

Course 104: The Five Fundamental Glorious Truths

An apostolic teaching of the Global School of Ministry

Core Texts for deeper exposition: Ephesians Chapters 1, 2; Colossians chapters 1, 2; 2 Corinthians 5:17; John 1:11-13; John 3:3-19; Acts 3:19-21; Genesis 3

INTRODUCTION

The Five Fundamental Glorious Truths is experiential. Allow the Holy Spirit to use the mirror of the Word of Truth to help you to check if you have what the Lord ordained you to have as a member of His family and citizen of His Kingdom.

For those who lead and teach God's people, the question is: are you teaching them who they are in Christ or some religious dogma passed down through some men of old? This may seem a trite question but we need to remember that understanding of God and His Word in time past may have been impaired by personal limitations of some saints who nevertheless wrote some books that saints revere today. Some of those saints of old were simply declaring what they saw or God within the limits of the degree of light they received.

We are in the last age before Jesus returns to set up the full phase of the Kingdom of God in a literal world ruler ship. For that reason, the Lord is beaming His intense light on the written Word to bring forth the full truth so that the Church can be purified and made ready for Jesus as Ephesians 5:27 asserts.

If the Reformation of the Church, which will precede the return of the Lord Jesus Christ must take place, the basic starting point is to ensure that saints understand what happened when they gave their lives to Christ and the inheritance that is theirs from the cataclysmic events on that place of the Skull, even on Golgotha when the very Son of the Father, even Emmanuel – the God who was made flesh hung on the Old Rugged Cross. We need to know what He meant when He uttered the 3-word Bill of Rights in John 19:30: "IT IS FINISHED".

A. SYNOPSIS

This course presents the five radical blessings God offers whoever will accept His call for salvation. It is a course which presents the true heart of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. In so doing, this course shows why the gospel is called the Good News. It presents the depths of these glorious truths which should shape the world view and lifestyle of the saints of God and truly make them live an "other world life". These blessings are:

- **Redemption** through the blood that was shed at the cross of Calvary – what it is and all the dimensions thereof;
- **Justification** and the translation from sinner to saint for those who truly repent of their sins;
- **Adoption** wherein the former sinner and enemy of God is made a member of His family and translated or conveyed into the Kingdom of God;
- **Inheritance** – the full benefits of being in Christ Jesus. The Covenant Blessings of Calvary's cross.
- **Grace** – the basis of the new life of the redeemed is the strength and power of God in Christ.

B. SALVATION AS A GOD INITIATED, MAN RESPONDING PROJECT

The classical way the backslidden institutional church presents the gospel is that you seek for God and when you have made sufficient effort in going to church, praying and doing many good works, you will find Him. This notion arises from a false interpretation of **Jeremiah 29:13**.

It is important that when we preach or teach, we do not just hurl at people any word that comes into our mind. Preaching and teaching the Word of God is a very serious business that transacts with the eternal souls of people. The least we owe those who hear or read us is to be sure we are telling them the truth of the Word of God, not our personal preferences or interpretations.

Secondly, we need the illumination and power of the Holy Spirit to rest upon the words that we speak so that they become spirit and life which minister grace to the people rather than death. When the Holy Spirit energises the truth, the outcome is conviction in the hearts of the recipients.

C. UNDERSTANDING GENESIS CHAPTER 3

In order to present the true gospel, we must recap the events of **Genesis Chapter 1, 2 and 3**. Chapter 1 presents the glorious purpose of God in creating a universe and then earth whose prime occupant is to be mankind as the crown jewel - **Genesis 1:26-29**. This crown jewel was created out of the raw earth with the very hands of God and received the breath of God to be the prime engine and catalyst of his life - **Genesis 2:7-17**. That breath of God, in effect the very essence and nature of God, was to dominate his life. This is the origin of the human spirit. The combination of spirit and body activated his soul or realm of self awareness and self expression.

The soul thus expressed his personality through what the human thought, spoke and acted. As long as man remained a spirit led persona with a soul and housed in a building called the body, he was easily in alignment with God. That alignment enabled him to depend entirely on God for everything. The spirit, which came from God's own breath essentially mirrored divinity and was fully content with its creator. It did not struggle to obey God for all it knew was the goodness of God. As sin had not yet entered humanity, life in the Garden of Eden was pure bliss. The charge by God to Adam and Eve in **Genesis 2:15-17** was easy to obey.

Let us recap the events of **Genesis Chapter 3**. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God and listened to Satan. These transactions took place in the affairs of mankind:

1. The first was that man opted out of the nature of wholeness in spirit, soul and body that was dependent on God for life and sustenance. That God kind of life was glorious and outstanding. It was so real that when God created animals he brought them to Adam to announce what they were that He created. Adam fulfilled this extraordinary assignment with flourish as **Genesis 2:19-20** reveals.
2. That act of disobedience of Adam amounted to rebellion from the authority of God and the punishment was severe. He lost that first estate of the God-life which was love, holiness and power. He also lost his estate as Manager of the earth for which he was created - **Genesis 2:15, Genesis 1:26-29**.
3. The third outcome was that because his action was a function of obeying Satan, the authority of Adam was handed over to this adversary of God. That is how Satan became the "god" of this world, a title that was recognised by Paul the Apostle in 2 Corinthians 4:3-4. It pays to note that Satan pointedly flashed this dominion when he offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the world during the epic encounter in the wilderness after the baptism of John. See **Matthew 4:8-9**. We need to observe that Jesus did not dispute the claim of Satan for dominance of the post-Adam world. Rather, in **John 12:31** Jesus hinted that Satan is truly the "ruler" of this world system and announced that He had come to settle the events of Genesis Chapter 3.

