

'NEW LIFE HEALING CENTRE'

(The Bethel)

Torrington Street, East-The-Water
Bideford EX39 4DP



Pastor Raymond Stacey

01237 472308

*Breaking into God's Plan
& Purpose for your life*

RELEASE
The Sacrifice of Christ

from

SLAVERY
Bondage

to

FREEDOM
New life/healing/Deliverance

www.bethelbideford.co.uk

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RAYMOND

Having confessed your 'sin', since the fall of man we all have been born into this world, separated from God, and for us all to be united to God, Jesus Christ came into this world and upon the cross of Calvary took all 'sin' upon Himself and bought for us all 'forgiveness'.

The 'forgiveness' that Christ now offers to us all has been received by God and now, as we put our faith in Christ, God receives us as His. It is in this act of 'believing' that the Bible tells us that we become alive in our 'spirit'.

Once our spirit is made alive in Christ this spirit of ours cannot die. If God has made our spirit alive our old original spirit becomes dead. Therefore God has raised us already to 'new life'. And so the bible tells us - *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old is gone, the new has come."* All this is from God who reconciled us to Himself through Christ. *2 Cor. 5 v 17-18*.

Verse 19 tells us. *"That God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ not counting men's sins against them . . ."* *We implore you on Christ's behalf; Be reconciled to God. God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God". V 20-21.*

To be reconciled to God means to be brought back into friendship, to be accepted by God. In Christ the unpleasant condition that we were in has been rectified, and Christ was the One who put everything right, and as we believe in Him, so God puts us morally justified. We cannot do anything in our own abilities to put this right, we are utterly and totally dependent, 100%, upon God. Therefore, if God has made the means available for us, surely it is in all of our interest to 'accept and receive' this free salvation. Without it we are separated from God. In it we are united to God.

You might say, "Well I don't believe it, I don't believe in God, and if there is a God why does He let the things go on which goes on? Why doesn't He stop it?" Well, 'sin' is a deadly thing. Man outside of God is driven by 'sin'. Sin, being disobedient to God and rebellious to God, to name two areas in which it infiltrates, man lives by these desires outside of God, having no regard for right relationships to one another. This in itself brings tension, greed, control, self-centredness, when people live under these desires men will stop at nothing to get what they want.

The sole source behind this is the devil, or satan as he is known. The Bible says this about him. *"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy". . .* He is destructive through and through, hence the problems in life, homes, societies, and in the world. Jesus however said, *"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full"* - *John 10 v 10*. So the problems in life are to do with the consequences of sin and the one who enticed Adam and Eve to disobey God. Christ gave of Himself, allowed His precious blood to be shed on the cross for our pardon.

If we still have a problem to believe God, take a look at creation, the wonder of nature, the beautiful colours in nature and in the creation of animals, the birds and the fish in the sea. Nearly everyone is impressed by nature. Why? Because this points us once more to God who created it. This is such a powerful statement as to who God is. The Bible tells us that because of 'creation', when we all as individuals stand before God at the time of judgement, we will all be without excuse as to why we didn't believe in Him.

“For since the creation of the world, God’s invisible qualities – His eternal power and divine nature -have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse”. - Romans 1 v 20.

So we should be encouraged today for God has given us two powerful means by which to know Him. Firstly the visible world of His creation, and also the total free will sacrifice of His beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who died, was buried, and who now is ALIVE. Today place your faith and trust in Christ, for in Him is eternal life given with the Father. In Jesus Name, AMEN.

And to those who have already put their trust and hope in the Risen Christ be encouraged.

John 3 v 16 - “For God so loved the world that He gave His One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life” . . . AMEN and AMEN.