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Has Your Pastor Earn The Right To Raise Offering?

This is Expose 247, where we reveal Christ through the pages of the scripture. We consider it a very great deal of honor and responsibility to be on your News feed ministering God's Word and providing clarity to those nutty issues and knocking away every unbiblical age long tradition.

For the past four episodes we've been on Knock Out series, and we have been talking about timing, season, when is God blessing? Is it the right time to kill, the first system, the second system.

And I hope you've been greatly blessed. In case you missed any of those episode, you really need to go and listen, you really need to go and listen. We're encouraged by the views, we are encouraged by the comments, we're encouraged by the private questions. In case you still have more questions on this matter and you felt like we have not really touch some aspect , please do send us those comments, do send us those private message and as the Lord give us the ability we will answer based on His Word.

And so today the train is moving! and is moving again. You just have to join in and you need to call in your friends to join in now because we are moving to a different area.

And where are we going today? We are talking about that very sensitive issue. We are talking about money now. Knocking out some money! I am sure it's going to make some people very uncomfortable. You know we are talking about people's means of survival. People's instrument of trading. We are talking about money, finances. We are going to talk about sowing, all those offering, first fruits and the likes.

So you really need to sit back today and listen. And in case you are not going to be there for this live transmission. Just find a way to download and try to listen.

So today we are starting off powerfully on giving and so I am going to leave that to you.

Viewers all over the world. Thank you for connecting with us on Knock Out series five today. Now clearly, today we are knocking out something very critical. And don't

forget the vision behind the knock out series. If you are joining us today for the very first time. Let me just clarify the vision behind this series to you.

The vision behind that is what we find in Colossian 2:8 that says we shouldn't allow anyone to cheat us out of our benefits in Christ. And because of vain traditions, philosophy of men and all of those things that devoid of us of the benefits of the cross of Christ.

And so what we are doing is so critical because if you as a Christian, a child of God or somebody who actually desire to walk in the fullness of what God has for you. If you don't take heed there are some traditions of men that have crept in into the church, into the body of Christ that can devour or cheat you or spoil you of your benefits of Redemption. And those are the things we are actually exploring.

So today we are on the notion of giving. And the questions we are asking is **do you have to give in other for God to bless you? Do you have to give in other for you to reap an harvest of God's favour upon your life?** And that is the question we are actually looking at today. And that is the very thing we are knocking out today on this Knock Out Series Five.

And to that questions is simple. **Do you really need to give in other for you to reap a harvest of God's favour and God's blessing over your life?** What does the scripture says?

Now I want you to listen to this in view of the fact that you will need to it in a way whatever you've hear people says in church, whatever you've hear people says Christian talk about a lot. I want you to open your mind and make sure you expose yourself today to the clarity of what God has to offer to you.

Now am going to start straight away in the book of 2Corinthians Chapter 8 verse 9.

Now don't forget the question we are asking is, **do you need to give in other for God to bless you? And do you need to give for God's blessing, financial blessing to come upon your life?**

2Corinthians 8:9

“For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.”

Am going to read this.

Now please if you are joining us now, let me give you the background/backdrop of this 2Corinthians Chapter 8

The background/backdrop is the Apostle Paul by the Holy Spirit is actually speaking to the Corinthians brethren. And the reason he's speaking to them is trying to make sure that they give, is telling them about giving, so he's come to them with the notion of encouraging them to give. Please watch out for the apostolic approach to this issue that the Apostle Paul actually gave.

2Corinthians 8v9 see what it says

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus...

Now listen to that,

It means the Apostle Paul is putting his reputation on the line by simply saying am assuming you Corinthians brethren am going to talk to you about giving because if you take out your time out to read all of Chapter 8 of 2Corinthians. It was all about giving. But the Apostle Paul said in 2Corinthians Chapter 8 verse 9. He said am making an assumption that you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So let's say this. If you going to talk about giving at all. If you are going to listen to the topic of giving, giving must only be spoken on the basis that the people who are listening to what you have to say about giving already know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So nobody has any business talking about the topic of giving in the church unless the people who are listening to what you have to say know the grace of our Lord Jesus.

So here in 2Corinthians Chapter 8 a Chapter in the Bible that is all about giving. But listen the Apostle Paul is saying well the foundation of my speech, the foundation of my talk on giving is that am believing that the Corinthians brethren know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

See what it says in verse 9.

For you know the grace our Lord Jesus that though he was rich,

Now you see he said

..though he was rich, yet for your sake

Now he said because of you Corinthians He became poor.

Now he says, for your sake he became poor so that you through his poverty might become rich.

Whose start a teaching on giving to people and when you already tell them you are already rich? Now listen this is quite amazing. You see don't forget that when people

teach on giving majorly today, the popular tradition in church today is to tell people do you want to be rich? Do you want to be bless? You need to give. But the Apostle Paul is speaking by the Holy Ghost that you Corinthians brethren am assuming that you know the grace of our Lord Jesus, that you are already rich.

He says that through the poverty of Jesus.

Now let's talk about this poverty of Jesus. And I think we need to lay this foundation before we go further on this particular topic of giving. That giving must only be talked about on the basis that the hearers about giving know the grace of our Lord Jesus. That is the first thing we've established.

Now the question is **what grace is?** Because Grace looks like a very big terminology. What grace is? Now he tells us what the grace is?

