

## WE ARE BLESSED Online devotion May 10, 2020

When Jesus declared on the Cross "IT IS FINISHED", he was declaring that past, present, and future debt is paid in full; the debt for every human being! He carried the weight of sin, sickness, separation from God. Every cursed thing, He paid in full. Jesus words carried such weight, that the temple curtain split in two, the earth shattered, and heaven opened, rocks split, and tombs were broken open! God so loved the world, that He gave His son Jesus: "For this is how much God loved the world – he gave his one and only, unique Son as a gift. So, everyone who believes in him will never perish but experience everlasting life" John 3:16 TPT

Words carry weight and coming into agreement with the Word of God is a powerful and weighty thing. When we take hold of the Word of God and speak it out, declare it, over a situation in our life, we are releasing the power of God, into that situation. The words we speak are to be a blessing to others, to inspire, to encourage and to lift up.

The Lord spoke to Moses, and told him, to get Aaron, to bless the children of Israel, with these words: -

*"The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace."* Numbers 6: 24-26 NKJV

What a blessing! This blessing is for us today!! We are called and blessed. The Lord has called us by name, for His purpose. (2 Peter 1:3-4 NIV)

Over this time, our daily lives, have been changed dramatically, There has been plenty of time to reflect. Time to listen, to what God is speaking to us, on things of the present, and things of the past in our lives. In 1 Samuel 3, we read of Samuel as a boy, called by name by the Lord; the Lord came and stood there, calling as at other times, "*Samuel, Samuel!*" Then Samuel said "*Speak for your servant is listening*" 1 Samuel 3:10 NIV

So, this is a time of listen, more than any other time, to what the Lord is saying, and being ready to move forward, in a new way. The Lord says in Isaiah 42:9 "*Behold the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; Before they spring forth I tell you of them*" He lets His people know His plans – He is speaking to us, now, of the days ahead.

The power, of the words we speak, that line up with the Word of God, will see mountains be moved as we continue praying with words of truth, with weight, that will protect and set free. Speaking the scriptures in faith, over every situation, will see changes come, because faith comes by hearing the message and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

*"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God"* (Romans 10:17 NIV)

All God's promises are Yes and Amen! (2 Corinthians 1:20) and His words are a lamp to your feet and a light on your path. (Ps 119:105)

The Passion Translation puts it this way, "*Faith, then, is birth in a heart that responds to God's anointed utterance of the Anointed One*" (Romans 10:17 TPT)

Words can bless, or curse. You may have had words spoken over you by others, that were negative, or you have spoken them over yourself. A word of blessing is far greater, and more powerful, than any words that are negative. When we choose to forgive someone and then bless them, we are moving out of a trap of the enemy, and into something new, a freedom that has already been won for us by Jesus at the Cross. Our faith in Jesus, transfers God's righteousness to us, and he now declares us flawless in his eyes.

*“This means we can now enjoy true and lasting peace with God, all because of what our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One, has done for us. Our faith guarantees us permanent access into this marvellous kindness that has given us a perfect relationship with God. What incredible joy bursts forth within us as we keep on celebrating our hope of experiencing God’s glory! But that is not all! Even in times of trouble we have a joyful confidence, knowing that our pressures will develop in us patient endurance. And patient endurance will refine our character, and proven character leads us back to hope. And this hope is not a disappointing fantasy, because we can now experience the endless love of God cascading into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who lives in us!” (Romans 5:1-5 TPT)*

We enjoy peace with God! We have entered into the union with God’s peace, and so enjoy lasting friendship with God.

What is happening in your life right now? If you are looking for this new life, may we encourage you to ask Jesus Christ into your life today - even now. He wants to be with you in every circumstance. And He has already paid the price for what every has happened in your past, whatever is happening today, and on into the future. A simple prayer starts the relationship, starts the journey:

*Jesus I am sorry for my sin and I believe that you love me, and you died on the Cross and rose again, to set me free. I receive you now. in Jesus Name. Amen.*

If you have invited Christ into your life today, please contact us during the week so we can walk alongside you or provide you with what you need wherever you are. Best initial contact at the moment is: [info@suncitycc.org.au](mailto:info@suncitycc.org.au) This is the biggest choice you will have ever made, and the best, for your future and all those around you.

If you already love and serve the Lord, then receive this afresh yourself, and share with many others.

*“The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.” In Jesus’ Name, Amen*

## **Communion**

From Matthew 26:26-29

*“And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.” NKJV*

Jesus ‘blessed’ the bread and gave thanks for the cup. Blessed from the Gk. ‘eulogeo’ (eulogy). Jesus ‘good spoke (logos – the spoken Word)’ over the bread. He ‘spoke’ into what He was about to go through bodily.

Jesus gave thanks (eucharisto) – He spoke His gratitude for what was in the cup; He spoke into what His blood was about to do.

Christ longed for this time with the disciples. He longs for the time He will drink it new with us in His Father’s kingdom. Until that time, every time we share ‘communion’ with Him, or at other times in the presence of others, we choose to remember **who He is and what He accomplished**. As often as we do this, we proclaim His death until He comes. 1 Corinthians 11.