

**PREACHER'S GUDIE**

**FOR THE**

**2023 JANUARY OPEN AIR PREACHING**

**OF THE**

**ETERNAL SACRED ORDER OF THE CHERUBIM AND SERAPHIM**

**THEME: MADE ALIVE IN CHRIST**  
**(JOHN 10:10)**





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### DAY ONE: MONDAY

**TOPIC: MY REDEEMER LIVES**

**TEXT: REVELATION 1:17-18; JOB 19:25**

**Revelation 1:17-18** *“And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.”*

**Job 19:25** *“For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth”*

The word Redeemer is a noun. It means Saviour. This is a title ascribed to our Lord Jesus Christ. It is associated with His mission on earth which is coming to save mankind from sin and eternal death. Jesus Christ came into the world in human form, without the natural process of conception. He grew up, completed His mission of establishing the kingdom of God on earth. The blood He shed on the cross was for our atonement, hence, we are liberated from sin. It is on record that after His death, Jesus was buried and resurrected on the third day. He overcame death. He lives forever, sitting at the right hand of God Almighty.

#### My Redeemer Lives

- a) **The power of sin and death is destroyed:** Jesus Christ the Son of God was revealed that He might destroy the works of the devil. The works of the devil include lust of the eye, lust of the flesh, hatred, murder, etc. The sinful gene inherited from the first Adam is taken away through the righteousness of Christ the second Adam (1 John 3:8-9; 1 Corinth. 15:22, 45)
- b) **My blessings and are guaranteed:** No matter what you are experiencing now, because my Redeemer lives, He is assuring you of good and perfect blessings that will embarrass even your enemies (James 1:17; Psalm 126:1-3; Psalm 84:11).
- c) **Curses are broken and my shame removed:** My Redeemer lives; therefore, every curse is broken, and my shame is removed forever. He became a curse for us to be set free from generational curses (Galatians 3:13; Romans 8:2).
- d) **We can live forever:** The reward for sin is death, therefore, His death and resurrection has secured us victory over sin. He came that we may have life in abundance (Romans 6:23; John 10:10).
- e) **We are more than conquerors:** If you believe in Him, though you face death all day long, afflictions are confronting you in many areas, in all these things, fear not, we are more than conquerors through Him that loves us (Romans 8:37; Psalm 34:19; 2 Tim. 3:11-12).
- f) **There is hope of salvation:** If Jesus Christ (our Redeemer) had not resurrected, Christianity would not have been in existence today.; the message of salvation would have been in vain. We would of all men have been most miserable. But thanks be to God for the hope of salvation through Christ (1 Cor. 15:19; Colossians 1:27).

#### If you truly believe that “My Redeemer lives”

- a) You should always be positive minded like Job (Job 19:25; Job 13:15)
- b) Extol Him in times of extreme challenging situation (John 11:41; 1 Thess. 5:18)
- c) Confess it with your mouth that Christ will never die again, Hallelujah! (Romans 6:9; 8:34)

Glory be to God for the gift of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who redeemed us from sin, and washed us with His blood, thereby giving us hope of living with Him forever in the heavenly places.



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**DAY TWO: TUESDAY**  
**TOPIC: BECOMING DEAD TO SIN**  
**TEXT: ROMANS 6:11**

*"Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." (KJV)*

A new year is good to begin with God. It calls for a fresh start and every believer lives in retrospect. In every new year the Almighty God gives everyone an equal opportunity. Our prospects may vary but the timing is the same for all. It ticks in seconds, minutes, hours making up days, months to complete the circle. Most importantly is the fact that we shall transverse a world with its challenges of sin to overcome. How can a believer achieve this?

### **How to become dead to sin**

- a) **Come out of ignorance of sin:** Everyone needs to come out of the ignorance of sin and the devices of Satan leading to sin. "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent" Acts 17:30. Apostle James explains sin as: "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" James 4:17. When one receives salvation through Jesus Christ by confession and believes through faith, you are born again.
- b) **Get Baptised:** A follow-up is a baptism by water and the Holy Spirit. Baptism by immersion is symbolic with your death and resurrection into a new life (Romans 6:3-6). The spirit indwelling makes the new believer God conscious and to please Him which gives eternal life.
- c) **Realize that sin has grave consequence:** To be dead to sin is to realize the consequence of sin which is death. It is to be minded that those who engage in sinful practice would not inherit the kingdom of God but would perish eternally in hell. Therefore, Paul enjoins you to flee from all appearances of sin. It is mortifying your mortal bodies to the works of flesh (Romans 8:13; Colossians 3:5).
- d) **Accept that Jesus Christ has died for you:** Accepting that Jesus died for you is an indication that sin no longer reign your mortal body or have dominion over you. You are born again (Romans 6:12-14).

