

## Expose 110 K74

### Get Into Showbiz

Hello world, this is Expose 247 where we proclaim the Lord's death till He returns. And it is our tradition to give the Word and spirit its rightful place. And today we will jump into the 110<sup>th</sup> episode of Expose 247 which is the Knock Out season of Episode 74 in case you missed any of these, am not sure if you heard all of the 110th. And then you know that you have your job cut out for you, and you know where to get these transmission. You can get it on our page, on the website, on the YouTube. And then you can invite others to learn from the same.

So if you follow us for the last transmission, we talked about **Talk is not cheap**. I hope you are putting your money where your mouth is. I hope for every of your words, you have a corresponding action, as if we found out in the last transmission.

So do I need to remind them again about some of the things we shared in the last transmission or you want to do that?

Well, I can summarize.

In the last transmission we refocused our perception as believers to understand the magnitude of the debt that Christ paid on your behalf. And for the fact that you talked to someone that your sins are forgiven is not easy to say because forgiving of sins by any party means you are taken on the role and responsibility of paying the debt for which you forgive them for. And that was what Christ did at the cross.

So when we talked about God forgave us at the cross or God in Christ forgave us our sins, actually we are talking about the cost implication of such an actions. So Jesus then told us in that particular event that we looked at last time, telling us about the cost implication of just simply saying your sins are forgiven. And the more we appreciate that cost implication, the more we can value the forgiveness that we have received from the Lord. That is the thing we actually focused on in our last transmission.

And so we are going to carry on from there today.

That remind me of that song that says it wasn't easy but it was worth it. It was talking about the crucifixion and what it cost the Lord to do that. To put his mouth and put his statement...

You know sometimes we know how important all these conversation is, people can be nailed by their confession. We know that even in the court of law. And sometimes you want to hear the statement for somebody and say let the CEO, the Chairman, what is the statement for it. Because we know it confirms the right, people can hold people up to what they said.

So Jesus made that statement of forgiveness and he was held up to it. The reason why it's very good in the Holy Ghost to have deep conversation about things like this is that, we also saw in the gospels that a believer cannot respond to God beyond their understanding of how much debt was paid on their behalf.

So the reason why there are not so much significant responses from so many people to God in the way they walk with God or the way they relate with the Lord and also the way they relate with life. Some of the responses that we give and not that the way it should be. And the reason for that is because we don't even understand how much debt was paid. And we saw the case of that woman who actually was with Simon and Jesus. And Jesus said the reason why that woman responded differently to him was because she understood, she was forgiven much.

So we cannot respond beyond how much understanding we have of how much debt was paid on our behalf. So ultimately the reason why we are talking about **Talk is Not Cheap** on our last transmission is not just to be a kind of discussion exercise. It was meant to be something that will provoke you to love the Lord. Can you see? Provoking you to love. That was the goal.

Because you cannot love the Lord beyond your understanding of how much you are forgiven. So a discussion into how much you are forgiven is ultimately a discussion into provoking you to love the Lord and eventually on how you respond to life as well.

Please am quite aware that some of our audience are hitching to hear the other part of the forgiveness, how it plays out between man and man (humanity). It's not the one we are talking about the vertical relationship... I want to know are we getting to that today?

Thank God you mention that. That is what we are getting to today.

I think somebody on our page asked the question in terms of forgiveness among people. But you see the reason why we have to talk about God's forgiveness before we talked about men's forgiveness or forgiveness among men is because, if you are a believer and you are born again by the seed of God or you are born again by the Word of God (1Peter 1:18). If that is the believer that you are in the New Covenant, our

horizontal life is supposed to be a result of our vertical life. A reflection... it should be that what it is.

That is why we could not talk about forgiveness on a human plane unless we understand forgiveness on the vertical plane to the Lord. And that is why we've gone through that pattern.

And today as we begin to look into the scriptures by the Holy Spirit, you will get more insight into why we've gone through that pattern. So just stay with us as we do that straightaway today.

Now, let's go straight to Ephesians Chapter 4 and begin to understand the backdrop of forgiveness horizontally speaking from the insight of vertical forgiveness.

Ephesians 4 you can read that to give us more insight.

Verse 32.

Now, follow us quickly.

Ephesians 4:32, what does it say please?

#### **Ephesians 4**

**32. And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.**

Can you see? He said don't even talk about forgiving one another... you know, I know some people, anytime you are talking about forgiveness among people, they are always thinking about should I forgive somebody? Or should I not forgive them? To what extent should I forgive them?

Well, if you look at this verse, it says one another. What that means is nobody is exempted. At some point if you continue to live life, you will need to forgive someone. And at some point somebody will need to forgive you. Can you see? He says forgive one another.

I know people like to take the role in which they are one that are meant to forgive those that offend them. He says one another. This is going to be interconnected. It is interpersonal.

But the goal is, he says don't even do it unless you understand how God forgives you. Can you see that? Don't even talk about... that is the reason why we said you will understand more on why we've gone through the strategy that we've adopted in which

we couldn't even talk about forgiveness among men unless we first talk about what did God do in Christ in forgiving us.

So this is the first evidence in the scriptures that says well, talking about you forgiving others. He said even... can you see? even...

Can you read that again?

**even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.**

Even as God did it for the sake of Christ. In that same understanding do forgiveness among yourselves with that same reason.

Now, this is the evidences that tells you we cannot even talk about the horizontal issue of forgiveness unless we understand how it happens in what God did to us in Christ.

