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Foreword

Throughout these pages, T.L. Osborn continually directs the reader away from human ability and toward the finished work of Jesus Christ. His central emphasis is simple yet profound: the Kingdom of God operates through believers because of redemption. Christ does not merely work for us—He now works through us.

As you read, you will notice that Osborn repeatedly returns to several foundational themes: our legal standing before God through Christ, the reality of the new birth, the remission of sins, righteousness, and the indwelling presence of Christ. Rather than presenting Christianity as a religion of rituals or human effort, he points readers back to the Gospel—the Good News of what Christ has already accomplished through His death, burial, and resurrection.

The message also offers practical encouragement for every believer engaged in ministry. Whether you are praying for the sick, preaching the Gospel, serving in your local church, or sharing Christ with one person, the emphasis remains the same: the power belongs to Jesus. We are simply His willing vessels. As the author reminds us, people may hear our voice, feel our hands, or see our actions, but it is Christ who heals, transforms, and saves.

Readers will also encounter personal testimonies drawn from decades of global evangelistic ministry. These accounts are not presented to magnify a man but to demonstrate the faithfulness of God and to illustrate the unchanging power of His Word. They reinforce the message that God's promises remain trustworthy and that the Gospel continues to bear fruit wherever it is believed and proclaimed.

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We encourage you to approach this book with an open Bible, allowing the Scriptures to illuminate every statement. Like the Bereans in Acts 17:11, examine the Word diligently, meditate on its truths, and let the Holy Spirit deepen your understanding of the finished work of Christ.

It is our prayer that these pages will strengthen your confidence in the Gospel, deepen your appreciation of redemption, and inspire you to live as an ambassador of Christ's Kingdom in your generation.

May this message renew your faith, enrich your walk with God, and encourage you to let Christ freely express His life through you.

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Main Message

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Introduction

Today we are talking about the sixth of seven sessions, as you know, built around the acronym **MIRACLE**, based on the first four verses of the Book of Acts, which contain seven remarkable essentials for the Christian to embrace if we expect to continue what Jesus began.

I believe that is both the ministry and the purpose of the Church. That is the reason for the infilling of the Holy Spirit—for the granting of the Holy Spirit to us—that we might be able to continue what Christ began.

That could never have happened without Calvary. Without Jesus assuming our guilt and bearing the sins of the past, there could have been no Pentecost. Without Calvary, there could have been no reception of the Holy Spirit into our lives. The Spirit of God could not dwell in us unless our sins had first been remitted.

We know that doctrinally, but it is vitally important that it becomes revelation within us.

Once we understand that sin is what doomed us, separated us from God, and kept us separated from Him throughout the ages of the Old Testament—even through the years of Jesus' earthly ministry—we begin to see the greatness of redemption. We were still separated by our sins, so God could not come and live in us as He had originally planned.

When God breathed into His creation, mankind became living souls. They became filled with God's life. That was His plan. That was His desire—to reproduce Himself so that He could dwell within us.

Sin broke that connection.

The blood of bulls and goats, along with everything Moses handed to Israel, could never remit our sins. With sin still unremitted, the Old Testament priesthood eventually began taking financial advantage of the sacrificial system. They profited from its rituals until God determined that this system would never accomplish His ultimate purpose.

Therefore, He gave His Son, Jesus Christ, to assume our guilt and endure the judgment and punishment that belonged to us, so our sins could be fully paid for, remitted, removed, and put out of existence forever.

That could happen only because Christ Himself had no sin.

He laid down His life in our place. Then, with our sins remitted through Him, and as the Book of Hebrews teaches us, He returned to the Father with His own blood and presented it upon the heavenly altar, where it still speaks on our behalf.

Because of that finished work, we now possess a standing before both God and Satan that is absolutely legal.

That is our subject today:

The Legality of Our Faith.

CHAPTER ONE

The MIRACLE Series

Our first lesson was **M—Christ Our Model:** *How we see God.*

The second lesson was **I—Christ Our Inspiration:** *How we see ourselves.*

The third lesson was **R—Our Response to His Mandate:** *How we see our world.*

The fourth lesson was **A—Action as His Delegates:** *What we do about our world.*

The fifth lesson was **C—The Credibility of the Gospel:** *How we effectively minister to our world.*

Today's lesson is **L—The Legality of Our Faith:** *Why we succeed.*

Our seventh and final lesson will be **E—The Experience of His Energy in Us:** *Our possibilities.*

Why This Lesson Is So Important

Today we are studying **the legality of our faith**, and I find myself especially moved by this lesson.

I think it is probably the most important of all seven. Perhaps I feel this way because I have just returned from Thailand, where I was preaching in a Buddhist monarchy. Believe me, that is an entirely different experience.

I was shocked when I first went there in 1956. Returning now reminded me how real that original shock actually was. At present, I am deeply involved in writing a book for the people of Thailand. I plan to call it **New Miracle Life Now**.

The Buddhist leaders explained to me that Buddhism already teaches about "new life." They believe in transformation, but that transformation comes only through reincarnation. According to their understanding, a person must return in another life before experiencing that change.

So I discussed my proposed title with them before I left.

"New Miracle Life Now."

Immediately they responded:

"That is completely different."

They said that if there were truly hope of experiencing new life **now**, that would certainly be worth investigating.

Because of that, I am now completely occupied with writing a book directed specifically to the unconverted Buddhists of Thailand.

Have you ever tried writing a book for Buddhists?

You should try it sometime.

Write for the Unconverted

My daughter, Dr. LaDonna, and I were discussing my book *How to Be Born Again*.

I told her that my recent trip to Thailand made me realise something.

I had actually written that book for **church sinners**, not for people who had never heard the gospel.

Think about that.

Have you ever written a book directed to actual sinners?

Young people, whenever you write books, do not write them for preachers.

Most Christian books are written for preachers.

Preachers are already informed. They already know the language. They have usually made up their minds about what they believe. If you write only for them, much of your effort is wasted.

I learned that lesson years ago.

My earliest books were written for preachers because I wanted to justify myself, prove I was intelligent, and demonstrate that my teaching was correct.

I no longer write that way.

Yet after returning from Thailand, I was surprised to discover that even *How to Be Born Again* assumes knowledge that unbelievers simply do not possess.

It uses Christian vocabulary as though everyone understands it.

They don't.

For years I have prayed that God would always help me present the gospel in language that unconverted people can understand.

Religious language is often nothing more than **club talk**.

We who are already saved do not need endless explanations for ourselves.

But those who have never met Christ do not understand the terminology we casually use.

We must always remember that.

The Central Question

The great question before us today concerns **the legality of our faith**. How does Jesus minister today in our community?

How does He minister in our nation?

That leads to several important questions. Can the Holy Spirit do God's work **without us**?

That is a challenging question because many believers have shifted the responsibility of ministry entirely onto the Holy Spirit. We reason that He is infinitely more powerful than we are.

He is Spirit.

He can be everywhere.

He can do everything.

Meanwhile, we keep ourselves occupied with our own schedules, responsibilities, and distractions.

So we simply send Him to do the work.

