

**THE MAGNANIMOUS MERCY OF GOD**  
**SERMON DELIVERED BY THE SOUL SPIRITUAL HEAD**  
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Brethren, this is the theme of our revelation. I continue to tell you that Our Lord Jesus Christ came and died for our sins, but you do not realize the importance of this. You profess to be a Christian; why is it that you do not acknowledge this? You claim to be a Moslem, but why is it that you do not know about Him? You are a spiritualist; why do you not know that a certain man called Jesus the Christ came and shed His blood for the sins of the entire world?

### **The Glory of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

There is a reason why His glory is greater than the glory of any other person in this world. It is not because He raised the dead, or healed the sick, it was not because He preached the Kingdom of God. It is because he gave up His life for the remission of our sins, that is why His glory has become great. He prayed and said: "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." He died for the sake of the entire world. Whether you are a Moslem, a Hindu, a Bahai, a Rosicrusian, a Christian or a pagan, He died for your sins, as He did for the whole world. He died for Adam and Eve and for generations yet unborn.

### **All Men are Descendants of Sinful Adam**

You know that Adam and Eve derailed from the path of rectitude and God expelled them from the Garden of Eden. Through that God severed His relationship with man. Whatever generic term you fall under, man is the descendant of Adam and Eve, that is why we are all sinners.

There was no righteous man on earth until now. It was through one man's offence that sin entered into the world and many were made sinners, even those who did not commit any sin. That is why Christ said, "It is expedient for me that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." The Father had sworn that except spotless blood was shed, He would not come back to man. That Spirit is the Father and the Father is the Holy Spirit.

## **Without Spirit Man Can Do Nothing**

God has only one Son and He has only one King. There is one God and one Spirit. He is the God of the blacks, the whites and the colored. He is the God of all the churches, denominations and religions. He is the God of all human beings, animals and trees. There is only one God and Father of heaven and earth. He came alone He has no deputy. When Adam and Eve, out of ignorance ate the forbidden fruit, the Holy Spirit left them and they had no one to lead them. Since they had no one to turn to they were lost. Sin set in and every person wallowed in it. With sin, came suffering. People degenerated into worshipping others gods. They called upon various gods because they were confused. The Father was creating and destroying man because of sin, Christ was sad over this. A voice asked from heaven; "Whom shall I send, who will go and save the world?" Heaven was silent. No angel volunteered." I want to explain to you the the reason for the enormity of His glory. The mercy of God is abundant with us and we must emulate our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Only Our Lord Jesus Christ Loves Man**

A man begets a son and does not give his life for the sake of his son, the same with the mother. A husband loves his wife, but does not give his life for her. But Jesus the Christ gave His life for the redemption of man-kind in this generation and in the generations to come. His love for man did not end with His crucifixion on the cross. First there were certain conditions, which He had to fulfill. God said, "Unless spotless blood is shed, he will not have anything to do with man." Many people do not know why Christ was silent about all that was said and done to Him. He was called a Beelzebub, a demon, but he did not answer them. If he had said one word, His work would have been of no effect and His blood would not have been accepted.

## **God's Condition To Return To Man**

Since God did not want to have anything to do with man again, he gave a near—impossible condition. Unless someone who was spotless, innocent and was willing to shed his blood, He would not return to man. He would not accept the blood of a sinful man. He knew that in the midst of lions it would be nearly impossible for one to be free of sins. It can be compared with an unarmed person who is sent to bring in an armed madman. The condition that God gave was so difficult that no angel accepted to come and save man. But Christ, a King imbued with mercy, thought of his brethren. He

indicated His willingness to go and save man. The Father warned Him not to go because he would be killed. But He accepted His assignment.