### **Once you are dead to sin**

- a) Do not go back to your old way of life of sinfulness (2 Peter 2:20).
- b) Keep flourishing in righteousness (Psalm 92:12-14).
- c) Bear fruit by leading others to Christ (John 15:16; Daniel 12:3).

The question remains, can one achieve this on earth? Do we have examples of persons who lived a sincere life pleasing God? The answer is yes. Now that you have accepted Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, He expects you to love, obey and follow him. His yoke is easy. The Holy Spirit is the comforter to teach and guide you in all things. Jesus has gotten the saints a pattern to follow to be well pleased with God.

Finally, my brethren, you are encouraged to follow the footsteps of biblical champions like the Apostles and early disciples who ran the race to obtain eternal crown of glory. Let's imbibe the counsel of St Paul to the Colossians for our good (Colossians 3:1-10). The choice is yours. Make the right decision to follow and remain with Jesus now.



**DAY THREE      WEDNESDAY**  
**TOPIC:          OVERCOMING THE WORLD**  
**TEXT:          1 JOHN 5:4-5**

*"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"*

The term "World" in this context means worldliness. As Christians, we are called to please God and not to yield to the world and its pattern. The world is filled with lust and evil desires. To remain faithful and committed to God in this wicked generation is a challenge to every believer. It is important for us to know that even though we are in the world, but we are not of the world. Our origin and source are from God who Has called us to godliness and righteousness

**The world has its operating system**

- a) **Lust of the flesh:** The man that is not born of the God and the His Spirit will be tempted to yield his/her body to the desires of the flesh. Sexual and lustful desires, thoughts to execute evil are all product of lust of the flesh (Rom 7:25; Romans 8:6-7)
- b) **Lust of the eyes:** The eyes are so important that it helps for vision and direction. Unfortunately, the devil realized that a natural man can easily derail by lustful and covetous looks (2 Samuel 11:1-4; Matthew 5:28)
- c) **Pride of life:** Pride they say goes before the fall. Pride is one of the attributes of a natural man. Satan uses this to bring down noble men. Many did not fulfil their purpose on earth due to pride (Ezek. 28:17; Prov. 16:18; Prov. 6:17)

**The way out of the danger of worldliness**

- a) Cry to Jesus for help (Hebrews 5:7; Romans 7:24-25).
- b) Yield to the Spirit (John 6:63; Galatians 5:16).
- c) Search the Scriptures always and let the Word dwell in you (John 5:39; Col. 3:16)
- d) Set your mind on things above (Colossians 3:2)
- e) Make a covenant with your eyes (Job 31:1).

Keep your focus on things above and be heavenly conscious always. Avoid the company of the ungodly and walk in righteous. Finally avoid every appearance of evil and you will remain at peace with God



**DAY FOUR: THURSDAY**  
**TOPIC: THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**  
**TEXT: JOHN 8:12**

*"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."*

This word, translated from the Greek Phos, means "to shine or make manifest, the light, brightness."

Christ is the light that shines within and through His church as the Light of the world. God is light, and Christ is the image of the invisible God. Through Jesus, light came into the world. Those who follow Christ shall not walk in darkness. They shall not be left without the truths which are necessary to keep them from committing fatal error, and the directions in the way of duty, necessary to keep them from damning sin.

A priest and father of John the Baptist named Zacharias, been filled with the Holy Spirit prophesied about the coming Messiah saying: "...to give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." (Luke 1:79).

### **Dissecting John 8:12**

- a) **Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world:** Jesus is the true Light that brings light and life to all who follow Him. We must understand the concept of Jesus being the Light of the world. The reason is that we can be tempted to seek for truth and light in so many other places. There is none to be found except in Jesus. He is the only Light (John 1:4 – 5; Psalms 27:1).
- b) **He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness:** In this world there is much darkness, most of the world lies in utter spiritual darkness. They cannot see true reality. They cannot understand spiritual truth. Those who are lost are living in utter darkness.

