

Romans Disk 7  
*Is Your Heart Kinder than Your Doctrine?*  
*Anti-Christ Doctrine in Christianity*

(The following transcript comes from the 7<sup>th</sup> session in the Calgary 2010 Gospel Revolution Convention. Mike Williams taught the entire book of Romans verse by verse. In this session, Mike teaches from Romans Chapter 10. He reads from the chapter verse by verse which is found in quotation marks.)

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I've been in the ministry 38 years now. When I first started teaching more in context, rather than teaching the way I was taught many years ago. I did like everybody else and I'd pick a verse in Timothy and one Psalms and one out of Isaiah and one out of Revelation and put it all together and find a Greek word that made it all fit and teach on it. You can come up with some really strange doctrines that way.

Context is the most powerful thing as far as understanding what the writer is wanting to communicate to read in context. It seems kind of strange for me to even have to say that. It's strange because if we got a letter from anyone or read anything in a book even if we took one line out of a book and tried to determine what that book was about because of one line out of a book we would all know that would be an extremely foolish attempt to understand what the writer was trying to say. We would at least need to read paragraphs.

Chapter and verse was added to the bible less than 200 years ago. It was added I think for a noble purpose, and that was so people could find where they were. In fact, we used to call them "the addresses" ie, "this is the address of this particular verse." So, in the fact that it was laid out in chapter and verse, when people began to become students or read the bible on their own. It was a helpful tool to say "yes, this was over here and this was in this chapter and in this verse. But It had a backlash to it. We begin to think in chapter and verse rather than in context and the content of the letter we were reading in.

I'm sure throuout your Christian life, you've known a chapter and a verse. I remember in my particular group that I was raised in we were big on making sure we knew our bible. I memorized the bible. I memorized hundreds of verses. I memorized several chapters in fact. For several years of my life, every morning I would memorize 2 verses but instead of just memorizing 2 verses, I had to rehearse all of the verses that I had memorized up to that point and then add those 2 verses. If I failed to quote them exactly King James version, word for word, I had to start all over again. I couldn't just correct that one I forced myself to go back and start all over again. This would be hundreds and hundreds of verses. Then I could start studying and adding 2 more verses to that. After I added those 2 verses that day, then I would go back and quote all of them plus those 2 verses after I added those 2 verses to see if I really had them all memorized. Then next day I would add 2 more verses.

Quoting these verses went on for quite some time, and memorization of these verses went on for quite a few years. So, I think that gave me a little bit more of an advantage, because after I stopped quoting verses, we started going for chapters. So we would start with 2 verses and 2 verses and 2 verses but we would put them all in one chapter and try to put them all together. I think there's some element that that type of bible memorization kind of forced me into context a little more than the average person by doing the bible memorization.

I actually had a bible memorization buddy and we were constantly provoking one another to do our verses and we'd memorize the very same verses. We were kind of on the same page and we set this whole course out for ourselves and we were relentless. Believe me, the other people in our lives... friends and family... absolutely detested it because we couldn't do anything until we got together and rehearsed all the verses that we had ever memorized plus add 2 more. Nothing else came before that. That's just the way it was.

We had 3 x 5 cards. You talk about looking like little cult members running around. We had a little string that we hung around our neck and we'd put a little squeeze clip on the end of it and we would hang our bible memorization cards on it for that day. We'd hang them upside down so that as we were going through the day, we were trying to memorize our verses and we would turn it up and we'd be able to read our verse and we would put it back down. So we were walking around with bible verses on 3x 5 cards hanging from our necks to be able to memorize these verses. We were in a bit of a competition but it was a good thing. I enjoyed doing it and I think it did have an effect on me. I think it did help me to start seeing things more in context.

I began to realize that the verses I knew, which we were taught, "Find a bible verse and stand on it! You gotta stand on the word of God!". So, we had to stand on that verse. We figured if we memorized a verse, if there was a verse for it, if we stood on it then it meant that is was going to happen, whatever that verse happened to be. The first time I started teaching in context, it was a big challenge. I'll tell you what, I could paste together a message that way that draws a lot more people. We used to fill buildings with hundreds of people, thousands of people, but we also had the ability to manipulate the things that we were teaching. Now, did I do it consciously? No, I didn't do it consciously, but we had certain doctrines that we were promoting or were promoted to us, and then to get up and do this, The crowd response to it was really amazing.