That has become a very convenient arrangement for much of the Pentecostal world.

But is it biblical?

Can the Holy Spirit accomplish God's work without us?

Or does He work **through us**?

Another question follows.

Can we send angels to minister in our place?

We often refer to the passage in Hebrews concerning ministering spirits, and many Christians have become quite comfortable assigning angels to perform almost everything God commanded believers to do.

But can we actually send angels to accomplish the work Jesus commissioned us to perform?

That is an important question.

Remember, today we are discussing **the legality of our faith**—the reason we succeed.

Can angels do what Jesus commanded **us** to do?

And finally:

What does Jesus look like in our community today?

His Presence in Us

Acts chapter 1, verse 3, tells us that Jesus appeared to His followers for forty days after His resurrection, speaking to them about the things concerning the Kingdom of God. Wouldn't you have loved to be present during those forty days?

We have only one brief statement telling us what He taught. The Scripture simply says He spoke to them concerning **the Kingdom of God**. That leaves us with a broad subject. The word **kingdom** appears 342 times in the New Testament, spread across 316 verses. What was Jesus teaching during those forty days?

I believe He was teaching them about **our royal status in redemption**. To me, that seems obvious. I won't spend time proving it because you are students of the Bible. It is clear that Christ's followers still did not understand His mission. They did not fully understand the meaning of His crucifixion.

They did not understand the fullness of redemption. They did not realise that God was not yet dwelling within them. He could be **with** them, but He could not yet be **in** them. Remember when Jesus stood in the synagogue and boldly declared:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me..."

That statement shocked His hearers. It stirred the religious leaders into fierce opposition because they considered it arrogant and even blasphemous.

The idea that the Holy Spirit rested upon a man in that way was revolutionary to them.

They simply could not accept it.

They did not yet understand.

Before Redemption Was Accomplished

Those followers of Jesus were still living under the Old Covenant.

While they listened to Jesus teach, they still travelled to the Temple carrying sacrifices for the priests to offer on their behalf.

Think about that.

They would go to the Temple, present their sacrifices, and then return to hear Jesus teach.

We seldom think about it that way.

The reason is that many believers have never fully understood the legal position established through redemption.

If we truly understand the legality of our faith, many passages of Scripture become much clearer.

These people genuinely loved Jesus.

They believed in Him because they witnessed His miracles.

He was unlike any rabbi or priest they had ever followed.

At the Temple they did not see miracles.

Lepers and many needy people were not even allowed to enter and worship.

Yet here was this young Jewish teacher who believed Moses, honoured the Law, respected the Prophets, and yet taught truths they had never heard before.

Naturally, they followed Him.

But they still did not understand redemption.

They used the word, but they did not yet know what it meant.

That is why we must be extremely careful when interpreting Scripture.

Otherwise, we confuse the Gospels with New Testament realities that had not yet been established.

Redemption was not accomplished until the close of the Gospel record, when Christ was crucified.

It was there that He assumed our judgment.

He bore our punishment.

He died in our place and on our behalf.

He willingly laid down His life.

He was buried for us, fulfilling everything the Scriptures had foretold.

As Isaiah declared:

"He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." (*Isaiah 53:5, KJV*).

We Pentecostals have often limited that final statement to arthritis, rheumatism, paralysis, and other physical illnesses.

But the meaning is far greater than that.

When we speak of healing, we often think only of arthritis, rheumatism, paralysis, and other physical conditions. Those things are certainly part of the package of destruction that Satan brought into humanity.

The destroyer gained entrance through sin.

When mankind sinned, these destructive forces came upon us.

But when Jesus died and remitted our sins, He also removed the authority of those diseases over our physical bodies.

The disciples did not yet understand that.

They rejoiced whenever they saw Jesus heal people, but they did not fully understand **why** He healed them.

Every miracle was illustrating what would become available through our new relationship with God.

That relationship could not be established until after the crucifixion, after the burial, after the resurrection, and after Christ's ascension to complete the transaction of our redemption.

Only then could our sins be eliminated.

Only then could the Father send His Spirit back to dwell within us because we had been redeemed.

Christ's blood was presented in the heavenly Holy Place, where it still testifies on our behalf.

His blood is there today.

It still speaks for us.

That is why this new relationship could never be enacted until we had first been purchased, our sins buried, put away forever, and we ourselves raised to new life with Christ.

We were given a new kind of life.

A life without sin.

A new life.

A miracle life.

That is exactly what I have been telling those Buddhists in Thailand.

It is a miracle life.

We have been raised with the very life that God used to raise Jesus from the dead.

Jesus laid down His life.

Then God gave Him resurrection life and raised Him again.

In the same way, we who believe were raised together with Him.

Our sins were judged.

Our punishment was endured.

Our judgment was carried by our Substitute.

Having been transformed by this new life, the same power that was demonstrated in Jesus could now come into us.

Jesus showed us how God's life works.

That same life entered us.

We were born again and became new creatures in Christ.

Everything belonging to the old life passed away.

Everything became new.

CHAPTER TWO

The Kingdom of God

That is the Kingdom of God.

I marvel at how many preachers in America and England continue arguing over the Kingdom of God, creating complicated definitions that make it appear as though only the preacher understands the subject.

Frankly, that is unnecessary.

The Kingdom of God is simply **the King residing in the believer**. With everything the King is, He has established His throne in you and in me.

We call that faith.

Yet we often complicate it until people become confused and intimidated. Paul prayed that we would never lose the simplicity that is in Christ. The King comes to live within us. We are built together as a habitation of God.

Paul declared:

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me..." (*Galatians 2:20, KJV*).

Again, Paul spoke of the great mystery that had been hidden throughout the generations. It could never be fully explained by the Old Testament prophets. It could never be illustrated by the sacrifices of animals. It could never be completely conveyed through the Old Testament Scriptures. Generation after generation did not understand it. But at last, Paul says, the mystery has been revealed. It is wonderfully simple:

"Christ in you, the hope of glory." (*Colossians 1:27, KJV*).

That is the legality of our faith.

Unfortunately, many Pentecostals have made the ministry of the Holy Spirit so complicated that it seems beyond the reach of ordinary believers.

Believe the Word

Let me make a statement that may surprise you. I debated whether I should even say it. I believe you are mature enough to think about it carefully. I will not attempt to explain every implication today, but perhaps it will give you a key that helps unlock certain truths. I question whether many Pentecostals—and even many Charismatics—actually believe the Word of God. People constantly talk about "the Word."

Everyone says they believe the Word.

But I wonder.

Many seem to place far greater confidence in **the anointing** than in what God has written.

Everyone wants an anointing.

Few seem willing simply to stand on the written Word.

I have always been grateful that, as a young man, the first great healing minister God brought across my path was **F. F. Bosworth**.

He was a Word man.

He believed the Scriptures.

History tells us that while he was in Zion City, Illinois, under one of Dr. John Alexander Dowie's associates, Bosworth received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

I believe that.

But even so, he remained a man of the Word.

He never depended upon an "anointing."

In fact, I never heard him even use that expression.

Now, I know that can be debated because the New Testament certainly speaks about the anointing.