Now He tells us what that grace of our Lord Jesus is. He doesn't leave us in the dark. What the grace of our lord Jesus is? He said **what is the grace?** This is the grace.

The grace is that he was rich. Now when he says Jesus was rich, now I think you understand the fact that before the Word of God became flesh. Before Jesus became the son of man. The Bible says he was the everlasting Word. It means he had everything. He was the one that create all things for his own pleasure. He was the same person that spoke in Haggai. When he says silver and gold is mine. (Haggai 2:8)

The same person who said silver and gold is mine became flesh. And now he's the same person saying the son of man has no place to lay his head. The person who said silver and gold is mine. The same person who said I own the cattle upon a thousand hills. He became flesh and that same person is the one that is asking the disciples to look for five bread and two fishes to feed people.

Now the same person who owns everything, the same person who made everything is the one that strip himself of this glory and came back to earth in human form in the flesh. Bible said he left all his riches, all what makes him God. The Word became flesh.

Now listen, Christ had everything, he had everything as the Word of the living God. **But the Bible says even though he was rich, even though he had everything as God. Yet for your sake, because of you, he became poor. It means he deprived himself of everything.**

Philippians 2:6-8

6. "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7. But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8. And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”

Philippians 2 tells us about this. Philippians 2 says even though he was God, he didn't count it robbery to be equal with God. He made himself of no reputation.

You see one thing that comes to mind. Think about a soldier who actually, when Jesus was on the cross. The one that told Jesus that prophesy and all those things, who actually put the spear on the side of Jesus. Think about it, Jesus created that man. The Bible says by him all things were created. Talking about Christ in the Word form. If all things were created by Christ. And the same people that he created, were the same people saying crucify him. The Bible says he made himself of no reputation. **Why did he do all these? The question is why did Christ do all these? The Bible says he did this because he had a reason to transfer the benefits of that to us.**

Can you see, he said for your sake he became poor so that you through his poverty. Now watch that! You through his poverty, now you see what comes to mind if you've been with us on this series over the past few weeks.

We've been talking about the prodigal father series. And you see the story come to mind about the elder brother. You know In Luke Chapter 15 that story, that parable of Jesus about the father who had two sons.

Now you see, this story gives us an illustration of the 2Corinthians Chapter 8 verse 9. I tell you why? Now the reason is think about the fact the father divided the inheritance between the younger son and the elder son.

Now the question is as soon as the father divided the inheritance and the younger son wasted all his inheritance. By the time the younger son came back home, the Bible tells us that the father kill the calf for the younger son. - The fattest calf

The question that arises for anybody thinking critically is, if the father kills the calf- the fattest calf for the younger son when he came back to celebrate him. I mean the father put the robe on the younger son when he came back when they were celebrating.

The question is whose robe did the father put on the younger son? Whose calf did the father kill? I can submit to you by the Word, that because the Bible didn't say that the father didn't divided the inheritance into three. The Bible did says he divided the inheritance into two.

We can safely concluded then that by the time the younger son came back home in Luke 15 it was the resources that should have belong to the elder brother that was been used for the younger son. It means then whatever was giving to the younger son was at the expense of the elder brother.

I say that again, whatever the younger son was giving, whatever robe that came upon him, whatever benefit of the calf that was killed for the younger son in Luke 15, it definitely has to be what belongs to the elder brother.

This is an illustration to us as Christians. The Bible call Jesus.... The Bible says we are joint heirs with Christ, It means, in fact Hebrew Chapter two talks about Christ.

Hebrew 2:14

“For as much then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death that is the devil.”

Seeing that this brethren was made of flesh and blood, he took part of the same so that through his death, he might destroy him who had the power of death.

The Bible call Jesus our brother. It means then the reason why we have all the benefits we have today in Christ is because it was at the expense of Christ our elder brother. The Bible says we are joint heirs with him. We are joint heirs with Christ. Everything we can lay hold on today in the kingdom it was at the expense of Christ. Somebody pays for it.

People talk about the fact that salvation is free. Oh yeah is for free for you receiving. But at the expense of the son of God. The Bible says Jesus had to give everything off, he emptied himself. He became poor. That is the Word literally! He became poor. So that we through his poverty, so that at his own expense, at the expense of Christ we might become rich.

Now the question you want to ask is, **who teaches giving starting from this foundation of grace?**

So what the Apostle Paul is saying to the Corinthians brethren is this. Am going to talk to you about giving, but before we start talking about giving, I need to know, or I want to be convince that you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now it means then, no minister of God, no pastor, no...whoever he is, should not be really teaching the people the whole notion of giving unless is on the backdrop or the foundation that this people truly understand the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And I will tell you why, it has to be talked on that foundation. This is the reason. The reason is, if giving is not taught on the foundation that people already know the grace of our Lord Jesus. It means there is a different platform, there is a different foundation in which people can understand giving and that is the problem. I will say that again. If giving is not actually taught to people on the foundation that they know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, people will interpret giving on a different basis.

And the fact is, if it is not on the basis of grace. Which other basis we have for giving? Is the basis of the law. So what we have said now, the foundation we have laid is, it doesn't make any sense to start talking about giving unless if it is been talked about on the foundation of grace. It means the people you are talking to about giving must know that because of the poverty of Christ, because Christ gave up everything, that they have everything. So it means then there is no way this Apostle Paul can begin to convince the brethren that the reason am talking to you about giving is so that you can become rich. Can you see? He said you are already loaded on the basis of the fact that Christ became your exchange. It means whatever poverty belongs to you was giving to Christ. And whatever richness that Christ had was given to you. That is the basis. That is the foundation of talking about giving.