The first time that I ever taught in the book of Romans and taught a full chapter, I remember I started breaking away from the verse selection from one place to the other to this place to the other, I remember that I started choosing and I started selecting several paragraphs to teach on rather than teaching verse by verse or a verse out of context. The first time that I ever taught in the book of Romans and taught a full chapter, I remember I started breaking away from the verse selection from one place to the other to this place to the other, I remember that I started choosing and I started selecting several paragraphs to teach on rather than teaching verse by verse or a verse out of context.

When I first started teaching the book of Romans, one of the first chapters I taught in context was Romans chapter 5, which we of course have covered. Many of you know the reason I have gone through Romans chapter 5.

Romans chapter 5 is the one where Paul declares very clearly that after the offense of Adam, everybody became a sinner, and that God imputed that sin to the entire planet. He also teaches in that same chapter that Jesus did exactly the same except far greater. "Much more" is the terminology that he uses. Now the church doesn't really teach that. The church does teach the part about becoming a sinner without doing anything wrong.

Catholicism, Protestantism, they all teach "Original Sin". They all teach that we became sinners because of what one man did, but they fall short of embracing that Jesus was just as powerful being the Last Adam as the first Adam. The Last Adam, as Paul taught in Romans chapter 5, did not only the equal and corresponding reaction to Adam's transgression, but Jesus did a work that was far beyond the work of the first Adam in the fact that the first Adam had condemned everyone to a condition of sin, even those who did not transgress after the similitude of Adam's transgression. But it says that Jesus then of course through his righteousness, "by the righteousness of one man", that just as many have been made righteous. That's the entire planet. That very premise really does undermine a lot of organized Christianity because, number one: I don't know of a branch of Christianity that teaches that Jesus redeemed the whole world. It seems that the whole focus is to try to get people redeemed, but that is not what the scriptures teach. The scriptures teach that everybody has been redeemed.

We also learned in the Book of Romans the importance of believing. We learned how Paul taught that the entire world has been redeemed. Nobody's going to hell. Everybody's been redeemed because of the power of the blood of the Lamb, but the effectiveness of that in the life of the believer, someone who can embrace not only that they've been redeemed as believers but even people that haven't believed have also been redeemed is the most powerful saving of the soul that a human being will ever go through. It's very powerful to know that you have been redeemed.

It's very powerful, but you see we're not able to walk out of what Paul also taught in the Book of Romans that there's 2 things that we all should be able to give up and that is guiltiness before God and the other one is judgment of other people.

There is no way to give up guiltiness before God if you don't realize you have been redeemed once and for all. This is not something you have to redo. Your redemption did not come when you believed on the Lord Jesus Christ. Believing on the Lord Jesus Christ is a vitally important part of the salvation process, but you're believing on Jesus because you're redeemed. You're not believing on Jesus to get redeemed. Believing and our faith is a very important thing. However, we have misled the world in trying to imply that that's what makes truth true.

Truth is true even if you don't believe it. It doesn't change that it's true. If God said through the Prophets that Jesus came to redeem the world, we have to decide what we think. Did Jesus succeed at what God sent him to do or did he fail? My persuasion is, Paul's persuasion seems to be also that Jesus succeeded in redeeming the entire world. That process then begins of Paul's persuasion as we have gone verse by verse through the first nine chapters of the Book of Romans, we have seen Paul's emphasis on these two subjects.

Paul has emphasized that you are already redeemed. Paul has emphasized the fact that through the righteousness of one man all have been made righteous even as he has emphasized that through the disobedience of one man all have been made sinners as he brought that comparison out. Paul also began to teach based on this preexisting absolute truth of the redemption of the whole world how important it was to then believe in that redemption because it's at that point of encounter of believing that the power of the work of the blood of Jesus Christ that the soul actually begins to take on a transformation.

What is that transformation that the soul begins to take on? You begin to lose any sensations of guilt between you and God. If you want life to change from the existence you have known throughout your Christian life, embrace the fact that redemption is for everybody, and that sin was taken care of once and for all. If you begin to lose the effect of guiltiness in your heart, that begins to stabilize the heart, the soul and the mind that I cannot even describe to you. A heart and a soul that is absent of guilt is one that begins to stabilize mentally and emotionally. It has a stability to it beyond anything that I could describe.