## **God's Pledge**

God is the truth and His words are true. He promised that if Christ would go and shed His stainless blood, He would forgive the sins of the world and would restore man to his former glory. He further promised that God himself would come and dwell with man and until eternity He will never again count sin unto man. That is the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, which no man can compete with. He is the King in this generation and in the generations to come even unto eternity. He is the ruler of heaven and earth and there is no other King. That is why no other foundation can be laid apart from that which has already been laid by Him. He alone shed His blood for the sins of mankind. He knew that there was no righteous person. God assured Him that if He would go and shed His blood He would never remember the sins of man again and He would come and dwell with them. That was why Christ had to patiently endure all that was done to Him. He was called a Beelzebub, a demon, but He answered not a word. There was nothing the world did not do to Him. He knew that if He quarreled or got angry, the world would perish. That was why He said that He knew who He was worshipping, but we know not who we worship.

## **The Suffering Of The Lord Jesus For Mankind**

They did to Him what had never been done to any man. Things that could have induced Him to say something; but he knew that if He said anything, the world would perish. He had pity for the world. That is why He restrained Himself. When they spat on Him and accused Him falsely, he did not answer. He did not impute sin unto anyone. He was conscious of the fact that if he succeeded in His assignment, all sins would be forgiven and the Father would reign supreme. He suffered for the thieves, murders and for deceitfulness, He suffered for the adulterers, He suffered for everyone. No person has ever suffered what He went through. But He endured all for the sake of mercy.

## **Proof Of His Innocence**

I am going to call witnesses to prove that He did not commit any sin and that His was innocent blood, as was required by the Father. That was why He said, "It is finished." When He was arrested and after the death sentence was passed, Judas who betrayed

Him came and threw the money before the high priests and said that He had sinned against innocent blood; He was the first witness. The second witness was Pilate's wife; she sent a messenger that morning to tell Pilate, who at that time was on the judgement seat, to have nothing to do with that righteous man, because her soul had suffered much anguish in the dream the night before. The testimony in the mouth of two or three witnesses confirms a fact. Pilate, the governor himself said, "I find no fault in him." He was the first, since God created man, who was killed without a cause. He was innocent without any stain of sin. He died for your sake and for the sins of the entire world throughout all generations. And so He redeemed us unto God. Can you see mercy at work?

### **They Killed Him Without A Cause**

Many argue that Brotherhood members do not worship Jesus, who else knows Him better than Brotherhood? He has said that no man knows the Father, except the Son and no man knows the Son, except the Father and whosoever the Son will reveal Him. He also told them, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now, howbeit when he, the spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth; for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come." Today's world is heavenly compared to 2000 years ago. Pilate asked, "Whom shall I release unto you, Jesus or Barabbas?" They answered that he should release Barabbas to them and crucify Jesus. Pilate said unto them the third time, "Why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in him." But they cried, saying, "crucify him, crucify him." Pilate took water and washed his hands saying that he had nothing to do with the blood of an innocent man. They said, "Let his blood be upon us, and upon our children, and upon our children's children, from generation to generation." All this happened in fulfillment of what was written; they hated me without a cause. He was hated, for no reason whatsoever.

### **He Died For Our Sake**

He died for your sake, and for the sake of all of us, so that we should not have any sins against us, and have a share in this Kingdom. God does not count sin unto anyone, forever and ever. I do not say that after a certain time, God will remember your sins. He will never remember your sins again for the sake of Christ. That is why no person contests this glory with our Lord Jesus Christ. Whoever claims to be greater than, or equal to Christ should put himself into fervent prayers. Christ alone is the King and

there is no other. There is no apostle, angel who has saved the entire world. Is such a person not worthy of glory?

### **First lesson: Luke 23:24**

**"Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them,  
for they know not what they do. And  
they passed his raiment, and cast lots."**

Have you heard that? Have you seen the intercession He had made for us? Right from Adam until now, He asks the Father not to count sins anymore, because we do not know what we do. There is no greater work of God, which one can boast of. Christ alone did the work of God that was why He said; "it is finished." Right from that day, God has forgiven the sins of the world. We are enjoying this grace free gratis. You should not impute sins unto anyone. God does not count sin for us, who are you to count others sins?