Now the question is **if giving is not been understood on that foundation? Which other foundation can giving be interpreted?** Now if there was no other foundation through which giving can be understood, the Apostle Paul will not say for you know the grace of our Lord Jesus. There is a different foundation to understand giving, there is a different way to understand giving. And you see the reason why this is important, there is no truth in the kingdom that cannot be understood from the perspective of grace, and the perspective of the law. Every single truth in the kingdom including giving can be understood from both perspectives.

Now let's see, which other perspective can we use to understand about giving before we come back to this 2 Corinthians 8 Chapter 9 because there is a lot of things to explore in this 2 Corinthians Chapter 8 verse 9

Now let's go to Malachi Chapter 3

That is a popular verse.

Like we said again. Please viewers don't forget that the Apostle Paul make an assumption. I call it a very costly assumption that the Corinthians brethren understood the grace of our Lord Jesus. Before he began talk to them about giving.

Now it means there is a different perspective in which we can understand giving apart from the grace of our Lord Jesus.

And you see, let me say this before we go to Malachi Chapter 3. Every time you hear giving being talked about in church, anytime people talked about offerings and tithes in the church, you need to discern are they talking in the perspective that they know the grace of our Lord Jesus? Or is the person talking from the perspective of not knowing the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. That is the point. You have to figure out which one are they talking about, is it from the grace perspective or from a none grace perspective.

And before we go to Malachi 3 and I think I need to stress one fact. It seems to me that there are some ministers, there are some people who didn't even understand what the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ is? And there is some who actually do know what that grace is but they would rather pretend and hide it because you can't talk to people that they are already made rich in Christ Jesus and then try to merchandize them. It is not going to happen, because they know they are rich because of the poverty of Jesus. So that is it.

Now let's go to Malachi Chapter 3 and see the other perspective in which giving can be understood.

Malachi 3:7-

7. Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, wherein shall we return?

8. Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

9. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

10. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now here with, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

11. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts."

Look at Malachi Chapter 3 which is quite a very popular verse of the scripture. Now you see I'll read from verse 7

It says

Even from the days of your fathers, you've gone away from my ordinance. And have not kept them. Return unto me and I will come unto you

Don't forget here comes a God who is reacting. Can you see that? A God that says if you do come back to me, I will come back to you, if you move away from me, I will move away from you.

Begin to understand how this God in Malachi 3:7 is talking. Now see what it says,

Return unto me and I will return unto me. But ye says where in shall ye return

And verse 8 says

Will a man rob God yet ye have robbed me for you say wherein we have robbed you, and he says in tithe and offerings.

I think in the church today those are the two ways in which giving is actually talked about. And either in terms of tithe or in terms of offerings

Now it says you robbed me in tithes and offerings

And Look at verse 9 this is where we are going into,

You are curse with a curse for ye have robbed me even the whole nation

Here is God simply saying because you did not give your tithe and offering. Because you did not give me what I deserve you are curse.

Now please viewers I want you to contrast this Malachi 3 verse 8 to 2Corinthians Chapter 8 verse 9.

Now see the difference perspective which giving is being talked about. 2 Corinthians 8:9 was going to tell people that already Paul said to the Corinthians brethren under the new covenant, he told them because of the poverty of Christ, you are already made rich.

Listen they've not even given here. They've not even started to give. Now this is very important, this is very enlightening. They've not even began to give in 2Corinthians 8:9. Paul said you what? (You are already rich) I believed all of you am going to talk to about giving today you know already the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. And I think in some churches, we should not even start talking about giving unless the people we are talking to know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now unless they know, we have no business talking about giving. Because if people don't know the grace of our Lord Jesus and you talk to them about giving, what is going to happen those people will switch off from 2Corinthians 8 they will come all

the way to Malachi 3. That is what will happen to them they are going to make a backward journey to a new covenant all the way back to the old covenant.

Now if you don't want people to make a backward journey from 2 Corinthians 8: 9 to Malachi 3: 8 you need to talk to them on giving on the basis that they understand of grace of our Lord Jesus.

Now here comes Malachi 3 verse 9 it says you are cursed.

Now verse 9 you are curse, with a cursed. Now the reason why it says you are curse with a curse is because this God is reacting.

Now the God of the old covenant, now you are wondering why am saying the God of the old covenant, are there two God?

Now there is only one God. The Bible says there is only one God, one father who rules in all. There are no two God. But the reason why I use the word the God of the old covenant is tell you of the fact that the way God dealt with men under the old covenant is radically different from the way God deals with us under the new covenant. And I think the inability of Christians to make a separation between the two covenants is the reason why there are so much confusion in the body of Christ when it comes to the issue of giving which is what we are talking about on knock out today.

Don't forget our questions on this knock out, **do you need to give in order for God to favour you or bless you. Do you need to give in order to reap bountifully the blessing of God in your life?** That is the question we are asking don't forget that?

Now this Malachi Chapter 3 verse 9 simply says this people if they don't give, if they give their tithe and offerings they are curse. Now again, am going to really slow down so people can get this. I believe you can compare and contrast between this Malachi 3 9 and 2Corinthians Chapter 8 verse 9.