The other thing that Paul taught on about those that believe is this powerful influence on the heart that you lose all judgment: assessing blame against somebody else or assessing what your opinion is of their relationship with God. I've said many times. I remember the very first time I taught on this. Actually it was over in Abbotsford, BC. I taught three sessions on this. These were people who had listened to me teach on grace and the Gospel of Peace. Then I realized it was time that I needed to move on to teaching the redemption of the world; that the work of Christ was effective for the entire planet.

I remember as I taught them that that night the feelings I had just getting to release this news out of my mouth; I was like a machine gun. It was almost like an out-of-body experience, if you will, as I was sharing this. I remember standing there looking at the congregation, and people were sitting there literally with their mouths hanging open as they were looking at me. Of course I tried to deliver this in a way that would be most understandable, the most gentle way that I could possibly do it to cause the least amount of shock, but how do you not shock a bunch of people who think that only believers are going to heaven, and then be the person standing in front of them telling them everyone's going to heaven whether they believe or not? That is an absolute shock.

The other thing I found out is this message appealed to the innermost parts of their hearts, because they knew that the God who loved them wasn't going to throw people into hell simply because they don't believe; they've not had the opportunity to

believe; they've not reached "the age of accountability" – all of the rules that we've set up. In Evangelical Christianity, these are good-hearted people who don't believe their own doctrine to the point that they have to set up these ifs, ands, buts or maybes about the hard core doctrine that only believers go to heaven. That is an Evangelical doctrine. I taught it for many years. From that point, we have to back up to many different stations because the heart will not accept that. People who's hearts have been influenced by the work of Jesus.

We say, "yes, if you don't believe in Jesus, you're going to hell". When you get that into application, I started asking about that. "So, what about babies?" They replied, "Well, no, no, no, babies don't go to hell." "Well why don't babies go to hell? Your doctrine says you must become a believer, but then they say, "Well, you've got to reach the age of accountability." That nowhere in the Bible, but the heart grasps onto those things because we cannot accept the harshness of this requirement to believe.

Then I asked them about people who are mentally challenged. A lot of mentally challenged people are some of the happiest people I've ever been around. They're mentally challenged just enough to where they don't worry about anything. Their answer was, "Oh no, no mentally challenged people get an exempt card from having to believe because they don't have full function to be able to believe. So God wouldn't require it of them." After having met a lot of wonderful people who were mentally challenged, my next question that came to my mind was "The only thing that God had to do to get us to heaven was to make us all mentally challenged?" All he would have been doing is making us the happiest people in the world. Who would have known? Who knows? Maybe we're all mentally challenged, and we don't even know it. By what standard are we measuring mentally challenged? And these "mentally challenged" people had the ability to take care of themselves. They were happy. It was just that there was a part of them that didn't connect to the worry part of life. Then my next question was, "So, okay, they get to go to heaven because they're mentally challenged, and I have to go to hell because I can reason?"

Then, of course we went into the whole thing about people who never heard. Their response was, "Well, well, no, if somebody's never had a chance to hear, God will make sure they get to hear." I said, "Well how does that happen?" So they explained it to me saying "What will happen is if you fail to get to hear the Gospel here on this planet, after you die, before you go to heaven or hell, God will explain the Gospel to you. Then if you accept, you get to go to heaven." Then I said, "Wait a minute. So, we're depending on preachers and missionaries from your church and my church, who all say it in a different way, to tell people and they reject it, and they're going to go to hell, when we could have left them all alone and God would have explained it to them?"

These answers all sound very pat until you stop and apply just a little bit of thinking to them. When your heart becomes kinder than your doctrine, please understand which one you should put into question. It's not your heart. God resides in your heart and the kindness that comes out of your heart, and the mercy that's in your heart and the unbelievability in your heart to think that God would punish someone in hell forever, not

for committing a multitude of sins even, but just because they could not reasonably understand why Jesus Christ is Lord, that God would throw them in hell forever for that. Well it just breaks down all over the place. I could address a multitude of other things, but the fact of it is that Paul has brought us through this incredible process of this picture of redemption and this picture of salvation.