Now, let us say this, the reason why this is important, why something like this is so important that we discuss that today is because of course, if you look at other religions, if you look at other people that actually claim that they have ways to God or they have ways people can reach up to God. It is very common... I didn't say in all religions, but in most religions that you look out there, most of them do claim that forgiveness is something that their adherent had to do. You check Africa, Middle East whatever kind of nations, most religions always teach their followers that it's good to forgive.

So what is different about what the Apostle Paul by the Holy Spirit present to the believer? What is different about you as a Christian? What is different?

Well, of course thank God you asked. What is different is the source. It is the background. From what source are you trying to forgive? From what backdrop is your forgiveness is going to come from? He says the backdrop has to start that you are going to forgive because you understand what happened to you in Christ Jesus, how God also forgive you.

So this is not just about forgiveness. It will mean for you as a believer, every actions, every good deed that you want to carry out. God is not just as concern at the deed that you want to do, as He is concern about the motivation. What drove you? If you want to forgive others, from what motivation is that coming from? What is the source? What is the energy that propel you to forgive others?

So it starts from the fact that it has to be that you have come to understanding of how you too was forgiven in Christ Jesus. And this is the foundation for every good actions that we have to carry out.

So we are taking this far beyond forgiveness. It must be the foundation of everything you do. Colossians said something. He says concerning we, talking about walking in Christ, he said that as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord. Am quoting book of Colossians, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, even so walk in him.

So the walking then will talk about your lifestyle, your talking, your reasoning, your interpersonal relationship. He said all these things must come from the basis that you have received Christ Jesus. This is what separates you from those who try to teach forgiveness... if you go out there, even beyond religion, we have anger management classes. People go for all these classes and teach you instruction on how you can forgive people that offend you, how not to be bitter against people. All these things are there. You can find classes for them. This is not what the Apostle Paul is teaching. No!

You cannot put forgiveness in this place, in the same class as those kind of teachings and lessons and manuals that people share around on how to forgive people. This is classically different. This is the forgiveness that must first come from the fact that you know how you were forgiven in Christ Jesus.

Do you know why I like this verse? Is just an answer to people that were thinking we are just needlessly drawing transmission and talking about this forgiveness. For the past three or four episodes, we've talking about the vertical aspect of it. So people are wondering why can't you just jump into... because they really never knew it was that important.

So is telling you, you have no point, you have no business of forgiving anybody or being in the business of forgiving one another, if you do not understand and take the forgiveness you want to dispense, you really must take it from this, from you know how Christ was forgiven you. So you have nothing to give if you want not receive this.

And if you give anything from what you have not received, you must have used some kind of different energy or different motivation.

No! Sometimes it might even be hard for people so they are trying to make up to give something they do not have. So they are in such a stress because they know maybe because they've been into all those classes and they want to apply the other religions who have actually epitomize forgiveness... and so they know they should do this. And they go about doing it without the background knowledge of taking or receiving the forgiveness from the Lord. And so they have to come up with something and such a hard life or hard task.

Thank you for saying that but I think at this stage, we might want to actually bring some insight into this.

I wouldn't want to say is because it might be hard or easy. I don't think that is even the problem because we know that in the Garden of Eden, the reason why the Lord gave Adam and Eve instructions... He said you can eat freely of any fruits that come from any tree in the garden but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you are not allow to eat.

Let's think about this. He did not say of a trees of the knowledge of good and evil. It means it was just only one tree. But it seems that this singular tree has a kind of double edged manifestation. It can produce good. It can produce evil. It is the knowledge of good and the knowledge of evil but it is just one tree.

It means that it is not about the fruit, is about the tree that produce the fruit. That tree could generate good fruit. It could generate bad fruits by our definition. It's coming from the same wrong source. There is something wrong with the tree. This is why the New Covenant is different from the Old Covenant. The New Covenant is more concern about the tree that produces the fruits. It means even if somebody who doesn't have the spirit of Christ. Even if somebody who has not received the forgiveness of God in Christ Jesus forgives somebody that offended them. That seem like a good thing, right? That sounds good. That is good. That is commendable.

But the fact is, it's not coming from the source. And what is the source? The source is the person must have receive God's forgiveness. The Bible says any fruits you produces that didn't come from the source of you receiving God's forgiveness. Watch it. It might look good. But it will come up with is twin sister very soon. It's call good and evil.

That is why every good that seemly come from a wrong source that is not Christ revelation in our life, even if it looks good. Watch it! Wait for it. It's going to show up is evil side very soon.

And that is what we see in this current generation where we are in, where you will see that things that men come up with, have you noticed every good things that you see out there, if you engage those things, you will notice is a matter of time, wait for it. The evil side will show up its head.

So mankind has become a master in trying to show that we can come up with anything that the scripture claim we can have in Christ Jesus. But that is not the problem. The problem that we noticed is the evil side of that same thing will surely come up, is a matter of time.

So the thing is, God is saying even when you exhibit forgiveness, am not as concern as your being able to forgive or not forgive, as am concern about from what source is that coming from? Is it coming from the understanding that you have come to a realization of how much you have received in Christ Jesus in that He forgave you? Is that what is driving you to forgive? That is the concern of the Apostle Paul in this particular Ephesians 4:32.

So in other words you are saying that human driven forgiveness, or humanity driven forgiveness will have consequences associated with it.