Look at the difference. In 2 Corinthians 8 verse9, under the New Covenant, it tells them because of the poverty of Christ, you are made rich. Okay! Now before he began to talk about giving. But in Malachi 3:9, is simply saying because you didn't give your tithe and offering, you are not rich you are rich. There is incapacity in your life, because you didn't do what you should do. Now even by single reason, by simple thinking it shows to you these are two radically different approach to giving.

Now the big question is which approach are you being exposed to? Which approach are you using to approach the old notion of giving? Is it the approach of 2Corinthians Chapter 8 verse 9 or the approach of Malachi 3:9?

Now let's go on,

In Malachi 3:9. It says **you are curse with a curse.**

Now I think before we go on with this being **curse with a curse**, because we are still gonna go back to some verses of the scripture today.

We are going to go to Galatian 3:19 very soon where the Bible says Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law. But before we do that, let's see what this has to say. This Malachi 3:9

It says you are curse with a curse for you have robbed me even this whole nation.

Now next verse says verse 10

Bring you all the tithe in to the store house,

So God is simply saying under the old covenant, God is simply saying you know what! If you don't give you are cursed. To be blessed you give. To remain rich, you give. Now that is the old system that is the old covenant.

Now see what it says, it says in verse 10

Bring you all the tithe in to the store house that there may be meat in my house and prove me now therewith sayeth the Lord of hosts if I will not open to you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be enough room to receive it.

Now do you know one of the reason why people give today in church and that is what people talk about on the pulpit? They said I think there are two ways or two reasons or two motivations they give in church for giving.

Now this one tells us the first motivation.

We are going to look at the two motivations under the new covenant

The Bible says we are able minister of the new covenant not after the oldness of the letter.

Now we are able ministers of the new covenant. Now this is the Old Testament, this is the old covenant. How did I know that? Because Hebrew Chapter 9 tells us that a covenant does not go into effect until the death of a testator, Until Jesus died and shed his blood a new covenant was made in place. We know this was the old covenant.

Now listen the first reason in this old covenant, the guaranty of God's blessing simply says if you give I will open up the windows of heaven. I will bless you. And you see

that is what people has turn giving to, clamoring as a means of investment. It means for example God says if you give and that is what the people use Malachi 3 Chapter 9 as a basis for saying if you give then God says he will open up the windows of heaven, it means if you can invest, you can invest so if you invest into God, then you could get a lot of returns. And that is one reason people give,

Look at the second reason verse 11 says and **“I will rebuke the devourers for your sake.”**That is the second reason that is insurance. Can you see?

So in verse 10, people give as a means of investment and in verse 11 people give as means of insurance.

God says you know what? Am going to rebuke the devourer for your sake. And that is what insurance

Verse 10 investment, and verse 11 insurance. But you see, what do we notice in Malachi Chapter 3 verse 9 to 11 is that God says unless you give I will not return your investment, unless you give I will not insure, I will not protect, I will not guard you against devourers. Unless you give.

Now so even at a service, fundamentally today we've seen a big gap, a big difference between how God related with men under the old covenant as regarding giving and how God related to men under the new covenant as regarding giving.

First thing that comes to mind which is what we need to actually look into that actually become a red pointer in this Malachi 3 verse 9 is where it says you are cursed with a curse. Which is what some people says you what, if you don't pay your tithe you are cursed. Things will be tight for you if you don't pay your tithe. And when you asked them what is the basis for saying such a thing? They can easily refer you to all the way to Malachi Chapter 3 verse 9. It is amazing that such minister don't refer you to 2 Corinthians 8 verse 9 and wondering you why? Why will a minister refer you to Malachi 3:9 and not refer you to 2Corinthians 8:9 because 2Corinthians8:9 says because of poverty of Jesus when you gave everything up, for that reason you are made rich. And now the fact is, if minister want to go all the way back to Malachi 3:9 as a basis to tell you that if you don't pay your tithe things will be tight for you, if you don't give your offering you are cursed with a curse.

Let's see what Galatian 3:13 has to say about them

Now again just follow us please

That means Galatian 3:13 is your defense mechanism for any minister bullying you with Malachi 3:9, tell him that you have a defense statement here. A defense

mechanism if you please. You might need to just show them and poke back Galatian 3:13 to those or anyone quoting Malachi 3:19

Now see what Galatians 3:19 has to say.

Now please I want to read this slowly so that our listeners can listen to this this.

Is it really true that you need to give in other for God to bless you? And if you don't give things will be tight for you, is it really true? Is that what the Word of God says? In the light of the new covenant in the blood of Jesus

Galatians 3:13-14

13. Christ 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:

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

Look Galatians 3:13 it says

Christ hath that is the Word. The Word hath means is done, is a past tense. Is a done did. Christ hath redeemed us.

Now if you have your Bible with you.

Galatians 3:13 used the word redeemed. It's a past tense. Is not we will be redeemed. It didn't say if you give well enough, if you try as much as you can you can be redeemed from the curse. In fact some people have come to a point in the church, if they are about to give an offering, they will speak to the money and begin to ... you know like the herbalist will do as if they are actually doing incantation. They are speaking to the money so that it can take away every curse.

They will say what! This is the beginning of the year, you know what if you want to take away bad fortune from you, give an offering and speak to that offering so every bad offering will go away from you this year. People you know trying to make sure they do something so that they can be redeemed from the curse of the law.