Salvation and redemption are not the same things. Redemption is that which God has performed for the whole human race. Salvation is the process that begins when you hear about the mercy of God that has been extended to you, that has redeemed you, that has caused you to inherit all that God ever had to offer as far as eternal life is concerned. You have as little control over where you're going when you die as you did when you were born. That's what Jesus compared it to. It wasn't you who determined where you were going to be born. Somebody else determined where you were going to be born. You had no say-so in it. Then for Jesus to give us that comparison, and then come out of that with this distorted view that somehow my eternal destiny is up to me...it just isn't.

There's something called the Gospel. The term Gospel means good news. The fact that only ten percent of this planet is going to make it into heaven is not good news. The fact that Evangelical Christianity estimates only ten percent of this planet are true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ is not Jesus being the Victor. That is the devil being the victor. I don't know in who else's economy, where losing ninety percent, that that gets you in. That makes you the winner. That's not the winner. The winner is and always has been, in the light of the Gospel, the power of Jesus Christ.

You're redeemed people. People you see standing on the street corner selling their bodies because they have no other means of making a way for their families or possibly their children are as righteous as you will ever be. They're as righteous as anybody on the face of this earth. The need to share the Gospel is not so we can talk people into becoming something they are not. The power of the Gospel is convincing people to understand what they already are. You are righteous. You are holy. You are perfect. Because of that, I can tell you who made you righteous. I can tell you who made you perfect. I can tell you who made you holy. Believing on that will transform the way that you think about yourself and the rest of the people on the place of planet earth. It's the only hope this planet has.

Romans 10. Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. This is Paul writing. What did he want to happen to Israel? He wanted them to get saved. What did he say about Israel already through chapters 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9? He had already let us know that Israel had been redeemed along with all the Gentiles also. But now what does Israel need? They need to be saved. They are redeemed people who need to be saved. They are people who are on their way to heaven, who need to understand that that is their destiny. He said, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge." So they had a great zeal for God, but the zeal that they had wasn't according to accurate information. You mean you can have a great zeal for God and be very zealous about God and it not be based on accurate information? Yes.

Now, in Israel's case, what particularly was the problem? "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God." So what was their problem? Their problem was not that they were not righteous already. The problem was they didn't know it. The problem was because they didn't know it, they were still trying to establish their own righteousness. They were very zealous about trying to establish their own relationship with God through keeping of laws, rules and regulations. He said, "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." You see, believing is very important, because even though you've been made righteous, you will stay under the law trying to perform to be accepted by God until that moment that comes that we actually believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That's when our works cease as Paul taught in Romans, there is a rest that remaineth to the people of God.

Isn't it amazing that we became believers so many years ago and there's been no rest. We had to work harder and harder and try harder. We'd get so worn out that we weren't even sure we were going to make it at all.

"For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law" Moses described which kind of righteousness? Now, he's about to describe the righteousness that is of the law. Did the law ever make anyone righteous? No. The Prophet Isaiah came to a conclusion about the righteousness through the law, and he said, "There is none righteous, no not one." Paul says, "For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them." Now, that is Evangelical Christianity. That is not the teaching of Moses today. That is the teaching of Evangelical Christianity, but here Paul says that's not Christianity. That is the teachings of Moses. "For the Law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. Was Moses accurate in his description of this kind of righteousness? Moses was very accurate in his description of this righteousness.

There are two kinds of righteousness: There's one, which is by the Law, and there's a righteousness by the grace of Jesus Christ. People who are unaware about the righteousness that was bestowed upon the entire human race are still struggling. They are unsaved because they are still struggling to be right with God through their efforts; even people who've said they've believed in Jesus. If you say you believed in Jesus, you say you've simply joined the right club that you think is the good one, if you're still struggling to be righteous before God based on performance.

Now, I do not question the validity of putting effort into living a good life. You just cannot put effort into living a good life, thinking it's going to gain you favor with God because the moment as Paul says in his letter to the Galatians the moment you feel that you're justified by any law, you have fallen from grace. Paul did not say that the moment you break a law that you've fallen from grace. He said the moment you feel that there's a law that qualifies you with God that you are keeping, at that moment you are fallen from grace. Now, you've not fallen into a state of being unredeemed. You're just simply into a state where your soul is not saved anymore. You're struggling again. Your heart is not at peace. You have no confidence that when this life is over that heaven is

your home. There's only one way you'll take your last breath with great confidence that you'll step into the presence of God, and that's when you've laid aside your own righteousness and you have no confidence in anything else but the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

Like the old hymn we sang so many times, "My faith is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest 'frain...(there's a lot of sweet 'frains out there) but wholly trust in Jesus' name. On Christ the solid rock I stand... (please pay attention to the rest of the chorus) All other ground is sinking sand."

