

UNFATHOMABLE

One of my favorite scriptures in the Bible is Ephesians chapter 3 verse 8 when Paul says, to me the very least of all the saints, this Grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable Riches of Christ.

If someone asked me to describe the word unfathomable, I would tell them to picture taking a boat out in the middle of the ocean. Then take a several hundred pound steel anvil, and drop it over the side of the boat. If the anvil never hits the bottom that's what fathomable is.

Now, I'm not a highly educated Bible scholar, or a very slick persuasive preacher. I'm just a brother who has received Grace to share with you a very limited picture of the Unfathomable Riches of Christ.

John said in his gospel chapter 21 verse 25 that if all the things that Jesus did were written down, the whole world would not be able to contain it, not even with every volume of every book. It would be unfathomable.

I'm going to share with you a boatload of scriptures. I'm not going to use every scripture in the Bible, just hopefully enough that the spirit of wisdom and revelation will make them real to our spirits. And that the Holy Spirit would make them the reality of our lives.

The first one is Numbers 23:19 it says, God is not a man that he should lie, nor the son of man that he should repent, has he said it and will he not do it, or has he spoken and will He not make it good.

The second comes from Isaiah 46 starting around verse 9. I'll just read a couple of excerpts. I am God and there is no other. I am God and there is no one like me. My purpose will be established and I will accomplish all my good pleasure. Truly I have spoken, truly I will bring it to pass, I have planned it, surely, I will do it.

The third one is I've Isaiah 55.11

So shall my word be which goes forth out of my mouth, it shall not return to me empty without accomplishing what I desire and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

Satan has been trying to make the word of God into a book of teachings, doctrines, methods for living, or even a collection of Bible stories to teach our kids.

When in reality, it's the creative word of God Almighty who said in Genesis, let there be, and it actually came into existence. They are not theories for us to mentally process and try to discuss. It's God making his plan and his will known to us. They are statements of reality from God himself. When He says it, it's as good as done. It's not up for discussion either.

God said in the first chapter of John's gospel in verse 12, that as many as received him, speaking of Jesus, to them he gave the right to become children of God even to those who believe in his name, who we're born not of blood, nor the will of the flesh, nor the will of man, but they are born of God.

In Hebrews 2:10 the scripture says, it was fitting for him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through suffering, for both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one Father, for which reason he is not ashamed to call them brethren.

Ephesians 2:19 says, you are no longer strangers and aliens but you are fellow citizens with the saints and are of God's household.

God is the only one in the universe who can make these things possible for us. His plan to redeem us back into his family isn't like any other on the planet. There is no religion required for this to be our reality. Only the perfect sacrifice of his son on our behalf, and are receiving it by faith.

Romans chapter 6 states the fact that, we as Christians were baptized into Christ's death and we were raised with him by the glory of God to a completely new life. He also said that we can consider our old sinful life as dead, and consider ourselves completely alive to God and unbroken fellowship.

Ephesians 2.1 through 10 reiterates the same thing. That we were dead in our sins, living under the prince of the power of the air. That would be Satan. But God being rich in mercy and because of his great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions and sins, He made us alive together with Christ and raised us up with Him and seated us with him in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. We are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

2nd Corinthians 5:17 says, if any man is in Christ he is a new creature, the old things have passed away, behold new things have come, now all these things are from God who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

As Ephesians 2:8 says, by Grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is a gift of God, not as the result of works, that no one should boast.

It should seem pretty obvious to us from the scriptures that this is a supernatural act of God on our behalf. It's only made possible by the perfect sacrifice of Christ on the cross and our death and resurrection with him.

Give your attention for a minute to Ephesians chapter 1 verse 3 which says, blessed be the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.

In Hebrews chapters 9 and 10 there are 4 verses that give an incredible description of what Christ perfect sacrifice made available to us.

Chapter 9 verse 12 states that, through his own blood he entered the Holy Place once for all of us having obtained Eternal Redemption.