I do not want to confuse anyone.

I simply want to say this:

If you are going to believe so strongly in the anointing, then, for heaven's sake, also believe the written Word.

At least keep those two together.

Because of Bosworth's influence, I have never lived my Christian life waiting to feel some special anointing.

I believe I am anointed because I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit when I was a young man.

I have walked in that faith throughout my entire life.

I absolutely believe it.

My life has proven it.

But I have never depended upon a particular feeling.

I would not even know what such an experience is supposed to feel like.

People tell me it feels wonderful.

Some shake.

Some shout.

Some make unusual sounds.

People do all kinds of strange things.

Perhaps they enjoy it.

That is fine.

But I do not need it.

I am doing very well with what God has already given me.

Our Legal Standing

I believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

I believe in the legality of our faith.

I believe that we stand on completely legal ground when we stand before God and when we stand before the devil.

That is why I have no fear.

As you grow older, naturally you think occasionally about death.

I have no problem with it.

It will be a wonderful welcome home.

Neither am I intimidated by the greatest devil in any city.

That is not boasting.

I am simply legal.

I do not mean that I have some spiritual twitch.

I do not mean that I have some supernatural sensation or dramatic experience that frightens the devil.

No.

I am legal.

I know what the Book says.

The devil knows what the Book says.

When he realises that **you** know what the Book says, he immediately begins looking for the nearest exit.

I have proven that throughout my life.

I have seen it all over the world.

There are no devils in India, Thailand, Indonesia, Africa, or anywhere else that will stand their ground when confronted with the authority of God's Word.

They are cowards.

But if you depend upon some special feeling every time you minister, you will struggle throughout your life.

The security that comes from your legal standing will never truly become established.

I hope you understand what I mean.

I do not have time to walk through every New Testament passage on this subject.

But it is extremely important that we understand this:

Once redemption had been accomplished, the Holy Spirit could finally come to dwell within us and become in us what He had been in Jesus.

Hallelujah!

That makes us legal.

And the devil cannot do a thing about it.

It has already been accomplished.

God's Legal Reign Through Us

This sixth principle concerns **our legality in God's plan**.

It concerns the legal aspect of redemption.

It concerns God's legal reign through believers.

Think carefully about this.

That is why we do not talk about **our ministry**.

It is **His ministry**.

That is why we do not boast about special gifts.

If we pray for someone and their headache disappears, it is still His ministry.

There is always the danger that we begin wanting the glory for ourselves instead of allowing Him to receive it.

We can reach the point where people begin thinking,

"If I can only touch that anointed person, I will receive something wonderful."

No.

He is the Anointed One.

He lives in me.

Certainly, people may touch me and be blessed.

I could tell countless stories.

I could spend the rest of my life telling them.

I remember one woman during one of our meetings.

We never placed barriers between ourselves and the people.

I have never wanted the people separated from me.

I am one of them.

Whenever they build a platform for me, I always tell them:

"Build it low enough that people can lean their elbows on it and look at me."

I want them close.

Most people do not do that, and that is their decision.

But I want people near.

One woman had struggled for two days to reach the meeting.

She was blind.

Someone finally helped her find the place.

She asked them to put her near the platform because she had heard me preaching and wanted simply to touch me.

While I was preaching, someone suddenly grabbed hold of my trouser leg and would not let go.

She began shouting,

"I can see! I can see!"

She had been healed.

I could tell that story everywhere I go and encourage people to want to touch me.

But I intentionally avoid doing that.

I never want people believing that some mysterious power radiates from me, or that if they can merely reach me they will receive something from God.

No.

Our responsibility is to help people focus on Jesus Christ.

They must understand redemption.

When Jesus bore our sins, endured our judgment, and removed everything that separated us from God, the way was opened for God's original plan to be fulfilled.

God Himself now comes to live within us.

When you have Him living in you, you do not need someone else's touch.

Either we believe that—or we believe in the touch.

I especially want to help you younger ministers. The world is filled with people who are desperately hungry for truth. I have never faced a greater challenge than the one I am facing now as I write this book for the Buddhists of Thailand.

Many of you would love to read it. It probably will never exist in English. Perhaps someday you could persuade me to let you see my manuscript. But whether or not you ever read it, the challenge has taught me something.

The Church must grow up.

The Church is no longer an infant.

We proudly announce through television, videos, books, CDs, DVDs, and every other form of media that we are reaching the nations.

Our teaching is influencing the entire world.

That places a tremendous responsibility upon us.

We must mature.

We must become genuine.

We must stop exporting superstition.

Instead, we must export truth.

The world is hurting.

If you could look into the eyes of people who have never known Christ, you would see their desperate hunger for truth.

Too often we speak as though they already understand our religious language.

They do not.

We speak in riddles.

That is why I am trying to retrain myself.

I want to speak in language that translators can communicate clearly, so unbelievers truly understand the gospel we are presenting.

Am I complaining?

No.

I am trying to help you.

I am appealing to you.

Let us grow up.

Let us stay with the Book.

Let us tell the world what the Book says.

It Is His Ministry

Remember this:

God's legal reign operates **through believers**.

That is why it is never our ministry.

It is His ministry through us.

When you pray for someone who is sick, they may feel **your** hands, but it is **His** hands that heal them.

Never become puffed up, imagining that you were the one who did it.

He is the Minister.

We must grow up.

Our doctrine needs to mature in this area so that we can help people instead of frightening them.

When you share the gospel, people hear **your** voice, but it is **His** truth that changes them.

It is not you.

It is His truth.

When you embrace someone, they may feel **your** arms, but it is **His** love that transforms them.

You did not accomplish it.

Allow Him to work through you.

Be willing for Him to receive the attention.

Let Him be the One who gets the glory.

Perhaps that is not appealing to everyone.

Perhaps some would rather receive the credit themselves.

If that is your choice, then let people think you are the great one.

Let them admire your personality, your demonstrations, your excitement, or whatever outward expressions you choose.

But as for me, I would much rather let the Kingdom of God operate.

Let the King who lives in me minister through me to people.

A Better Covenant

Let us look at it again. The Holy Spirit who came **upon** them has now come to live **within** us. We are living under a far better arrangement than they were.

Jesus began His ministry as one Person. Today He continues His ministry through all who believe. He is no longer limited to one physical body. The Christ who lived in Jesus yesterday is Christ living in you today.

The same Jesus.

A different body.

The same Jesus.

The same Word.

The same truth.

May it become reality in our lives so that we truly help people. Do we really believe this?

Or do we still think we need something else?

Our Highest Privilege

Romans chapter 5 beautifully describes this truth. Since we have been made right in God's sight by faith in His promises, we now have peace with Him because of what Jesus Christ has done for us.

Because of our faith, He has brought us into this place of highest privilege. That is truly remarkable. We can actually become everything God intended us to be.

We can live as Jesus lived.

Now, that does not mean we become proud or spiritually arrogant.

Jesus Himself lived in a human body.

He was a carpenter.

He walked among fishermen, tax collectors, and ordinary people.

