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## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RAYMOND

The death of Jesus Christ, how do you view and understand this? Is it “yes, Jesus Christ shed His precious blood on the cross at Calvary for the redemption and forgiveness of sin”. But as you study the scriptures and understand the consequences of what sin is, you will discover that Christ’s sacrifice brings more than you realise.

Life with its challenges often effect us more than we recognise. Its ups and downs and twists and turns can determine the person we become. We all get knocked about and bruised as we continue daily to deal with what life throws at us, and more often than not these challenging events in our lives are often from the hands of other people. When we pause for a moment and assess what is happening in ‘my life’ and how ‘I am doing’, we see how ‘people’ maybe, are mistreating ‘me’. Family can and often do take each other for granted, or “if only they understood me”. “Friends can equally mistreat me or just use me when they want me”.

We are in general a ‘sensitive being’. God gave us feelings and emotions, areas that we tend to nurture and can be ‘hurt’ very easily. As we mature in life we can put ‘safety barriers’ up or develop a ‘hard skin’ nature. Meaning we won’t let people ‘hurt’ us. As we do this ‘the very person who God intended us to be becomes hidden, buried in the onslaught of life. Some react by saying, “that’s just the way I am”. Others can react by becoming subdued or withdrawn.

Today as we reflect upon the ‘person which I have become’, are you in a place where you see yourself as God sees you. Or do you say to yourself, “This is how I am”. You may have become a shadow of who you used to be. You may be unable to deal with the problems you are now facing. Maybe you’re tired of being pushed around or bullied, even exhausted by trying to please everyone, and saying, “Yes” all the time, “I will do it”. However, it may be that because of your experiences you have become hard, and uncaring. You put up so many barriers in protecting yourself that no one can get close to you. On the other hand ‘self-contentedness’ has become you. Pushing and demanding everyone around you and ensuring that you do exactly as you want whether you hurt others or not.

It is interesting to see how we all have become who we are and what has influenced us. On the cross Christ took upon Himself all the things of this world and how they influence us. We all at times become ‘selfish’, we get ‘hurt’ and feel ‘overwhelmed’, we may find it at times, hard to ‘carry on’. During these times it is because we have ‘lost our way’. We have got ‘exhausted’ we have been ‘buffeted about’.

Throughout our lives we cannot always change the way we are nor the way we have to go, but through it all if we allow the power of the death of Christ to work in us, we will be able to pass through hard times, ‘dark days’, with great strength and purpose. We come through the tunnel being changed in the way that we become the person who God created us to be. There is no problem or difficulty that you will ever encounter which is too big or too hard for God. If this is the case then as you walk with God, He will enable you to ‘overcome’ all your problems, He will enable you to be the person who you are supposed to be, not who others are making you to be.

Not only this, through our lives, God is transforming us to become able to live in ‘Eternity’, His Kingdom, where all the ‘consequences of sin’ like death, disease, sickness, spiritual demon attacks and influences into a persons character, everything that separates us from God, is being dealt with so that each one of us creates a

deep loving relationship with God our Father, through His beloved Son the 'Lord Jesus Christ' given to us and revealed to us be the 'Holy Spirit'.

The Lord Jesus Christ, on His way to Calvary and upon the cross, took every pain and hurt and situation that we face upon Himself to give us healing and victory. So today yield your life, your circumstances, your nature and character, over to Him. Receive His healing and transforming power into your life. Be the person who God says you are. Learn to get to know this person and be glad .

In Jesus Name . . . AMEN.