When Galatians 3:13 used the word in the past tense and said Christ hath... it means sorry you are too late with your money, you are too late with your offering , you are too late with your tithe to try to use your tithe to make sure you break bad fortune in 2017. You are too late because Bible says Christ already went ahead of you and did it.

Christ went ahead and did it. He hath- past tense, redeemed -past tense, so Christ got there before you. Before you thought of speaking to your money like an herbalist., in fact is so sadden that some churches has turned some brethren to herbalist and you see speaking to money so that you can redeemed yourself from every curse in the family.

Some people says you know what, you know you are praying deliverance prayer, is high time for you to give God something that will redeemed you for this year. All this things are men trying to merchandize you, they are blocking you to the reality of your Redemption in Christ Jesus. I repeat 2 Corinthians 8:9 says before you ever think of giving, he said through his poverty you were made rich before you even think about giving in the first place.

Now the read the Word.

And don't forget if you are just joining us today on Knock Out series 5.

Listen we have said this, for Christians who are lazy, for Christians who are not laboring in the Word. You are what? You are a straight forward victim for merchandizing. In fact you are an easy target of merchandizing of men who want to make money out of you.

Now listen, the reality says Christ **hath** redeemed you from the curse of the law. We've not even talked about giving in Galatians 3:19 it said he redeemed you from the curse of the law. Don't forget this Malachi 3.

Yeah, you want to say something.

The curse of the law, what are the law? It covers every curse that is the point. Every single curse of the law.

Don't forget what we read before we came here Malachi 3:9 told us about the fact that because you refuse to give you tithe and offering, it says you are curse with a curse.

Now that is the curse of the law, and you have to agree with what we just said today that before Christ ever came before Christ came unto the scene, before Christ was born. The law was in effect. In fact John Chapter 1 tells us that the laws was given unto Moses but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ (John 1:17). So until Jesus Christ came grace didn't show up in the neighborhood. It means at the time Malachi was written it was written for men under the law. And when it says you are curse with a curse, Galatians3:13 tells us, that Christ hath redeemed us- past tense from the curse of the law.

How did he do it? Now it says by being made a curse for us. Now again we see that notion coming up again in which we are simply saying that everything we have today is at the expense of Christ. Now that is the point.

I repeat and that is the reason why people talk about the fact that people talked about the grace of God they are chipping in the justice of God.

No! Grace doesn't chip in God's justice. What grace simply says is, the demand of God is so high, the righteousness of God is so high that it only took God to satisfy God. And that Jesus paid the price. Jesus became the propitiation, Jesus became the one who was poor, that Jesus became the one who was curse which grace doesn't chip in God, grace alleviate the standard of God which simply says don't people who choose to live by the law are the one who chipping in God in reality it tells us that Christ became a curse for us. That is why Christ became a curse already.

How did that happened? Because Curse is written in Deuteronomy that curse is everyone that is hung on the tree. So Jesus hung on cross and the Bible says if you look at Christ on the cross, you are looking at somebody who became a curse.

And let me tell you this, if you ever think that as a Christian as somebody who is born of God, if you ever think that you can be under a curse, what you are simply saying to God is, you don't believe Christ was made a curse for you.

You are ridiculing the sacrifice!

Jesus is an exchange, the whole thing about being born of the spirit, the whole thing about the new birth in Christ Jesus is about exchange. Is either Christ was made a curse for you and you are no more curse or you are curse and Christ was not made a curse for you. There are no two ways about it. Is either this or that. There is no middle ground.

I repeat, the Bible says the reason you can be guaranteed that you have been redeemed from the curse of the law is that you believe, do you accept the reality that Christ was made a curse? If you accept the reality that Christ was made a curse, you cannot be under a curse. Now you can be under a curse if you don't accept the reality that Christ was made a curse. What the Bible is simply trying to say is, there is no middle ground. If you believe He was made a curse, you cannot be under a curse.

Now what this does eventually is, it nullifies Malachi 3:9-11. It cancels it that is what it means. It cancels Malachi 3:9-11 and that is what Jesus done for us.

Yes we can see boldly clearly from these scriptures Gal 3:13 and 2 Corinthians 8:19 that the burden and responsibility of our wealth is borne by Christ.

We see that he through his poverty we have been made rich in 2 Corinthians 8:19 and then we see in this Galatians 3:13 that he had been made a curse so somebody bears the responsibility.

So the burden for your wealth is already borne by someone so choosing not to accept is just like ridiculing that sacrifice is just that like... (I don't know) Is a contempt of God, of Justice, of God Justice System for you to reject. You know the rejection that was done, somebody has already paid for it. The burden and the wealth.

So nobody should make you feel burden in service, in place of worship. To carry the responsibility of your blessing yourself. No! Somebody has done that clearly. In 2 Corinthians 8:9 he hath become, he became poor that you be rich. Galatians 3:13 He has borne all the curses, all the curse of the law, every curse we ever found from Genesis to Malachi, he has borne it. And so you have been free. Free from this responsibility.

Now viewers all over the world, we want you to do one thing for sure. We started this teaching today on the basis that there two ways you can approach giving. Every teaching on giving can be approach from two dimensions.

Now, the Apostle Paul told the Corinthians church again he said am going to talk to you about giving in Corinthians Chapter 8. All through the Chapter 8 of 2 Corinthians but he said, am making the assumption that you know the grace of our Lord Jesus.