We do not have to develop inflated opinions of ourselves or advertise ourselves as great healers or as people possessing extraordinary gifts.

I appreciate those who sincerely desire to serve God.

But I want to encourage you.

The world is growing up.

Television, electronic communication, and modern technology are spreading information across the globe.

People everywhere are watching.

Let us keep directing them to the truth of God's Word.

You are going into the world.

You will influence people everywhere.

The Power Is Not in the Man

People come to me continually asking for something that belongs only to Christ.

A preacher approached me not long ago.

He was very kind.

He said,

"I've read all your books. I've memorised them. Would you just speak some anointing into me?"

I honestly do not even know how to use that kind of vocabulary.

I remember thinking,

"What exactly is this man asking for?"

The request simply passed over my head.

Because of our faith, God has already brought us into this place of highest privilege.

We can become everything God intended when He first created Adam and Eve.

When He breathed life into them, He was saying,

"I want to be part of you.

I want you to be like Me.

You belong to My family."

Now, at last, through Christ, that purpose can finally be fulfilled.

Why?

Because our sins have been remitted.

They were judged.

The full payment was made through the crucifixion of Christ.

Our sins have been put away.

Now God can come and live within us and accomplish everything He dreamed of when He created humanity.

Hallelujah!

What a wonderful truth!

Thank God that He never gave up on us.

He could have abandoned us.

But He never did.

The Kingdom Belongs to Us

Romans 5 reminds us that God demonstrated His love toward us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. How much more will He now do for us since He has declared us righteous?

He lives within us. The whole Kingdom belongs to us. Everything is already working within us.

Yield to it, Release it, Let the Kingdom flow.

You were singing a moment ago,

"Let the river flow."

Yes!

Let the Kingdom flow!

Hallelujah!

Do you believe that?

The Kingdom of God!

What an astonishing reality.

Tell the Story as It Is Written

This wonderful message has come to us, and now it is spreading throughout the world.

We have the privilege and the joy of telling it to others.

Then let us tell it.

Let us tell it exactly as it has been written.

Is not the Bible clear enough?

Must Christ be crucified all over again?

Was Pentecost not sufficient?

Is the written Word not enough?

Did His crucifixion fail to accomplish redemption?

What more are we looking for?

What are we going to tell our world?

I once wrote a book entitled **God's Best**.

That is exactly what we should give people.

God's best.

His written Word.

The seed of the Word never changes.

Do you believe that?

Wherever we go, we speak about Christ to everyone willing to listen.

That is our work.

And we can only accomplish it because the mighty energy of Jesus Christ is at work within us.

The same divine power that was in Him now lives in us.

That could never have happened while our sins remained.

But our sins have been remitted.

I believe in redemption.

Do you?

Do you believe your sins have truly been put away?

Believe in Redemption

Of course, believers sometimes make mistakes.

Sometimes they sin.

But we now have an Advocate.

If we continually repeat the same failures, then we are simply refusing to learn.

The Bible speaks plainly about that.

There comes a point where a person deliberately hardens his own heart and creates unnecessary suffering for himself.

As for me, I believe what God says.

I believe my sins have been put away.

If I fail, I ask forgiveness.

Then I learn from it and move forward.

Every mistake can become a learning experience.

Just as difficulties often become our greatest teachers, failures can teach us if we respond correctly.

I am not suggesting that anyone should deliberately sin in order to learn.

Certainly not.

But when you do stumble, let it teach you.

In fact, you can train the devil to regret tempting you.

Every time he tries to trip you, and you respond with repentance, growth, and obedience, you become stronger than before.

You leave him behind.

You grow beyond his influence.

Does that make sense?

Believe in redemption.

Believe in the Book of Romans.

Believe what Christ has accomplished for you.

CHAPTER THREE

What Jesus Taught During Forty Days

Jesus spent forty days teaching His disciples about Kingdom life. I am convinced He explained the legal foundation of redemption. Surely He spent those forty days explaining what He had accomplished through the Cross. Using the Old Testament Scriptures, He unlocked their true meaning.

Later, Paul experienced that same revelation. Before his conversion, Saul knew the Scriptures thoroughly. But he did not understand them. The Buddhists use the word *enlightenment*.

One day, true light shone upon Paul.

His light was not Buddha.

His light was Jesus Christ.

After his conversion, Paul withdrew into Arabia.

There he reflected upon the vast storehouse of Old Testament Scriptures that he had memorised as a rabbi.

A rabbi was expected to know those Scriptures thoroughly.

As he reconsidered them in the light of Christ, he finally saw the Messiah he had previously missed.

He understood redemption.

That is the revelation we need today.

Paul had been religious before his conversion.

He could quote Scripture.

Yet without revelation, even Scripture can be misunderstood.

Many people today can quote Bible verses, yet immediately contradict them by the way they speak and live.

But we have been redeemed.

I am convinced that is exactly what Jesus taught during those forty days.

He explained how God could now live within us. He showed them how the same power that rested upon Him would now dwell within them. We are legal because we have been redeemed.

We are legal because we have been reconciled to God.

We are legal because He now lives within us.

We have become His headquarters on the earth.

That is the Kingdom of God.

And it exists only because of redemption.

What Does Redemption Mean?

What does the word **redeem** actually mean?

Consult any good dictionary.

It means to ransom.

To liberate.

To rescue from captivity.

To free someone from bondage, liability, or the obligation to suffer by paying the required ransom.

I believe that with all my heart.

I did not accomplish it.

Jesus did it for me.

He willingly paid the price because He loved me.

When I think about the immeasurable love God had for me, enough to pay such a price, I cannot help but stand tall.

That is reality to me.

That is excitement to me.

I love preaching about redemption.

It has become part of my life.

Yet I seldom hear this message preached on television or from many pulpits I visit.

Let us preach it.

Let it become the source of our joy.

Let it keep us spiritually young and vigorous because it places us in such a glorious position before God.

Redemption means to rescue.

To deliver.

To reclaim by removing every obligation through the payment of the full ransom price.

And what was that ransom?

Death.

The Scripture says:

"For the wages of sin is death..." (*Romans 6:23, KJV*).

The soul that sins shall die.

The thief comes only to steal, to kill, and to destroy.

Death was the penalty demanded because of sin.

That was the ransom Satan demanded from humanity.

But God said, in effect,

"I love them.

I do not want them to die.

I want them to live.

I will give My own Son as their Substitute.

He has no sin.

He owes you nothing.

Yet He will willingly lay down His life and pay the ransom."

And once that ransom had been paid, God's declaration was settled forever.

"Satan, keep your hands off everyone who hears this message and believes it.

Do not touch the redeemed.

You have no further legal claim upon them.

When they come to you in My Name, they are free.

They stand before you redeemed.

You have no right to touch them."

That is redemption.

That is the Kingdom of God established within us.

Redemption delivers us from the bondage of sin, from the penalties of God's violated law, and from every consequence of sin through the reconciliation accomplished by the atoning work of Christ.

That is a profound truth.

It means that the ransom payment has completely released us from captivity, punishment, and every legal penalty.

I owe the devil nothing.