### **There Is No Death**

I want to tell you what happened on the day He died. Tombs opened and the ghosts of the saints from the time of Abel came out and appeared unto many. Can you not see how numerous people are today? He has broken the gates of death and overcome the grave so none of these things has dominion over man again. He alone reigns supreme; and we are all free. That is what His death, blood and resurrection has accomplished for us for eternity. We are free forever. That is why it is said, "I would not have you ignorant brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if ye believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." 1<sup>st</sup> Thes. 4:13-14. There is no death. Christ has overcome death, the grave and sin. He has the key of death and Hades. He alone rules everything in heaven and on earth forever and ever. That is why it is said; "when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. "O death, where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory?" The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law." Fortunately, we are no longer under sin. He has used His blood to wipe away our sins. Where will death come from? There is no death and there is no sin anymore.

## **All Sins Are Forgiven**

You can now realize how He has saved us. He says we should love one another. Love has no law. If we love one another we are no longer under law. We have passed from death, sin, sickness, grave, lamentations and suffering into everlasting life. If you see someone who is sick, ask him if he believes in the Lord Jesus Christ, if he says yes, ask him to confess his sins; after that take him to the water for baptism. Once he receives baptism he is well, because his sins are taken away. There is no other way. Stop fasting, praying and meditating in search of power. Your problem is that you do not know that we are no longer under sin. God does not count our sins anymore and so we should not count the sins of other people. Otherwise you are overwhelmed with darkness, you have crucified our Lord Jesus the second time and you do not believe that He came and died for the sins of the world. From the time of Adam unto this day, there had been no one who has forsaken sin; and until doomsday nobody will be able to forsake sin. If man does not forsake sin, God will continue to destroy him.

This explains why He gave Himself as a ransom. His blood is flowing right now and we are all swimming in that ocean of blood. The moment you acknowledge that you are a sinner and you do not impute sin unto others, you are free.

## **Men Are Ignorant Of What They Do**

If you go back to commit sin, it means that you have crucified Christ the second time and we have exposed Him to an open shame. He died once, so that we could abstain from sins. All those who continue in sin do not believe in Christ. Do you realize why I tell you this, do you understand this work which Christ did? The churches do not know the significance including the inhabitants of the world. I wish that we could all love one another and have mercy for one another. We should not count other people's sins, that way we are free and have no sin. We are no longer under sin, we are under grace; love one another. That is all. His blood was shed for us, and God heard His prayer when He prayed; "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." Of a truth we know not what we do.

That is why we have the thanksgiving service of the Mercy Fellowship, because mercy is worthy of having a whole week for it's celebration. It was out of mercy that Christ came. He is Mercy and the King of mercy. It was for mercy that He came from above and hung on the cross. We should have mercy for all mankind. Love one another as I love you, means to be merciful unto one another, as I am merciful unto you. It also

means that we should forgive one another as He has forgiven us. Our second lesson will reveal to you that God answered the prayer of Jesus when he said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Let our second lesson be read so that we can confirm what the blood of Christ has done for us and the entire world.

## **Second Lesson: Hebrews 8:12**

**"For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness,  
and their sins and their iniquities will I remember  
no more.**

Have you heard the answer to that prayer; "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."...

The Father heard the prayer and has forgiven the sins of the whole world throughout eternity. That is why He has come to dwell with us here on earth. Whenever you sin knock your head on the ground and ask for forgiveness. We do not offend any person but God. If God who created heaven and earth has covenanted with His son that He will not remember your sins again; who are you to count the sins of others?