We need to quickly tie up these facts:

1. When Adam fell in Genesis 3, the whole of humanity fell with him. We all were in his loins when he cheaply sold the birthright of humanity which is to exercise dominion over the creation of God Genesis 1:26-30. See **Romans 3:23** and **Romans 5:12-21** for a full understanding of this reality.

2. When Adam fell, he switched loyalty from God to that of subjection to Satan. Satan thus imparted to Adam his own nature of sin whose logical consequence is separation from God otherwise called death. Death became a reality for man who was originally created as an immortal being. The fear of death became a leash which Satan has used effectively to keep man under subjection since then. Hebrews 2: 14-17.

3. It is instructive to note that Satan basically shot man down from a glorious life where his spirit was his principal realm of existence. In this nature he easily connected to God who is a Spirit and could trust God completely as to depend on every word of his creator. By appealing to their carnal senses and activating them to make decisions independent of God, Satan caused a cataclysmic switch in the human persona. His soul – the realm of reasoning/mind; exercising choice/will and emission of attitude/emotion became Adam's and thus humanity's prime driver.

This was a Satanic coup of epic proportions that radically altered the character of man. Man was created to function as a spirit being (breathed from heaven and heavenly conscious and easily connected to God through the Holy Spirit) having a soul (his realm of personal self expression – the mind, the will and the emotion) which was subject to the spirit and both of these are housed in a body. The switch caused man to be carnal or driven by his five senses of sight, hearing, taste, smell, touch/feel and the cravings of his body. It caused Adam and mankind to be emotional.

The soul and its emotions are an impure realm for worshipping God. Emotions can be deceptive. A Pastor who has just preached a powerful sermon which brings down the roof may end up an hour later in adultery with his worship leader and not bat an eye lid. If you use your emotion as a barometer for serving God, there are times you will not pray because you do not “feel like” it. In **John 4:23** Jesus told the woman of Samaria that true worshippers are those who worship God in spirit and truth. **Romans 8:1** also affirm that those who will not live under condemnation are those who walk according to the Spirit. When the soul teams up with the body they produce what is called the flesh. The flesh is in constant quest for dominion of the human persona and has great assistance from Satan to exercise pre-eminence. The sad state of man since the fall in Eden is a product of this prevalence of the flesh in the life of mankind.

4. Sin activated in Adam/Eve and from them to humanity, a sin consciousness which blocks their view of the nature and character of God. Ever since then man is more sin conscious than righteousness conscious; man is also more Satan conscious than God-conscious - **Genesis 3:4-7**.

5. A critical outcome of the fall of Adam is that he immediately recoiled at the presence of God and indeed tried to hide himself. He had just lost the personal relationship with God which required one on one interaction and real communion - **Genesis 3:8-11**. Ever since then, religion which is a form of covering up and seeking the divine from afar, replaced the personal relationship and intimacy with God.

6. Right there at the Garden of Eden, the immeasurable love of God was demonstrated as He made provision for recovery of man. God pronounced that the “Seed of the woman” would bruise the head of Satan in a tough combat - **Genesis 3:15**. That prophecy, made at the dawn of history, was to be fulfilled on 3 conditions:

(i) Because of an immutable law that the soul which sins shall die - **Ezekiel 18:4**, it was necessary that the sacrifice to satisfy the demand of equity be of the class of man or higher, since the blood of bulls, goats, chickens, turtle doves and the like were clearly insufficient to redeem man from the grip of Satan. See **Hebrews 10: 1 – 23**. The blood of those animals could only serve the temporary purpose of atonement which is to cover sins.

(ii) In order to obliterate the original sin of Adam, there was need of blood that is from a sacrifice which is pure. Since all of humanity proceeded out of the loins of Adam and therefore carried his DNA of sin and separation from God, the sacrifice had to be of divine origin. This is what necessitated the virgin birth of Jesus Christ as Emmanuel or God who dwells amongst His people. Read **Luke 1: 26– 38** to gain a deeper understanding of this critical subject.

(iii) The sacrifice needed to have the capacity to take away the sins of the whole world – from Adam until the propitiation was made and afterwards. Only a divine being could meet this condition. The way out therefore was for a divine being to take human form in order to successfully pay the price acceptable to God. Read **Philippians 2:5-11; Ephesians Chapters 1 and 2; Colossians Chapters 1, 2 and Hebrews Chapters 5 – 10.**

D. Why Saints function below par

If you have ever wondered why Christians are so weak and ordinary and why the Church of Jesus Christ is suffering so much scorn today, the reasons are as follows:

1. The majority crept into the Kingdom by the back door. They did not enter through the narrow gate Christ spoke of in **Matthew 7:13-14**. That narrow gate is called salvation by grace through faith in Christ Jesus. Jesus Christ alone met the 3 conditions for redeeming man from the sin of Adam and Eve. It is a free gift offered by God to whoever dares to receive it on His terms: *penitence and faith* - **Acts 2:36-39, Acts 3:19; Romans 3:21-26; Ephesians 2:1-8; John 3:3, 16, 17; Romans 10:6-13.**

This is not migration from one dogma to the other. It is not migration from one denomination to the other. It is that radical personal encounter with God which breaks down your guard and shows you the filthiness of even yourself righteous conduct. It happens the day the Lord opens your eyes to see that Jesus alone paid the full price for your salvation and the blood He shed is sufficient to atone for your nature and life from birth until the day you met Him. This change starts with conviction of your sins which is one critical ministry of the Holy Spirit (**John 16:7-11**), deep repentance for your sins and acceptance of the free gift of salvation. It is a spontaneous and instantaneous transition from sinner to saint. You are thus translated from the dominion of Satan and his evil kingdom into the Kingdom of Christ Jesus - **Colossians 1:12-13**.