He may gather every one of his forces against me.

Even then, I stand before him redeemed.

I like to say it this way:

"I'm enlightened."

The Buddhists would understand that expression.

The light has shone within me.

God has revealed that the same power He exercised in Christ when He raised Him from the dead is now at work in me.

I am legal.

Poor devil—I am legal.

My friends, especially you younger ministers, I pray that these words will echo back to you in your dreams, in your moments of fear, and in those times when you enter nations where Christ is not yet known.

When you find yourself standing in non-Christian cultures, I hope these truths come back to your heart.

Stand tall.

Believe in the Christ whom you represent.

Believe in what He has accomplished for you.

Stand before every devil in that territory until they find the nearest exit.

Hallelujah!

I am convinced that whenever I arrive in a city, the devil becomes concerned.

And I do not blame him.

He has enough sense to know when redemption has arrived.

Not good sense—but enough sense.

The Meaning of Redemption

Under old English law, redemption referred to the payment made for the pardon of an offence in place of punishment.

Hallelujah!

Jesus paid for the pardon of our offence.

He took our punishment upon Himself.

Instead of us bearing the penalty for our sins, He bore it for us.

We are redeemed.

Redemption means to release someone from captivity, slavery, servitude, or punishment by paying the required price. It means to regain possession through a legal ransom payment. That means the devil is in trouble. God has regained possession of me.

Once I belonged to the kingdom of darkness. Out there, among the unconverted, Satan rules over those who remain outside of Christ. But among the redeemed, he has no authority. I was once his victim. Then I heard about Jesus. I bowed before Him.

I received Him as my Lord. Since that day, the devil has never been able to control me again.

This is real to me.

Because we are redeemed, our standing before God—and before Satan—is legal.

Say it:

"I am legal."

Justified Through Redemption

The Bible tells us that we have been justified through redemption. The word *justified* has often been explained in English by the familiar phrase:

"Just as if I'd never sinned."

That is actually a beautiful illustration. It captures the heart of justification. Redemption has justified us. God originally deemed humanity worthy when He breathed life into Adam in the Garden of Eden.

Then sin entered.

But at the Cross He **re-deemed** us. Now He declares us worthy again.

Beautiful again.

Accepted again.

Made like Him.

Set free.

Do you believe you are redeemed?

Say,

"That is me."

Poor devil!

He has lost me.

I am legal.

Glory to God!

The Scriptures of Redemption

The Scriptures are wonderfully clear concerning our redemption.

Paul writes:

"Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." (*Romans 3:24, KJV*).

If that verse does not stir your heart, then perhaps it is time to begin studying all over again.

Titus tells us:

"Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." (*Titus 2:14, KJV*).

That is me.

Hallelujah!

Say,

"That is me."

And then tell the devil,

"I'm coming."

Hallelujah!

I say those things reverently.

This is what keeps the spring in this old man's step.

I am redeemed.

Paul says we proclaim this message to everyone willing to listen. We can only do so because the energy of Jesus Christ lives within us. Again, Colossians declares:

"In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the remission of sins." (*Colossians 1:14, KJV*).

Many Bible translations use the word **forgiveness** there. Personally, I believe **remission** captures the New Testament truth more completely. Forgiveness belongs to the language of the Old Covenant. Remission belongs to the finished work of Christ.

Forgiveness deals with guilt. Remission removes the offence.

It is gone.

I am redeemed.

Hallelujah!

My sins have been remitted.

They have been wiped away.

If I fail, I immediately speak to my Advocate.

I ask His forgiveness.

And His answer is found in the blood that still speaks on my behalf.

"Wiped out."

"Wiped out."

"Wiped out."

"The blood speaks for you."

"Keep going."

Eternal Redemption

Hebrews teaches us:

"Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."
(*Hebrews 9:12, KJV*).

We are redeemed now.

When sickness comes—we are redeemed.

When difficulties arise—we are redeemed.

Even if we should lie upon our deathbed and breathe our final breath—we are still redeemed.

I always loved something Brother F. F. Bosworth used to say.

He would tell me,

"Brother Osborn, I am saved. I am being saved right now. Tonight when I go to bed, I will still be being saved. Tomorrow morning I will still be being saved. And when I finally die, I will experience more of God's salvation than I have ever experienced before."

I believe that.

That is exciting.

Let us never make salvation or redemption dull and lifeless.

Do not spend your life trying to invent some new religious idea simply to preach something different.

This message changes the world.

People are not waiting for your latest idea.

They are waiting for the Gospel.

Forget about trying to out-preach the last speaker.

Simply preach Christ.

God Himself will confirm His Word.

You will see results.

Even people who think they have heard everything will come running when they hear the true Gospel because so few are hearing it today.

Peter reminds us:

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things... but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." (*1 Peter 1:18–19, KJV*).

The Book of Revelation declares:

"Thou art worthy... for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation." (*Revelation 5:9, KJV*).

Someday we will join that great heavenly song ourselves.

Do you believe it?

Because we have been redeemed, God Himself can now live within us.

Our standing before both Satan and God is completely legal.

Jesus Preached the Kingdom

The very first summary of Jesus' ministry appears in Mark chapter 1.

I believe these verses are among the most profound in all the New Testament for understanding Christian ministry.

After John the Baptist was imprisoned,

"Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God."
(*Mark 1:14, KJV*).

Think about that.

Why did He come?

He came to preach.

He came to teach.

He came to reveal what God looks like living in a human person.

In Jesus, the King had entered humanity.

His desire was to reign in people just as the Father reigned in Him.

Yet He knew that could not fully happen until redemption had been accomplished.

Still, He preached it from the very beginning.

That is why, after His resurrection, He spent forty days teaching His disciples concerning the Kingdom of God.

The subject never changed.

Now, however, the price had been paid.

Now He could explain,

"This is why the Holy Spirit has come upon you—to fill you so that you may be as I am."

He had spent forty days teaching them.

Yet even then they struggled to understand.

The Time Is Fulfilled

Mark tells us the heart of Jesus' message.

This was His sermon.

This was the essence of His ministry.

He declared:

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." (*Mark 1:15, KJV*).

Notice His words carefully.

The Kingdom was **at hand**.

It was drawing near.

This was spoken about three years before His crucifixion.

The Cross had not yet occurred.

The Kingdom was approaching.

His death and resurrection would make it possible.

After He rose from the dead, He returned to explain everything.

The time had come.

Everything the prophets had spoken about was about to be fulfilled.

The Kingdom of God was near.

Therefore, Jesus issued a great challenge.

Repent.

Believe the Gospel.

I believe those two verses are among the most powerful in the entire New Testament.

What True Repentance Means

Why did Jesus begin with repentance?

Because those people were still bringing calves, bulls, goats, and doves to the Temple for sacrifice.

Jesus was striking at the very heart of the Mosaic system.

He was confronting everything that depended upon the old sacrificial order.

Listen carefully.

Understand this picture, and many Old Testament passages will suddenly become clear.

Everything changed at the Cross.

On this side of the Cross, redemption has been accomplished.

This is a new covenant.

A new creation.

The Kingdom of God has come.