Nobody has the right to listen to giving as a topic unless they know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. If they don't know the grace of our Lord Jesus. When you teach them about giving, they will slide all the way downward from 2 Corinthians 8, they will slide all the way to Malachi 3. So you don't teach people about giving unless they know the grace of our Lord Jesus.

In some place and in some situations we need to even suspend talking about giving unless the people we are talking to they know the grace of our lord Jesus.

Now back to Galatian 3 verse 13.

What it tells us this “Christ had redeemed from the curse of the law” that the being curse for use, for is written curse is everyone hung on the tree so that the blessings of Abraham. Can you see that? The blessing of Abraham might come to us gentiles’ and we can receive the promise of the spirit by faith.

Now, what that means is, it says there are no two ways about it. There is no middle ground about it. It simply saying if you believed that Christ hath redeemed you from

the curse of the law on the basis that Christ became a curse. Then you can also believe there is a blessing is upon your life. That is what is saying.

Please listen, I want you that has your Bible with you, please check Galatians 3:13, do you see anything about giving in that place. No! Do you see anything about the offering plate in Galatians 3 verse 13, verse 14-15, there is nothing about giving, there is not nothing about tithe, there is nothing about the offering plate and is simply guarantying and simply saying that as long as Christ was made a curse for us, you can be guaranteed that the blessing of Abraham is upon your life.

Now, there is nothing about giving in this verse. There is nothing about tithe or offering in this verse. And again we say, I repeat we can see say this as many times today that people can understand that you don't teach people about giving unless they understand the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So now the fact is, don't forget the focus of Malachi 3. Malachi 3 verse 9 to 11 God gave them two assurances, **the first assurance was the fact that God says that I can make you get returns on your investment if you give now under the law.** I supposed. And the **second thing was I can insure you**, there is an insurance because it said the devourers will not come unto your household.

Now, what happened is? Galatian 3:13 tells us that the blessing of Abraham can come to us by faith. Not by through the operation of the law.

Now the thing we want to implore today is this, it is very possible because we believe we are talking to people who actually believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. I mean you are a Christian you are listening to us. And I must say if you are and you are listening to what we are saying it means you want to know what the truth is, because the Bible says you will know the truth and the truth you know will make you free.

Now we said this point in previous episode that John Chapter 8 where Jesus spoke that in verse 31 and verse 32 Jesus said to the Jews that believe in him. You see, Jesus spoke that to those that believe. He didn't say that to people who don't believe. He said if you continue in my Word,

Can you see that?

So is one thing to believing in the name of Jesus is a whole different thing to believe in the Word of Christ. He said, if you continue in my Word then you will know the truth and the truth will make you free.

Now what that means is very possible for people to believe in Jesus Christ, to believe in the grace of the Lord. In fact I rarely meet Christians who don't believe in the grace

of God. Now this is the irony. Most everyone believe and says you know what I believe Jesus is my life. I believe Jesus Christ is Lord, I believe I have given my life to Jesus. It is very rare that you meet Christian who says that by my own morality I save myself.

People rarely say that, it is very uncommon for people to say that. But the reality is, people confess Jesus as Lord, they believe Jesus save them but in reality, functionally when they live their lives, how they think about giving shows that people are trying to establish themselves all over again by the law... simple!

Now, the fact is how does this affects you as a Christian in which you believe one thing and walk in different way. The Bible says if we have our life by the spirit let us also walk by the spirit (Gal 5:25). In fact it says in the epistles it says as you have receive Christ Jesus the Lord in Colossian, so also walk in him.

Now let's look at what this has to do. Let's go to Galatians again.

We are going back to Galatians.

Bless the Lord that we are blessed and made rich because of the poverty of Jesus and is gone nothing to do with the offering plate.

Don't forget. (Please cut off some time) give us a little bit of time, because you need to stick us on this series because we are still going to explore why did then the Apostle Paul tell them to give? If they are blessed, if because of the poverty of Christ they are made rich, why tell them to give?

Stay with us. Give us some time, we are going to explore this further. And you see let me say this before we go back to Galatians.

No Minister of God has the right, or nobody has the right or the reason to say or to say they have a good reason to motivate people by teaching them giving from the perspective of the law. You cannot teach people giving just because you want to motivate them correctly. Motivation is the not the thing about when it comes to giving. People need to know the grace of our Lord Jesus. And you need to trust that the grace of God will teach them. The Bible says in Titus 2:11 he says "**the grace of God has appear to all men teaching us.**" The grace of God is a teacher by itself.

Now let's go to Galatians Chapter 2 and I want to read something which is very important.

Verse 21

Now is it very possible for Christians who believe in the Lord Jesus but yet handle the giving and tithe and offerings all these things in church today, handle it according to the precept of the law?

Let's see what is gonna happen. Now see what

Galatians Chapter 2 verse 21 says. I will read this slowly it says

I do not frustrate the grace of God for if righteousness comes by the law, then Christ's died in vain.

Now I will say that again he said

I do not frustrate the grace of God

Now if you have some other translation with you, what it simply says is **I do not set aside the grace of God.**

It means that even though the Apostle Paul talked about giving in 2 Corinthians Chapter 8 verse 9. It says you know the grace of our Lord Jesus, the reason he was telling the Corinthians church that before I start talking about giving, I want to be sure you know the grace of our Lord Jesus is because Christians can set aside the grace of God when it different aspects of their life.

