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The deep things of God reveal what is freely given to those who believe.

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This is Scott Stanley with DTG Ministries. I want to use this podcast to speak to you from my heart. I titled our last podcast, "The Apostasy, Trinity Jesus." I want to continue looking at the comparison of understanding the truth versus thinking like the Universal Church. When I say Universal Church, I'm talking about everyone who looks at God as needing to have a human sacrifice before he can forgive you.

That's a big deal because if that is how you perceive God, if you think he cannot forgive you except that Jesus dies on the cross, then what you're believing is rooted in paganism. That's a pagan god. The one true and only God is love: 1 John 4:8, 16. God is love. In 1 Corinthians 13:5, "*Love does not make a record of sin.*" ("Thinketh," Strong's [3049], to *take an inventory.*) On the cross, when Jesus made the statement, "*Father, forgive them for they don't know what they do,*" he was manifesting the fact that he was not keeping a record of their sin. He was forgiving them. He was forgiving them before they even asked. He was forgiving them before they even contemplated the fact that he is the Son of God.

So what does that mean to us today, recognizing in 1 John 2:18 that there is an apostasy that began in the first-generation church, and will continue to the last generation church, being defined as denying the Father and Son, and denying that Christ came in the flesh? See, what difference does that make? Well, John makes a statement in 1 John chapter 4. I'll start at verse 1.

1Jn 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

1Jn 4:2 Hereby know you the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

"To come in the flesh" means "to come without an understanding of God." He had his own fleshly understanding. If that is true, then the Trinity cannot be true. That is why that teaching right there has to vehemently be opposed by the Universal Church.

1Jn 4:3 Every spirit that confesses not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: this is that spirit of *the* antichrist, whereof you have heard it should come; and even now already it's in the world.

1Jn 4:4 You are of God, little children, and you've overcome them: because greater is he that's in you, than he that's in the world.

Why would John make a statement that *greater is he that's in you than he that is in the world*? It depends on how you see God. Again, if you think he needs a human sacrifice before he can forgive you, and that was the purpose of the cross, that the son of God might pay your sin debt, might pay your penalty... If that is how you see God, the true understanding of God gives you an advantage over people who believe that lie, and greater is he that is in the true believer than the people hanging on to the false understanding of God, because the truth will impact you. The truth will have a way of helping you.

How does that happen? John said in the Gospel of John chapter 7,

Jhn 7:37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and he cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

Jhn 7:38 He that believes on me (or into me), as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Jhn 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for a Holy Spirit was not yet (or Holy Spirit was not yet) because Jesus was not yet glorified.)

That verse is carrying such a weight of meaning to help us understand that what took place on that cross brings to us the Holy Spirit. "Holy Spirit was not yet," and King James put "given." No one had it yet because Jesus was not yet glorified. He was not raised from the dead.

Well, when Christ was on the cross, and he was in the similitude of sinful flesh, he became sin. He that knew no sin became sin. He was the picture of iniquity, the result of iniquity. He was a picture of our old man... the way we lived, the way we thought before we understood the truth about God. He is the Son of God, the only begotten Son of God. Just that truth alone will bring you the love of the Father.

God loves you so much that He gave you his only begotten Son. He loves you as much as he loves his only begotten Son. If you make Jesus anything different than to literally be the only begotten Son of God, you have just robbed yourself of the love of a father. Now, it's the Father's love having his only begotten Son depict our sin, our iniquity, on the cross, because by means of understanding, the crown of thorns, the stripes on his back, the nakedness, the darkness of the land, when all of those things come together, Paul says in Romans 6, you can unite with him in his death.

In his death, after the sun was darkened, he declared he felt forsaken of God. In reality, God never forsook him, but he was portraying man in sinful flesh. He felt forsaken of God. He thirsted still for God. He declared he was not going to try to do all of this himself. *"It's finished. Into your hands, I commit my spirit."*

He portrayed man in sinful flesh and how to overcome it. That depiction is how God sees humanity and how to correct the problem. That depiction, that description is the Holy Spirit.

I want to take this understanding to 1 Corinthians chapter 2, and start reading at verse 7.