Exactly! it's a matter of time. Just wait for it, is a matter. That is why God didn't want Adam and Eve to get into that thing.

There is something I want us to look at. You know that means we have a responsibility on this transmission today, to then show you that connection. How can you drive your own forgiveness for others, from the understanding that God forgave you in Christ Jesus? This is what we are going to have to explore by the Word of God.

Now, again before we go further on, look at Colossians Chapter 4.

Now, am not sure if you noticed that this Ephesians 4 verse 32 that we have just read seems to be at loggerhead or seems to run contrary to Mathew 6:12. If you are with us, the reason why we are looking at this for the past few episodes is because we have read Matthew 6:12.

If you noticed we actually read Matthew 6:12 in the "Lord's prayer."

Now, Matthew 6:12 says forgive us our sins even as we forgive those who trespass against us or forgive our debtors. That is what Matthew 6:12 says. So Matthew 6:12 says God forgive us because we forgive them that owe us debts. That is what Matthew 6:12 says.

See how that runs contrary to that Ephesians 4:32. Ephesians 4:32 simply says that even as God in Christ forgave you, forgive others. You can see that the order is turn upside down when you compare Matthew 6:12 to Ephesians 4:32.

Now, that is one indication to you and I, that Matthew 6:12 could not be a New Covenant because the order is opposite to Ephesians 4:32. So Ephesians 4:32 says you're already forgiven in Christ Jesus. Now, whether you forgive somebody or you don't forgiven them, that's got nothing to do with that you were forgiven in Christ Jesus.

Let's us repeat that statement so that we can get this. Because I know some people who are at some point in time, somebody tells them the reason why your prayer is not answer or the reason why, if you die you might not go to heaven, if you ever have somebody you've not forgiven. I know these are popular notions and we are on Knock Out Series today to point out to you the reality of the scriptures, not what you feel, not what is popular. What we are saying might not be popular but what matter is what does the Word of God says to you in the New Covenant?

In the New Covenant, Ephesians 4:32 says you were already forgiven. He didn't put that as a condition to whether you forgave someone. You can please take your Bible and read this for yourself.

Ephesians 4:32 says as God in Christ forgave you, and what will take you to heaven is God's forgiveness.

If your sins are forgiven, the Bible says in the book of Romans 4, blessed is the man whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whom the Lord will not impute sins or count sins against. Bible says in Christ, your sins are forgiven. And because your sins are forgiven that is why you are going to make heaven. But he said again in Ephesians 4:32 because your sins are forgiven then forgive others. Please take note of that order, of that shift from Matthew 6:12 to Ephesians 4:32.

You are not a Mathew 6:12 believer. You are not a Mathew 6:12 Christian. That was before the cross. That was before the New Covenant. You are an Ephesians 4:32 Christian. That is what the scriptures says.

Let us go to Colossians 3 from verse 9 to 13 and see what the spirit of grace has to say to us on this same matter of forgiveness among ourselves.

Now, let's see what that says?

### **Colossians 3**

#### **9. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;**

So there is the old man and there are the actions of the old man. See the scriptures make a distinction. You know this is where atimes we get a bit confused about the connection. Atimes, we confused the actions with the personality. He makes the distinction between who the Old man is and the actions of the Old man. So the old man is not his actions. His actions are different from him.

Now, that make sense. And is important to take note of that as we continue.

Now, go on please,

**10. And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:**

Does this ring a bell to your understanding when he says after the image of him that created him. I think this sounds synonymous to what we have in Genesis, “let us make man in our image.” Let us make him after our likeness. Don’t forget that when God created the first man, it was created after God’s image. It means Adam was an exact representation of God’s nature. Adam was an exact representation of God’s likeness. So if you see Adam, you could see God’s nature.

Again, he is saying that when you are restored in Christ Jesus. Don’t forget that what happened to you is that God created this new man in his own image, exact, verbatim like in Genesis. So this new man is created in God’s image.

Have you noticed this new man was not an improvement by and by? It was not that God said this new man, we are going to take some process to panel beat him to look like God. He said instantly, when God created the new man, he was created exactly the way God looks like. That is when you read scriptures in 2Corinthians 5 that says if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature. Can you see?

He is a new creature, old things have passed away, behold all things have become new. The reason why the scriptures was bold to say that is because this new creation was made exactly in God’s image. Please note is not going to be an improvement over time. He was created right like the way God looks like. That is how the new man is created.

Now, don’t forget the old man has his deeds. So it makes sense to think the new man will also have his own deeds as well. Can you see that?

Now, go on please,

**11. Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.**

You know when he says neither is Greek. He is talking about this new man was created after God’s image. He looks like exactly like God. He is an exact replica of God.

For example, to give you a better picture using our modern day context. If I walk into a room and you see my shadow. That is one thing. Or if I take a picture with the camera, you could look at the picture and say well, if I take a snapshot of my face or whatever part of my body, if it is my face. You can say well, that picture is supposed to look exactly like me if it’s a good camera. It should look like me exactly.

The Bible says when we look at the new man, is the exact picture of God. Exact nature of God. And he tells us here, if you see that new man there is no Jew. The new man is not a Jew, is not a Greek, is not...

Go on please,

**neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.**

He says if you look at the New man is all about Christ. That is all you can find in the new man.

Go on please,

**12. Put on therefore as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;**

Have you noticed in that verse 12, he is now talking about the deeds not the new man. He said Christ is all. The verse 11 says he is in you. Don't forget... the exact image of God. The carbon-copy of God's nature is in you. That is verse 11.

