



## Morning Life Ministries / What God is Saying

**“Get yourself up on a high mountain, O Zion, bearer of good news,  
Lift up your voice mightily, O Jerusalem, bearer of good news;  
Lift it up, do not fear. Say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!”  
Behold, the Lord God will come with might, With His arm ruling for Him.  
Behold, His reward is with Him And His recompense before Him.  
~ Isaiah 40:9-10 NASB95 ~**

Hello friends,

The Lord told me that our February Partner Letter would be found in Colossians 1. There are so many powerful things in this chapter, but when I got to verse 21 it was clear from The Lord – there was something here for us to see.

Let's begin reading there,

**Colossians 1:21-22 NASB95 — And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—**

Notice the language : you *were*. That is talking about before we came to Christ. Then He says : He *has now*. Which of course is talking about us having come to Christ and being in Him. We *were* alienated and hostile in mind toward God, as shown by our evil deeds (see NIV). The way we *thought* affected the way we *lived*.

*But something changed in us forever because of Jesus!*

We have *now* been reconciled through the death of Jesus in His physical body on the Cross. Having received Jesus by faith, we were made "holy and blameless and beyond reproach" in Him before the Father.

**Colossians 1:22 ERV — But now he has made you ... without anything that would make you guilty before Him.**

Hallelujah! Is it true that because we are in Christ Jesus, we can stand before the Father without any sense of sin, guilt, shame or condemnation? It is not just true, it is *Biblically true*! It is the result of having been cleansed by the Blood of Jesus.

I grew up in the Church. I can count on one hand the number of times I *missed* going to Church as a child. But did you know, for all the talk I heard about being *cleansed* and *washed* in the Blood of Jesus and how Jesus died so we could live – I continued to see many people experiencing condemnation and death. Including myself!

This is evidence of still being subject to something the Bible says Christ delivered us from : *The Law of Sin and Death*. The Spirit of God through Paul says,

**Romans 8:1-2 NKJV — [1] There is therefore *now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus* [that is referring to all us believers], who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. [2] For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.**

How does *the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus* make us free from the law of sin and death? He goes on to say,

**Romans 8:5-6 NKJV — [5] For those who live according to the flesh set *their minds on the things of the flesh*, but those who live according to the Spirit, [*set their minds on*] the things of the Spirit. [6] For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.**

What we allow our minds to focus on matters! Whether we pay attention to the old, carnal man in the flesh or the new, spiritual man in Christ – is going to determine what law we align ourselves with. (The word 'Law' here is like the law of gravity or the law of lift, not the Law of Moses or works of the Law. If you activate the right law, you go up; if you activate the wrong law, you go down.)

Christians everywhere are far more familiar with their sinful past than their glorious present in Christ. They put off til the future so many things that the Bible says are *now*. Their minds are very familiar with the *were* part, but not renewed to the advantages of the *now* part. The problem with over-emphasizing the *were* is that it can affect your reception of what God wants for you *now*.

My father in the faith, Brother Greg, of whom many of you are aware, instructed us young ministers along these lines. He would say, "If the devil harasses you with thoughts of sin you have already repented of, you tell him, '*You go talk to Jesus about that sin, devil!*'" Of course, he won't. But he will leave you in a hurry!

What was Brother Greg saying? *Do not let the devil's lying accusations draw you back into condemnation and shame just because you refuse to enforce what Christ has done for you.* All of us have to watch out that we do not continue identifying with things God said we *were*. If I *were* then I am *no longer*. If I am *now* then I am not waiting for later to *become* it.

Thoughts come to all of us, but we must remain steadfast in our new identity in Christ by following the wisdom of –

**2 Corinthians 10:5 KJV — Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;**

Colossians 1:21-22 talked about the difference between before and after salvation. Now that we are saved, we are holy, innocent, guiltless and without reproach. Hallelujah! But verse 23 goes right on into saying this,

**Colossians 1:23a NASB95 — if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel...**

See, *if* we continue in the faith our new identity will affect our reality. We will live free from shame and guilt, oppression and depression. But if we fail to hold firmly to what we know Christ has accomplished on our behalf – we can be moved away from our hope or expectation of the Gospel. I did not say it – Colossians 1:23 says it!

Do we have to hold fast what we have if we want to see the fulfillment of what has been given? Yes! And we shall. Praise God! For 2026 is a Year of Fulfillment

for us and all our partners. The Spirit of God spoke to me in the waking hours the other morning : "Everything you've been believing for – for weeks, months and years – is coming to pass THIS YEAR."

We will be reminding you of this regularly because we need to keep it in our ears and eyes, so that it gets in our mind and heart – and eventually comes out of our mouths! Then things cannot help but transform into our "hope of the Gospel".

We love you and thank God for your partnership and prayers in The Lord. Whatever you do, do it in faith, in love and in the hope of your harvest. We are looking forward to our trip to Africa later this year to visit our churches there and especially to minister to the ministers there who are under us. Remember to visit our website [muchgrace.church](http://muchgrace.church) to feed your spirit on the Word available there.

Grace and peace to you all in the Name of Jesus –

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