Now note this: no one needs to tell you when this happens. No one needs to make you feel good. Merely responding to an altar call and repeating some salvation prayers from your head or lips without engagement with your heart will not suffice. It is something that is experiential and practical. You will know that the weight and guilt of sin is taken off you. You have the witness of the Holy Spirit right within your spirit that you are now part of the Kingdom of God - **Romans 8:13-16**. You will be filled with the joy of salvation and spontaneously ready to share His new found life and faith. At this point, your name is inscribed in the ultimate record of the ages: The Lamb's Book of Life - **Revelation 20:11-15**.

Brethren, did you have this experience when you first believed? If not, you entered by the wrong way. You are not part of the Kingdom, even the invisible Church within the visible Church. The good news is that you are still alive and can make your way right even now. **Ecclesiastes 9:4-6** says that a living dog is better than a dead lion. Why not pause therefore for a moment and make your way right with God through the blood that Jesus Christ suffered at the Cross? Never be ashamed about this genuine conversion experience because everything you can ever be in the Kingdom and in the hereafter is hinged on getting this foundational block in the right place.

2. Christians have not been taught the truth. Jesus counselled His followers to know the truth which alone has power to set them free - **John 8:32**. When so called Christians fill up their spiritual tank with garbage, the emission is unpleasant, polluting the environment. One topic many pastors dwell on when they gather together is the worry that many of their congregants do not understand the truth of the Word. But God says many of the Pastors themselves are void of that same understanding.

A Christian will emerge from the quality of what he or she is fed from the pulpit and ministry streams of the church. Today, many Christians are fed severely deficient spiritual food which

keeps them attached to men and women of God. This is why they remain perpetual babes who are unable to exercise their spiritual senses. How can they grow when their lives are built around fellow men and when they need to obtain approval from fellow human beings above what they need from God?

Any doctrine which keeps people in the pews and needing regular jabs of motivation from ministers of God is dangerous heresy antithetical to the Kingdom principle. Those in ministry need to learn a vital lesson from John the Baptist to deliberately point people to Christ rather than themselves. We therefore need to deliberately decrease so that Jesus may be all in all to His sheep committed unto us for temporary oversight - **John 3:26-36**. We need to empower the saints with all they need to know to take their rightful places in the Kingdom. If in the process the Lord wants them to be released for a fresh work or given larger responsibilities, we should do so with joy. Let God be God over His own sheep!

3. By ousting the cornerstone ministry of genuinely called fivefold leaders – Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers – who corporately and in synergy represent the fullness of the present ministry of Christ in His Church today, the Body loses direction and focus to the degree that it has been hijacked by purveyors of error. **Ephesians 4:11-12** specifically propound that engagement of the fivefold to be critical for the maturing of the saints and their equipping for ministry.

When Rome ousted the ministry of the fivefold and compressed it all into the office of one man called the Pope, the idea was to create a new religion called the Roman Catholic Church. That has been successfully done. What is so sad is the fact that many, including supposed Kingdom leaders, have become Pentecostal and Charismatic Popes. Infallible men and women who occupy the high seat of Christ and literally decree what happens in their well endowed empires and family owned religious corporations.

These Pentecostal and Charismatic Popes have to maintain their dominion through two principal means. The first is to cut off the flock from receiving ministry from other gifting (since their anointing only is sufficient for their flock). Secondly, they inject substantial fear into the hearts of those they lead to the degree that life outside their loop is dark and dangerous. **1 John 4:17-18** tells us that fear has torment. There are many saints today who live in torment. They cannot hear from God concerning what to study, who to marry, business opportunities to pursue or indeed any other thing because they have been programmed to believe they are insignificant and can only access God through their leaders.

This low self esteem makes room for a Nimrod type tyranny which trades in their souls. Nimrod was a mighty hunter (of human souls – he controlled people to do his bidding) - **Genesis 10:8–12**. A Christian ministry which makes no room for the fivefold is likely to end up with trading in the souls of men, the heart of the Babylonian system doomed for destruction - **Revelation 18:13**. If you are a leader of a church congregation reading this message, please put your house in order for He who owns the Church is coming soon and He will require account of how you built for Him - **2 Corinthians 5:10**. Cain offered God a sacrifice but it was rejected. David tried to use a limousine to carry the Ark and ended up incurring God's wrath when Uzzah tried to help God to steady the Ark but died in the process - **2 Samuel 6:1-15**. It is not just enough to do ministry. There is a divine pattern that was orchestrated in the heavenlies to which we are called to be co-labourers with Christ Jesus - **1 Corinthians 3:10–15**.

4. The saints have been infected with many dogmas that are either products of Satanic manipulations or craftiness of men who profit from their ignorance. See **Ephesians 4:13–16**. Among these are the doctrines which have caused Christians to be covetous instead of content and make acquisition of material things the prime pursuit of their tenure on earth

Romans 14:17-18. In the process, Christians lose their sharp cutting edge as ambassadors of Christ. They thus live in loud praises and professions of their faith but in works deny Him the glory and honour due to Him.