## **Forgive One Another**

All those who call on the name of the Lord are saved. Brethren can you not realize that God has forgiven us all our sins: we should no longer continue in sin. We should forgive one another as God has forgiven us. Christ is the mediator of the covenant. He died for all sinners, born and unborn, also those who are dead. Christ died for the sake of all, so that they may be saved. If the world were to be enlightened, they would know the blood of Christ has redeemed all and has washed us clean. What we have to do now is to love one another. The law brought in sin and sin brought in death, but now the Holy Spirit has come and we are no longer under law, we are under grace. Love one another, that is all. Do not think evil, do not see evil, do not speak evil and do not commit evil. All you have to do is to love one another.

## **We Are Not Under The Law But Under The Holy Spirit**

It is said that when the Holy Spirit had not yet come, we were under the law and the law was our schoolmaster. But now that the Holy Spirit has come we are no longer under the law. We are directly under God. Listen to Him in all that He has to say. You have



seen that where there is no law, there is no sin, and where there is no sin, there is no death. All those who walk in the Spirit do not sin; they have no fault, now we all walk in the Spirit, in love, truth and mercy. Love one another and be merciful to one another. That is all. If you give all your wealth to the poor and give up your body to be burnt, but you do not show love to one another, it does not profit you anything.

It is said that judgment has no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment; if we do not count the sins of other, in whatever they do to us, there is no judgment for us. Do not take court action against anybody; do not defame another's character. Be at peace with everybody. That is what I want you to do. It has nothing to do with money, or your position. It is the only duty we have to perform. In this Kingdom we do not count our brethren's sins. It does not consist in paying tithes or celebrating a feast, you should not count other's sins. From that day Christ said it is finished, God did not count sins anymore. Let our golden text be read so that you may realize that this is the only condition. From now on, it is finished. In the past you did not know this. If you forgive others you have no condemnation.

#### **GOLDEN TEXT: Matthew 18:21-22**

Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, until seven times; but until seventy times seven.

#### **Mercy is the Key of Life**

Brethren have you heard that? Even if you give everything you have, but have no love, it profits you nothing. This love is not to impute sin unto others, no matter what they do to you. This is the only thing you have to do. You are witnesses to the fact that if we forgive one another, no matter what they do to us, we must show forgiveness toward them. Mercy is the key that unlocks all things. If someone accidentally hits your car, it was an accident. No one is to blame. Still you call the police. Why do you do this? Instead talk to him in love and get everything straightened out between you and him.

#### **Sinners Do Not Know What They Do**

Somebody comes to you and asks for a loan with the promise to return it at the end of the month. However, he cannot pay you back, you threaten him that he must pay his

debt. He tells you that he has no money, but you do not listen. You tell him you will teach him a lesson. I ask you what lesson are you teaching him? Christ died for your sake and for the sake of all of us, why can you not forgive and forget, as God has done for you. To whom goes this prayer: "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." It refers to the armed robbers, the drunkards, the murderers, the liars, the thieves, the prostitutes because they do not know what they are doing. We do not know what we are doing that is why God has forgiven us. One day the thief will forsake stealing, the fornicator will forsake fornication, the murderer will refrain from murdering. That is why we should forgive them, not condemn them.

### **The Holy Spirit Supplants Evil Spirits**

If you inquire into the innermost heart of an armed robber, he will tell you that he is not doing it out of pleasure. He does not even know how he came to do this thing. The thieves, fornicators and drunkards are all weeping inside. The prostitutes will tell you that it is not of their liking that they are prostitutes. The drunkard will tell you that the very day he resolves not to take a drink, that same day he drank even more. He does not know what he is doing. It is a spiritual warfare. Christ says that when the unclean spirit goes out of a man he goes about wandering in the desert looking for a house. Finding none, he returns to that house and finds it swept clean and in order. Then he goes away and brings with him seven more devilish spirits and occupies the house again. When they enter into that house, the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. You do not steal on your own. You do not choose to drink and fornicate on your own; it is that evil spirit. As long as you do not have the Holy Spirit, the evil spirit will use you in the way you do not like. That is why Christ said that he uses the Holy Spirit to cast out the evil spirits from your body and you in turn have the Holy Spirit in you.