### **What is darkness?**

The Bible's use of the word darkness and what Jesus meant are:

- i. The realm of ignorance (Psalms 82:5).
- ii. The realm of evil, ungodliness and fear (Proverbs 2:13; Proverbs 4:19)
- c) **But shall have the light of life:** Jesus is going to show us that while darkness is pervasive in the world, He has come into the world to give it light. Light is always used to show that God is with His people (Isaiah 9:2).

### **How to shine as the light of the world**

- a) By continuously shunning evil and clinging unto righteousness (Job 27:6).
- b) Leading by good example to others (Matthew 5:14-16).
- c) Standing with Christ no matter the consequences (Philippians 1:21).

To follow Jesus is to live. To believe and obey Him is life. We've been set free from the darkness and brought into the light of life (Colossians 1:13 – 14; Isaiah 60:1-3).



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**DAY FIVE: FRIDAY**  
**TOPIC: NO MORE CONDEMNATION**  
**TEXT: ROMANS 8:1-2**

**Romans 8:1-2** *“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.”*

In various prisons across the world, thousands of people are serving various jail terms due to offences and crimes they committed. Many are condemned and are awaiting execution either by hanging or firing squad. It takes timely intervention of the president of a country or governor of a state to grant pardon that could quash the death sentences upon those awaiting execution. This is the position or situation man found himself before the coming of Jesus Christ to die for the world. The whole people of the world were condemned to eternal death, awaiting the hangman's noose. Jesus Christ took it upon Himself to pay the price by accepting to die in our stead. His death granted us pardon from God, hence no more condemnation for us.

### **What it means by ‘No More Condemnation’?**

- It means freedom from sin:** The death of Jesus Christ has brought a lease of new life for us. Though, in time past we were walking according to the course of this world, wallowing in sin like pigs, but now, the love of God has quickened us together with Christ (Ephesians 2:1-5).
- It means freedom from Satanic oppression:** A lot of people are being oppressed by satanic forces, principalities and powers, spiritual hosts of wickedness in high places. But through the mercy and grace of God, they are set free and loosed from the bound of wickedness (Ephesians 6:12).
- It means freedom from sickness and death:** Sickness has condemned so many people to a situation where they prefer to die rather than living in pains. This is not the plan of God for us. The pain Jesus Christ bore on the cross of Calvary is to liberate us from condemnation. By His stripes we are healed (Isaiah 53:4-5; Psalm 118:17; Psalm 91:16).
- It means freedom from poverty:** Satan has condemned people to such a poverty level that it has been normalized. They began to feel that poverty is a way of life. Know that it is from God that all goodness flows. No good thing will He withhold from those who love Him. God gives power to make wealth. The generation of the upright shall be blessed. Wealth and riches shall be in his house. May you be delivered from the grip of poverty and begin to reign in the realm of spiritual and material prosperity; all things are yours. (Psalm 112:2-3; Psalm 84:11; 1 Corinthians 3:20-21).
- It means unfettered access to joy, peace, love of God:** Have you been deprived of joy? Has peace eluded you? Do you think that God's love for you has abated for whatever reason, such as your lifestyle, economic situation, affliction, famine, social status, and spiritual slumber? Do not worry again. God is here to salvage the situation. Nothing shall take away your joy anymore (Romans 8:35-39).

### **The character of the non-condemned**

- You go about without sinning anymore (John 8:11; 5:14).
- You proclaim salvation through faith and not by your own doing (Eph. 2:8-9).
- You follow Jesus Christ everywhere He goes (Luke 9:57).

If no man could condemn the woman caught in adultery, be rest assured that our compassionate Jesus Christ will not condemn you if you make peace with Him. Make Him the Lord of your life and you will be above condemnation.





**DAY SIX: SATURDAY**

**TOPIC: ABUNDANT LIFE THROUGH CHRIST**

**TEXT: JOHN 1:16**

*"And of His fullness have all we received, and grace for grace".*

God's word is full of so many promises. Anything God promises us in His word is in full and excess measure. God wants us to have Him and all of Him in His fullness (Eph. 3:19). Imagine you in deep hunger before a buffet stand that has an array of varieties of meals, and you're just managing to get a plate, not knowing that you're free or completeness and plenteousness, expressed in Christ (Col 2:9-10). God wants us to live a life in Him, through His son Jesus Christ, where we can have all our needs in excess, without having to look elsewhere. And we also have a sealed guarantee that He doesn't go back on His words, too (2 Cor 1:20, Mal 3:6, Num. 23:19).

