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GOD IS NOT ANGRY

Note: This teaching, *Establishing a Kingdom Culture: God is Not Angry* is designed to cause us to arise to a new level as revelation comes to uncover the profound truth of our placement in Christ.

From the time we were small children our parents told us that doing 'bad things' brought an equally bad result. Lie and you would go to hell. Cheat, yes, hell was your destination. Steal. Hell. It is no wonder that today we struggle with believing that we have a loving Father who is for us and not against us, who is always working in every situation to cause it to come out for our good.

When we made the choice to accept Christ into our lives, everything changed. EVERYTHING! Not one thing stayed the same. Our old ways of thinking became obsolete. If we lie, we have a loving Father who forgives us when we repent. If we steal, we have a loving Father who, again, forgives us. However, because of a lifelong pattern of being told a different story, it is easier for us to believe that God is a Father who walks around with a big stick, looking to pounce on His children when they mess up! This is so NOT true!

IMPORTANT DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

This set of discussion questions is designed to untangle you from old, often religious, mindsets. Take the time to allow revelation to come to the truth that each question is designed to bring. You might go ahead and say good-bye to old ways of thinking. You are moving to a new place with much freedom!

➤ **Do you believe that the Father judged Jesus enough for the sins of all mankind?**

(Allow time for discussion. The conclusion of any discussion should be yes, we believe that Jesus was judged enough for the sins of all mankind.)

➤ **Do you believe that the Father punished Jesus enough for the sins of all mankind?**

(Allow time for discussion. The conclusion of any discussion should be yes, we believe that Jesus was punished enough for the sins of all mankind.)

Here is a beautiful passage of scripture from The Message, Hebrews 10:1-10:

The old plan was only a hint of the good things in the new plan. Since that old "law plan" wasn't complete in itself, it couldn't complete those who followed it. No matter how many sacrifices were offered year after year, they never added up to a complete solution. If they had, the worshipers would have gone merrily on their way, no longer dragged down by their sins. But instead of removing awareness of sin, when those animal sacrifices were repeated over and over they actually heightened awareness and guilt. The plain fact is that bull and goat blood can't get rid of sin. That is what is meant by this prophecy, put in the mouth of Christ: You don't want sacrifices and offerings year after year; You've prepared a body for Me for a sacrifice. It's not fragrance and smoke from the altar that whet Your appetite. So I said, "I'm here to do it Your way, O God, the way it's described in Your Book."

*When He said, "You don't want sacrifices and offerings," He was referring to practices according to the old plan. When He added, "I'm here to do it Your way," He set aside the first in order to enact the new plan— God's way—by which we are made fit for God by the **once-for-all**.*

And another scripture showing that Jesus died once for all mankind:

Romans 6:10 – *For the death that He died, He died to sin **once for all**; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.*

➤ **Did God pour out every last ounce of wrath, anger, and indignation upon Jesus for sin?**

(Allow time for discussion. The conclusion of any discussion should be yes, we believe that God poured out every last ounce of wrath, anger and indignation upon Jesus for sin.)

If we are going to be great leaders, and we are, we have to be delivered from a mindset that believes that God is angry about things in our life that we cannot control or change. God is not judging us when we mess up, because He judged Jesus for all our mess ups.....forever. We cannot be double minded about this for ourselves or for others. We must see ourselves and others the way God sees us and them – full of potential! He does not look at negative behavior or sin. He dealt with that through Jesus.

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Lord, we believe that Jesus paid the price for anything that would separate mankind from You. There was one huge debt and Jesus' death on the cross paid it. In places where I have had wrong thinking, where I have made judgments against others, where I thought You were angry with bad decisions that Government officials made, I give You permission to shift my way of thinking so that it comes into alignment with the way Heaven thinks. I want to think Heaven's thoughts and see with Heaven's eyes. I want to be a new 'man' in a new car that blesses and releases the ways of Heaven on earth. Lord, when people connect with me, I want them to connect with the outrageous good news of Heaven.*

*A new man in a new car refers to a dream Graham Cooke had. You can find the information in the complete transcript of the 1st International Council session in Houston, TX in 2011 or you can find it in a short skit, *Three Dreams Skit*. Both documents are located in MyAglow under the Worldwide Leader Development tab.

➤ **Were you included with Jesus in His crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection?**

(Allow time for discussion. The conclusion of any discussion should be yes, we believe that we were included with Jesus on His resurrection journey.)

Galatians 2:20 *I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me....*

Colossians 3:1-3 *If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. **For you died** and your life is hidden with Christ in God.*

Romans 6:4-6 *Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him....*

When we ask Jesus into our heart, we received the finished work of the cross. Jesus not only died for us, He died as us, fully paying a debt that we could not pay. When we rose with Him, we rose to the fullness of life that Heaven has to offer. Because of this, we never start with a deficient or with a negative. We always begin life from the point of resurrection where life was made brand new for us.

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I Corinthians 2:16 declares that I have the mind of Christ; therefore, I walk in the fullness of all it means to have the mind of Christ. I think Heaven's thoughts. I bring Heaven's ways to earth. I am a partner with the Trinity, in on Their plans, walking as They walk, talking as They talk.

God is not working on my sin, because sin has no place in me! It lost any grip it had on me when I died to it and now, I am only alive to Heaven. God does not need to 'fix' me or repair me because anything that was out of alignment with Heaven has been done away with. I am totally new! Alive in Christ! Everywhere I go; people are attracted to the life of God in me. Favor surrounds me. Resources come to me. Problems only alert me that there are new resources and upgrades available for me.

I am attracted to the God-destiny in each person I meet. I speak in such a way that I impart life to them and help them see themselves as God sees them. I can bring life because I am a new creation. Every old stinking way of life that I had was crucified with Christ. It was buried with Him and when He and I arose, I was made brand new! So I am a blessing to all I meet.

I live a life that brings honor to God and deposits blessings everywhere I go. Fields produce abundant crops. Crime rates drop. Businesses are recovering and prospering. Goodness is plentiful. Lack has totally lost its place. Sickness flees. Darkness is receding. Glory is flooding the earth like the waters cover the seas!

This is the kind of life I release wherever I go because I abide in the special place set aside for me between the Father and the Son. The fiery love of God for Jesus consumes me. The adoration of Jesus for the Father undoes me. I am amazed at the strength available as I live life from this special place.

- Now, read through this declaration again, more slowly, taking time to let the words soak in.
- Now read it again. Clearly pronounce phrases deliberately.
- Read it again, finding a rhythm and allow faith to be stirred in you. Your identity is rising and as it does the government of God is rising in the earth through you.

Make this declaration each day until new parts of your identity begin to come forth. This declaration is simply water that is priming the pump of who God has made you to be. There is more treasure within you that the earth can contain. Begin to live in the fullness of who you are.

- As you begin to hear yourself making new declarations as your identity is revealed to you, take time to journal those new phrases. Allow yourself to really hear them. You are becoming a warrior, a champion and a prototype like the earth has never seen.