

Why God

Last month I talked about the Grace of God and how it is God through the Holy Spirit who ministers through us and not us regardless of our selves basically. I thought well maybe someone may take this to the extreme and think they can wilfully sin and still be used by God or get what they want from God, so I thought I had better add to what I wrote last month.

Rom 8:1-8 *There is therefore now no condemnation to those in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to flesh, but according to Spirit. For the Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus set me free from the law of sin and of death. For the Law being powerless, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh, so that the righteous demand of the Law might be fulfilled in us, those not walking according to flesh, but according to Spirit. For the ones that are according to flesh mind the things of the flesh. And the ones according to Spirit mind the things of the Spirit. For the mind of the flesh is death, but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace; because the mind of the flesh is enmity towards God; for it is not being subjected to the Law of God, for neither can it be. And those being in the flesh are not able to please God.*

The above scripture shows us that we should not feel condemned about our lives as we have been set free by the blood of Jesus. Yet at the same time the writer says that this only applies to those who walk after the things of the spirit and not the flesh. Many times when we are believing God for something we don't get it like praying for "things" or healing or finances etc, we turn around and ask "**Why God?**" The grace of God can be limited in our lives according to how and what we do during the week. Some people may seem all holy and righteous but like in Jesus' days there are pharisees and sadducees today, those that seem clean on the outside but are really dirty on the inside.

You may ask what am I talking about? I am talking about people that "live in sin", not those who sin occasionally and make a mistake but those who continually live in sin, their prayers will not be heard according to **1Peter 3:1-7**, yes this may be talking about husbands and wives but I believe it would also apply to all Christians as we are also seen as the bride of Christ.

Many people automatically think of sexual sin when you say "living in sin". But the word shows us that there are secret sins, like all through **Matthew 5** Jesus talks about Hate is as Murder and Lust as Adultery, not sticking to your word is as a sin as well, unfortunately people have been programmed to see the outward things in our lives as sin like smoking, drinking, sex outside of marriage, taking drugs etc and all the big bold print we see in the media a lot. When all the time we might hate our parents and no one knows about it, we lie or exaggerate stories, just little white lies, or we are gluttons and overweight because we have no control over our eating habits and food may be a god to us, we can not but help ourselves to eat that chocolate or ice-cream.

So what am I trying to say? Not everyone including me is as holy as you may think! /Everyone has their own little secret sin between them and God, like Anger, Hatred, Gluttony, despising others, envy, unforgiveness, and the list can go on forever, each one of us knows we have something in our life that God wants us to deal with and it is a sin at that point because once we know God wants us to deal with it the Bible shows us in **1John 1:8** that we all have sin and if we think we don't we are only fooling ourselves, and it tells us that truth is not in us and God is truth.

I will get to the point! If your prayers are not being answered, with either a **yes or a no** (God **does** say no too) stop and take a spiritual check of your life. Is there something stopping it. Be truthful to yourself and to God and say hey, I have a problem with, anger, hatred, lust etc. Stop looking at other people's lives and judging them as well Judging others is a sin too. What type of judging I mean is "condemning judgement", speaking about them behind their back etc. Once we have got all that out of the way, then we can say OK God I have repented and asked for forgiveness, please answer my prayer. But also be ready for God to say NO! He promises us certain things in the Bible like prosperity, healing, peace, love, joy etc but they all come with an "**IF**" or a "**when**" we do something else.

If you are believing God for finances, do you bless others financially? If you are believing for healing do you pray for others healing? Or do you sit back and say they have sin because they are not blessed? That my friend is judging! So maybe you tithe, and do all these things (at church) but see others in need and do nothing to help them, this could be a blockage in your life and cause you to ask "Why God". The last verses of **Romans 7** tell us that we will always sin and struggle with sin, as long as we acknowledge it, repent and ask for forgiveness, instead of continuing in it we will see God start working through us in our lives toward others.

I always say the centre of sin is "**I**", s.. i.. n if you always look out for yourself and you are selfish that is sin! The centre of pride is "**I**" p..r..i..d..e.. as well, if all you can do is talk about yourself and how great "**I** am" and what God is doing "for **me**" it is sin! Then if we can honestly look at ourselves and say we are clean, there is no reason for God to not answer my prayer. Then read **Ecclesiastes 3** there is always a timing. **Isaiah 55:8** also shows us God's thoughts and ways are above ours. Watch your mouth and what you are saying, your confession! Does it line up with what you are believing in the word, your heart attitude, it all has to do with our asking "Why God" when things do or don't happen, he looks at our heart not our mouth..

If you live a negative lifestyle you will receive a negative report in the heavens, if you live a positive lifestyle you will receive the positive, not just at church but all week long! Night and day.