They want Jesus to be their saviour to guarantee them good life in eternity but deny Him Lordship of their lives while on earth. As Paul declared in **2 Timothy 3:1–9** these types of Christians are ever learning but never come to the knowledge of the truth. They switch from one religious television channel to the other looking for motivational tips and miracle workers but never get a grip on who Jesus is.

5. The enemy has planted tares while men slept. These tares do not have the nature of the Kingdom in their hearts but are active in the visible Church, doing well as religious politicians out to snuff life from the true saints - **Matthew 13:24–30**. They are everywhere and have worked hard to be prominent. When the word “church” is mentioned, people readily remember them. In effect, Satan has deliberately planted his own people inside the institutional church to create an image disaster that will confuse many. Today, there are some exceptional saints who are so ashamed of the Church that they have dropped it entirely from their dictionary - **Matthew 22:1-14**.

6. There are many saints who have forgotten that we are to occupy until He comes. They have gotten so caught up in the systems and rat race of this world that their candles lack the oil of the Holy Spirit that is sorely needed for this hour. They believe Jesus is not coming soon so they engage in other things and leave the main job undone - **Matthew 25:1-13; Matthew 24:36-51**.

All these strange doctrines arise and dominate the scene because Christian leaders fail to make the main thing the main thing, (as one writer coined the phrase). That main thing is declaration of the true message and essence of the Kingdom of God and grooming the people of God in the righteous conduct of those who are called - **Matthew 6:33-34**. It is to bring people of God to such a degree of understanding of who God is and His plan for their lives that they instinctively entrust to Him 100 percent in their lives.

The whole object of the Global School of Ministry is to restore the True living Church into this prime pursuit. The starting point is to recover the fundamentals of the Faith and Kingdom life that is in Jesus Christ. We have received it of the Lord that if every saint is to examine him or herself to ensure that they are actually in the faith (**2 Corinthians 13:5**); if every saint will pursue the things that matter; if every saint will lay down their lives and agenda for the Lord to use them to pursue His own purpose, there will be a dramatic clothing of the Church and its saints with the fullness of the nature, presence and power of God to do exploits that will shock even principalities and powers in heavenly places - **Ephesians 3:10**. This is the Church that Christ is washing with the water of the Word to make her ready for His return - **Ephesians 5:25–27**.

THE FIVE GLORIOUS TRUTHS – THE KEY TO RAISING SAINTS WHO KNOW THEIR GOD AND DO EXPLOIT IN HIS NAME Daniel 11:32

This course presents the five radical blessings God offers whoever will accept His call for Salvation. It is a course which presents the true heart of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. In so doing, this course shows why the gospel is called the Good News. It presents the depths of these glorious truths which should shape the world view and lifestyle of the saints of God and truly make them live an “other worldly life”. These blessings are articulated in the Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians chapters 1 and 2 in a condensed form. The entire Pauline Epistles are basically deep expositions of these fundamental truths.

It is unhelpful to claim to be saved without knowing what one was saved from (Satan, Sin, the World and Self) and what one is saved into (The new life in Christ which leads to a personal relationship with God based on some fundamental and legally procured benefits) The five radical blessings which combine to present an awesome profile of the saint are to be made flesh or practically implanted into the heart and mind of all saints. If you are a leader of any sort, you will stand in judgement on that Day of the Lord if you did not teach saints who they are in Christ. These truths are to be TAUGHT, MEDITATED UPON, BELIEVED, CONFESSED AND LIVED OUT. They are the internal pillars which will ensure that saints are secured from the billows and raging tempests that are about to come upon the whole world. As Daniel 11: 32 said, only those who know their God shall be strong and do exploits. Knowing who God has made you to be in Christ is a starting point for living the abundant life in Christ Jesus.

If we know and understand the full package of salvation and walk in it at an experiential level we will be clear possessors rather than professors of the faith. It will show by our lifestyle and attitude. As we dwell on **Ephesians 1** and **Ephesians 2** we see the glorious picture of the saint who has been truly translated from the kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of God - **Colossians 1:12-14; 19-23**.

The full salvation package consists of these glorious truths we receive, without having to pay:

1. Redemption - John 19:30; Romans 5:6-21; Galatians 3:13; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:13-14

When Christ pronounced "It is finished" in **John 19:30** He was pronouncing the effective payment of the price for redeeming man from the over lordship of Satan. It was an over lordship that Satan acquired legally when Adam and Eve disobeyed God and obeyed him. Since that day Satan had a legal right to keep man as a slave through the principle of sin.

The gospel is good news because it announces to humanity that the yoke is broken and freedom from Satan, sin and death is made possible by the blood that was shed. A redeemed person is legally and spiritually free of Satan - **John 8:34-36**.

Ephesians 1:7

⁷In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Colossians 1:13-14

¹³Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

¹⁴In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: This truth needs to be repeated again and again until it sinks in and becomes flesh in saints, dominating our consciousness: through the blood that was shed at the cross of Calvary, Jesus paid a full price that is sufficient to purchase us or buy us back from Satan, who became master of the universe when Adam surrendered his awesome authority to him through original sin Genesis 3:1-7. Since that day, Satan became the god of this world

having dominion over mankind. By shedding His own sinless blood, Jesus legally took our place. Faith in Him and His death at the Cross of Calvary ensures our redemption from the lordship of Satan in a complete way. We become the purchase of the Blood of Jesus and legal property of His!