He is now saying in verse 12. I know the new man is in you. Am not asking you to act right to have the new man in you. Can you see? Am not asking you to behave right to have the new man in you. No! He is in you. But am then asking that is high time to show the deeds of the new man.

So when a Christian then is trying to show mercy, compassion. You are not trying to take on a nature that is not yours, No! The nature is in you. That is why he said Christ is in all. Can you see?

Look at the verse 11.

He said ...**Christ is all and in all.**

When he says all... don't take it out of context. He is talking about those who are believers, to the Colossians church. Christ is in all. Can you see?

That is why as believers when you are trying to forgive, or you are trying to show mercy and compassion. You are never trying to act like the person that you are not. Some people think by the time I show mercy, it shows am merciful. By the time I show compassion, it shows am compassionate.

Bible says No, you have that new nature already in you. But he says the world system, people don't even understand what it is. They need to see the actions of what this new

man. That is when he then talks about put on therefore as beloved of God, holy and beloved bowels of mercies... Those are deeds.

You see kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness and longsuffering.

And this is a note of warning to those who think that in the New Covenant... I know some people teach about the grace of God, and said in the grace of God, it doesn't matter what we do. It doesn't matter what we say.

Let me say this and it might be surprising, that it sounds to me that there are lots of more instructions in the New Covenant as we have in the Old Covenant. There are as many instructions about how to talk, not lying, not being angry for the sun to go down on your anger. All these things are there in the New Covenant. And you might find similarity of that in the Old Covenant.

What is the difference? Am glad you asked. The source and the motivation is completely opposite. Because in the Old Covenant the reason you do all these things is so that you can claim you have that nature. But in the New Covenant, you have that nature. You have Christ there, you are forgiven in Christ Jesus. And then you act like who you are.

This is a different ball game.

So we see here, he says do all these things, meekness, longsuffering... acts consistently with who you are. And that is what we see in that verse 12.

So the grace of God does not exempt us from responsibility of acting right. But what it exempts us from is trying to use the action to be able to carry the nature. No! He deliver us from that. So you have the nature already in you.

Yes, in this regard I want to believe the world and his philosophy and his language are really way, way behind. Because this verse 12 is telling us that we should show off who we are. You know in the best of their effort, when they see somebody that is merciful, forbearing all these characteristics. When they come up with it, just like you say human can find a way of inventing all these things and not go through the way the Lord want to have it. So if they go through it and find somebody merciful, they will just say oh, the mercy and forbearance has become a second nature. They used the word second nature to them.

But here we don't have it as second nature. We have it. That is our own nature. That is our image. That is who we are. And it is in us now. So he was just asking us to show ourselves off. Demonstrate it. So is a first nature to us. It is who we are. So we don't have first and second nature. That is the only nature we have. Because Christ is all in

all. We have all this racial classes divided, anything, all those born free, no barbarian in that new man, is not there. So you can't be any other way. You just have to be Christ. And Christ is all in all.

So is just the only nature we have. So we cannot learn and program ourselves to adopt the nature. We cannot silent any raging inside of us. We just have only one nature and that nature is Christ in all in all. And we just have to show ourselves off. Demonstrate who we are. We just be proud of who we are and show it. And just display it. And that is what verse 12 is saying... And that is a big difference from learning all these things and finding a way round it.

That is why I said the other time that as a believer when you acts right, when you say the right thing. The difference between you and anyone using any other kind of book or any other kind of process or methodology or any other way is the fact that you have a different source. Your driver is different. What push you or what pushes you is all completely different. And it matters a lot what propels you. It matters a lot what pushes you to do what you do. And that is why God is not as keen as you doing the right thing like we said as where the driving energy come from. Were you propel or motivated because you understand that what you are doing is in consistency with the nature of Christ that is now in you?

Look at Christ. Think about Christ. There was no un-forgiveness in him. Look at Christ, He was compassionate. Look at Christ, He was loving. Look at Christ, there was bowels of mercy. See what Christ did. See what He exemplify even in the flesh. Think about it. The scriptures says, if you have believed in Christ Jesus, he said the new man who was created after the image of God is a carbon-copy of God's nature. He said is in you now.

So when I show mercy, the reason why I show mercy is because am merciful. I don't show mercy to be merciful. Can you see? The reason why I show compassion is because am compassionate. I don't show compassion to be compassionate. Can you see? The reason why I do the right thing is because am made right in Christ. I don't do the right thing so I can be right.

The order is what Apostle Paul is addressing so that the motivation and the source, the driver will be different for you as a believer. That is why every teaching, that is why every exposition that unveils to you what God did in you in Christ Jesus. That driver, that teaching is supposed to evoke and provoke you to act right and to live right.

Ephesians 4:32 is just asking one question where do you bank? Where is your bank? Because actually it does not matter your acts of forgiveness or your in-acts of forgiveness. It's about where is the bank where you made the withdrawal of forgiveness in which you want to dispense from? Where did it come from? Is it from the Lord, the knowledge that you have been forgiven of the Lord, in which you have received forgiveness, in which your nature is forgiveness or you are trying to work round and just going behind the cross?

You are right. You can demand on your mind. You can use your mind. You can use your soul energy. You can even try to train yourself to do it. But if it is not coming from the source or from the origin of the fact that you know that your nature is the new man, your nature is Christ. Christ has become your nature. Christ has become your person.