So there's a righteousness which is of the Law and a righteousness that is of faith. See the comparison Paul makes here: "But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach."

What did Paul want to happen to Israel? He didn't want them to get redeemed. He told us for several chapters they had already been redeemed. Their future and their fate has been sealed by the blood of Jesus, but they're still trying because they're ignorant of God's righteousness. He doesn't say they don't have God's righteousness because they're ignorant of it. He says they are ignorant of God's righteousness and it's obvious they are ignorant of God's righteousness because they're still going around trying to establish their own having never just said, "It is Your righteousness and Yours alone; not only for me but for the whole world." "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be (what is the term?) saved."

Now, you've got to understand that Paul has already taught that these people were already redeemed. He's taken several chapters to assure us the redemption of Israel has already taken place. When we go into chapter eleven, you're going to see this comparison between the Gentiles and the Jews and how the Jews were cut off so the Gentiles could be brought in and the grafting backing of the Jews is nothing less than to receive them back from the dead again. That has already taken place through the power of the work of the cross. "For with the heart man believes *unto* righteousness." It does not say that with the heart man believes *for* righteousness. Why doesn't he believe *for* righteousness? Because you can't believe for righteousness. You can only allow your belief to connect up with the righteousness that has already been given to you. The process of believing is a very powerful thing. It's a very relevant thing. In fact, I think it's more relevant in my life now than it's ever been before.

I remember when I first came to the conclusion that I did not have to believe to be redeemed. The very first time that I believed on the Lord Jesus Christ was when I was five years old in vacation Bible school at the Southern Baptist church in Harriman, Tennessee in the basement of the church. I remember it as clear as day. They held up a red piece of construction paper and said, "Though your sins be as scarlet," and then they

took a white piece of construction paper and slid it over the front of the red one and said, “they shall be made white as snow.” They began to tell me how that this process of having my sins washed away took place, and if I didn’t walk down that aisle and confess my sins that I would burn in hell forever. I was told that as a five-year-old. So, I walked down that aisle. I walked fast. I cried. One of the most powerful reasons that I cried was because Jesus loved me, and that he was willing to save me from that. Years later, I started to realize that I really didn’t have an option as to whether I believed in Jesus. You see, I believed under duress.

In most countries, courts do not accept a confession if it was made under duress or under threat. And look at how much false information countries that use torture get out of terrorists. That stuff just never works. That’s a Saddam Hussein Jesus. Before Saddam Hussein fell from power there was an election. He won 100% of the vote. The crowds were praising him like some wild charismatic church service. Under what circumstances did those people vote for Saddam Hussein? That was under duress. I’m sorry, but Jesus and Saddam Hussein are not synonymous characters. That really is the way the Evangelical Church presents Jesus. In fact Saddam Hussein would only kill you and/or torture your family, but Jesus would burn you forever.

Once I realized I had come to believe under duress many years ago, I remember going to the Lord and saying, “I’ve got to take a break here. I’m not sure. I want to know that I believe in you. I don’t know what happened to my mind when I was told that if I didn’t believe in you that I was going to burn in hell, but I don’t believe that anymore. I do believe that if you have done this work, you did it completely, and I want to decide for myself what I actually believe.” So, I did. I took a break. I took about a three-month break. I never will forget. I went through the scriptures. I went through the prophets. I went through to study what the scriptures actually said about the work of Christ. I remember going back to these and going through a beautiful process, and for the first time in my life I got to go before the Lord and tell him, “Jesus, I believe that you are the Lord of all. I believe that you are my redeemer. I believe that you have redeemed me. I believe that you rose from the dead. I believe you were born of a virgin. I believe that you have done the work that you said you did.” I can tell you that a salvation began in my soul when I began to believe without being under duress. That all of the years of believing, being afraid I wasn’t believing or I wasn’t believing enough. If you’ve got to believe, can I trick myself into believing that I’m believing enough? How much do you have to believe? How well do you have to believe? All of that disappeared.

