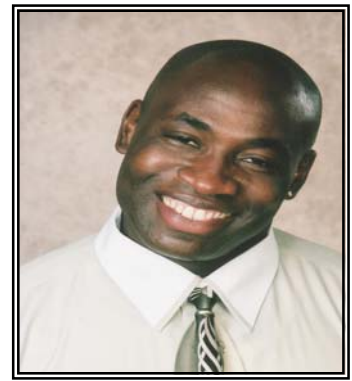


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STRENGTHENING THE BODY OF CHRIST WITH THE LIFE CHANGING WORD OF GOD

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As believers we have received **an inheritance In Christ through the blood** that opened the realm of God's blessing to us. David by inspiration of the Holy Spirit called this inheritance the blessedness of forgiveness and we know through the scriptures that without the shedding of blood there can be no forgiveness. Forgiveness opens the door to relationship and fellowship with God through the blood of Jesus which is the path to eternal life. If we had nothing else of the inheritance of Christ as believers we can still and truly proclaim that by virtue of haven been forgiven and knowing we are on our way to heaven (and not the lake of fire) that we are blessed. But praise be to God for the blood of Jesus. The atoning work of Christ blood has redeemed (past tense) us (who believe) and given us an inheritance of blessing that does not fade. It is an inheritance of the fruit of the Spirit (the divine nature of God) and the gifts of The Spirit (for the work of the ministry) manifested in fruitfulness, multiplication, replenishing and subduing the earth and dominion in every realm of life. If you are in Christ you are a new creation, blessed (and empowered) to walk in a new dimension and realm of life, the Zoe life of God.

It is as clear as ABC that disobedience (sin) brought about the curse. For God said to Adam that the day he sinned (turn to self-becoming independent of and disconnected from God) he would die. As stated in an earlier teaching on this subject, **when God created man, the very first words they heard from the creator's mouth as a couple was one of blessing (Genesis 1:28, be fruitful, multiply, replenish, subdue the earth, have dominion)** There was no need for forgiveness because there was no sin and so the blessing was pronounced upon them in this state of righteousness and union with the Father God. Before they sinned Adam and Eve had the divinely inherent ability to walk in the fruit of the blessing (fruitfulness, multiplication, replenishment and dominion) in every realm of life. In Christ we have been blessed (redeemed from the curse of the law of sin). So if you are a believer reading this you have the ability in you to walk in the fruit of the blessing. Just believe God and obey Him.

So Adam sinned and brought upon himself and the entire human race (because all humanity was in seed form in him) the curse of disobedience and from that time on God instituted animal sacrifices. They were temporary substitutions because they could not fulfill the law and principle of sameness and reproduction after one's own kind. Moreover since all had sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, it could only take one who was human but without sin to redeem man and wipe out/cancel the charge and debt of sin against humanity. That man was and is Jesus the seed of Abraham who though without sin became sin for us by

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identification so that we might become the righteousness of God In Him (**2 Cor. 5: 19**) through the identification of faith.

Aside: Couples (and singles as well) if you will walk in love towards one another (especially you **men loving your wives as Christ loved the church** and believing together for the manifestations of your inheritance as they bible says you will do great exploits with/for the kingdom of God. Men the burden is on you. Women naturally respond to love, nurturing and caring. Having said that, as married couples **your primary responsibility is to be faithful to your vows** even if your spouse is not and been faithful is not limited to cheating on your spouse sexually with someone else and not constantly bickering to God (and the other person) about what the other person is not doing right. As singles our primary responsibility is to be faithful to God and what His word says. It is yours and mine **business to walk in love** (towards your spouse and others) and forgiveness no matter what the other person does (leave vengeance to God) and we have the grace to walk in this kind of love. He is the Holy Spirit (The enabler and enforcer) who has shed the love of God in our heart according to **Romans 5:5**.

So then what is this blessing that the promise seed Jesus Christ would bring? As discussed in the previous paragraph, man was indited with the guilt of sin that separated him from a Holy God and placed under a curse by his own action. However, God who is love so loved the world that He promised and gave His only begotten Son for the purpose of redemption- to purchase our freedom from the everlasting consequence of sin which is eternal death separated from His love and life. So Jesus the seed of Abraham, the blessed one through His sacrifice brings with Him **the blessedness of forgiveness and through His blood opens up the blessings of God into the life of a believer**.

Now lets look at the correlation between forgiveness of sins and been blessed or blessedness. When Adam sinned he lost sonship with God and the blessing of **Genesis 1:27-28**. David a descendant of the seed of Abraham, a man after God's own heart said,

Psalm 32:1

Blessed is he, whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered KJV

BLESSED (HAPPY, fortunate, to be envied) is he who has forgiveness of his transgression continually exercised upon him, whose sin is covered. AMP

And Paul reiterates this connection between forgiveness of sins and the blessing in

Romans 4:6-9

6Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,

7Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

8Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

9Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness.