### **Have Pity Upon People**

That is why you are told to go into the world and liberate them, there is no one who loves sin. Those who accuse Brotherhood of one thing or the other do not know themselves. Why are you angry with them? Why do you blame them? You yourself used to be like that when that evil spirit was in you. You can compare this with the situation of someone you had known, but suddenly becomes mad. You should have pity on him. No matter what he does to you at that state, you will have pity for him. You will not ask why he has done this to you. We should have mercy on one another. It is not the will of the Father that any one of you should perish. No matter what a

**person does, let us ask the Father for His forgiveness. Find the means of doing good to others. You will realize that your way will be clear and you will become one with Christ.**

**Go near someone who is drinking in a bar, after hearing his story you will weep. Go near the prostitutes, the thieves and those who commit one form of trouble or an other, they will tell you that they were led into these things through persecution. Why then do you blame them, when they do not know what they are doing? Take this light to them. When you count their sins, you are counting your sins.**

**There is a certain young lawyer who was a chain-smoker, he did everything to break the habit but in vain. In the end he was brought here. I asked him to go and receive baptism after which I did bless him.**

**I further told him that after his baptism he could not stand the odor of cigarettes. He wept and told me that it was not out of love that he smoked. I slapped him three times on the head; since then he does not smoke anymore. He has brought his father and mother and brothers for baptism.**

### **What Mercy Fellowship Stands For**

**Can you not realize that when you impute sin on others you have crucified Christ the second time and have brought him to open shame? Christ has nailed all the sins on the cross. Brethren, that is what the mercy fellowship stands for. Do not impute sin upon others nor count them. It does not consist in donating money and putting on white garments. You are not yet a member of the mercy fellowship. You have not even entered into it, unless you show mercy. Do you not realize from this that the orthodox churches including the rest of the world that claim to know Jesus, do not know Him at all? Jesus the Christ said: "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." The Father says that he will be merciful unto their unrighteousness and their sins will he remember no more. But the orthodox churches and spiritualists continue to count the sins of others. Who is fooled?**

**Know from today that whoever counts sins of others does not believe in our Lord Jesus Christ. He has no faith in Him and he does not believe that Christ came and suffered and died for the sake of our sins.**

## **Do Not Reckon Sin On Others**

That is why Christ said, "so shall my father in heaven do unto you if ye forgive not one another from the heart" whoever knows himself as a sinner and that Jesus came and shed his blood to cleanse us from our sins, can not count others sins and he cannot put his hands into committing any sin again. That is why Paul said, "I count not myself to have apprehended, but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before me." If you cannot practice righteousness, but you are able not to count other peoples sins, it is enough to pass you into this Kingdom. This gospel is the handbook for the mercy fellowship. Wherever you go do not preach any other gospel. Millions of souls who are not conscious of sin, have come out of the bondage of sin through this gospel.

This gospel has to be written and kept for all those who want to enroll into the fellowship of mercy. If you do not accept it, you have failed the test of mercy. It does not consist in making noise or donating money. You must have mercy for one another. God who is our Father, created man out of mercy. But man becomes brutish and does not know God nor does he speak good of God. This alone should excite mercy in you. Christ who is the firstborn left His throne of glory to suffer for us and died as a sinner for the sake of all of us. If we were to be merciful to him, would we continue in sin? Upon the suffering that has come to us because of our sins, would we continue to count the sins of others?

If we have mercy we will not steal, fornicate, hate or take court action against anyone, because mercy triumphs over judgement. The government has prohibited the use of certain drugs which causes brain disorders. No person in his right mind will kill another human being. But the moment you take these hard drugs you are not yourself. Because of this, it is easy for you to commit sin. That is why we should not drink or smoke if we are in our right mind. However, no matter what a person does to us, we must have mercy on him.

Brethren, one stroke of the cane is sufficient unto the wise, I will not be tedious unto you. He who has ears, let him hear, may God bless His words, Amen!

Thank you Father.