“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” Your mouth can’t get you redeemed. Your mouth can get your soul to begin a process of salvation. When your mouth begins to agree with truth, it does something to the heart. I don’t care what truth it is. Honestly, it works on anything. The mouth beginning to agree with truth begins to train your mind and your heart and to establish your heart and your mind pertaining to that truth. But when it comes to this powerful understanding of the redemptive work of the cross, and you believe in your heart, and you believe unto the righteousness that you already have and

the confession of the mouth brings a salvation to the soul. That is a beautiful journey, and it's called life and peace.

Paul says, "For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" And what are these preachers supposed to be preaching to get people to become believers? "And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" So what message do you have to hear to begin the saving of the soul? You must hear the Gospel of Peace. What is the Gospel of Peace? It's not the Gospel of "you can have peace in your heart." The Gospel of Peace is: "Good News! God ceased all hostility toward the human race 2,000 years ago in the body of Jesus Christ. That's what makes a believer out of you. People who believe in an angry God have no salvation in their soul at all. I didn't say they weren't redeemed. They have a zeal for God but not according to knowledge. How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of Peace.

I remember reading this after I had been preaching the Gospel of Peace and letting as many people on this planet as I could let know that God was no longer angry. That his anger had been poured out at the cross and it had been satisfied. Isaiah said that God would see the suffering of Jesus' soul and be satisfied, but the church is not satisfied. God is satisfied. Isaiah said that once the covenant of peace would be made at the cross of Jesus Christ in Isaiah 54. He said that he would make a covenant of peace, and he said "and my anger, you will never see again. God said, "after the cross, I will never be angry again saith the Lord. And the covenant of peace that I make with this earth will never be removed off the face of this earth from henceforth and forever saith the Lord." And then Isaiah said, " Now the mountains may fall in the sea, and the hills may collapse but not by me saith the Lord." He assured us there was going to be catastrophic things happen on this planet, but it wouldn't be at the hand of God. How many times have I listened to Pat Robertson and Jack Van Impe and all of the ignorance of proclaiming to people that judgment is on this earth and the earthquake in Haiti was the judgment of God and the hurricanes in Florida also. Do you know what the end of that chapter says? It says, "And this is the heritage of the servants of the Lord. Every tongue that rises in judgment (after God declares peace), thou shalt condemn." For this is the heritage of the servants of the Lord. I condemn the teachings of these men.

How insulting to say that God's judgment is on anybody, when Jesus himself said when he got ready to go to the cross, "Now is the judgment of this world." There's not another judgment of this world. Do you believe Jesus didn't do what he came to do? No, Jesus did, and he came to take the judgment of this entire world, and he took it upon himself at the cross. Our ability to win people to the Lord is by preaching to them the Gospel of Peace. You show me a missionary who is going out and telling people, "First off, I want to tell you God's not angry with you." The people that believe in Christ based

on the fact that they know through Christ that God cannot be angry with them, those people begin a process of salvation for the soul. That type of peace that reigns in the heart can be the most powerful thing that ever happened to a human being.

“And how shall they preach except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel.” What gospel? Not everybody has believed the Gospel of Peace. “For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?” Who has believed that God’s not angry anymore? Who has believed it? Not many, I can tell you that. Preachers make too much money out of preaching an angry God and trying to get you to give money and make commitments and submit to the leadership and eldership and to try to avert any anger or judgment or wrath coming from God. Let me tell you something: They are liars, and they are insulting the very blood of Jesus Christ, which was shed for you. Your obedience to any minister, your paying of tithes does not remove any curse from your house. The power of the blood of Jesus 2,000 years ago removed every curse, took away any possible anger, any possible retribution that would ever come to your life 2,000 years ago. To have people claiming to be men and women of God standing up and threatening you with anger and punishment and wrath and curses because you don’t obey is the most anti-Christ thing you will hear in your life. I don’t care if it’s preached in every church around the globe. It is anti-Christ doctrine. When Jesus went to the cross, he said, “Now is the judgment of this world. And if I be lifted up, I’m going to draw it all unto me.” And he did. Isaiah spoke of the Day of Judgment; he spoke of the Day of the Lord, and that day happened 2,000 years ago.