God now comes to live **within** His people.

Before the Cross, He could be **with** them.

After the Cross, He comes to live **in** them.

That is what Jesus wanted them to understand.

So when He said,

"Repent,"

He was not merely telling people to weep, cry loudly, roll on the floor, or display emotional sorrow.

Many people have done all those things only to return and repeat the same cycle the following week.

That is not biblical repentance.

Repentance means **to change your mind**.

Change it on the basis of truth.

Change it according to what is written.

Decide that you will accept God's Word as final authority and build your entire life upon it.

CHAPTER FOUR

The Beginning of Our Ministry

That understanding marked the beginning of our own ministry. After watching a man minister with such remarkable miracles, Daisy and I returned home. We sat down with our Bibles. We read the New Testament as though we had never heard the Gospel accounts before. Then we made a covenant with God.

We said, "Everything Jesus said He would do, we will expect Him to do.

Everything Jesus commanded us to do, we will do."

That was the beginning of our ministry.

Then we acted on what we believed.

In those days, sick people generally remained in hospitals.

They did not come to church.

But we invited them.

It was something entirely new.

The old tabernacle filled with sick people. Not every sick person could come, of course, but many did. We preached the Gospel.

People were saved.

Then we lined them up for prayer.

It seemed as though everyone we touched was healed.

God was wonderfully gracious to us.

It will not always happen in exactly the same way.

But that was never the point.

The point was this:

We repented.

We changed our minds.

We admitted that the old way was not producing the results we read about in Scripture.

For years we had prayed for the sick every Friday night in every meeting we held.

Do not ask me why it was always Friday night.

That was simply our tradition.

Nothing much seemed to happen.

A few people might fall over to accommodate our expectations, but I do not remember seeing anything that truly transformed lives.

Then we saw the truth.

And we repented.

We said, "I'll never forget it."

I was sitting up there in the third balcony, watching that man minister to those people and seeing them healed. The first person brought to him was a little girl who had been born deaf and mute.

Now, I was a praying Pentecostal—a noise-making Pentecostal. When I heard him announce that this girl had been born deaf and mute, I was ready to do battle with the devil. I mean, I was on his side, ready to help him. We thought this was a tremendous devil that had to be dealt with.

That was the way I had been brought up.

We felt like we were sinners if we didn't pray three hours every day. I had calluses on my knees. When I got married, dear Brother Dillard—God bless Mother Dillard—had trained me well. When he took me off the farm, he made me pray three hours every day. He wouldn't even let me date girls.

Looking back now, I thank God for those years. During those years—when I was sixteen, seventeen, and eighteen—he kept me from dating girls, but he had me praying three hours every day. Thank God for a man who would do that for me. Sometimes I got upset about it, but I never said so.

Then, in all our meetings, we prayed for the sick.

I honestly don't remember much happening. If you were Pentecostal, you prayed for the sick. Every Friday night, in every meeting we held, we prayed for the sick. Don't ask me why it was always Friday night. That was simply the night we prayed for the sick.

I don't remember seeing much happen. A few people may have fallen to accommodate us, but I don't remember anything remarkable taking place.

But when I sat there in that balcony and watched that man...

He gently took that little girl by his side.

I'll save the rest of that story and tell it in the next session, because it's quite a story.

But here's my point.

Jesus said:

"Repent ye, and believe the gospel." (Mark 1:15, KJV)

That covers everything.

Repent of your old way of doing things.

Believe the Good News.

Everything has already been accomplished for you.

You don't have to work for it anymore.

No more ceremonies.

No more rituals.

No more religious dogmas.

Leave all of that with Moses.

Believe the Gospel.

The Good News

Brother F. F. Bosworth used to explain it so beautifully.

He would say:

"What Good News!

Good news to the sinner."

What is the Good News?

Jesus bore your sins so that you don't have to bear them yourself.

That is why you can be saved.

Good news to the sick.

What is the Good News?

Jesus bore your sickness so that you don't have to bear it.

That is why, by His stripes, you are healed.

Good news to the guilty.

Good news to everyone.

That's the Gospel.

Thank God I heard that when I was young. It made sense.

Repent.

The old way doesn't work.

Leave it on the other side of the Cross.

Believe the Gospel.

Believe the Good News.

Oh, if only we could help the world understand that salvation was never our idea.

It was God's idea.

We didn't love Him first.

He loved us.

We didn't come looking for Him.

He came looking for us.

We didn't cry out for salvation.

He cried out to us:

"I have come to save you."

Repent.

Believe the Gospel. Do you believe that?

That is exactly what Jesus came preaching:

"The gospel of the kingdom of God."

When He returned from the dead, He was still teaching the very same subject—**the Kingdom of God**. The last record we have of the Apostle Paul finds him imprisoned in Rome, waiting to be executed.

People came to see him. Day and night, he spoke to them concerning the Kingdom of God. Paul finally understood what it was all about. That is why he wrote so much about the new birth, about Christ living in us. Religious people still struggle to understand it.

They keep wanting to add creeds, ceremonies, rituals, traditions, and formalities. But the Gospel is free. It is Good News.

You don't have to add anything to it.

Leave all of that with Moses.

How Does Jesus Function Today?

How does Jesus function today in your neighbourhood?

How does He minister in your world?

The answer is simple. Because we are redeemed, **He ministers through us.**

That is the greatest lesson of all these sessions.

You and I stand on legal ground.

That is the secret of our victories.

Why do we succeed?

Because we are legal before God.

God created us to be His friends and His partners.

We talked about Abraham being called the friend of God.

Well, so are we.

Say, "Me too."

We are loved by God.

We are redeemed by God.

We are justified by God.

We have peace with God.

We didn't accomplish any of that.

He wanted it because He wanted our partnership.

He delights in us.

He loves working with us.

He confirms His Word wherever we go and wherever we preach.

Every time someone is born again under your ministry, another person enters the Kingdom of God.

The King comes to reign in another life.

Teach people these truths.

They will love them.

They will want to hear more because they bring liberty.

No Condemnation

Romans 8 begins with these wonderful words:

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus..." (Romans 8:1, KJV)

Yes, believers may fail.

If we do, we have an Advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ the righteous.

Every mistake becomes an opportunity to learn.

You grow.

The devil eventually learns to leave you alone.

Paul continues:

"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." (Romans 8:2, KJV)

I live that way.

He knew us beforehand.

He called us.

He justified us.

He glorified us.

Paul asks:

"Whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate..."

Predestinated for what?

To be conformed to the image of His Son.

That's it.

We are to imitate Him.

We are to do what Jesus did.

You Can Do That

Those words still echo in my heart. As I sat in that third balcony watching that little girl healed, something kept speaking inside me:

"You can do that."

"You can do that."

"You can do that."

I didn't shout.

I didn't scream.

I simply wept.

That miracle proved to me that the Bible way still works today.

Jesus ministered that way.

Peter ministered that way.

Paul ministered that way.

And I realised...

I could minister that way too.

So I repented.

I discovered that the King lived in me.

Hallelujah!

I discovered that all I had to do was go, speak His Word, and allow Him to release His power through me.