Those who are truly Born Again have been redeemed from:

- **The dominion of Satan who rules those who are not saved**

1 John 5:19 (King James Version)

¹⁹And we know that we are of God and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

Colossians 1:12-15 (King James Version)

¹²Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

¹³Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

¹⁴In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

- **The Curse on Adam & Eve pronounced in Genesis 3: 16-19. This is a serious fruit of redemption. If you do not understand and walk in this truth, you will suffer unnecessarily on earth even though you will possess the eternal dimension of the Kingdom. The truth is that knowing what you have been redeemed from unlocks your faith to begin to tap into the unlimited riches of God in Christ that are stored up for those who believe. In effect, saints can validly stand on the promises of Calvary to resist the devil and prevent him from executing the ordinance that came upon humanity and the earth when Adam and Eve fell. That ordinance is now applicable to those who still remain in the image of Adam. Those who now bear the image of Jesus by reason of accepting His redeeming assignment have the right to walk in the fullness of the blessings of God. Saints are now living in the “Goshen” of spiritual Egypt of their various nations and can validly live outside the political, social and economic systems that entrap natural men and women!**

Let us repeat this truth: Genesis 3:16-19 was settled at the Cross so that lives of saints are redeemed from those terrible curses God pronounced on humanity and the earth!

Genesis 3:16-19

¹⁶Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

¹⁷And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

¹⁸Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

¹⁹In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Saints, stand on the ordinance of Calvary and agree with Jesus:” IT IS FINISHED”!

- **The Curse of the Law which is against those who are not able to keep all the details and ordinances involved. Galatians 3: 13-19; Colossians 2:**

Galatians 3:13-14

¹³Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

¹⁴That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Stop living legalistically, bound by rules that are carnally driven! The laws of the New Testament have been inscribed in our hearts and placed under the monitor of our consciences with the Holy Spirit at work within our beings which is His Temple! We know, instinctively what thought, idea or course of action is right or wrong.

Colossians 2:12-15

¹²Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

¹³And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

¹⁴Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

¹⁵And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Satan used the Law which was made for good to create a new bondage of fleshly efforts. As self can never please God, He ordained that Jesus would fulfil the Law on our behalf and impart in all who believe a new capacity to live the righteous life, well above the Law!

Romans 5:20-21

²⁰Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

²¹That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

- **The strong influence of the Body and Soul (The flesh or carnal nature) on the human persona Romans 8: 5-11.**
- **Every negative pronouncement, projection arising from our past life which was truly repented of and where necessary restitution was made has been taken away. This includes issues arising from faulty foundations, family/generational curses and similar issues. Every curse men or women pronounced on you were taken away at**

**the Cross and will be effective only if you accept this truth and stand on it by faith!
Satan feeds on ignorance of saints and uses it to intimidate them to believe a lie
which is a distorted identity of who they are!**

**Today, we need to rejoice in our redemption, even the fundamental Bill of Rights
pronounced by our Redeemer Himself and sealed by His Own Blood: IT IS
FINISHED!**

- 2. Justification and Righteousness. This is the translation from sinner to saint for those
who truly repent of their sins. They become new creatures in Christ with absolutely
no personal baggage of sin attached to their record!**

2 Corinthians 5:17

**¹⁷Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away;
behold, all things are become new.
It is important to take this word as it is and avoid every religious colouration which will
impinge on its power! The New Creation Jesus spoke about to Nicodemus is a true reality!**

John 3: 2-3

**²The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a
teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be
with him.**

**³Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born
again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
Ephesians 2: 1-10 lists the extraordinary grace of God which turns us from condemned
sinners to the showcase of God!**

**With an individual is justified, he or she is made ready to receive the incredible gift of
Righteousness which is right standing before God without any sense of condemnation
because the past of sin is wiped clean by the Blood of Jesus Christ - Romans 3:21-
26; Romans 5:1-22; Ephesians 2: 1-3**

Romans 3:21-26

**²¹But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law
and the prophets;**

**²²Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that
believe: for there is no difference:**

²³For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

²⁴Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

**²⁵Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his
righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;**

²⁶To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Recap

When a sinner genuinely repents of sin and calls upon God for mercy the response of divinity is amazing. The sinner is not only forgiven, he or she is deemed not to have sinned at all! This is what the Bible refers to as justification. The outcome of justification is righteousness; the precious gift of the nature and character of God which is imputed to the saint. Saints need to have this truth branded into their hearts: God does not keep a record of any sin that is brought to the blood of the Lamb in sincerity.

In the Old Testament, **Micah 7:18-19** captures the essence of justification: our sins are cast into the depths of the sea by God. It is Satan, in his office as accuser of the brethren

Revelation 12:10), who dredges up old sins that God remembers no more and brings them to remembrance. By doing this he seeks to rob you of the joy of salvation and weaken you into a soulish state of worship which goes like a yo-yo according to the state of your emotions. The good news is that neither you nor anyone else has any business dredging up your past because it simply is NON EXISTENT!

While it may sound good from a religious point of view to do so occasionally, that lifestyle negates the work of God and actually causes you to doubt whether God saved you or not. In justification your slate is wiped completely clean so that you can begin a new life in Christ Jesus so that you can take your place as a citizen of the Kingdom of God - **2 Corinthians 5:17**. This is in no way an excuse for people to carelessly claim salvation when they are not saved.

Justification is only possible because redemption by the blood of Jesus is a complete sacrifice, acceptable to the Father.