Verse 15 says that, a death has taken place for the Redemption of the transgressions that were under the first Covenant, so that those who have been called may receive the promise of the Eternal Inheritance.

Chapter 10 verse 10 says, by this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

In verse 14 says that by one offering, he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

These scriptures should make us very aware of how perfect Christ's sacrifice was for us.

God is the only one in the universe who could have done these things. He did it for us before we even asked, because of his great love for us.

In God's eyes, these things are a done deal, it's not up for discussion and like Jesus said on the cross, it is finished.

Let's look at a few more scriptures?

Hebrews chapter 1 verses 1 through 4 states that, God after we spoke long ago to the father's in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also made the world. He is the radiance of his glory and the exact representation of his nature, and upholds all things by the word of his power.

God goes on to say in 1st Corinthians 1 verse 30 that he put us in Christ by his doing and Jesus became our wisdom from God, our righteousness, our sanctification, and our Redemption.

Then 2nd Peter chapter 1 verses 1 through 5, God states that his divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness through the true knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and Excellence. For by these he granted to us his precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

Romans 8:32 says, He who did not spare his own son, but delivered Him up for all of us, how will he not also with him, freely give us all things.

In John chapter 16 verse 7 Jesus said, it's to your advantage that I go away, because if I don't go away the helper, the Holy Spirit will not come, but if I go away I will send them to you.

And verse 14 says, He shall glorify me, for He shall take of mine and will declare, disclose, and transmit it to you. All things that the father has are mine, therefore I said that he takes of mine and will disclose it to you.

In John 10:10 Jesus said, the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy, I came that they might have Life and have it abundantly. The Greek word used for life is Zoe, meaning life as God has it.

It seems pretty clear from these scriptures that God has committed everything he has and everything he is to his children. Everything that we receive in the kingdom of God comes by inheritance. We don't receive it because we're great children, we receive it because we have a great father.

Are you up for a few more statements of reality from God? Well here they come, ready or not.

Jesus said in John 14 verse 9, after a little while the world will behold me no more, but you will behold me, because I live you shall live also, in that day you shall know that I am in my father and you are in me and I am in you.

The word "live" in this verse is again the Greek word Zoe, meaning life as God has it. Literally it says, because I Zoe, you Zoe. Because I have life as God has it, you also have life as God has it

John 17:11 says I am no more in the world, yet they are in the world, and I come to you Holy Father, keep them in my name, the name which that was given me, that they may be one even as We are one.

Verse 20 says, I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, even as you, father, are in me and I in them, that they also may be an us that the world may believe that you did send me.

Verse 22 says, the glory which you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as we are one, I in them, and you in me, that they may be perfected in unity, that the world may know that you sent me and you love them even as you did love me.

1st Corinthians 6 verse 17 says that the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with him.

This union and oneness with God brings incredible transformation to our lives.

1st Corinthians 1:9 says, God is faithful through whom you were called into fellowship with his son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

First John chapter 1 verses 1 through 3 says, what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what our hands have handled concerning the word of life, and the life was manifested, and we have seen in bear witness and proclaim to you the Eternal Life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us.

What we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, that you also may have fellowship with us and indeed our fellowship is with the father, and with his son Jesus Christ.

The word Fellowship in the original Greek is the word Koinonia. It means to share in common. It literally means to drink from the same cup.

1st John 4:16 states, we have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this, love is perfected with us, that we may have confidence in the day of judgment because, as he is, so also are we in this world.

The scripture says that God is love. He doesn't do love, it's not one of his actions. He is the source of love. As we abide in him we are changed into that same image, from Glory unto Glory.

How about a few more scriptures?

Matthew 10:24 says, a disciple is not above his teacher or a slave above his master. It is enough for the disciple that had become as his teacher and slave as his master.

In Ephesians 4:11, it says that Christ gave gifts to men for several reasons. For the equipping of the saints for the work of service to the building up of the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

Verse 15 says, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into him, who is the head, even Christ.

