

## **CC Hastings 10/19/19 – TRIUMPH IN FAITH OVER TRIALS AND AFFLICTIONS – VICTORY OVER THE DAILY GRIND OF LIFE**

### **RECENT TEXT FROM PASTOR DOUG:**

Many of you have experienced these recently: depression, anxiety, panic attacks, outbursts of anger, hopelessness, and lethargy. Whilst there may be biological or circumstantial factors that initiate these things (job loss, new baby, illness, etc.) Satan seizes the opportunity to launch a spiritual attack against you. You must be on our guard and be equipped to detect and defeat him.

Here are your best weapons against Satan: A B C D.

A = Pray (about everything, whenever, wherever, pray alone, and pray with others. Worship, thank, intercede, and ask)

B = Bible (read it daily, meditate on what you've read, believe it, and do it)

C = Church (go to the services whether you feel like it or not. Go to worship, receive, and serve. The devil wants to isolate you, but there is safety in numbers.)

D = Disciple (share the gospel. God could've taken you to heaven the moment you received Christ, but one of the reasons He left you here is to tell others the Good News about Him. God has saved your soul, so look to save other souls from Satan's power.)

### **Intro:**

#### **HOW BIG IS YOUR GOD?**

- **Gen 1:In the beginning God! And God said! Gen. 1:26 – Man Created in the Image of God! And God said! – last one - TO THEM**
- **Isa. 40:12 measured the waters in the hollow of His hand. Consider the thousands of miles of oceans in the Atlantic & Pacific. –**
- **Measured heaven with a span! 16 billion light years?**
- **He weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance. The Earth's weight is estimated at 13 billion, trillion tons!**
- **Isa. 40:26 Who brings out their host (stars) by number; He calls them all by name. The number of galaxies has been estimated to be 100 billion, with the number of stars per galaxy of 100 billion, resulting in total of stars in the universe estimated at 70 billion trillion!**

## **WITH THE BACKDROP OF HOW BIG OUR GOD IS – TRIUMPH IN FAITH OVER TRIALS AND AFFLICTIONS – VICTORY OVER THE DAILY GRIND OF LIFE**

### **ROMANS 5:1-12 -EIGHT BLESSINGS, FROM GOD, TO HELP US**

*Justified (Sins Forgive and Not Remembered....Just as if we had never sinned)*

*3:23-24 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24] being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, Peace with God*

## *Through Faith*

*(BLESSING # 1) Rom 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

- NO LONGER AT WAR WITH HIM.
- GONE FROM HIS FOE TO HIS FRIEND
- NO LONGER IN FEAR OF HIS WRATH TOWARD ENEMIES, BUT TO BEING HIS CHILD THROUGH THE CROSS

*(BLESSING # 2) Rom 5:2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand,*

- ACCESS – PRIVILEGE OF APPROACHING A PERSON OF HIGH RANK
- CAN APPROACH THE KING OF KINGS, LORD OF LORDS, OUR MAKER AND CREATOR AT ANY TIME – DAY OR NIGHT
- HE IS ALWAYS EAGER TO LISTEN TO ME

*(BLESSING # 3) and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

- TODAY I REJOICE IN THE HOPE (FULL ASSURANCE, TOTALLY CONFIDENT) IN MY SALVATION AND IN THE GLORY OF GOD!

*(BLESSING # 4) Rom 5:3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, (blessing # 4)*

- TO GLORY! IN HEAVY, CRUSHING PRESSURE - IMAGINE THAT!
- ROMANS USING STONES ON CHEST TO GET CONFESSION
- JAMES SAYS TO COUNT IT ALL JOY WHEN WE FALL INTO VARIOUS TRIALS (TEMPTATIONS)
- ROMANS 8:28..FOR GOOD – MAKE ME CHRIST LIKE OUT OF THIS!
- NOT ABLE TO SEE MOMENTARILY PURPOSES OF GOD IN COMPLETE CYCLE, ONLY PRESENT HARDSHIP, DIFFICULTY, PAIN AND SUFFERING
- HOW QUICKLY CAN I SEE GOD’S HAND IN THIS?

*knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;*

- REASON WE CAN GLORY IN WHATEVER GOD PUTS US IN, IS KNOWING THAT TRIBULATION PRODUCES PERSEVERANCE – SO NEEDED AND NECESSARY!

*Rom 5:4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope.*

- SO PERSERVERANCE – STICK TO ITIVENESS, ABILITY TO NOT QUIT, BUT TO FINISH WHATEVER HE HAS US IN, WITH HIS HELP
- KNOWING TDHAT PERSEVERANCE WILL TURN INTO CHARACTER – APPROVED, DESIRABLE CHARACTER, WHICH DOESN’T COME AN EASIER WAY!
- THERE ARE SCARS AND PAIN, BUT LIKING THE CHARACTER THAT

**RESULTS!**

- **THEN KNOWING THAT CHARACTER PRODUCES HOPE! SURE CONFIDENCE**
- **HE WHO HAS BEGUN A GOOD WORK, WILL COMPLETE IT ON THAT DAY OF CHRIST JESUS!**
- **GOD IS GOING TO FINISH WHAT HE HAS BEGUN IN ME!**
- **THE CONFIDENCE THAT HE IS GOING TO TAKE ME ALL THE WAY INTO GLORY!**

*Rom 5:5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

- **PAUL IS DECLARING GOD IS GOING TO TAKE US ALL THE WAY THROUGH THESE TRIBULATIONS.**
- **IN THE MIDDLE OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, SAY – GOD IF I KNOW I’M OKAY WITH YOU, THEN I’M ALL RIGHT, BUT I HAVE TO KNOW I’M OKAY WITH YOU!**
- **THE LORD JUST POURS HIS GRACE AND HIS LOVE OUT, RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF TRIBULATION, BECAUSE HE KNOW WE NEED IT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT!**

