

## Title – Building Biblical Bridges

I am going to be with you for the month of June – so I want to build some foundations in this month. The Lord has been talking to me about BRIDGES a lot lately. Bridges are more than connections between point A and point B.

Bridges are parts of highway systems that move you to destinations. Bridges are therefore DIRECTIONAL. We have Biblical bridges – truth - that move us to God intended destinations – both Spiritual and PHYSICAL.

If we don't know where we're going – we frankly won't get there – **with either!**  
If you don't know WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST – you won't be who HE died for you to become! (BEING) and you won't Do what He made you to do (DOING).

NOW - Bridges are built on Pylons or Pillars that a driven into bedrock. **ROOTS** always determine **FRUIT**. What we are rooted in, or rooted on, has everything to do with what flows through our lives and what kind of fruit we BEAR.

What you BELIEVE TO BE TRUE CONTROLS YOU WHETHER IT IS TRUE NOT.  
Believe you are a sinner, saved by grace, you live a lousy life! **(baby elephant)**  
YOU ARE WHAT YOU THINK YOU ARE OR BELIEVE YOU ARE.

2Cor. 5:21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the **righteousness of God** in him. **THAT IS THE EXCHANGE!**

YOU ARE AS righteous as God IN Him, in Christ. If YOU CRINGE when I say that – you have a broken pillar supporting your bridge and a lot of your stuff is going to crash into the ravine!

God is not chasing your sin. He died TAKING it - Paid for it – Deactivated it's affects on your life - and Delivered you from it.

The Holy Spirit convicts the WORLD of sin \* (John 16:8 **And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin...**)

He convicts the BELIEVER of righteousness. (COME UP HIGHER CRAIG – You are royalty now!) Working from the inside out as we talked about last time. We MINE the DEPOSIT. Root to FRUIT. God is not in the SIN business! HE IS IN THE LIFE BUSINESS! Life gives LIFE!

John 10:10 I am come that you might have LIFE, and have it abundantly! If we don't have THAT – we are believing, and living a LIE!! We have to change our thinking. OUR BRAINS will get us in trouble! You have to think about what you are thinking about! We're gonna go there this month ☺ so bring your brains along on Sunday's okay ☺

There is NOTHING GOOD IN ME – EXCEPT THE HOLY SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD – and that makes ALL THE DIFFERENCE!

So I want to help you as much as I can get a picture of where YOU can be going – and some of how to get there. **Because where we go - the church goes.** Where the church goes, the world Goes! The WORLD IS A MESS BECAUSE THE CHURCH IS A MESS!!

Man's assignment in the earth is to have dominion – to rule within our sphere's of influence – from FARMS to FOREIGN FIELD – and everything in between. Starts with YOU – if HE can't rule over you, YOU will never have rule over the issues of life! If He doesn't rule in us, He will never rule through us.

Our Father is CREATOR of the UNIVERSE! He can handle our deal and a whole lot more! (JACOB and the storm – BE STILL!!!)

Eph. 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do **exceeding abundantly above all** that we ask or think, **according to the power** that works in us...

If you look at the work of Christ and the Cross in the New Testament, you condense it down to this – He came to:

### **Purchase, Purify, Empower, Export**

He came to purchase us from the sin of slavery –

1Cor. 6:20 For ye are **bought** with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Rom. 6:14 **For sin shall not be master over you**, for you are not under law but under grace. I would like to go there this month. Sin comes from Law – MAKE a rule – BREAK a rule. Grace is not about laws – It is about LIFE! New LIFE. His Life! Not RULES! Outback Steakhouse – NO RULES! **HOW?** If Righteousness rules you can live without rules!

That can only happen if there is a clean place for Him to work out from.

1John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to **cleanse** us from **ALL** unrighteousness.

Because He now has a HOLY place in us, He can dwell in us bringing WHO HE IS WITH HIM! When Jesus comes He brings His friend – HOLY Spirit!

Rom. 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who **raised Jesus** from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. **EMPOWERED**  
**(Purchased & Purified or Saved/Sanctified, then empowered)**

These three points are why I said last time that Jesus didn't die on a cross to make you a better you! You didn't get a shower and a shave! You got open heart surgery! A HEART TRANSPLANT - OLD OUT – NEW IN! **Stop rejecting your new heart!!!**

Can I show you something about the Holy Spirit just to raise your level of expectation? You get what you expect as far as God is concerned!

Gen. 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Gen. 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

THIS IS CALLED 'THE LAW OF FIRST MENTION'. The first time you find something – a truth – in the Bible, it sets the stage for all other truth on that subject. So here we have the Spirit of God for the very first time. So there is some vital truth here.

Creation is ABOUT TO HAPPEN and Holy Spirit is waiting to do THREE THINGS. And these are the THREE THINGS HOLY Spirit is ALWAYS working to do in our lives.

#1 – He is waiting to bring God Word to life!! Complete God's Word.

#2 – He is always working to bring order out of chaos. The more we allow Him control, the more our lives and situations will be ordered. That is what He does!!

#3 - He is going to bring Light out of Darkness. He is always working to bring light on darkened areas in our life – spirit, soul or body.

NOW - The final purpose then in the New Testament after Purchase, Purify, & Empower is EXPORT. God is in the Export Business! He works the Global Markets. He is the source. We are the RESOURCE. You have a human resources department? So does DAD! And we are IT!

John 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, **Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.**

Because we don't get the first three pillars right – we rarely get to this fourth pillar. Most Christians are in the family, but not in the family business.

WHAT ME? YOU HAVE GOT TO BE KIDDING! And the world pays the price for a church still held captive, still in the dark, POWERLESS, THOUGHTLESS - SELF SERVING – SELF CONSUMED – TOO MANY TIMES!

Final Scripture to set the stage for where we want to go this month:

Gal. 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Gal. 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, ...bond nor free, ...neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gal. 3:29 **And if you be Christ's (BELONG TO), then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (GEN 12 – blessed to be a blessing to every family)**

**BUT -**

Gal. 4:1 Now I say, *That* the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a servant, a slave, though he is lord or master of all;

Gal. 4:2 But is under tutors and governors (mentors & tormentors) until the time appointed of the father. (UNTIL WE GET IT!)

Gal. 4:3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: (SPIRITUAL CHILDREN STAY IN BONDAGE, STORMS AND CIRCUMSTANCES)

Gal. 4:4 But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

Gal. 4:5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. (LEGAL RIGHTS OF SONSHIP)

Gal. 4:6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

Gal. 4:7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

(SLAVERY TO SONSHIP!)