

Ecclesia Gathering Breakdown

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Big Idea:

- As was the case for us all, well-meaning “Christians” are walking around today having had their “sin debt” forgiven through the finished work of Christ on the cross and through the crucifixion, only to diminish their impact in and upon this world by retaining “functional debt”. Therefore, as ambassadors of Christ, we cannot view others by the flesh - who they were before their death in Christ, but we must view them by the Spirit. take on the **ministry of reconciliation** by releasing the **word of reconciliation** which speaks to not only who they have become, but more importantly, who they were always meant to be.

Key Words (tags) & Phrases:

- “mostly dead” (Romans 6, 7, 8)
- “regard no man by the flesh” (2 Cor. 5)
- “word of reconciliation” (2 Cor. 5)
- “ministry of reconciliation” (2 Cor. 5)
- “debt” (Romans 6)
- “identity” (The New Testament)
- “enmity” (Ephesians 2:14-16; Romans 8:7; Colossians 1:21)
- “consumer, producer, distributor”
- “ambassadors for Christ” (2 Corinthians 5:20)
- “law of Christ” (Matthew 22)
- “law of faith” (Romans 3:27)
- “law of the Spirit of life in Christ Yahshua” (Romans 8:2)

Quotes:

- “If our **identity** is not established and complete in Christ, we accrue debt.”
- “**Debt** takes place when you value something of this world greater than you value that which Yahweh wants to give you from His world.” (John 3:27)
- “You can’t hate a dead man!”
- “You know that you died fully in Christ because, if so, it takes the Holy Spirit to bring you back to life.”
- “**Prosperity** - to take on more Kingdom responsibility and maintain the excellence of Christ.
- “Yahweh wants to increase your **capacity and internal architecture** to build more broadly and accurately.”
- “Submit to the **lordship and authority of Christ** and deliverance will come.”
- “**Cheap grace** is where you die to things but are only mostly dead

Scriptures:

- **2 Corinthians 5:14-21**

14 For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; **15** and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. **16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh.** Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. **17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.** **18** Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the **ministry of reconciliation**, **19** that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the **word of reconciliation**. **20** Now then, we are **ambassadors for Christ**, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. **21 For He (YHWH) made Him (Yahshua) who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness (accepted, approved, valuable) of God in Him.**

- **Romans 8:11-14**

11 But **if the Spirit** of Him who raised Jesus from the dead **dwells in you**, He who raised Christ from the dead **will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.** **12** Therefore, brethren, we are debtors--not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. **13** For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **14 For as many as are [continually] led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.**

- **Matthew 22:36-40**

36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" **37** Jesus said to him, **"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."** **38** This is the first and great commandment. **39** And the second is like it: **'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'** **40** On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

- **Galatians 6:1-2**

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. **2** Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill **the law of Christ.**

Discussion Questions: (Choose from the list below or develop your own)

- Contrast your past life in Christ as a child of Yahweh destined for heaven one day to the life you live today as a son of Yahweh with spiritual eyes wide-open to who you were always meant to be.
- Discuss the difference between positional salvation (destined for heaven one day) and functional deliverance (ruling and reigning on the earth now). Identify some areas in your life that the Holy Spirit diagnosed as functional debt and the process by which those areas were changed.
- Discuss what it means to be truly dead in Christ (spiritually) versus being “mostly dead”. List some traits of those who might be mostly dead and some for those who have died in Christ and have been resurrected by the Spirit to a new man.
- Contrast the old man and the new man in Christ. How has your life changed under the new management of the Holy Spirit?
- Discuss the frustration of external mechanisms applied to change your nature that have failed. (i.e. diets, budgets, strict schedules, etc.) What were some keys to yielding to the internal presence of the Holy Spirit for a perpetual nature change?
- Remember and discuss times in your life when you faced the “crucible of sonship” and your response to authority figures who instigated change in your life. What were the benefits of yielding to Christ through their leadership or perhaps the consequences of yielding to your own fleshly and selfish desires?
- Identify the Yahweh-given authorities in your life today. Discuss the “government of love” and the servant attitude that is required of such leaders. Discuss the need to be transparent and accountable to others for growth and spiritual development.

Given the scope and breadth of the Word from last night’s service, the information given above is limited. Feel free to discuss aspects of the Word that impacted you and will influence your life going forward to the beginning.