

Ridin' High Cowboy Church

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***Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection & the life.
The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;
& whoever lives by believing in me will never die.
Do you believe this?"
Psalm 27:4***

November 27, 2016 – Perception Principle

Perception determines reception.

We receive people based on how we perceive them.

Written about 52 AD, 20 years after the death of Jesus, Paul probably knew Mary, and for sure knew John who took care of Mary until her death. Paul is going to tell us how God views us

Galatians 4:4-7

4 *But when the set time had fully come*, when God had everything just like he wanted it, the world was ready. God had marked his calendar and after years of silence, 400 years between old and new testament...

Never confuse God's silence with his absence

Alexander the Great was born and grew into the greatest military leader the world has ever known, he conquered the whole known world, after this he made a law that everybody under his control speak a common language – Koinea Greek.

100 years after that the Romans came to power and they had two things they thought were important. Military Peace – soldiers everywhere to keep the peace so you can go wherever you want to and ... Great Roads.

The Bible you're reading today was originally written in Koinea Greek, and the people who spread the teachings of Jesus did it with Roman protection and on the great roads they built, news and people could travel faster than they ever could before.

God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those under the law, when Jesus was born as a baby he was accountable to

the rules of God, and he came to rescue all the people who can't keep the rules. We don't even keep our own rules very well, how many times have you decided to eat right or exercise and that lasts about two weeks – or money, spending time with family...

Most of us agree with the same laws we break...we probably all agree with having a speed limit, but at times we break it, and when you get caught you owe a debt.

It's the same way with God, when we broke God's law, we had no way of paying back the debt. In the Old Testament there was no sacrifice for sinning on purpose, only for accidental sin.

You owe things you can't pay back; you can't be a teenager again and give your parents less stress, you can't go back to that first marriage and make things right.

Redeem – buy back or trade

Jesus was born to die in order to pay back our debt to God. God said through Jesus, you don't owe anything,.

Paul says that God says it was not enough to be forgiven of your sins, miss Hell and gain Heaven when you die, he wants a relationship.

That we might receive adoption to sonship, The best way Paul could describe it was adoption (for us we think who wouldn't want to adopt a cute little baby) in the 1st century nobody adopted babies or children, (because they often died and you didn't know how they would turn out) Jews don't even have a word for it.

Rich people would look at their kids and say there is no way I'm leaving all this to them. Example: Julius Caesar adopted Octavian, his grandnephew, and left him everything (changed his name to Caesar Augustus) Augustus adopted his step son Tiberius at 40 years old. Tiberius adopted his wife (if I did "girls, you have a new sister, it's your mom!")

This story means that God looked at us as adults and said I want you as my child, it's just God's nature to want you as His

6 Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." Abba means Dad or Daddy, when they were writing this in Greek there was no word for Dad, so they inserted an Aramaic word, Example: In English we had no word for Taco, so we just use the Spanish word in English.

Dad is the word Jesus used in the Garden of Gethsemane when he faced the thought of his death.

7 So you are no longer a slave but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Matthew 13:53-58

53 When Jesus had finished these parables, he moved on from there. 54 Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. "Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?" they asked. 55 "Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? 56 Aren't all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" 57 And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown and in his own house is a prophet without honor." 58 And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

The Perception Principle: I can only receive someone on the level I perceive them.

The determining factor of God working is not who Jesus is...but how we see Him (because Jesus is all powerful everywhere)

Miracles done close to Jesus' hometown

- In Capernaum, He healed a great multitude – Matthew 8:1
- Healed the leper – Matthew 8:1
- Heals the centurion's servant – Matthew 8:5
- Heals Peter's mother-in-law - Matthew 8:14
- Many were healed in – Matthew 8:16
- The wind and waves obeyed Him- Matthew 8:23
- He raised a girl from the dead – Matthew 9:25
- He made the blind to see – Matthew 9:29
- Made the mute to speak – Matthew 9:32

These were all MIGHTY works!

All this was done outside their city! Why?

Why was it hard for these people to listen to Jesus? Too Familiar...
It's hard to listen to Jesus when you have seen him in diapers!

They saw who Jesus was ... NOT who he is...

Luke 1:39-45 39 At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, 40 where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby

leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³ But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished.”

Pregnant with the Possibility of God All of a sudden Elizabeth was pregnant with a child and Zechariah had the possibility of a son with great potential. Everybody you come in contact with is pregnant with the possibility of God

Elizabeth is barren and her husband is mute from unbelief, but now they are pregnant with the possibility of God.

Power of Your Presence

As a Christian (like Mary), you're a carrier of Christ. Mary just spoke to Elizabeth and the baby leaped. How many people that you just speak to are changed (you don't know the impact)...

Say it out loud, "I AM A CARRIER OF CHRIST!"

Maybe today, you're a Christian but your perception is off and you have not been living like you're a carrier of Christ, or maybe you realized for the first time today that you've not accepted Christ and you want to make that change today...