You know sometimes I read some scriptures and then it's amazing to me how the scriptures addresses us as believers in the New Covenant. You know that place where he says, the foundation of God stands sure, sealed with this inscription. That the Lord knows those who are his. And everyone that names the name of the Lord depart from iniquities. Can you see?

Again, watch the order of the scriptures.

He says let everyone that names the name of the Lord...

## **2Timothy 2**

**19. Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.**

There is a seal. You can't change it. It has been stamped. Can you see? When you seal something, it means is done and dusted. Nobody can change the decree.

What does it says there?

**the Lord knoweth them that are his.**

Now, the questions is, who are those people that the Lord knows that are his? That is the question you are asking. Are those the people who try to prove to the Lord that am yours or whatever?

What does it says next?

**And, let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.**

First, some people are supposed to name the name of Christ. You are supposed to claim the name of Christ. You are supposed to say I bear the name of Christ.

You know let everyone that claims that the name of Christ is their identity. Let everyone that carries that name, you can put it that way. Can you see?

What should they do?

**depart from iniquity.**

Watch this!

He did not say let everyone that depart from iniquity names the name of the Lord. This is what some average Christians think it says. They begin to say to people and say well, you know what? God knows those who are is. And if you want to be in God's record of his name. Make sure that you depart from iniquity. That is not what he said.

He said those people that have begun to claim their identity of the name of the Lord. Those who are saying that Christ is my life. Those that name that name. Those that carry that name. He said let them be the one to depart...

So it means there departing from iniquity is supposed to come out from the fact that they carry the name of the Lord as their identity.

See, we have to get this order and stick to that order. It means every time people are not departing from iniquity. A good teacher of the scriptures. A good expositor of the Bible, a good minister of the Word, should begin to ring it to people's understanding that you carry the name of the Lord. Christ is now your life. You have a new image now. The image of God is in you. The new man is in you. That is what should be driven into their understanding.

He said if they know that, they carry the name of the Lord, if they know that their identity is the life of Christ that is in them. He said they would depart from iniquity. And that is what we see there in the scriptures.

Yes, does this verse remind you of 2Corinthians Chapter 7 verse 1, I shared last transmission, having therefore these promises?

We really need to know that you have the promises first before you cleanse yourself from all filthiness. You cannot just missed the order that way. If you cleanse yourself from filthiness without being coming from the fact that you have received the promises, it means you must have used some other kind of driver, some other kind of source and energy to achieve that. You've gone to the tree of knowledge of good and

evil to achieve that. And that is unacceptable to the Father because you derive your motivation, your drive from a different source, other than from the life of Christ that dwells in you.

Am going back to that Genesis experience. It was like God was not actually bothered about what they said. Who told you was it? So where is the source? For those people who are fixated on actions of, this is right or wrong, where do you want to prove Adam and Eve, is not about what is right or wrong? He was asking who told you about this.

So is not about the act of forgiveness or lack of it because some people are really prioritizing that and feel like that is the only thing, whether I do it right or not. Is even about where is the source of that which you are dispensing?

So is not as important that we just start teaching about practical forgiveness...

Now if you hold on, we will get to practical forgiveness. But what we are trying to instill into our understanding today is the source, the driver, the motivation, what pushes when you forgive. Where do they get it from?

And then you see this is quite good. Do you have the bank of God's forgiveness inside of you, is it coming from there? And with that, you dispense what you have already. Or you feel like you need to do that for you to fill up into that bank. You need to first of all go out, so that you feel like that bank is empty, you really need to work to put something inside. So you need to go and forgive somebody before you can get the forgiveness from the Lord.

God bless you for that.

You know it will seem to me that where the first Adam failed is that same point where the second Adam won. 1Corinthians 15 refers to Jesus as the second Adam, a kind of the last Adam.

Now, where the first Adam failed is where the second Adam won, which is Christ Jesus. You will notice that the temptation of Jesus, if you checked our previous transmission, we've actually looked into the three fold temptation of Christ a long time ago. But there was one common theme that runs through the three temptations. And the theme is... if you look at Matthew Chapter 3, the last verse, that was when the voice came from heaven to say this is my beloved son in whom am well pleased. The voice of affirmation. The voice of acceptance came from the Father.

**Matthew 3**

**17. And lo a voice from heaven, saying, this is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased.**

The voice that the Father said am completely pleased with you. Can you see? That came in Chapter 3. And the devil knew of that voice of affirmation, acceptance that the Father said there is no need for you to improve yourself anymore Christ Jesus.

Look at this, in that Chapter 3 even though the Father fully accepted him and said am well pleased with you now, why then did Jesus go about doing miracles because this was meant to be the point at which Christ Jesus was about to start his ministry? Up till Chapter 3 of Matthew, Jesus never started his ministry.

You know for most of us, I think this is a word that is for somebody watching this. For most of us, most of the reason why you want to make sure that you do ministry or the reason why you want to go to place of worship or the reason why you want to make sure you do all these things for God is because you are thinking to fill up the container of your goodness so that at least the Father can say that is my son in whom am well pleased.

But if you at the Chapter 3 of your life, God was saying will you go on to Chapter 4, 5, 6 7, 8 ,9, 10 like Jesus had not even done any single miracle? It means before Jesus did any miracle, before He healed any sick person, before He raised up any dead. Before He even gather the twelve disciples, this was the temptation of Christ which was even before the beginning of his ministry.

