell. When that happened, everyone after Adam lived with guilt, obligation, emotion of "I must do to become" and what does that bring forth in a human body----DEATH. Death, that's what it brings forth.

Then Jesus Christ came. He incarnated Himself into that sinful flesh, the flesh of Adam. He came as the Son of God representing that flesh. He ended the law system. He died it away. All the sin and death that could come forth in that body died in that body when Jesus died. And then this happened: He was raised from the dead and Jesus wasn't just raised from the dead! My goodness! He wasn't just raised from the dead. The raising of the dead is something that was included in what happened to Him. **HE WAS GLORIFIED!** His physical body was glorified and when His physical body was glorified, a man is seated at the right hand of God and when a physical human being is seated at the right hand of God, the following took place: The law was taken away so we don't have to live by the law anymore. When the law was taken away, the effects of the law was taken away which is sin and death. Since sin is taken away and Jesus could rule and judge against sin in fulfilling the law what happens now? Now we have the glorious hope of salvation. What salvation? The salvation of our body where we will be saved from death. Jesus didn't come to save you from the Devil. He came to save you from physical death. In order

to take physical death out of your life, what did He have to do? **He had to take away the sting of death which is sin and the power of sin is the law.** So when He takes away the law, He takes away the sting of sin because sin loses its power and what can happen now? We can be saved from physical death. That's what can happen. How will this take place? As we behold, as we see the Lord because when we behold Him, then we are changed into the very same image as from one kind of a glory into a different kind of a glory. I am talking about the helmet of salvation here.

Let's now go to **Romans 8 verses 1 and 2 before going to verse 13:**

:1 *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

:2 *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath set me free from the law of sin and death*

So what does it say here? There's a law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. The word, Spirit, also means life principle or vital principle. There's a law of the Spirit or the principle of life that there is in Christ. What is the principle of life? That Jesus conquered physical death and was raised up in a physical human body and that we will be in the likeness of His resurrection and He has begotten us into a living hope through this resurrection. Now it says here that there is the law of sin and death and the law of life. What is the law of sin and death? The law of sin and death says this: "Should you walk in sin, you will die. Should you not be a partaker of the quality of God's life by living under the law, you will die. That's what it says. But the new law says: since a man was raised from the dead and we are now made citizens of our home country of faith, through faith, we have access into this Grace. What will this Grace do? This Grace overpowers sin in our life and by the Grace of God He brings forth the first fruit of the Spirit... the first effect of the Spirit.

Let me explain first fruit.

When Adam sinned, the first fruit of the spirit of death, or the spirit of the law, was guilt, condemnation, and we see it further going murder, drunkenness, and all those kind of things happening as the time went on. The first fruit of the flesh, the first fruit of living by the law is murder, drunkenness, sexual immorality and all those kind of things where your identity is found in your works. In the very same way, when we enter the Spirit of God, the Spirit of the resurrected man, (and in three Sundays from now I will talk about the Spirit and what the Spirit is). When we enter that do you know what happens? We start to see the first effects of that Spirit which is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, meekness, temperance and faith. Even if we should see fruit of the flesh, Jesus has ruled against sin and denied sin its right to kill us and now as we have this new Spirit it raises us up with first fruits and latter fruits. The latter fruit that we expect is immortality. That's what we expect.

People, we need to know that what happened in Christ, in His death, we died with Him. We were raised with Him yet we don't see the resurrection manifesting in us as in Him for we are not seeing our physical bodies immortal but we shall be in the likeness of His resurrection.

Church of God, as a pastor that loves you I want to protect you against certain wrong doctrines. There are doctrines that say there is no physical resurrection of Christ anymore. It's all just about sweet love. We just love each other and in heaven we will just love. Listen! The love of God is beautiful and wonderful but the end of it is He loved us so much that He will give us immortal human flesh and the physical body is very important. The reason it is important is that God will take this body and make it immortal. There are some people that say that after you die you are now partakers of the resurrection. You are not! There's only one immortal! It's Christ! Neither Elijah, neither Enoch... they are not immortal. The Bible says in **1 Timothy 6, *Jesus Christ, the only immortal.*** They are still awaiting the promise that we wait for and that we are expecting the hope of salvation which is a physical, immortal,

human body which would be on account of the fulfillment of the law, Him taking the law away, Him taking away all sin, Him making the Spirit that raised Him from the dead available for us. That Spirit bringing forth the first fruit in us and that Spirit that will make us immortal one day. You may ask me why is this so important? It's very important because if we don't see this our minds are going to become crazy. I'm going to explain why I say that... why it will make our minds crazy. But first of all we have the hope of salvation. Let's look at that again in Romans 8. (I am going to preach on this for a few Sundays, for many Sundays so that this can become clear to you.)

