

# Good Friday Service

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Scripture Reference: 1 Corinthians 2:12-13 (AMPC); 1 Corinthians 10:15-17 (AMPC); 1 Corinthians 2:12 (NKJV)

Today I recognise and celebrate the life of Jesus. I recognise and celebrate the death and the resurrection of Jesus and what He has done for me. I can count on the blood, I can count on His death, I can count on the resurrection of Jesus and the power of God that raised Christ Jesus from the dead. I believe He brings me new life.

I don't have to be perfect, it's about believing that Jesus is Lord, it's about believing that Jesus died for me, He shed His blood for me and because He was perfect, He was the Lamb of God that was slain. And because He was perfect, God the Father raised Him up from the dead, and if I believe in Jesus and accept Him as my Lord and Saviour, I can have salvation eternally through my belief in Him.

<sup>12</sup>Now we have not received the spirit, [that belongs to] the world, but the [Holy] Spirit Who is from God, [given to us] that we might realise and comprehend and appreciate the gifts [of divine favour, this is so that we can appreciate the gift of divine favour, the gift of blessing so freely and lavishly], pours upon us and has bestowed, the scripture says, bestowed on us by God (1 Corinthians 2:12 AMPC).

I have not received the spirit of the world but I have received the Holy Spirit and He has given me gifts and He has given me blessings in Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> I am speaking as to intelligent (sensible) men. Think over and make up your minds [for yourselves] about what I say. [I appeal to your reason and your discernment in these matters.] <sup>16</sup> The cup of blessing, which is referred to [of wine at the Lord's Supper], the cup of blessing, upon which we ask [God's] blessing, does it not mean that in drinking it] we participate in and share a fellowship (a communion) in the blood of Christ (the Messiah)? (1 Corinthians 10:15-16 AMPC).

When I participate in communion with the saints, we share a fellowship in the blood of Christ and we share a fellowship in the body of Christ when we drink and when we eat of the bread.<sup>17</sup> For we [no matter how] numerous we are, we are one body, because we all partake of the one Bread, [the One Who the communion bread represents] (1 Corinthians 10:17 AMPC).

This Spirit that we have received from God is because we have a common union, it's because we are commonly connected in union with the blood and with the body of the Lord Jesus. In our union with Him, we function as a body. Even though in these moments we are separated, we are still united together.

The next verse 13, says <sup>13</sup> And we are setting these truths forth in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the [Holy] Spirit, combining and interpreting spiritual truths with spiritual language [to those who possess the Holy Spirit] (1 Corinthians 2:13 AMPC). This is a truth that is not received by just the intellect of man. This is not truths that are set out by human wisdom. These are truths that are taught by the Holy Spirit, combining and interpreting truths with spiritual language.

This lockdown has forced us to kind of take a pause.

It doesn't matter what situation I am in, I have to speak the truth of who I am in Christ, not what the facts are saying about me. If I speak as everybody else speaks, I'm going to get the same results that everybody else gets. I don't want to get the same results. I want God's results for me right now.

This is a moment for us as the church to be united and speak strength. Speak well-being and call. Call upon the name of the Lord, Call upon our Messiah, our Saviour. Call upon His name, that Name that is above every other name, call upon it and say, "I call upon the name of the God of prosperity, my increase, my *Jehovah Jireh*, my *El Shaddai* that's more than enough for me. I call upon *Jehovah-Rapha* Who is my healer, the One Who heals me and protects me. I call upon the One that is my banner, that protects me and overshadows me. I call upon Him. I call upon the names of the Lord Jesus Christ."

I call upon Him and say; "I call upon You, the one that is taking care of me, the Great I Am that is above everything, because of Your blood that was shed for me, because of Your body that was broken for me. I call upon it. Now as I call, I speak boldly as a son of God. I speak boldly that healing is my portion, health is my portion, physical and material well-being in this world is my portion.

I speak boldly that because I am a tither, I'm part of the body of Christ, I am committed and connected to the body. I command the windows of Heaven to open as I am in agreement with Jesus. I command the blessing to be poured out. I command that the devourer is rebuked in the name of Jesus, and that no weapon formed against me, no weapon formed against my family, no weapon formed against my world and my future will prosper. He gives His angels charge over me. Me and my family, as for us, we will serve the Lord. We will worship the Most High God.

I will rise up in spirit, I will rise up in strength, and I will begin to say, "I am a Christian, I am Christ-like. I am part of a whole new generation of people. I am part of the body of Christ. I am strong. I am united. I am favored and blessed of the Most High God. I will make it through. I will increase with supernatural increase, and I will look for those new doors that are opening for me in this season."

I believe that Jesus is my Lord, Jesus is my Master, Jesus is my Saviour, and He is the One who is the Great I Am that stands for me in everything and everywhere.