



“A Place to Belong”, by Mrs Johana Mukhavhuli, Wednesday Service, the 22nd of February 2012.

Mark 8:27-29

“27 Now Jesus and His disciples went out to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and on the road He asked His disciples, saying to them, “Who do men say that I am?” 28 So they answered, “John the Baptist; but some say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” 29 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered and said to Him, “You are the Christ.” Mark 8:27-29, NKJV.

The people were from different backgrounds and areas and so they all had a different idea on who Jesus was. In verse 28 the bible responded and after the disciples gave the various answers he asked them in verse 29 *“But who do you say that I am?”* They also showed the fact that they were not sure of his identity. It means that they were always with Him but they did not actually know who He was. Peter helped them because the Holy Spirit revealed unto Him and he answered *“You are the Christ.”* If the disciples knew who he was, he would not have had to ask them. He asked because He knew that they did not know him properly.

Acts 9:1-7 *“9 Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. 4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” 5 And he said, “Who are You, Lord?” Then the Lord said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads.” 6 So he, trembling and astonished, said, “Lord, what do You want me to do?” Then the Lord said to him, “Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” 7 And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one.”* Acts 9:1-7, NKJV.

Saul knew the scriptures but he did not have the spirit of God in Him. He was persecuting the Christians and he was enjoying it. He did not feel any guilt in doing



what he was doing which is why he even went to the High priest for letters of authority to persecute and kill more Christians.

Whilst on the way to destroy and persecute the kingdom of God he met Jesus Christ. He saw the light of God. Saul asked *"Who are You, Lord?"* He saw the lighting of the Lord He never knew. Yes, He knew other lords but not the Living Lord.

Phil 3:6-12

"6 concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. 7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Pressing Toward the Goal 12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me." Phil 3:6-12, NKJV.

The encounter of Saul with God changed him from inside and his spiritual eyes were enlightened. He realised that what he had been doing was in vain but from the day he knew Christ he got to know the power of Jesus and Him crucified.

Jesus gave him a new identity and redeemed him from death. Since he knew Christ he started to understand the pain that Christ had to go through. He was unlike the disciples who even though they walked with Christ for a long time did not know Him but He knew Christ. His knowledge of Christ separated him from the world. He realised the things that he was doing which were in vain, amongst others, killing and persecuting Christians.

What about you? Since you met Christ, have you stopped taking bribes, receiving stolen property etc Paul did not walk with the Christ he did not know. He knew Christ. The disciples did not know Jesus, the people did not know Jesus but Paul says ever since I knew Christ there has been a change in my life. Yesterday and today are no longer the same. I know Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Ever since



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you knew Jesus Christ what measures did you take in your life? Are you sticking to the copy (fake) of Jesus Christ or you have the real Him?

A person can be a good person without knowledge of or knowing Christ. Let's not just talk about Jesus Christ, let's know Him and the power of His resurrection. There is no way you can meet Jesus Christ and still be the same person from your yesterday. Ever since Paul knew Christ he forsook all else and went after Jesus Christ. He wanted to know Christ in full and he then got to know the real Christ and the power of His resurrection.



“Prayer Points” by Mrs Mabirimisa

There is power and victory in prayer. Whatever we do is never in vain.

1. *Praying against sicknesses and diseases and accidents*

“10 No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; 11 For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways.” Ps 91:10-11, NKJV .

Deut 7:15 *“15 And the Lord will take away from you all sickness, and will afflict you with none of the terrible diseases of Egypt which you have known, but will lay them on all those who hate you.”* Deut 7:15, NKJV.

Let us bind the spirit of accidents and come against all the sicknesses and diseases of the enemy in our lives.

2. *To be strong in our worship of God and not to be discouraged*

Sometimes in our walk with Jesus we become discouraged even to the point of doubting. *“28 For You will light my lamp; The Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.”* Ps 18:28, NKJV.

When your light is put off and when things don't go well, He is the one who puts on our lights and makes things to go well.

3. *To be led by the spirit and not by the flesh*

Sometimes our flesh wants to rule us and to lead us against the will of God. *“6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.”* Romans 8: 6, NKJV.

Galatians 5:16-17

“16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.” Gal 5:16-17, NKJV.

Let us reject and renounce the flesh. We must ask God for the grace to be led by the spirit and not by the flesh.

4. *Forsaking ancestral spirits and knowing that there is only one God*

It is important that people
Corinthians 8:6



"6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live." 1 Cor 8:6, NKJV.

John 1:1-3

"1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made." John 1:1-3, NKJV.

Tell God that you appreciate knowing Him and that we will not serve foreign gods but the living God alone and Him alone.

5. **That the plans of the enemy against the Christians shall not prosper**

1 Corinthians 10: 4-5

"4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. 5 But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness." 1 Cor 10:4-5, NKJV.

Bringing every thought to captivity.

Isaiah 54:17

"17 No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, And their righteousness is from Me," Says the Lord. Isa 54:17, NKJV.

God says that all good things come from Him. We are His chosen ones and the enemy is always plotting against us, against our lives.

Let's nullify the plans of the enemy against us by declaring the word of God in our lives.

6. **Restoration of everything that the enemy stole, killed and destroyed from our lives**

Deuteronomy 28:1-7

"28 "1 Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all



nations of the earth. 2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God: 3 "Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country. 4 "Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. 5 "Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. 6 "Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out. 7 "The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways." Deuteronomy 28:1-7, NKJV.

When we listen and do the word of God everything destined for our lives will come to us. When we disobey the word of God we will not receive our blessings from the Lord. Let's us pray for the grace to not only hear the word of God but to also do it.

7. For God to strengthen us to be fruitful and to multiply

"9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love." John 15:9-10, NKJV.

It is a pity to be a Christian who bears no fruits. When we hear the word of God it must correct us and rebuke us. Give us the grace to bear fruits and to multiply.

8. To be light of the world

Matthew 5:14

"14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden." Matt 5:14, NKJV.

How can you be light when you don't even want to share the word of God with your friend who does not know the Lord? We must become that light to the world. Give us temple grace oh God to be light to the world.

9. God to release our hearts so that we can serve in the house of God and not be selfish

Proverbs 11:24

"24 There is one who scatters, yet increases more; And there is one who withholds more than is right, But it leads to poverty." Prov 11:24, NKJV.



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Give us the grace, oh God to not be selfish anymore, not to be selfish in our giving to the Lord and in the projects of the church and the lives of other people. Open our hands so that we can share with you Lord, the church and with other people.

10. Servant of God, chiefs and traditional leaders

"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior," 1 Tim 2:1-3, NKJV.

It is not easy for leaders to rule and reign and so we must pray for them, let the grace of God lead and strengthen in Jesus' name.

11. For our children, they are tomorrow's soldiers

We can't wait until they are old and then teach them about God. The enemy attacks children aggressively as he knows that they are the future.

"14 But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Matt 19:14, NKJV.

God we ask for the grace to raise our children according to your word and to your will so that they will live in you Jesus Christ.

12 Thanksgiving.

The bible says we must give thanks to God in everything.