*(BLESSING # 5) Rom 5:6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.*

- **WE HAVE A GOD WHO LOVES US, SO, SO MUCH!**
- **HE KNEW WHAT HE WAY DYING FOR!**
- **IT WAS FOR YOU AND FOR ME – DYING FOR THE UNGODLY!**
- **MAYBE ONCE IN A WHILE SOMEONE WILL GIVE THEIR LIFE FOR ANOTHER**

*Rom 5:7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.*

- **A MUCH HIGHER LOVE THAN MAN’S LOVE, GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS LOVE TOWARD THE UNGODLY!**
- **WHEN WE WERE STILL SINNERS CHRIST DIED FOR US!**
- **THE BLESSING – WE HAVE A GOD WHO LOVES US! THAT IS THE MOTIVATION OF GOD IN HIS SALVATION**

*Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

- **THAT’S WHY HE LOVES US! NOT LOVELY, BUT BECAUSE HE IS LOVE!**
- **THE CROSS IS NOT THE DEMONSTRATION OF OUR WORTH, OUR WORKS, BUT IT IS THE DEMONSTRATION OF HIS LOVE FOR US – EVEN AT OUR WORST!**
- **IN VS. 3-5 -SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT! JUST BECAUSE WE’RE**

**SAVED - IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT LIFE IS ALWAYS GOING TO BE EASY! THAT THERE WON'T BE TRIALS AND DIFFICULTIES!**

- **BUT THAT IN THE MIDDLE OF THESE TRIALS GOD WANTS US TO KNOW THAT HE LOVES US**
- **THAT'S WHEN WE REALLY NEED TO KNOW THAT HE LOVES US!**
- **HOW DO WE KNOW THAT HE LOVES US? THE CROSS!**
- **EVERY SINGLE TIME YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW MUCH GOD LOVES YOU HE DIRECTS OUR GAZE, ALWAYS TO ONE PLACE – THAT IS CALVARY!!!!!!**
- **THAT WHERE HE DEMONSTRATED HIS LOVE!**
- **SO WHEN YOU ARE IN TRIBULATION AND THERE IS THAT PERSEVERANCE THAT'S HAPPENING, YOUR CHARACTER BEING DEVELOPED, OUR TENDENCY IS TO THINK HE DOESN'T LOVE ME. HE HATES ME!**
- **HE REDIRECTS US BACK TO THE CROSS, SAYING THAT'S MY DEMONSTRATION OF MY LOVE FOR YOU! THAT'S THE ONE PLACE YOU CAN ALWAYS LOOK TO AND TELL HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU!**

*(BLESSING # 6) Rom 5:9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.*

- **SAVED FROM THE WRATH OUR SIN DESERVES, SAVED FROM THE WRATH OF THE GREAT TRIBULATION, WHEN GOD'S WRATH WILL BE Poured OUT ON A CHRIST REJECTING WORLD!**
- **WHAT A BLESSING! I WILL NEVER FACE HIS WRATH THAT I DESERVE! ALL I WILL EVER FACE IS HIS LOVE!**

*(BLESSING # 7 Reconciliation) Rom 5:10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.*

- **ALL BARRIERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN DOWN BY THE CROSS!**
- **WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO HAVE RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM!**

*(BLESSING # 8 Rejoicing in God Rom 5:11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.*

- **SINCE HE NEVER CHANGES – NEVER IN A BAD MOOD! NEVER STINGY. NEVER THIS OR THAT!**
- **SINCE HE IS THE SOURCE OF MY JOY AND HE IS UNCHANGING, THEN I ALWAYS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR JOY!**
- **SO MY JOY ISN'T IN THE THINGS OF THE WORLD, IN MY CIRCUMSTANCES. I HAVE THE BLESSING OF HAVING MY JOY IN HIM!**

**APPLICATION:**

**1 DOES YOUR FAITH JUSTIFY YOU? ARE YOU JUSTIFIED BY YOUR FAITH?**

**2 DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE EIGHT GIFTS – BENEFITS & PRIVILEGES, FROM JUSTIFICATION FOR YOU?**

- 1 V.1 Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ
- 2 V.2A Access to His grace in which we stand
- 3 V.2B Rejoicing in hope of the glory of God – I know I'm saved, that I am His forever!
- 4 V.3 Glorifying in Tribulation; producing perseverance; to approved character; to hope. Remember to look for the sovereign hand of God upon our trials, that He is using them for our good, to see a divine purpose in them. We need to trust the Lord.
- 5 V.8 God demonstrated His love for us-while we were yet sinners-Christ died for us!
- 6 V.9 Saved from wrath through Him!
- 7 V.10-11 Received reconciliation with God by the death of His Son – every barrier taken down by the cross - relationship with Him.
- 8 V. 11We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**3 WILL YOU TAKE THE COMFORT THESE GIFTS GIVE TO YOU?**

**4 WILL YOU DO THE DUTY IT CALLS FOR FROM US**

- **LOVE GOD – TRUSTING TOTALLY IN HIM, NOT DISTRACTED BY THE WORLD, GIVING YOURSELF, YOUR PROBLEMS, TRIALS, AFFLICTIONS, COMPLETELY TO HIM?**
- **LOVE ONE ANOTHER – BE A TRANSFORMER NOT A CONFORMER?**

*ROM. 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.*

*And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove (to try, to test, to determine) what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

**What a blessing it is to be here today and for the source of my joy in life, as a child of God, is to be His – today and forever!**