1Co 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

The hidden wisdom of God. Christ is the wisdom of God. The hidden wisdom of God. What is it that was being depicted on that cross that people are missing? Christ is the wisdom of God. *We speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world to your glory.*

Remember, Christ was slain from the foundation of the world.

1Co 2:8 Which none of the princes of this world knew (that wisdom of God. They didn't understand it): if they had known it, they wouldn't have crucified the Lord of glory.

1Co 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hasn't seen, ear hasn't heard, neither has entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him.

1Co 2:10 But God has revealed these things unto us through his Spirit...

Through the happening of the cross, through the understanding of Christ's portrayal in the similitude of sinful flesh, God reveals these things through his Spirit... the Spirit of the Father, the Holy Spirit.

1Co 2:10 ... for the Spirit searches all things, the deep things of God.

If you want to understand the deep things of God, you go to the cross, and you come to understand that Christ is portraying humanity. Humanity without a true understanding of God... the guilt, the pain, the nakedness, the darkness, and how to come out of it. You find death to self in Christ. You unite with him in death.

1Co 2:11 For what man knows the things of a man, save the spirit of man in him? even so the things of God knows no man, but the Spirit of God.

1Co 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

1Co 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Spirit teaches; we compare spiritual things with spiritual.

Things of the mind, spiritual things. That is what is being depicted on the cross- things of the mind. We want to know. Verse 12 again.

1Co 2:12 ... The things that are freely given to us of God. (And this is what you cannot receive if you see God as a trinity.)

Php 1:29 For unto you it is given (This word "given" is the same word "freely given" in 1 Corinthians 2:12) ... For unto you it is given in behalf of Christ...

Now, let's stop a minute. This word "given" is given, but a better way to say that is, "it was granted." It isn't "it was given," it's granted to you. It's permitted for you. What is?

Php 1:29 For unto you, it is granted in behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake.

Believing in the Son of God grants you the ability to suffer. What could he possibly mean?

Heb 2:18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.

He suffered, being tempted. Look at verse 10.

Heb 2:10 For it became him (or it was fitting to him), for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through suffering.

He suffered, being tempted. Suffering the temptation, he was made perfect through those sufferings. Suffering being tempted, how? To remain in a place in your mind where you continue to treat people with respect, you continue to love them and show them grace when they don't really deserve it, when they are making you angry, when they are doing what they're doing to you, you suffer that temptation to get angry. You suffer the temptation to strike back. You suffer the temptation to put them in their place.

Christ was made perfect through suffering. I used to read that, and I would think, "Well, his suffering must be the cross. When they hammered those nails into his hands, he suffered." I'm sure he did suffer physically, but the suffering that perfected him was to resist sin, to resist the temptation to strike back.

2 Timothy, chapter 2, verse 10.

2Tm 2:10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

Salvation is not God letting you come to heaven. Salvation is overcoming all iniquity.
Titus 2:14: He died to redeem us from all iniquity.

2Tm 2:11 It is a faithful saying (or a faithful concept): If we be dead with him, we'll live with him:

If you can unite with him in death, as stated in Romans 6... if you can unite with him in death, you will be raised from the dead with him. You will live with him.

2Tm 2:12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he'll deny us:

If you find the death of the cross, it's granted to you to suffer. You see, if you suffer with him, if somebody tempts you to get angry and you don't, if you're able to put that away at that given moment, you literally are reigning with him. To reign with him is not by and by, pie in the sky. It's now.

If you, through the cross, find the ability to put away all of the anger and resistance and so on, you're reigning with him when you turn the other cheek, when you go the extra mile. You're reigning in life, and you will reign with him eternally. It is granted to you to suffer.

People who see God as a Trinity lose the love of the Father, and they don't see Jesus like us. They see Jesus having been born with a halo. He's different than you. He can't sin. He paid my debt, so I don't have to worry about it. My sins are forgiven past, present, and future because he paid the penalty.

See, at this point, you're worshiping a pagan god if that's what you believe, and that does not grant you the ability to suffer through temptation. You will continue to get angry. You will continue to lust. You will continue to manifest your iniquity without a true understanding of the Father and Son. You cannot overcome sin.

If you believe the truth, he grants you the ability to suffer. The Universal Church cannot suffer. They can't suffer very long. They will eventually get angry. They have to invent doctrines to cover themselves: Once saved, always saved. I can't stop sinning until Jesus comes. When he gives me a new body, I can stop sinning.