Romans 5:1-2; 6-

¹Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

²By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

⁶For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

⁸But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

¹⁰For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

¹¹And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

¹²Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

¹³(For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

¹⁴Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

¹⁵But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.

¹⁶And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.

The Law could not justify anyone because no one had power to keep all the precepts. The blood of animals and birds could only cover or atone for sin on a temporary basis, hence the necessity for multiple sacrifices to deal with various infractions - **Galatians 3:1-39; Hebrews 9:1-28; Hebrews 10:1-39.**

Justification and Righteousness with redemption are the legal basis of the translation from sinner to saint for those who truly repent of their sins. They become new creatures in Christ with absolutely no personal baggage of sin attached to their record!

2 Corinthians 5:17

¹⁷Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
It is important to take this word as it is and avoid every religious colouration which will impinge on its power! The New Creation Jesus spoke about to Nicodemus is a true reality!

John 3: 3

²The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

³Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
Ephesians 2: 1-10 lists the extraordinary grace of God which turns us from condemned sinners to the showcase of God!

We can see therefore that Justification is the outcome of genuine repentance. Whenever a sinner acknowledges his or her sin, is genuinely convicted and repents of same and seeks the mercy of God, He forgives, on the basis of the substitutionary sacrifice of Jesus. As the sin has been paid for at Calvary, something dramatic happens in the realm of the spirit and conscience of the individual. The sinful past is permanently blotted out and the conscience of the individual is cleansed from evil. There is an instantaneous transition from sinner to saint which is sealed by the gift of righteousness. The name of the former sinner is taken out of the book of death and transferred into the Lamb's Book of Life which announces citizenship of the Kingdom of God.

The gift of righteousness is therefore a function of the paradigm shift from our old to our new nature arising from Justification. By Justification, God declares you new in His sight and that the old sinful nature and disposition is taken away. He does not remember those sins again! Thinking, acting and living as if God has a bank where He stores record of your sins is to declare that the sacrifice of Jesus at the Cross was not sufficient to make you a new creation. We must see other saints the way God sees them also! This transition is fundamental and real. You cannot go far in the Kingdom if you do not receive and walk in this justification which produces righteousness or right standing with God. Micah 7: 18, 19; Romans 3:20-28; Romans 5: 6- 11;

- **It is a fruit of grace by faith in the finished work of Calvary Ephesians 2: 8**
- **It is not by religious works or observances Ephesians 2:9**
- **It has nothing to do with the “Church” you worship at**
- **It is necessary to appropriate this gift of justification and righteousness or right standing with God and allow ourselves to relate with God, Satan and fellow humans with that mindset! If this reality is not accepted and lived out, the saint will begin to think and behave like a sinner. As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he Proverbs 23:7. By the principle in Proverbs 18:21 “death and life are in the power of the tongue”, it is essential that saints declare their true identity to themselves and one another on a regular basis.**

All those who are privileged to preach and teach must consciously allow the Holy Spirit right of way to minister these truths to those who have experienced the new birth so that their faith can be grounded in the sure Word of God rather than fables and traditions of men. Only saints who understand clearly their true identity can behave and fly high as the eagles they are. A distorted image will have the net effect of making them to be like eagles that grew up in chicken scoops!

3. Adoption - Galatians 4:1-7; Ephesians 1:3-7, Ephesians 2:11-19

Ephesians 1:3-7

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

⁴According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

⁵Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

⁶To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

⁷In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

One of the radical blessings God offers lost humanity is an opportunity to become members of His holy and divine family. This reality is offered through a legal process and covenant relationship called adoption for all who accept the free gift of salvation in the Blood of Jesus Christ. It is important that you understand this glorious truth so that your faith can stand on

secure truth rather than the fables of men, religious dogmas of denominations or the massive twisting of truth which Satan has caused to invade the camp of saints!

By adoption, a spiritual transplant is offered to whoever will receive the gracious invitation of God. From being part of the Kingdom of darkness a penitent sinner who puts their faith in the blood that was shed is conveyed into the Kingdom of God

Colossians 1:13

¹³Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

By the fact of the redemption price which was fully paid by the blood that Jesus shed, the saint is now adopted into the family of God with full rights and privileges as a son indeed who has a personal relationship with a personal Father who is the God of the whole universe!

Adoption is the core basis on which Kingdom life differs from religion and religious devotions. Religion requires you to worship an “unknown god” even in fear and trepidation of what he or she will do if you do not meet a long list of expectations and rules. On the other hand, the God we have to deal with has revealed Himself in Jesus as a God who is truly a real person. In the old Covenant, God revealed Himself to Israel from afar. Only Moses knew Him intimately while the populace was content to worship from afar!

Hebrews 1

¹God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

²Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

³Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

In the New Covenant, God firstly reveals Himself in Jesus. Secondly, through the relationship between Father and Son, God reveals how intimately He wants to relate with His own children who are on earth! In effect, God enjoys relationship with members of His family modelled by the intense fellowship between Jesus and the Father when He was on earth.

Jesus came to call many sons to that same relationship with the Father through the principle of adoption.

Hebrews 2:10-13

¹⁰For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

¹¹For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

¹²Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

¹³And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.

Adoption is a legal covenant. Someone who is adopted into a family is entitled to all the rights and privileges which the new standing and relationship offers. Just as justification wiped out your past, adoption gives you access to the present and future!