Colossians 1:18 says that, Jesus is the firstborn from the dead that he might come to have first place in everything, for it was the father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in him.

Hebrews 2 verse 10 explains, that the father intended to bring many sons to Glory.

Romans 8:29 says, for whom he foreknew, he also predestined to become conformed to the image of his son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren, and whom he predestined, see if he also called, and whom he called, these he also justified, and whom he justified these he also glorified.

Jesus is the firstborn from the dead so that he would always have first place and be pre-eminent in the Kingdom.

The amazing thing about planting a crop, is that the last piece of fruit that comes out of the field, looks, smells, and tastes exactly like the first fruit.

Satan has tried very hard to put Jesus in a class by Himself. We expect him to be one with the father and righteous and full of eternal life. But we've allowed Satan to deceive us. Many people in the body of Christ, have no such expectation for the rest of the crop, even though the entire crop was sown with the same Eternal seed from the Father.

1st Peter 1:18 says, That you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver and gold from your feudal way of life, inherited from your forefathers, but with the Precious Blood, of a lamb, unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

Also in verse 23 it says, you have borne it been born again not of seed which is perishable, but imperishable, that is through the living abiding word of God.

We were originally created in the image of God according to Genesis 1:26. The gospel is God's plan to return us to our original created image.

That's why Paul in Ephesians 4:22 and Colossians 3:9 encourages Believers to lay aside our old self and put on the new self, which is created in righteousness and Holiness like God.

It doesn't make much sense to hang on to a life that is dead. It was crucified with Christ. He gave us his life, when we accepted our salvation.

Matthew 4:17 says, Jesus began to preach and say repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

Also in verse 23 it says, Jesus was going about in all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people. The news about him went out into all Syria, and they brought to him all who were ill, with various diseases and pains, demoniac, epileptics, paralytics, and he healed them.

Matthew 10 verse 1 says, having summoned his 12 disciples, he gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

Verse 7 says, as you go, preach, saying the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, and cast out demons, freely you received, freely give.

John 17:18 Jesus says, as you sent me into the world, I also send them into the world.

John 15:16 says, you did not choose me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, and whatever you ask of the father in my name, he may give it to you.

John 14 verse 12 says, truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me, the works that I do shall he do also, and Greater Works than these shall he do, because I go to the father. And whatever you ask in my name, that will I do, that the father may be glorified in the son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it

In Matthew 28 and Mark 16, Jesus gave instructions to his disciples to continue preaching the gospel of the Kingdom to the whole world. We call it the Great Commission.

Mark 16:20 says, they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord works with them, and confirm the word by the signs that followed.

In Matthew chapter 24, Jesus was asked by his disciples about the time of his second coming. He responded, he who endures to the end shall be saved and this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, then the end shall come.

Now for a few final thoughts.

Jesus said in John 6:63, that it is the spirit who gives life, the flesh profits nothing, the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

I've shared with you in these videos of bunch of scriptures. My intent was not to give you my opinion of them. But to lay out in front of us would God is already spoken, already set in motion, and is committed to continue through us. The Holy Spirit was given to make them a reality in our life.

Jesus said my kingdom is not of this world. He also said that the kingdom doesn't come with observations, it's within you.

God's kingdom is not a place. It's the influence of the King on his territory and on his subjects. We are the Temple of the Living God, and we are his territory and we are his subjects.

Jesus told Nicodemus in John chapter 3, that unless you are born again you cannot see the kingdom and unless you're born of the spirit you cannot enter it.

God intends for his children to be filled to overflowing with his life.

We were created to carry an abundance of his life that's more than we can hold. He intends for his life to overflow from us, for the benefit of the entire world.

Jesus preached, repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

Let's repent and humble ourselves, and allow the king to do exceedingly abundantly beyond anything we would dare ask or think, by his power that works in us, as his children

God bless you.
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