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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RAYMOND

As we approach Good Friday, Jesus being under arrest, sentenced to crucifixion, nailed to the cross where He dies. During these events the completion for our salvation was accomplished. We should also bear in mind that salvation was now completed for all generations to come. Today I would challenge you to see how complete is Christ's sacrifice for you and your life.

Nothing was left undone, so for every eventuality and every experience which you may have had and which you will have, Christ's sacrifice has the potential for you to be healed, released, set free, forgiven, has been fulfilled. The 'all inclusive' sacrifice has everything which you will ever need. It has been accomplished. This however doesn't automatically become active in your life, you have to tap into it. You have to 'by faith' release the full potential of Christ's sacrifice into your life.

As I was praying this week I was praying in relation to 'healing of the body'. I know, as you know, that Christ bore our sickness and diseases upon His body as He walked to Calvary. As I was praying my thoughts went to the pain and aches that we often at times experience, some more troublesome than others, and I thought "How do we often pray about this?" Well, we bring the pain, the problem part of our body to Christ, and ask that, in the Name of Jesus we might be healed. Christ not only took upon Himself all our sicknesses and diseases but He also in exchange healed us. So amongst all our pain and suffering Christ declares that we have been healed. So I thought, maybe instead of praying for healing we should be handing over our pain and sickness to Jesus and then instead of asking for healing we should be thanking Him for already healing us. It is done.

This is just one area of many in which Jesus took upon Himself these things as He was led out to Calvary. So within our emotions, our past history of life experiences prior to salvation, Jesus has already healed, forgiven, and set us free. We need to embrace this and to begin **thanking** Him for what He has already done for us. Nothing more can be added and nothing should be detracted from this all one time sacrifice for us all.

As you reflect on the Sacrifice of Christ allow the Spirit of God to enrich your salvation by the revelation of this to you, allowing your needs to be brought to Him and in asking, or should I say, in the offering of those things to Christ, thank Him for bearing those things in His Body at Calvary. Simply **thank** Him for His victory over them which when you are in Christ becomes your victory. AMEN.
Don't let this time of Good Friday pass you by. Really let the Spirit of God bring to you afresh what this all means and may you become more complete in Christ as you do this.

Jesus upon the cross said . . . "It is finished". With that He bowed His head and gave up His Spirit" - John9 v 30. "It is finished", salvation complete. Nothing more could be done, nothing more needed. So in Christ your salvation is complete, this means that everything you need for living your life for Christ has been now made available. We have to exercise 'faith' to appropriate our needs being fulfilled and completed in Christ for our total salvation.

When we come to Christ praying the 'sinners prayer' we are spiritually reborn as that of a new born baby. We then have to grow spiritually in Christ. First He helps us, feeds us, teaches us, and as we grow we have to do things for ourselves. God says it is readily available for you to help yourself to it. You have now got to learn how to apply this to your life. All the instructions you need are found in the scriptures when you find and apply it in faith. Without faith it is impossible to please God. So everything we do is now based on 'faith'.

To apply more of the full sacrifice of Christ into our lives we do so through 'faith'. "I understand what you say about this Father, I now apply your teaching to receive my miracle in 'faith'". Did you know that you can rehearse and recite scripture all day and yet the scriptures don't have any impact, or very little, unable to achieve those things that you seek. Why? Because you have to apply the scriptures in 'faith', that those words of scripture become real, active, alive. And as you believe those scriptures so they will work in you.

Today as we reflect on the days leading up to Calvary, the walk of Christ to Calvary, His selfless dying upon the Cross, freely shedding His precious blood, allow the Holy Spirit to minister to you so that in 'faith' God speaks to you and you receive from God all that He has to offer you today.

All in the Name of Jesus, with Thanksgiving . . . AMEN.