You see, it all happens... it begins in your mind, and with a correct understanding of the cross, spiritual things, the things of the mind portrayed on that cross, you compare spiritual with spiritual. You compare the cross with your own understanding, and you're able to take the information portrayed on the cross, which is the Holy Spirit, and apply the deep things of God to your life right now.

The deep things of God, the Spirit searches the deep things of God to help you understand your way out of the situation, your way to overcome the problems. 1 Peter chapter 2, verse 19.

1Pe 2:19 For this is grace (The word "thankworthy" is grace. This is grace. This is what grace is), if a man for conscience toward God will endure grief, suffering wrongfully.

The grief your spouse causes you, the grief your children cause you, the grief your neighbors cause you, the grief your brothers and sisters in Christ cause you. This is what grace is. What difference does it make what grace is? Romans 6:14: *We're not governed by the law. We're governed by grace.* That is your grace toward others. That is to govern your life.

1Pe 2:19 For this is grace, if you, with a conscience toward God (in other words, you're applying the cross. You're applying God's understanding of the cross. You're filled with and manifesting Holy Spirit), you endure grief suffering wrongfully.

1Pe 2:20 What glory is it, if, when you're buffeted for your faults, you shall take that patiently? But if you do well, and you suffer for that, you take that patiently, this is grace in the presence of God.

1Pe 2:21 For even hereunto were you called to do that: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow his steps: (Here's what he did...)

1Pe 2:22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

1Pe 2:23 Who, when he was reviled, he reviled not again; when he suffered, he didn't threaten; he committed himself to him that judges righteously.

Which basically, when you connect with him in death, that's what you're saying, "Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit. I'm giving it to you." Well, he committed himself to the Father.

1Pe 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, (he was a manifestation of sinful flesh. He was in the similitude of sinful flesh. Why did he do that?) that we, being dead to *the sin* (that's iniquity) ... You being dead to iniquity should live unto God's will, God's understanding, God's purpose: by whose stripes you are healed.

You see by the stripes that he took on his body, a picture of our own stripes, what has been given to us all of our lives by people who have made us angry; they've hurt us. We can't let some of it go. Well, he portrayed that on the cross, the stripes. You look at his stripes, and you find a way to let it go, and their sin is no longer our sin. We can forgive them and let it go.

1Pe 2:25 For you were as sheep going astray; but you're now returned to the Shepherd and Bishop of your soul.

We're in 1 Peter 3. I want to start reading at verse 8.

1Pe 3:8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be tender-hearted, be courteous:

1Pe 3:9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but on the contrary, bless them; knowing that you are called to do that, that you should inherit a blessing.

1Pe 3:10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

1Pe 3:11 Let him turn aside from evil, and do good; let him seek peace with people, and ensue it.

1Pe 3:12 Because the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

1Pe 3:13 And who is he that will harm you, if you be followers of that which is good?

1Pe 3:14 But if you suffer for doing the right thing, be happy: be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

1Pe 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of that hope that you have, and give it in meekness and fear:

1Pe 3:16 Having a good conscience; whereas they who speak evil of you, as of evildoers, may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conduct.

1Pe 3:17 For it is better, if the will of God be so, that you suffer for well doing, than for evil.

It goes back to Christ as the picture. *Christ has once suffered for sin, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit* (1Pe 3:18). Without a true understanding of the Father and Son and the Holy Spirit, you will never overcome iniquity. You will never be free from the fire of Gehenna, the anger, and the lust.

That is why when you believe the truth, *he that is in you is greater than he that is in the world* (1Jn 4:4) ... and that is why he grants you the ability to suffer, because the Universal Church can't do it. They cannot find death to self by means of the cross, and that is why the Son of God died- so we can unite with him in death and be united with him in his resurrection.

Remember, this is a blessing to be able to suffer, to have the power to suffer and have authority over fire, the Gehenna fire that's within all of us. Again, I just want to say, it's a gift freely given to us of being able to suffer when you're tempted and not fall into the sin.

Heavenly Father, I pray for your leading. I pray that we experience your mercy, and our hearts be open, and you be glorified. In Jesus' name. Amen.