

Living in Christ

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This is the greatest time to be alive - right now. We are living in one of the most significant moments of history. This is an amazing time of man to be alive.

Jesus Himself was prophesied to come and become the Messiah and become the One who died on the cross. He was prophesied that He would come so it was established in the spirit and then it became natural flesh.

I say: My sins are forgiven not in what I offer as a sacrifice, not in all the goodness and the greatness that I can provide out of my own human experience but I am saved from myself and into an eternal life with God by faith in Jesus Christ.

I say: The only way I can be more like God is by a complete release of myself into the hands of mighty God and into His will, and into the wonders of who God is.

¹ Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, ²a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man (Hebrews 8: 1-2 NKJV).

Sanctuaries are there for the purposes of God's worship.

³ For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore it is necessary that this One also have something to offer (Hebrews 8:3 NKJV). ⁸Therefore it is said, When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive [He led a train of vanquished foes] and He bestowed gifts on men (Ephesians 4:8 AMPC). ⁹[But He ascended?] Now what can this, He ascended, mean but that He had previously descended from [the heights of] heaven into [the depths], the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He Who descended is the [very] same as He Who also has ascended high above all the heavens, that He [His presence], might fill all things (the whole universe, from the lowest to the highest) (Ephesians 4:9-10 AMPC). He came back to conquer the one who deceived men to take on that lower life. And as He descended and conquered and ascends into heaven, and presents Himself as the sacrifice, He also gives gifts.

¹¹ And His gifts were [varied; He Himself, appointed and gave men to us] some to be apostles (special messengers), some prophets (inspired preachers and expounders), some evangelists, (preachers of the Gospel, traveling missionaries), some pastors (shepherds of His flock) and teachers (Ephesians 4:11 AMPC). So every high priest must

bring sacrifices according to the old law, sacrifices and gifts. He presents Himself as the sacrifice, and He gives gifts to men.

I say: I celebrate the resurrection life of Christ; I celebrate the fact that He gave gifts to men.

¹² His intention was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints (His consecrated people), [that they should do] the work of ministering toward building up Christ's body (the church) (Ephesians 4:12 AMPC.) ¹³[That it might develop] until we all attain oneness in the faith and in the comprehension of the [full and accurate] knowledge of the Son of God, that [we might arrive] at really mature manhood (Ephesians 4:13 AMPC)

What He did on the cross was a sacrifice beyond anything that we could ever think about. The greatness of the sacrifice was in the resurrection power of the Father. When God the Father resurrected Him from the grave, all those that had previously died and could not enter into the presence of God because of the sin factor, Jesus reveals Himself as the Messiah. Jesus reveals Himself to them as the One that was always prophesied of; He leads Abraham and all of those that had died, all the prophets, all the believers, all the covenant ones of God, He leads them into the presence of God. And as He does it, He gives gifts to men, so that the gifts can be a fulfillment of His High Priest-li-ness.

I say: I receive the gifts of men that He gave us, not appointed by men, but appointed by Himself. He appointed men and He gave some men, different gifts, so that these gifts working together might bring maturity to the Body of Christ.

¹³ For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, ¹⁴how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (Hebrews 9:13-14 NKJV).

I say: He cleanses me in my conscience so that I don't have to go back to try and prove my goodness or prove how my services to God make me a better Christian. I cannot improve on the salvation power of the blood of Jesus Christ.

¹⁵ And for this reason, He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance (Hebrews 9:15 NKJV). ¹⁵I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one (John 17:15, NKJV).

I say: I need to be in this world but I need to be delivered from the evil that is in this world. Evil is not just wicked things that happened - it's an entire system that is

anti-Christ, anti-God's way of doing things. God wants me to build an eternal inheritance, not just the natural inheritance on this earth.

⁵Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire. ⁵But a body you have prepared for me. ⁶In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin you had no pleasure. ⁷Then I said, 'Behold, I have come - in the volume of the book it is written of Me - to do your will, O God.' (Hebrews 10:5-7 NKJV).

I say: When Ps John's body was born to human parents and his spirit was placed in his body - was given to human parents - it was in those moments that God said, "I will give gifts unto men and this is another gift I'm giving to men." Ps John is this gift that now speaks to me and says to me, in this season, in this moment; turn not to your own flesh, turn not to your own strength, turn not to your own might; turn not to your own ways of delivering yourself but turn to the Christ, the Messiah, the One who was raised from the dead by the heavenly Father and brought gifts to the earth. He Himself was a sacrifice so that I could have life; I could have life abundantly; I can have life to overflowing - abundant life - I can enjoy this life in my service and in my obedience to Him.

Therefore, brethren, having boldness, enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹ and having a High Priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.

I say: The closer I draw, the more assured I become of my faith, the less the enemy's persuasive, intimidating words impact me and my assurance grows stronger. ²²With a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water (Hebrews 10:19-22 NKJV).

I say: I enter into the presence of God with boldness. My heart assured because Jesus has sprinkled my conscience with the blood - His blood and made it so that I don't have to go back to performance. I don't listen to all of my body's desires and demands because He has cleansed it so that I can be standing pure before Him.

²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering for He who promised is faithful (Hebrews 10:23 NKJV).

²⁴ And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works. ²⁵not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much more as you see the Day approaching (Hebrews 10:24-25 NKJV).

We need to be connected to the Body. Jesus paid the price and because Jesus is the high priest of the heavenly sanctuary and we are already part of that heavenly sanctuary by the fact that we are His people on the earth, we have the boldness to enter into that place of worship; enter into that spiritual sanctuary. Here on earth, we need to stir each other up in love and good works. We need to consider each other.

We are that company of people that live by faith.

I say: The Church is me. As I pray, I become the church. As I worship, I become the Church. As I give my life to be shown to others that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life, I become a living representation of Jesus Christ Himself.

I say: I am the eternal sanctuary of the Father, I am the living embodiment of the sanctuary of the heavens, I am that body of believers that is existing now on the earth; I let every moment count towards investing in my eternal inheritance. I am the answer to someone's problem. I am the solution to someone's issues that they are having in life. I pray that the Father sends out labourers into the field and that I can reap those that are not saved and become the labourer as I am a person that walks through life. I let my light shine. I let Jesus use my hands to heal. I let Jesus use my mouth to bring good news. I let Jesus use my finances to bring solutions to people. I am kind, generous, the Church, the living, breathing life of Christ on the earth.

I say: I make a renewed consecration of my life, I make a renewed determination that I will follow Jesus, be a disciple of the Most High God. I am the light on a hill; I am the salt of the earth. I am the living body of Christ.