“So then faith cometh by hearing...” Wow! I know you’ve heard this verse. You always heard it, but you never heard it in context. Have you ever heard, “Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word”? Do you know what it’s context is? The context is that faith comes when you hear that God’s not angry with you. Faith comes when? It’s not when, as preachers say, “read the Bible, read the Bible, read the Bible...then faith comes.” A lot of people read the Bible, read the Bible, read the Bible and they become an Atheist. There’s a certain message that creates faith. It’s called the Gospel of Peace. I’m not taking this out of context. If you do not know that God is not angry at all anymore, you have no faith. You’re still going to heaven. You might get there and say, “How the hell did I get here?” There is no faith in the heart of anyone who believes in an angry God. The only way that faith can come is through the word of the Gospel of Peace. The term “peace” means the cessation of all hostilities. Good News! There’s been a cessation of all hostilities. And that faith begins the process of the saving of the soul.

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.” You mean the Gospel was supposed to be preached to all the world and then the end would come? And their voice has already gone out into all the earth? “But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you. But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not;” God made a covenant with people who never looked for him at all. I am redeemed, not because I went looking for

God. I'm redeemed because God sought after me through the power of his Son. "I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me." What do we do with that? If you don't ask, you don't get it right? That's what we were told. What did Isaiah say? "I was made manifest to them that never even asked." "But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people."

My heart's desire and prayer to God for the Christian community is that they might be saved. For I declare unto you that they have a zeal for God but not according to knowledge. For they, going about to try to establish their own righteousness, have never submitted themselves to the righteousness which is of God because they're still trying to be right with God. I submit to you that the Christian community has no faith, because faith comes by hearing the word. Specifically, what word? The Gospel of Peace. If you've never had somebody stand up and preach to you that God is not angry anymore; that all of his wrath and anger was absorbed in the body of Jesus Christ, and you have not had the opportunity to embrace that, faith has not even started in you at all. I know you believe in Jesus, but I'm talking about the faith that does something to the heart. The faith that begins to bring regeneration. The faith that begins to cause the heart to see yourself differently. You cannot see yourself differently until the moment that you know that God is not angry with you. You'll never see somebody else on this planet differently until you know that God is not angry with anybody else on the face of this planet earth.

The book of Luke records when Jesus was born that the angels got so excited. They gathered together. It says the angels appeared and then some time later the whole host of heaven showed up. In my mind I see some of the angels got so excited that they got there first, they just couldn't wait. Then it's like the rest of the angels showed up just a little bit later. Do you know what they were saying when Jesus was born? What have we heard in Christmas carols and songs? What have you been told it says that the angels said? "Peace on earth, good will toward men.(?)" It does not say that. What it says is, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good will toward men." There is no prophecy that talks about peace between people. The prophecy that the angels got so excited about was that there's going to be peace from God toward men; nothing but peace and good will. The angels could have gotten excited about a lot of things at the birth of Jesus. They could have gotten excited about healing, but the angels had seen healing. Read some of the Old Testament. Some of the most amazing healings that ever took place was in the Old Testament. Prosperity? Did they get all excited about prosperity? There is nothing that touched the wealth of Solomon. Still to this day, Bill Gates is just a drop in the bucket compared to the wealth of David or Solomon. Miracles? Angels had seen miracles. What did the angels get excited about? They got excited about the one thing they had never seen on planet earth: God was about to declare peace and his anger would never be seen again on this planet.

Those who embrace the Gospel of Peace, it is guaranteed the Gospel of Peace will embrace you. It is the foundation for faith. It's not "a" foundation for faith. It is "the" foundation. This is good news folks. Nobody ever told me these things. Nobody ever read or taught me anything in context, in all the meetings I've been in around this world. I used to work with Benny Hinn and John Osteen, Joel Osteen's father. John Osteen was

one of the most wonderful men I think I ever met in my life. I remember Benny would come in and hear me in the morning and then I would go in and hear him. We were sharing the platform together. Dwight Thompson and Norvel Hayes were there too.

Back in the day, we told people if they didn't say just the right words that they couldn't be blessed and they couldn't prosper. If you were negative, you had to lie. Lying for Jesus. Isn't that something? I'm telling you that there's firm ground where to place your feet instead of in all of these bizarre things and revelations. It's something that's in context. Something that can minister strength and stability to your soul and to your mind and let your heart be at peace. I ask you to stop and ask yourself, "Has your heart been kinder than your doctrine? I think it has been. If your heart has been kinder than your doctrine, let me assure you it is not your heart that is wrong. Faith is established in the heart by the Gospel of Peace. So let it be.