I repeat, it is possible to set aside, to frustrate the grace of God. Now you see, this Galatian 2: 21 when it talks about frustration, it talks about frustration in the context of this. You see for example if something can do something in your life. If somebody can do something and you are not allowing them to do what they can do. It can cause frustration.

Now the Apostle Paul is simply saying to the Galatians brethren in Gal 2: 21. Paul said for me in my own case, I refuse to frustrate the grace of God. I refuse to set aside the grace of God. I refuse to set aside the grace of God. I would allow the grace of God to do only what the grace of God can do in my life. I will not look to the law to achieve what grace can do.

For example if somebody tells you that give your first fruits so that God can bless. What the person is trying to tell you, achieve through the law what Christ poverty accomplished by grace. I repeat if somebody tells you that you need to give in other to be blessed. When the Bible simply says because of the curse that Christ took upon himself that is why we are receiving Abraham blessing. When the Bible says because of Christ's poverty that is why we are rich and somebody then tell you No! No!! you need to receive so that you can receive that blessing. What you are simply doing in

your life is that you are setting aside the grace of God, you are frustrating the grace of God. You are telling the grace of God don't worry you can sit down in one corner. I will try to achieve by a different means what grace of God has achieved through Christ Jesus.

So that was we must not do. Now we have a lot of lessons to learn from Galatians. He said I do not frustrate the grace, I do not set aside the grace. And you, if you are listening to us today, you have to come to that conclusion in your life, you have to come to that conclusion in your Christian walk. You have to come to that conclusion in your relationship with the Father to simply say you refuse to set aside the grace of God. You must always look to the grace of God to do only what grace is design to do in your life.

We can see from this in that Galatians Chapter 2 verse 21 that says **I do not...** is a personal responsibility. Personal decision. So you might be in a gathering and somebody might choose, the minister or whatever might choose to set aside the grace of God. You know the responsibility is on you. That you say I will not... So they might say some words, they might bring up things, bring up testimonies' somebody give this and this happen, anything experience can be... Just say I refuse to frustrate the grace of God. Know the personal responsibility is not on the man on the pulpit is on you. You refuse to set aside the grace of God. You will not hold that grace of God in contempt. You know the sacrifice, you are not just going to... that is the blood that saves you. At that point, at every point in your life you must be on guard. I will not set aside. You made that personal responsibility.

And you know we said this in the beginning of this knock out series in Colossians 2 that ye take heed, you should be smarter less no body rob you and spoil you. So you must be on guard every time they are quoting this Malachi 3 and all some scriptures like that. You must be on guard that the responsibility is on me not to set aside, not to hold the sacrifice of Christ in contempt. No matter what people says, don't be carried away by testimonies, don't be carried away. Any testimonies is inferior to the sacrifice of Christ no matter ... how excellent it is... It is inferior to Christ. The Word of the Lord is superior.

So no matter what people are saying, the experience, the anointing, the mantle on them, the oil on them is still inferior to the sacrifice of Christ. So we would not allow anyone, we would not allow anyone to make us set aside and so this responsibility of is, we cannot blame any man, you cannot blame any man in suit that is the one that made it.. It is your responsibility, I hope you are getting that.

Now the question I want to ask the viewer's today **what does it take for you to set aside the grace of God? What can somebody do or What can somebody say or which kind of gathering can you go to or which kind of situation can you be in that is well enough for you to set aside the grace of God?** For you to simply say you want achieve you know by any other means what only grace was design to do.

You see, there is something you were talking about which is very important.

If you are a Bible scholar, if you get the background/backdrop of Galatians. You would understand why Paul said I do not frustrate the grace of God. The reason why Paul use the word "I do" not in Galatian 2:21 is because he was talking to a people- the Galatians brethren. The one he spoke to in Galatian Chapter 3 and said O foolish Galatian, who had bewitch you, he said before your very eye Christ was set forth, Christ was crucified in your very eye, and you understand what the implication of the death, the burial and resurrection of Christ is?

And Paul told them, you know what the Galatians were trying to achieve the very same thing that Christ paid the price for. If you look at it, look at Chapter 3 he **said O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitch you that you should not believe the truth. Before whose eye Jesus was evidently set forth, crucified among you.**

He said you guys knew about the fact that he was crucified, he became a curse for you. He said don't you know that. Is it not obvious?

Now see what he said next

He said

This only will I learn did you receive the spirit by the works of the law or by the hearing of faith are you so foolish having begun in the spirit, and you now trying to make perfect in the flesh?

Can you see that? It simply saying so are you simply saying that you don't even understand the gravity of Redemption?

Now see what it says in that verse 21, what you are talking about.

He says **I do not set aside the grace of God for if righteousness come by the law then Christ is dead in vain.**

It means to some people, to some Christians, the death of Christ can be in vain. Now I repeat, don't forget that the book of Galatians was written to the Galatians Christians. It wasn't written to the Galatian unbelievers. Paul was talking to people who're already saved. Paul said listen if I don't allow the grace of God to do what it can do in

me, he said what will happen is, I will set aside the grace and then the death of Christ will mean nothing.

It means it is in vain. He said then Christ died in vain.

Now this is a very serious statement. This is a very serious word. Now what the Apostle Paul is simply saying is if you approach the notion of giving, if you approach giving without understanding the grace of God what will happen is, to you the death of Christ is pointless. And that is why in the church today, you see people talking about many things. You see Christians approaching so many activities in the church and you ask yourself the question what is the reason for the death and resurrection of Jesus? Why did Jesus have to die if somebody tells you that see if you want your 2017 to be greater than 2016 you need to make sure you that you redeem this by giving this lump sum and that sum, you need to make sure you break the curse of your father's house or you break the curse of your mother's house or you break the curse of your generation.