Romans 8:14-17

¹⁴For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

¹⁵For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

¹⁶The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

¹⁷And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

Through adoption, we become heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. This glorious privilege is not to be tossed away by ignorance. Each saint is under obligation to resist every attempt of Satan or humans to suggest that you are on your own in this life and that God is a distant reality! Refuse error and press into the fullness of your identity in Christ so that you will live like the victor you are and not a victim of circumstances!

Galatians 4:1-7

¹Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;

²But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

³Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:

⁴But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

⁵To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

⁶And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

⁷Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Those adopted into the family of God are not judged by their race, colour, gender, socio-economic status or geographical location. **Galatians 3:13-29** is quite clear on this. Therefore a person who has been adopted is to be known to no one by natural qualities. No one is permitted to know us after the flesh but by the Spirit.

The adopted sons that the world is waiting for are to be carriers of the presence of God and dispensers of His power. They are to take the Church from the building to the community to demonstrate, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the fact that Jesus is alive and reigning. As we stand anywhere and everywhere as His witnesses, sceptics, agnostics and even principalities and powers in heavenly places cannot but stand in awe at what they see - **Acts 1:8; Ephesians 3:10.**

According to **Romans 8:19** a day is coming when the whole creation will see the full manifestation of the redeemed of the Lord.

Recap

We can see therefore that adoption is the reality of acceptance as legal members of the family of God. The former sinner is translated from the kingdom of darkness or dominion of Satan and rather conveyed into the Kingdom of God. By adopting us into His family, God establishes these principles:

- The new life in Christ is one based on relationship, not religion and religiosity John 4: 23,24
- Since we are now members of the Family of God, our relationship with Him is defined by His nature engrafted into us – we have His DNA and are His off springs. The Father/Son relationship with Jesus is now extended to us. Hebrews 2:10-18; Acts 17:28, 29.
- On adoption, we are babes in Christ. We must not remain there because greater things were purchased for us by the Blood that Jesus shed. As we desire the sincere milk of the Word, we grow in grace 1 Peter 2: 1-2. The tendency is to grow to be servants, ready to work with God. Unfortunately, there may be danger of operating with a servile mentality which beclouds our ability to develop into the fullness of our adoption.

Passion for more of God especially His Presence in the Word and in prayer will lead us to a life of willing obedience with a heart eager to please Him. This leads the saint to transit to a more intimate relationship with Jesus to the degree that He regards us as friends John 15:12-15. Good as this state of relationship is, there is an ultimate state for which we were adopted into the family of God. That is the State of Son ship. This is the state in which a saint recognizes who he/she is in Christ and who Christ is in them. It is a state of taking responsibility for execution of the will of the Father on Planet earth generally and the particular sphere of influence assigned to the saint. Son ship is the ultimate purpose of adoption and no one in the Kingdom should be satisfied until you begin to think, speak, pray and live like a Son who executes the ordinance or will of the Father in all situations just as Jesus did. At this stage of your walk with God, your primary motivation is to do the will of the Father and to finish it, the costs notwithstanding. Hebrews 2:10 – 11,17; John 20: 15-17; Romans 8:14-17; Galatians 3:26-29.

Jesus did not come to set up a religious organization! He rather came to redeem those who are willing to accept the offer of the Father and be adopted into His royal family.

- Adoption into the family of God makes us co-heirs with Jesus Christ Romans 8: 14-17. There are two dimensions of this status. In the now,
 - we are His ambassadors who with single minded pursuit of the Kingdom, make it a priority to represent Him well as well as become instruments of reconciling the lost with Him Matthew 5:13-16; Matthew 6:25-34; 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21. As His ambassadors, we exercise the authority in the Name of Jesus as His brethren so that ALL that He would have done is accomplished by faith in His Name. Matthew 16:19; Matthew 18:18; John 14:12; John 15:7; John 16:23, 24.

- **The eternal dimension of co-heir ship is that we will rule and reign with Jesus when He returns to establish the full phase of the Kingdom. Jesus will be enthroned in Jerusalem while all faithful sons will be assigned as kings over various cities and nations world-wide to instruct people in the ways of the King and the approved culture of His Kingdom. We are adopted into a Kingdom of Priests and Kings! Revelations 1: 5,6; Revelations 5:9,10; Revelation 20:1-6**

4. Inheritance - Ephesians 1:3, 10-18; Ephesians 3:14-21

Ephesians 1:3, 10-18

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

¹⁰That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

¹¹In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

¹²That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

¹³In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise,

¹⁴Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

¹⁵Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

¹⁶Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

¹⁷That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

¹⁸The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

Every saint has an inheritance which contains the full benefits of being in Christ Jesus.

Spanning time and eternity, the Covenant Blessings of Calvary cross are simply mind boggling! It is a travesty of divine justice for a saint to be so busy with many things that you cannot find time to locate your inheritance – which is fully documented in the Bible.

Ignorance leads to many saints living below their optimum or suffering needlessly. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law so that the blessings of Abraham may be our portion Galatians 3:13-14.

It is imperative that saints stop the unprofitable act of skimming the surface of the Bible like amateur gold diggers. We should rather be like professional miners who dig deep into the bowels of the earth to uproot the big gold ingots! Get into the world to locate all the blessings Jesus purchased for you. Believe them. Confess them. Above all, take the step of

faith to call them forth, just as Abraham did in Romans 4:17-22. After all, we are commanded to emulate Abraham Isaiah 51:1-3.