Without the shedding of Christ blood there would be no eternal forgiveness of sin and man would be eternally lost, cut off and separated from the life of God forever. However, through the blood of Jesus, (**Acts 26:18** To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive **forgiveness of sins**, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. **Ephesians 1:7** In whom we have redemption through his blood, the **forgiveness of sins**, according to the riches of his grace; **Colossians 1:14** In whom we have redemption through his blood, even

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the forgiveness of sins),

we have forgiveness of sins and with forgiveness the **blessing of sonship to be a partaker of the divine Zoë nature and life of God**. This was and is God's original intent in creation. Forgiveness through the blood of Christ restores the blessing of God pronounced in the garden and culminated in Christ. Forgiveness through the blood of Christ brings the divine Zoë life of God and all that He has in and through Christ (the 2nd man) into the human race of those who identify with Him through faith in the heart and confession with the mouth.

Jesus came to atone for the sins of the world. Sin separated and separates man from the blessings of God. Because of Jesus the blessed one and promised seed of Abraham, **forgiveness now brings man back into the family of God and confers all of God's blessings on Him. As a child of God you have a legal right because of Christ to walk in the blessings of the covenant sealed in His blood.** Say "**As a child of God I have a legal right to walk in the blessings of the covenant sealed in Jesus my Lord and Savior's blood.**" That is your inheritance and portion as a child of God. Because you are forgiven for His namesake you have almighty God's evoked and endowed right to walk in the blessing pronounced in Genesis on Adam lost but regained by the 2nd Adam who is Christ. It was God's idea and doing, not yours. Don't play false humility by saying you don't deserve it. Yes in yourself you/we don't but in Christ you/we do because He died and rose again so you/we will be, can and do.

Webster describes the word blessed as highly favored or fortunate (as e.g. by divine grace), having good fortune bestowed or conferred upon; characterized by happiness and good fortune; to confer prosperity or happiness upon. The Hebrew word for blessed simply means happiness, blessedness. However, when you look at the root derivative of the word blessed then you begin to see elements of the blessings pronounced on Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Job, Jesus and the list goes on and on. These were men who walked in the blessing. The root derivative of the word blessed in the Hebrew is ashar meaning to go straight, walk, go on, advance, and make progress. **In Kenneth's terminology to be blessed simply means to be empowered on the merit of God's grace in Christ to prosper in every realm of your life as a human being.** Its that simple. Blessings were, are and will forever be a part of God's intent, plans and purpose for His creation. Does it come with persecution? Yes because you live in an evil world in which dwells a very wicked spirit called religion. The pharisee, saducees and doctors of the law in Jesus' time had and many have it today and when you begin to walk in the blessing and are not afraid to confess it you will be persecuted.

Without the curse of sin been removed through forgiveness in Christ Jesus, no one can experience the fundamental life exchange of been born again whereby we are made children of God. As sons (children) of God we have entered into the blessing of the promised seed of Abraham (Christ) **whose shed blood has purchased our redemption, the forgiveness of sins according to Ephesians 1:7 (Read all of chap. 1).** In verse 11 it goes on to say that we have received an inheritance. **That inheritance came through the blood. For His namesake we are forgiven the bible says.** God's forgiveness is the result of His grace in Christ. It is not something that can be obtained from good works or self-righteousness. Never was, can or ever will be. Over and over again the bible says that we are saved by grace through faith and not of works. A person cannot/never be saved without their sins been forgiven them first in Christ. Forgiveness of sins In Christ brings about salvation (born again, wholeness, healing, redemption, prosperity in all realm etc.) and opens our lives to receive the inheritance Christ received from the hands of The Father.

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God never created humans to bear the weight and guilt of sin. Sin and all its manifestation is an affront to and destructive to the human nature. Sin separates man from the life of God. Millions all over the world are deceived and caught up in self-righteous (knowing or unknowingly) religious acts trying to appease God or their gods for forgiveness and blessings. Yet the truth is that forgiveness and the blessedness of being forgiven are God's free gift of grace to mankind in Jesus for the believing and receiving with no works of the law of any kind required. And that is why we as believers in love and as a command from our commander the Lord Jesus Christ, must go into all the world and live our lives wherever we are submitted to His grace and invest the gifts, talents and resources He has blessed us with into the gospel so that the lost can hear about and see the reality of God's love. With the forgiveness of sins the **guilt and shame of condemnation** it brings on the human spirit and soul is removed. **There is therefore now no condemnation** for those who are In Christ Jesus the bible says in **Romans 5:1**.

Dear Saint, its time for you and I to rise up to the maturity of our potential and calling In Christ. We will continue this subject next month and I want you to meditate on **1John 1:9** because there is something in that verse that I will talk about that is life changing. Because you have been forgiven (redeemed from the curse) you can walk with your head up looking to the Father deep down in your spirit because you have confidence in His unfailing love and you are submitted to the grace of the Holy Spirit to living this life of love forgiving all even as your heavenly Father has forgiven you. Go and be fruitful. Make sure you read next month's teaching as it is continuation of the present 3 part study.

I love and bless you in Jesus name

Shalom

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