He wanted to identify Himself with me.

Why?

Because I had been redeemed.

He paid my ransom.

He loves me.

He believes in me.

He lifted me out of the gutter.

He says,

"Stand tall.

I'm in you.

Don't forget it.

We're together."

Hallelujah!

Doesn't that thrill you?

Preach Ancient Truth

That is one reason I don't spend much time teaching like this in America. Sometimes these truths can appear to conflict with popular ideas, and I don't enjoy creating unnecessary conflict.

I don't want anyone to think I'm trying to prove that I know more than someone else.

What I'm sharing isn't new.

It's ancient.

It's true.

It's proven.

When I'm with a group of serious Bible students like you, I feel free to open these truths a little more.

And let me say something else.

I know your pastor.

I know what he believes.

I know where he stands.

We stand together.

Otherwise, I wouldn't teach these things here.

I don't believe in entering another person's pulpit and deliberately creating division.

Young preachers, remember that.

Don't go somewhere looking for controversy.

Be a gentleman.

Be a gentle lady.

Help people.

Present truth with grace.

If God Is for Us

Paul continues:

"Whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified." (Romans 8:30, KJV)

The Buddhists speak of enlightenment.

I speak of glory.

Some people call it an anointing.

Others use different words.

Whatever term you use, it is the glorious presence of God shining through redeemed people into a world filled with darkness.

He did all of that for us.

Say:

"He did all that for me."

He called me.

He justified me.

He glorified me.

Then Paul asks:

"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31, KJV)

What devil can stand against us?

Believe it.

Minister the Same Truth Everywhere

Some people say,

"Brother Osborn, you preach to great crowds. I don't have that opportunity."

Listen.

Whether you minister to one person or one hundred thousand, treat them the same.

Teach the truth.

The truth works.

And yes, even in crowds of one hundred thousand, there are people who are not immediately healed.

I've experienced that too.

I've seen people remain in wheelchairs.

I've seen others continue on crutches.

My heart aches for them.

I crossed oceans believing I could help them.

Yet life presents difficult moments that continually test and refine our faith.

I've faced the same struggles you face.

Many wonderful miracles have happened.

As I mentioned before, we've seen wheelchairs lifted into the air in Bogotá, and in Bangkok we saw several at one time.

But there were others whose wheelchairs remained on the ground.

What do you do then?

What will you do when someone you pray for is not immediately healed?

Will you quit?

Will I go home?

No.

You keep believing.

I always tell people:

"If your healing is not yet manifested, believe God's promise anyway."

The seed has been planted in you.

And seed grows.

I remind them of the farmer.

When he plants seed, does he stand over it praying for it every hour?

No.

The seed grows because life is in the seed.

The same is true of God's Word.

Believe it.

Stand on your legal ground.

And let the seed of the Gospel produce its harvest.

And I tell them, "The seed has been planted in your heart." Jesus said that the seed is the Word of God. I explain that to them and say:

"Believe that His Word is in you now. Tomorrow you may be better. The next day you may be better. For some, it may take a week, two weeks, three weeks, or even a month before complete healing is manifested. But believe that Jesus came to you tonight."

That's how I teach people.

Now, some might say, "That's just a cop-out. You're trying to explain away the people who weren't healed."

No.

I'm trying to encourage everybody.

Jesus healed them all. The Gospel of healing is for everyone.

Am I making sense?

I hope that helps you.

When you live a long life—as you young people haven't yet—and you reach eighty years of age like I have, you look back and see things that confirm these truths again and again.

I remember going back to China.

On the front row of the platform on opening night sat a group of pastors, many of whom had never preached a sermon on healing in their lives. There were one or two Pentecostals, but there were also Baptists, Methodists, members of the Church of Christ, and many other wonderful believers who had risked their reputations by supporting that crusade. They trusted the Pentecostal brother who organised it because he was a man of integrity.

So there we were.

I stepped up to preach and teach.

On the front row sat an eighty-four-year-old man who had attended one of our meetings back in 1956.

He had been a hopeless leper.

His hands had been drawn up and crippled.

I've told you this story before, but it bears repeating because I'm making a different point this time.

His face had been terribly disfigured. Part of his nose was gone. Part of his ears were gone. Even around his eyes, much of the flesh had disappeared.

He was a frightening-looking man.

But there he sat, smiling.

Precious.

Back in 1956, he had been healed.

I didn't even know he had been healed.

I simply preached.

I believed.

Later they told me that I had laid hands on him. I don't remember doing it because, in some of those meetings in Thailand, there were only small crowds. Since there weren't many people, I felt I could lay hands on everyone and pray individually.

So he must have been one of them.

Nothing special stands out in my memory, but I know what I must have done.

I must have prayed sincerely.

I must have prayed with compassion.

I must have encouraged him to believe that the curse of leprosy had been broken.

I'll come back to that.

I remember another meeting in Latin America where eleven lepers were brought to the platform.

I was told they had secretly slipped out of the leper colony to attend the meeting. Someone informed me, and I said,

"Bring them to the platform."

I felt they should be honoured.

I'll never forget how strongly the Holy Spirit was working in me. You might call it the anointing. Perhaps it was. I never stopped to analyse it.

I simply remembered what Jesus said:

"Cleanse the lepers. Raise the dead. Cast out devils."

Daisy and I walked down the line.

We didn't avoid them.

We took each one by the hand—touching their flesh.

And I remember the prayer that came from deep within me:

"Be clean! Flesh, be clean! In Jesus' Name!"

I prayed that over every one of them.

Then the police took them back to the leper colony.

I never found out what happened immediately afterwards.

I'm just like you.

I believe the Word.

I act upon it.

Whether you're ministering to one person or ten thousand, be faithful to the Word of God.

Don't be faithful to the cameras.

Don't try to manufacture something spectacular so you can advertise yourself and say,

"Look at me. I had a great meeting."

No.

That's childish.

Grow up.

Let Christ grow up in you.

A few weeks later, the pastor from that city wrote and told us that one of those lepers had been released.

A few weeks after that, another one was released.

Within a year, all eleven of those lepers had been discharged.

Now think about that.

That's the truth.

I also read to you the letter from that Pentecostal Holiness missionary in Hong Kong about the six lepers.

Leprosy, cancer, arthritis—what's the difference?

They're all diseases.

We're talking about why we succeed.

The Kingdom of God is within us.

The King ministers through us.

His Kingdom is expressed through us.

We're standing on legal ground.

Do you believe that?

"If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Hallelujah!

These are Kingdom facts.

We're standing on legal ground.

Hallelujah!

His presence lives in us.

We are legally established in Him.

Paul became overwhelmed by this truth.

In Romans 14:17 he declares the reality of the Kingdom of God.

But before I read that, let me comment on Luke 17:21, because some of you are sharp students.

You may say,

"Wait a minute, Brother Osborn. Jesus said, 'The Kingdom of God is within you.'"

Now, I don't believe that could have been literally true before redemption was accomplished.

The King could not permanently dwell within people before their sins had been remitted.