Listen to what he says here and please know that when he talks about life and death in **Romans 8**, he doesn't talk just about spiritual life and death. He talks about physical life and death and I will prove it to you. This is what it says:

:15 For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but you have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. So we have received the Spirit of adoption. People, that is very important! We have received the Spirit of adoption. We need to understand what the adoption is. We are going to look now at what he adoption is because of the wrong understanding of adoption wherein we say that we were actually children of the Devil but God adopted us. Oh, glory to God we are an adopted child.. No, no, no! An adopted child always looks for his original father, who is his real father. We were not adopted in that way. Hebrew adoption doesn't work that way. **In Hebrew adoption you are an legitimate child and then when you are adopted is when he declares to the whole world that you are the child by giving you the signing rights to the business. That is what it actually is where he actually declares that the fullness of him is now in you.**

So, our adoption would be when we are made immortal. You may say it differently than me so let's see what the Scripture says. **Romans 8:17 And if (you are) children, then heirs (you have the Spirit of adoption;** That's what we have: **the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.** So, we already have that Spirit by which we shall be adopted. I am going to explain this. Listen to me. **The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.** So, we now see, the Holy Spirit brings forth the first fruit in us and that confirms our sonship.

:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ... that means that what He inherited in the Resurrection is exactly what we are going to inherit. **If so be that we suffer with Him that we may be also glorified together.** That means if we continue in the faith and don't give up on believing the Gospel and go to another faith when we are persecuted for righteousness --- believing until the end. That is what it means.

:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

:19 For the earnest expectation of the creature (creation) waits for the manifestation of the sons of God. That also means the adoption of the sons of God.

:20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope.

:21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. It says that nature waits for the manifestation of the sons of God or the declaration of who these sons of God are so that when we are adopted as sons.

:22 For we all know that the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now.

:23 And not only they but ourselves also, we (who are Christians) which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we (who are already seeing the Spirit confirming the sonship in us) ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption (What is the adoption?) the redemption of our body.

:24 For we are saved by hope: (Do you see the hope of salvation? What is the salvation? **The**

redemption of our body. (So we have a hope that we shall be made immortal in the return of Christ.)
For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man sees, why does he yet need hope for it?

So what he is saying is we still have hope. We have not received this immortal body. We have not received the adoption of sons which is the redemption of the physical body. We are children of God. We have always been children of God. Now our sonship can be shone forth in immortality since we believed and received the Spirit of God. Now it goes on:

:26 Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray...

:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

:36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long: we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

:37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. And that is what I am trying to get at --- the helmet of the hope of salvation.

Now, people, let me summarize and say what I want to say:

If you believe that you are already immortal now, or you have the fullness in body now, you are in for law, my brother! You are in for guilt and condemnation that you will not be able to handle! What Paul said here is this: He said, "I am groaning in myself. Creation groans. I groan. We all groan!" --- for what --- For the adoption. What is the adoption --- The hope of salvation. What are we hoping for --- the redemption of my body. Why? The Bible says hope again in Peter: ***He has begotten us to a new and living hope through the resurrection.*** So what is our hope? Our hope is that we will be in the likeness of His resurrection.

What is the likeness of His resurrection? This is the likeness of His resurrection: 1. We will be raised from all the death that comes forth spiritually in us and in our mind (psychologically) We will be delivered from hatred, bitterness, the fruit of the flesh and all those kind of things.

But another part of the likeness of the resurrection is this: Let's look at the resurrection of Christ. When Mary went to His grave, could she find bones after the resurrection? No. Oh, but, Jesus has a spiritual body.