In fact some will say if you want to break the curse of your generation. Just come with an amount that is a sacrifice to you and you'll see that the curse over your generation will be broken. And the question you are asking is simply this, then what is the point of the death of Christ? Because the Bible says here if I set aside the grace of God then Christ is dead in vain.

So that is what we are saying in those gathering.

We have seen that there is a substitution of the death, of the sacrifice of Christ, with all these anointing oil, it makes it to be in vain. It makes it useless, is as good as Christ didn't died that's what Paul said.

They have elevated some other things because there is no vacuum like that. There is no vacuum in the spirit.

So because they are not going to put forth into your face, the sacrifice of Christ because they are not talking about it. The sacrifice of Christ is a great message. They are not talking about it." **For we know the grace of God.**" Before you talk about giving, you must first talk about "**for you know the grace**" before you talk about giving.

And so that is why they would have to come up with their own. They have to come up with traditions, they have to come up with oil, they have to come up with subtilty you have to buy into, they don't want you to buy into the sacrifice of Christ that he has done this. Then they come up with all of these things in replacement.

So now, it then means that what we are talking about then, is simply this, in the realm of the spirit there is no vacuum. If you set aside the grace of God, the death of Christ is useless to you and you will be trying to achieve by your own means, by people merchandizing you, you will be trying to achieve the very thing that Christ Redemption paid for. And that is what we've established today.

So when it come to giving, the foundation of giving is, we don't give so that God can bless us. It was the curse that Christ took upon himself that brought us blessing.

We don't give so that we can become rich, the Bible simply say through his poverty, through Christ poverty you were made rich. So it means then the foundation of understanding what giving is must come first from the understanding that you have of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And that is what we've established today.

Now I want our viewers you will need to stick to us on this particular knock out series. The reason we are saying that is, we are still going to talk about giving. But what we've established today is that your blessing, that your favour, that your richness, is completely dependent on the sacrifice of Jesus.

We see that in Galatians 3:13, we see that in 2Corinthians Chapter 8 verse 9 and we've established one thing again that if you refuse to walk by the grace of our Lord Jesus when it comes to giving, if you set aside the grace of God, to you the death of Christ is in vain. Galatians 2 verse 21. And those are the things we've established today

I know with this episode on this knock out series on giving, sowing and the likes, I know we are stepping on toes. No matter how it is. We would not withhold what is profitable for you.

I know those people that benefited, and are still benefiting from the old order, some of them would not like you to listen to this, but you just have to pay attention. Because what we are saying we are not saying the words of our own. You know we show you through the pages of the scripture. Just like Jesus was showing to them what was written of him. So we are showing you what has been done for you. That you are redeemed, you are this in Galatian 3 verse 13 and 2Corinthians 8 verse 9.

So you will do well to stay put with this episode because we just started scratching the surface. We've not even talked about giving as it were. We just started with on what foundation must giving be talked about? We've not even talk about giving.

So it will be criminally wrong and very mischievous for anyone to just run off with this because we not talked every aspect of this giving. And am suspecting that some of the questions that our viewers might have on this episode will be answered in some of the next episodes.

Questions like **why do we give then?** Those phrases! So we still hope those ones

But you are taking anything with you. I just want to remind you, what me am taking personally from this is... the opening scripture in that 2 Corinthians 8 that says “**for you know the grace of God**”, you know it came in a different light to me, I’ve never look at that before. And I just want to encourage you to look back and think back on this that you know the grace.

That makes me to say some places of gathering, some place of worship they don’t have the jurisprudence to even talk about giving. They don’t have the legal right to talk about giving, to talk about any giving, to raise any offering in any form at all. If they are anti-grace, if they don’t know about grace, if they don’t talk about grace so they don’t have the right. So if see anybody that want to be talking about giving, sorry do you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ? So then you just have to hold them, criminally you are doing something illegal here.

You can’t go, you can’t talk about it. You can do anything about giving at all. If they are really anti-grace. If you don’t know the grace of God. If you don’t promote the grace of God. You don’t have the right, so you don’t have the right to talk about it, you don’t have right to receive any offering at all unless in any way...unless you know the grace of our lord.

Begin to challenge any system, challenge any person that is trying to talk about offering, that want to talk about giving without establishing and promoting the grace of God. It is criminally wrong! As you can see in 2Corinthians 8. They don’t have the right, they don’t have the jurisprudence to talk about it at all.

And so we will let you again that is our personal responsibility not to set aside. We’ve been situation, we will be in gathering where people might just choose to promote something else apart from the grace of God, the Sacrifices of God, but you is your own personal.. I will not set aside the grace of God, I refuse to do that.

We allow you to chew on this.

So tomorrow 9am UK time we will continue on this episode on knock out series on giving.

We do hope that you will join us again to know, to stretch forth the boundary of this giving and get to every aspect and those nutty areas, and those questions you have.

We are welcoming your question and comments. And we will encourage you to share this if this bless you to share it with other people. Do download this and listen and listen again

So till we see you tomorrow 9am UK when will continue on this series we want to say stay blessed and stay in the place of blessing which is the Word of God-the revealed Word of God

Bye!!!