If you received complete affirmation from the Father saying that God is well pleased with you, what will be the next drive or motivation for you to do anything beyond Chapter 3 of your life? But Jesus heard that voice in Chapter 3, and so many Chapters after Mathew 3, He did all the ministry He did for three and a half years. Can you see that?

That is the reason why you as a believer, if you are going to forgive people that offend you. It could not be because you are trying to get God to forgive you because you forgive others. Listen before you ever forgive anybody. Before you ever initiate to forgive anybody, the scriptures says in Ephesians 4:32 that, even as God in Christ forgive you, then forgive others as we see that in Christ Jesus.

Let me break this for our viewers to know that is not even hypothetical anymore because we are asking this rhetorical question if we had the same experience that Jesus had in Matthew Chapter 3, will they still go on? I want to tell them that they actually had the experience because we heard Jesus telling them that they are accepted in the beloved. They had the same thing. There is nothing to improve upon anymore.

So they actually have being in Matthew Chapter 3. But it depends on what everybody is doing from Mathew Chapter 3 forward. So are you going to prove again or you want to work out your affirmation or you do not believe what is in Mathew Chapter 3 just like Jesus heard it. There is a voice of affirmation that's gone over you as long as you came into Christ, you are accepted in the beloved. He's well pleased with you. Is not about half-pleased. It's not a half measure about... Well, you might just need to try more, something we can manage or work with. No, He is well pleased with you.

So you cannot improve upon that. You can't improve on it. You are the zenith of his creations, so He is well pleased. And there is nothing you can do beyond redemption. Redemption is the zenith of God's perfection of creation. So we cannot improve on it. We cannot go... any anger management class will not help. There is no program on earth that can improve on that. You are well accepted, the beloved of the Lord.

So what do you do with that knowledge? Are you going to work frantically to earn what you already have?

Now, if you noticed we begin to attack motivation. Unless we deal with the root of motivation, when we talked about the practice and the acts. Some people might misconstrue and think the reason why we are focusing on the practice and the acts of forgiveness is because we want to get into trying to get God to forgive us or to accept us. That is why we are starting from motivation before we get into the practicality of forgiveness.

So we need to deal with the root first.

Now, we are not even talking about you not going for anger management classes, please don't misconstrue the point. But we are first trying to establish for you as a believer what will be the source? What is the driving point for why you want to forgive?

So we see Christ in Mathew 3 that he was fully accepted. And if you noticed in Chapter 4 of Matthew, the target of the devil, the target of the enemy was to attack his driving point. Was to attack the motivation, like he attacked Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. If you noticed the first temptation, he said if you are the son of God, turn this stone to bread. Can you see?

If you even forget about the details of turning stone to bread, the goal was to tell him that the only way you could prove or you could come to the point of knowing that you are a son of God is if you are able to turn stone to bread.

So the same voice will come to you on this topic today saying if you are able to forgive them that offend you, that means that is when you know that God can forgive you. It makes no difference between your experience today and Christ's experience in the wilderness. That is why the Bible tells us in Hebrews Chapter 4. He warns the believer, he talked about the fact that we are tempted, he said Christ was tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin.

So please any time you look at the temptation of Christ, you are busy looking at your temptation as well, there is no difference. So we see that Satan's focus was to switch the other round for Christ Jesus. And it is the same target that the enemy is focusing on in the life of every believer. It doesn't matter whether it is a good thing. Satan will work with the good thing if he can achieve his purpose. Can you see that?

So if something come to you or a mentality that comes to you, if you go to a place of worship where they strengthen this wrong mentality that tells you that it is when you forgive that you can be sure God can forgive you, what they have done is they've taken you all the way back to Mathew Chapter 4 and put you right in the wilderness with such teaching. That is what they've done right there.

So we see that even look at the second temptation, again Satan said if you are the son of God.

It will seem to me that if we forget about the specifics details, the goal and the focus of Satan was to make Christ come to the point of thinking that unless I do that, that is when I know that this is who I am.

Now, you as a believer in the New Covenant, cannot open yourselves to demonic activity by such wrong mentality. So what we see in Colossians 4, that we just read up to verse 12, 13 and what we see in Ephesians 4:32, they all come to agreement to tell you that the only reason why you are going to forgive is that you have a bank of God's forgiveness already now before you chose to forgive.

We need to settle that. You need to be bold about this. You need to be confident about this. You need to be rest assure about this. You need to be at rest about this. And that is what we see there.

It is disappointing to find out that some people after hearing that affirmation that they are well accepted, they just run off with this ministry of turning stone to bread practically all about...

But as you can see turning stones to bread wasn't the problem. The problem is unless I turn stone to bread, then am not sure am the son of God. That is the problem. Or the Lord is well pleased with me.

If you turn forgiveness which is the focus we have today, to say unless I forgive, then that is when I know that... you carry pen and paper and you say well, I think I have forgiven anybody I can think about offended me, now, God has to forgive me. When you do that, what it means is, you just practically given room to what the enemy was planning to do with Christ Jesus in Matthew Chapter 4. Can you see that? This is serious.

So it means like we said about Christ, turning stone to bread wasn't a problem. It was about the drive or the motivation. Why do you want to turn stone to bread? So if you want to forgive others, I want to know why you want to forgive others? That is the question you need to answer. Why?

Some people says I want to do it because they want their prayer to be answered. Some want to do it because they want to make heaven.