Let me explain the spiritual body. Jesus said, "Don't touch Me now." Why... for you could touch His body. He came back after presenting Him to the Father and He said, "Touch Me. A spirit doesn't have flesh and bones. I am not a spirit. I am a human and this body is fully saved from death and what you see here, you can expect for yourself and I will return one day. And in the resurrection those who died in Christ shall be raised first and when they are raised from the grave they will be in the likeness of the resurrection. The grave will give up the dead. That means we will be so much in the likeness of the resurrection that you will not find bones. You will find that immortal human flesh that's alive on account of the glory you behold and the spirit we behold will glorify this body and it will be called a spiritual body. That means it is a physical body that finds its origin in the spirit. --- The spirit of the Lord, the spirit of grace. Where now we are a physical body which still finds some life from legalism and law. We see the first fruit but we will see the latter reign which is the return of Christ and we will see the physical glorification in our bodies.

If we have that hope, what does it mean? The hope of salvation protects our minds in this way: should we not see perfection now, like for instance, nakedness, peril, or the sword, we will just say, "Well, you know, we are still hoping for immortality. We are not having it now." So everything where

the devil comes and he tells you, "Look at your shortcomings. Look at this fruit of the flesh. Look at that in your life," you will say, "Well, you know, I acknowledge that I am not living in the glorified body. I'm just enjoying the first fruit of the Spirit and when I do see shortcomings, I do see people dying in a motor car accident, when I do pray for people and I don't see all people healed, then I say that the reason I don't see all people healed, the reason I prophesy in part, the reason is because I am still having the hope of perfection in the flesh. So, I'm not going to be thrown by not seeing perfection in the flesh."

And what has happened, and this is my conclusion, we have gone through the Word of Faith Movement and we have said that we have abused the gift of healing by saying that we need to bring forth this perfect health and perfect everything. If we don't bring it forth, it means that there is something wrong with us. No! Paul comes and he says, ***"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress.... here he says, "I am in distress! When I'm in distress, it doesn't separate me from the love of God. I still feel I am loved because where is His love shown? I see the resurrected Christ and that is my hope and now I groan, I go through these things, I'm in these things and yet in all these things I am more than a conqueror for what I am in cannot define me anymore for I am not sitting under the message that says, 'Create perfection now and if you don't create perfection now then there is something wrong with you.'"***

People, I have seen over twenty thousand miracles happen in crusades over Africa. I've seen a man's hand with the size of a child's hand, grow out to a normal size of a normal man's hand. I've seen miracle upon miracle. I've seen a dead man being raised. I've had the experience of traveling in time from one place to another place (I don't know what you call it in English, I've had that happen to me. I've seen all those kind of things but let me tell you that after seeing all those kind of things with a belief system that says that we must have everybody healed in every message we preach. We must have perfection in the flesh now manifested through the gifts of the Spirit, always leaves you with a voice of what about the person that was born without legs. What about the hospitals that are flooded with the sick? You see, Church, you are not good enough! You must bring forth all ... that's accusation and have our mind attacked because we are not living in the hope of salvation for the Bible clearly says In Timothy , it says that there are those who preach the resurrection has already taken place. What they want to preach is the perfection that will happen in immortality today and what it will bring forth is an accusation. It will bring forth a thing that says that something is wrong with you, you'll not believing right, you have small faith. What's wrong with you!

I'm not saying we shouldn't have gifts. I just prayed for the sick expecting healing, signs and wonders but I'm saying that even in the midst of all these miracles, signs and wonders, do you know what? We still don't have the salvation that God intended for us. That will happen in the return of Christ. What must we do about that? Romans 8 says that we patiently wait for it and we enjoy the first fruit now. Glory to God! This is absolute God news!

Now, what if you are sick? The Bible says for those who are sick, let someone lay hands on him and let him pray expecting healing. Let me tell you that everybody Jesus healed when He was on the earth, at the end of the day, they died. Every dead He raised eventually died and I can tell you now that most, and I can't say this for a fact, but I guess that ninety-five percent of the people that Jesus healed when He was on the earth died of some sickness of some sort. Does that mean that Jesus is not successful? No, because we have the hope of salvation. All that God must do now is get as many people to have the Holy Spirit in them through believing in this Spirit that is made available for when they believe it the Spirit enters their physical body and when that physical body is entered through the Spirit before they die in this world then that body will have the Spirit have access to that body to raise it up in

immortality in the return of Christ. That is why we preach now. Glory to God. That is why people need to believe in this life to have immortality in the time when Christ returns. Well, glory to God! I've said a lot of technical things ... God bless you... I love you. Know that you are precious . Know that you are loved by God. Know that He shines over you and that He blesses you with a hope of salvation so let us put on the helmet of the hope of salvation. Glory to God!