I believe the sense of what Jesus was saying was that the Kingdom of God would soon be within them.

Now, you can disagree with me if you wish.

You can write me off if you like.

But think it through.

Some people accuse me of being carnal because I reason this way.

I'm not carnal.

My mind has simply been renewed by the truth of God's Word.

Otherwise, it creates a contradiction.

For Jesus to say that the King already lived within them before the Cross would conflict with everything redemption accomplished.

You have to understand the difference between life before the Cross and life after the Cross.

I'm not trying to criticise the translators.

They've given us a wonderful Bible.

But we must understand the complete picture of redemption.

When we see the difference between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant—between before the Cross and after the Cross—many Scriptures suddenly become clear.

Then we won't build doctrines from passages that belong to a different covenant.

For example, people sometimes use Daniel's three-week delay in receiving an answer to prayer as though that is the pattern for New Testament believers.

No.

Don't insult your Advocate.

Jesus Christ sits at the Father's right hand.

He hears us.

He intercedes for us.

That is our confidence under the New Covenant.

Don't tell me it takes three weeks for your prayer to reach God's attention.

No.

That's Old Testament thinking.

When you understand the difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament, you'll begin to see everything in the light of redemption. Then these passages won't confuse you anymore.

You'll know that you're standing on legal ground.

You won't be afraid.

You won't become superstitious.

You won't be filled with doubt.

You won't hesitate.

Do you see what I'm saying?

I like that.

The passage I wanted to read is Romans 14:17:

"For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

Think about that.

Why does Paul put **righteousness** first?

Because that's where everything begins.

You cannot have the King without righteousness.

His righteousness was credited to your account because He died on the Cross.

Your sins were placed upon Him, and His righteousness was imputed to you.

Now the Kingdom of God is righteousness.

And what follows?

Peace.

You cannot have peace without righteousness.

If you never become convinced that your sins have been remitted, you'll never truly settle down. You'll never enjoy assurance. You'll never experience peace.

But when you know that you have righteousness, peace naturally follows.

And then, of course, comes joy.

Paul knew exactly what he was talking about.

These are Kingdom realities.

Hallelujah!

Say, "I love it."

God created this world.

God owns this world.

God has the right to rule this world.

And His will is to rule this world through people like you and me.

That is His Kingdom on the earth.

Hallelujah!

Christ in Us

Colossians 1, in *The Living Bible*, says that He has rescued us out of the darkness and gloom of Satan's kingdom and brought us into the Kingdom of His dear Son.

Notice the difference between before the Cross and after the Cross.

Verse 21 says He has brought you back as His friends.

Then verse 22 says:

"Now, as a result, Christ has brought you into the very presence of God, and you are standing there with nothing left against you."

Hallelujah!

I could almost cry when I think about that.

We are redeemed.

We are standing on legal ground.

The Kingdom is within us.

That's why we succeed.

Christ is in us.

Romans 5:2 says:

"Because of our faith, He has brought us into this place of highest privilege where we now stand."

Verse 9 declares that He has pronounced us **not guilty**.

Verse 11 says we rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done by dying for our sins and making us God's friends.

First Corinthians 3:9, in *The Living Bible*, says:

"We are God's co-workers."

That's right.

We walk arm in arm with Him.

What a beautiful Kingdom!

These are Kingdom facts.

These are Kingdom dynamics.

The Gospel is a legal document.

It is for the whole world.

For every creature.

For every nation.

Until the end of the age.

Say,

"I believe it."

So what do we do?

Take that legal authority and go with it.

Take His Name and use it.

Take His power and heal people.

Take His anointing and set people free.

Take His message and proclaim it.

Take His authority and liberate the captives.

You can do it.

Glory to God!

Just like those voices spoke to me years ago:

"You can do that."

Not because of me.

Because of Him.

You can do that.

That proves the Bible.

Peter did it.

John did it.

Paul did it.

You can do it.

That's how Jesus ministered.

That's why He came.

He came preaching the Kingdom of God and saying,

"Repent."

Change your old way of thinking.

It doesn't work anymore.

Get it out of your mind.

Believe the Gospel.

Believe the Good News.

Hallelujah!

Paul said this is the mystery that had been hidden through the ages but has now been revealed to God's saints:

Christ in you.

Hallelujah!

I'd love to tell you about my government official in Nyeri among the Kikuyus, about the blind man in Buffalo, and about Daisy's experiences in Java.

But I don't have time.

We're legal.

We're Kingdom people.

We are royalty.

We belong to Him.

Our relationship with Him gives us legal standing.

Our membership in His family is real.

Say,

"I like it."

First Peter says:

"You are a chosen generation."

Say,

"That's me."

"A royal priesthood."

Say,

"Royal."

"A holy nation."

Say,

"I'm holy."

"A peculiar people."

Say,

"Peculiar."

Now let me stop there.

"Peculiar" doesn't mean strange.

It doesn't mean odd or funny.

The word means **a people uniquely chosen for God's own possession.**

That's the true meaning.

It speaks of a people who belong exclusively to Him.

Hallelujah!

We are God's chosen people.

We are being built together into a dwelling place for God through the Spirit.

First Corinthians 3:11 says:

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

Only upon the foundation of redemption can we experience the legal standing of the Kingdom of God within us.

I'd like to continue by talking about Kingdom virtue, but let's turn instead to our sheet of paper and make this declaration together.

Let's torment the devil.

Hallelujah!

Kingdom Declaration

Lord Jesus,

You desire to continue Your ministry and accomplish Your work through me now that I have received You.

God's plan is to express Himself through me.

I will not pray for angels to do what You have commissioned me to do.

I am a member of God's royal family.

I am a legal citizen of the Kingdom of God.

You are my King, and You have established Your headquarters in my life.

You live in me.

Because You have redeemed me from my sins, You now live Your life through me.

Your Holy Spirit works through me.

That is Your Kingdom within me.

My standing before You and before Satan is legal.

Jesus, You reign in my life.

When Satan confronts me, he confronts You.

I have legal authority.

The King rules through me.

Your presence is in me.

My sins have been remitted forever. I have been born from above.

I am called.

I am justified.

I am redeemed.

I am glorified.

I am legally established.

I am royal.

I have peace with God.

Jesus, You are my King.

You are alive in me.

I am triumphant in You.

Amen!

Hallelujah!

Lift your hands and thank God.

Glory to God!

Hallelujah!

Poor devil!

We can change our world. We can bring God's truth to our generation.

Let's do it.

Hallelujah!

Lift your hands and say:

"Thank You, Jesus, that I am alive in this generation with so many opportunities. Thank You that I can go to the ends of the earth. Thank You for modern technology. Thank You for jet aircraft. Thank You for the printing press. Thank You for the Holy Spirit. Thank You for the Kingdom of God that lives within me."

Father, bless them. Bless them. Thank You.

Your blessing is flowing even now. They sang,

"Let the river flow."

Yes, Lord, let it flow.

Thank You.

In the Name of Jesus. These are special people. We thank You for them. They are chosen by You. You are conforming them to the image of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Thank You, Father.

In Jesus' Name,

Amen.



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