Because we've heard teaching where somebody says if you don't forgive anyone, it means that you will go to hell. We've heard some instances in the scriptures that if you want to give an offering and you have this halt with a brother...

Again have you noticed that it will sound that we are saying forgiveness is not important. That is not we said, and that is not what we are saying. You need to listen very well.

We are not saying forgiveness is not critical. If it wasn't critical, Ephesians 4:32 will not say forgive others even as Christ forgive you. No, he didn't say even as Christ forgave you, it doesn't matter if you forgive others. He never said that.

Colossians 4:13 says the same thing. He says forgive others. He didn't say because Christ forgave you, then it doesn't matter if you don't forgive others. That is not what he said.

But it sounds like is more concern about why you want to forgive others. Can you see?

So we are not belittling the significance of you forgiving others. You have to forgive others. But that is one thing. But the next question which you have asked is, why do you want to forgive others? That is it.

So the why question is what makes a distinction between somebody who is being manipulated by the devil, and by somebody who is walking in the glorious liberty of the New Covenant that is offered through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

So the why question is not a minor question. Is a huge question. Why was your motivation?

And thank God for the verses like that in Ephesians 4:32 that was saying forgiving one another because some people might have just have come to the New Testament, they come with this understanding that you have a free right, obligation free. You have nothing to do since Christ has forgiven. So they understood that part, that Christ has forgiven them well. And that is the only thing they know. So there brain freezes to know that there is a responsibility of you forgiving one another is part of it.

So they know so much about Christ's forgiveness but they don't know that they have the obligation to forgive others.

Or you can say they knew that they have the new man, but they don't know how to put on the deeds of the new man and show off the deeds of the new man.

And so some people from the other end look at them and feel like what is it? And so both of the other side, sit down and we have the scriptures reconcile everything. Even Ephesians 4:32 will reconcile both sides together. That is it. Breaking the wall of partition between those who do not even know and those who are working with that bank of God's forgiveness.

Thank you for that. You know as you said that, this scripture just came to light in my spirit where Jesus was talking about the fact that nobody put on the lamp, you don't light a lamp and put it under a bushel. I like that because he says, if you have a lamp that has light on it, what should be the focus? The focus is to display, to show off, so that it can give light to the whole room.

So Christ is saying there is no point having light that is covered up. So He is saying you have the new man, created after the image of God. That new man in you cannot be improved upon because is the very replica of God's nature. There is nothing to improve on the new man.

So it means your forgiving people doesn't improve on that new man. But he says that new man, that is the light on the lamp. Can you see that? He says but you don't want to put it under a bushel. The ultimate goal of the light is to give light to those in the room. But just because you want to give light to those in the room, is not what makes

lamp to have light. The lamp has light first. But let's talk about how it will lighten up the room.

And see, the only way the light will not lighten up the room is if it is under the bushel. So you could put it this way that the Apostle Paul in Colossians 3 from 9-13, Ephesians 4:32, he's just teaching us how to practically kick away the bushel. He is not teaching us what to do so the light can come on, No! he didn't say that. He just says Christ is in all. He is not teaching us to have the light in us. He is saying I want you to kick off the bushel. That is actually hindering the light showing forth itself.

It seems the calling of the New Testament is the show biz. That is the word. Because arise and shine, then this light. You know you can't be humble about it sort of.

You mentioned something again, you said arise and shine for your light has come. The reason why you should arise and you shine is because there is a light that has come. Can you see? **The reason why you forgive those who offended you is because you already have the nature of forgiveness that has come.** It has come already. Then shine it. Forgive.

So can you see? Again that address motivation.

Even prophet Isaiah has the biblical sense to even understand that arise and shine, just not to come to up with anything of your own, saying arise, come and the glory of the Lord is upon you. Take from that resources, you already have it. So you cannot just go and learn some theory or principles or go round about how to shine, how to be a star and all those things. You are a star. You have something inside of you, just show forth...

I like the way he beautifully draw the parallel, comparison between...he says darkness has covered the earth, just like he is encouraging us to show off again. To tell you that the environment is this. So show yourself. You have something that they don't have. So you just have to show this, I've put this in you and you must display it.

You see in 1Peter 2, he was talking about it. He has called you from darkness to this marvelous light. You have been translated to know that what I did on you. He says therefore, show forth the praise of him who has called you from darkness to his light. He didn't say when you show forth, you will come into light. He said No, he has already called you from darkness to light, I need you to show it.

He even went to describe who you are in case you have forgotten or you don't know. He say you are a chosen...

So every time you forgive people, you are just acting like who you are.

You are chosen generation, a royal priesthood. He talks about all those things to tell you that, there was a plan in place, it didn't just happened. And you are not a result of evolution over the time process, trying to bring modification. You are the perfection of God's beauty, there is nothing more to be added.

So in case you've forgotten you are perfectly chosen. You are well thought of. You are a royal priesthood. You know priesthood and royalty combine together. And you know you are a holy nation. You are not a sinning nation no matter what people call you, trying to become righteous.

So here we see then, it means every time you forgive or all you've just done is just show who you are. Can you see?

Every time you don't forgive people that forgive you, you are denying who you are. This is the way, the motivation, the driving force behind we forgiving. That is why we need to talk about the motivation. Can you see that?

There is a place in 2Corinthians 6, when he talk about what is the accord between a believer and unbeliever, between God's temple and Belial.