**The Life God Has Guaranteed Us in Christ**

- a. **Abundant Provision:** In prevailing times of hardship, lack and want, God is calling us to a life where we will not know any form of lack (Ps 23:1; Lev 26:4; Phil 4:19).
- b. **Abundant Protection:** Fear is one of the greatest tools the devil uses to enslave us, especially in an insecure environment, nation, and world at large. But in Christ, God covers you, shields you and protects you from all harms and dangers (Psalms 91:1-3; Gal 6:17).
- c. **Abundant Peace:** No matter your health and wealth status, only peace can guarantee your enjoyment and rest of mind. Overtime, the world has failed. Alcohol, drugs, human intelligence and man-made security, and their likes have failed again and again (Rom 5:1; Jn 16:33; Mark 4:35-39).
- d. **Abundant Mercy:** One beautiful thing about our God is that He is rich and plenteous in mercy. No matter who you are or were, whether you've been a chronic thief, liar, idolator, lesbian, gay, fraud, drug addict, cultist, or even a murderer, God's mercy is always available whenever you come to him, just like the prodigal son enjoyed (1 Pet 1:3; Isaiah 55:7; Luke 15; Heb. 4:16)
- e. **Eternal Life in Christ:** The greatest hope of man is that one day, even though we all die, we shall live again and this time, it would be forever where there's no more sorrow or pain. We must be in this consciousness always (1 Cor. 15:19).

**How Can We Experience This Kind of Life?**

- a) Jesus once had a discussion with His Disciples and He told them expressly that those who wish to follow the right way, should do it through Him, and Him alone (John 14:6; 1 Cor. 3:11).
- b) Accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour (John 1:12).
- c) Believe Him (John 3:16).
- d) Confess Him in all situations (Romans 10:9-10)



**DAY SEVEN: SUNDAY**  
**TOPIC: MADE ALIVE IN CHRIST**  
**TEXT: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:22**

*"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive" – 1 Cor. 15:22*

You know why people would pay any price to live forever? This is because in the first place, Mankind was not made to die. By our original design, we were all made to live forever. However, something distorted this design. Adam's disobedience changed everything. Our text affirms this, that in Adam, death came upon all mankind. However, this is not the end of the story. Jesus Christ died on the cross and paid for our sins, to restore us back to who we were made to be in Eden, so that in Him, we all can be made alive, and we can live forever. Adam's disobedience may have brought death upon all of us, but we were made Alive in Christ through his death and resurrection on the cross of Calvary.

#### **What Does It Mean to Be Made Alive in Christ?**

- d) **We have accepted Jesus Christ into our lives as our Lord and Personal Saviour:** It means that we did not harden our hearts when we heard him calling us to come out of sin to build a relationship with Him (Heb. 3:15). It means that we opened the door of our hearts to Him when we heard him knocking there (Rev 3:20)
- e) **We have Life and have it more abundantly:** It means that Jesus has come into our lives and has destroyed every work of Satan in our lives so that we can have life and an enjoyable one for that matter (1 John 3:8, John 10:10).
- f) **We are dead to Sin and Alive to Righteousness:** It means that we do not live in sin anymore. Rather, we now live in righteousness (1 Peter 2:24, Rom 6:2,11).
- g) **We are Joint Heirs with Christ:** It means that we are God's sons and daughters, joint heirs with Christ (Rom 8:15-17).
- h) **We have Eternal Life:** Our names are written in the book of life. We have Eternal life (Rev 3:4-5, 20:15, and 21:27).
- i) **We Love and Care for one another:** When we are made alive in Christ, we always show love to people in need (1 John 3:14)

#### **The Beauty of being made Alive in Christ is that**

- a) We no more live in sin. We live in righteousness. We are a shining example to others (Matt 5:16, Phil 2:15).
- b) We are blessed in this life. We live in divine prosperity (Mark 10:29-30).
- c) We cannot be oppressed by the Devil and his agents (1 John 3:8, John 10:10)
- d) God will defend your life here on earth and bless you with eternal life (Ps 91:10-16, Matt 25:46).

You too can be made alive in Christ, and you will experience the beauty of living a life that is made Alive in Christ. If you taste, you will see that the Lord is good. We invite you to try this, accept Jesus Christ into your life as your Lord and personal saviour and you will be thankful that you did this. God bless you!