The so called prosperity gospel has done incredible damage to the psyche of saints. The spectacle of the redeemed of the Lord chasing after the fancies of this world and seeking satisfaction from them causes pain to the Lord. At the Cross Jesus paid the supreme price so that Satan will let go of his claim to be the “god” of this world for those who are redeemed by the Blood - **2 Corinthians 4:1-2.**

In Christ Jesus the saints have all things that pertain to life and godliness - **2 Peter 1:3; Ephesians 1:3.** For this reason the Lord Jesus gave us an unfailing formula; one on whose success He personally stakes His reputation: saints should seek first the Kingdom and its righteousness, trusting God to take good care of all their mundane needs - **Matthew 6:19 -34.**

Matthew 6:19-34

¹⁹Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

²⁰But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

²¹For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

²²The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

²³But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

²⁴No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

²⁵Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

²⁶Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

²⁷Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

²⁸And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

²⁹And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

³⁰Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

³¹Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or What shall we drink? or Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

³²(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

³³But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

³⁴Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Paul the apostle was used of the Holy Spirit to bring home the fact that the Kingdom of God is not measured in how much food and drinks we have in this present life:

Romans 14:17-19 (King James Version)

¹⁷For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

¹⁸For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.

¹⁹Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

The bold disciple Peter was to engage Jesus again in Matthew 19: 27 with what kind of inheritance those who serve faithfully in the Kingdom can expect. The dialogue is truly full of insight:

Matthew 19:27-29 (King James Version)

²⁷Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?

²⁸And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

²⁹And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

The Lord in effect says we have an inheritance in Him that is secure and certain. It makes sense to allow the Lord to open our eyes of understanding to understand the full range of those benefits so that we can possess them and put them to work in the business of His Kingdom.

The prayers said by Paul the Apostle for saints in Ephesus to understand the limitless scope of their inheritance needs to be repeated:

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

¹⁵Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

¹⁶That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

¹⁷That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

¹⁸May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

¹⁹And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

²¹Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

The God we serve is a faithful, loving and caring Father. He knows our frame. He did not just create us and abandon us to our own devices! From the day He conceived each and every member of His family, God has figured out the exact resource level we need to fulfil the destiny He ordained. Because He delights to partner with His new creation, God has created the facility called prayer which, when mixed with unfailing faith, moves Him to do great things for His own:

Matthew 7:7-11

⁷Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you:

⁸For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

⁹Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

¹⁰Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

¹¹If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

5. Grace - Romans 5:1-2; Ephesians 1:3-11; Ephesians 2:1-10

Romans 5

¹Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

²By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Grace is the sure basis of the new life of the redeemed . It is the strength and power of God in Christ that is freely made available to those who will receive it. It is thus because of the grace of God that we are drawn to and come into the Kingdom. No one could ever come into the Kingdom of God through any other way! Because salvation is entirely a work of Grace, there is no room for boasting or reliance on dead works or religious observances to earn us a place in the Kingdom!

Ephesians 2

⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

⁵Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

⁶And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

⁷That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

⁸For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

⁹Not of works, lest any man should boast.

¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Repeating this truth is safe: it is by grace that we come into the Kingdom and it is by grace that our walk therein is sustained. Grace is that special ability we receive from God firstly to respond to His love and secondly, to live out the Kingdom life on His ability rather than the strength of our natural impulses.

We are to grow in grace even as the Holy Spirit works in us both to will and to do the good pleasure of the Father 2 Peter 3:18; Philippians 1:6; Philippians 2:13. Any time a saint leaves the highway of grace, there will be a relapse into dead works and religious observances which are not acceptable to God. Colossians 2:8;

Colossians 2:16-25 (King James Version)

¹⁶Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

¹⁷Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

¹⁸Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

¹⁹And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

²⁰Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

²¹(Touch not; taste not; handle not;

²²Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?

²³Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body: not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

With the grace we receive in Christ we can literally do all things and manage every estate of life we find our self in -

Philippians 4:13

¹³I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.
Grace takes away pride and boasting. Grace endows us with a supernatural capacity which staggers those around us. Brethren, we need this grace which some one defined as “God’s riches at Christ’s expense”.

Ephesians 2:10 sums up this awesome revelation of a saint: a masterpiece of God’s own workmanship. It is for this reason that Paul prayed earnestly for believers to receive spiritual understanding of who they are in Christ and who He is in them

Ephesians 1:15-19

¹⁵Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

¹⁶Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

¹⁷That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

¹⁸The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

¹⁹And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

The riches of God in Christ which are freely made available to us, His saints are simply incredible and unsearchable. They cannot be fathomed and cannot be exhausted. That is the mystery of Grace! However, it must be clearly stated that Grace empowers us to live the God kind of life in all righteousness and is in no way an excuse for sin or sinful living!

Romans 6

¹What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

²God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

³Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

To claim to have grace and yet remain under the dominion of Sin is an absolute contradiction in terms!

Outcome of the Five Fundamental Glorious Truths

All those who receive these glorious blessings will think, speak and live alike, irrespective of their racial and ethnic backgrounds; gender, age or socio-economic status. Why is it so? They become the One New Man of God!

This is the heart of the gospel of the Kingdom, that God wants all His citizens to have a common denominator of Kingdom life and authority, irrespective of where they are geographically or otherwise. Ephesians 1:10;

¹⁰That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

Ephesians 2:14-22

¹⁴For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

¹⁵Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

¹⁶And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

¹⁷And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

¹⁸For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

¹⁹Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

²⁰And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

²¹In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

²²In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

It is our remit in the Global School of Ministry to be used of God to produce this outcome, world-wide!