Now, think about it when he says God's temple. Of course, he is talking about you because 1Corinthians 6 reminds us and says you are the temple of the Holy Ghost. Can you see? He says what is the connection between God's temple and idols? But look at the next thing, he says between Christ and Belial.

Now, the reason I mentioned that is because he was talking about us. And then it seems that he switch to Christ. Well, and then he mentioned believers, unbeliever, temple of God and idols. You will think why did he switch away from us and talk about Christ and Belial? Well, if you follow the poetic stands of that Chapter 6, it will mean that he is simply saying that you are Christ. That is your identity now. That is your nature now. That is your person.

In fact, the Bible says those who are Christ have crucified the flesh and the lust thereof. You must understand that you have a new identity. That is why I says those that name the name of the Lord, those that carry the Lord's name as their name. You know you can carry somebody else's name, people doing impersonation.

So technically you can say, you as a believer, you are actually standing in the place of Christ. Am not sure if impersonation is a negative word. But that is what he says those that name the name of the Lord, those that carry the name of the Lord. This is your nature.

So anytime you forgive, you are just showing forth who you are. If you don't forgive, you just deny who you are.

So in the New Covenant, we start from the standpoint. That is all we see there.

Yes, among many things that are being shared today because of time. I want you to remember everything we've said and don't forget this also. Am sure there are so many places in the scriptures where the Lord wanted us to be modest...But here when he talks about showing off, about the light, He does not want us to be modest. At least in the place He does not want us to be modest about it. We need to show forth. We need to show where we are coming from, that we are being translated. We need to show forth the light. We need to show the forgiveness that was on us. We released it. We understand.

And that is why 1Peter was trying to tell us that No, what came on you... actually before he was telling how they were being redeemed. They were not redeemed with the corruptible things, the depreciating value and commodities.

So he actually took time to establish this. So that they can understand. And he went on and on that you are a chosen generation to know that a lot went into this. So it is about your forgiveness that you want to dispense, we need to have that understanding just like Apostle Peter was able to draw it out, to understand that a lot came into this acts of forgiveness that we are being encourage to go and show forth, to know how it came about. And that is where we are talking about coming from Talk is not cheap, to know that it costs him his life, into this forgiveness, to really understand and appreciate. Is just like he says where you are coming from, to the kingdom of his dear son to know other transition. And so with that understanding, you know I have this on me. This is who I am. This is my nature. Christ is all in all. This is it.

Forgiveness is here, Compassionate is here, Kindness is already here. Love is already here.

I mean does that not take us back to Galatians talking about the fruits of the spirit? He says these are just natural thing. It should be nature. The fruit...

Just like the natural characteristics of living things. He says the fruits of the spirit. If the spirit of Christ is there, these are the things that it shows forth. Can you see? The fruits does not make the spirit come in. The spirit makes the fruits manifest. If it is there, if you have a tree, it will produce the fruits. And that is why these things are called joy, love, peace...

He says these are just evidences that will show themselves if the spirit is there... not the other way round. The fruits doesn't produce tree. I see believers trying to generate the tree from the fruits. He says well, I want to forgive people so that at least I can know that God will forgive me or I can feel forgiven. You don't forgive people to feel forgiveness by God. You don't forgive people to merit forgiveness from God. It will never happened. You are just trying to create a tree from the fruits. Is not going to happen.

Can you see?

All those things that he mentioned in Galatians about the fruits of the spirit. You know people can actually come up with some of those things if not all of them even by worldly means without the spirit or any other way apart from Christ. You can come up with them, people can do, but it will not make those things be the fruits of the spirit.

And if it is not the fruits of the spirit, you know what? It's not something that is acceptable to God. That is why Jesus talk about the fact that you did not chose me in the Gospel. I chose you and I ordain you to bear fruit and that your fruit will remain. There are some fruits He is looking for in our lives. And what are the fruits He wants activities, lifestyles that are a result of the spirit of life of Christ that is in us. Can you see? A consequences of the life that is in us.

So God wants us to see that the spirit, the new image, the image that I put in you, the new man. God wants to see things coming out from that image. And God says oh! Can you see? Somebody demonstrating that image I put in him. That is the joy that the Father has when he rejoices over us.

For time I will have to stop here. I believe that our audience will like to join us for the next transmission as we continue this series...

Can you see? We've not even began to go into the practicality of this. Please join us as we get into the practicality from our next episode.

I believe they know that from Ephesians 4:32 that we have the obligation forgiving one another and we have not gotten to that. We just only establish the building block to show us that Christ has forgiven us and we should never forget that. As we go on the errand of forgiving people, we should never forgotten that Christ has forgiven us and we have this on us as our nature. And so we show it forth.

So till we see you next time, as we continue this exposition on forgiveness, the horizontal aspect of it, I believe you are going to go away with that understanding that you have been forgiven of the Lord and you have this nature of forgiveness and you have the obligation to forgive.

So join us for our next transmission as we continue on this. Should you have any question on this one that we've shared. You cannot just stop on this alone, we will be able to know where we are coming from and listen to all the episode of forgiveness that we started off with and continue to follow us as we go on this subject.

And so if you have any question on this particular episode, and you want clarification on any issues or any verse that we raised, please do send it to our Facebook page, the website or the YouTube media or whichever way you are listening to this. Contact us and as the Lord help us, we will be able to provide answers to that.

So till we see you next transmission, I want to say as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him.

God bless you.

Bye!!