



Day One: The Greatest Honour

How our precious Jesus has honoured us! Hold onto your seats because this week we're going to see this honour like never before!

We've no doubt felt the depth of honour that Jesus has given us by laying down His life for us. There truly is no greater love! I adore the words of a song I've recently heard, by Joe Niemand, called Pebbles. It says, *'Who can claim that they'd be slain to save you, My love? Who can claim that they'd exchange themselves to carry your blame? I'm the only one who will ever qualify. Who could rise to the occasion who's willing to die.'*

Truly, the Lord has honoured us above all measure by dying for us! And yet even in this honour, there's still so much more. His honour towards us is demonstrated in many and various facets, some of which we may never have considered before.

Just think about this – Jesus went to hell and got back the keys of sin and death (Rev 1:18), established the Kingdom of God on this earth (John 18:36)... and then entrusted it to us!

Matthew 28:18 – 20 (BSB) *Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”...*

What trust! To come to this world, to give His absolute everything to save this world, and yet knowing He wouldn't live to see the completion of it (in the natural). Yet He trusted completely that what He had implanted inside His people would finish the job. He simply handed over the baton to us. Wow!

Do you know what He in effect did when He told the disciples that He'd gotten back the authority that Adam had lost in the garden and He wanted them to go in His authority to complete the commission that He started? He was actually saying to them...

I give you My life to live.



At the cross, He exchanged everything. He took our sin and gave us His righteousness. He took our sickness and gave us His healing. He took our separation from God and gave us His oneness with God. He took our poverty and gave us His wealth. And I could go on. In every single area and aspect of the life of Christ and the life of man, there was an absolute exchange. Revelation even tells us that we are clothed in a spotless garment of white... while Jesus wears a garment dipped in blood. We are promised a glorified body... while Christ still bears scars and holes in His hands.

He BECAME us... He took on our life. And then we took on His.

He didn't stay on the earth to get everyone saved and disciple all nations Himself... He laid down His life to save us. And now He honours us by giving us the life HE would have lived on the earth. We took His place on this earth. We became His body. This is how Paul could say in Galatians 2:20, *'...I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me...(NIV)*. He realised that Christ had exchanged Paul's life – taken it, and given Paul His very own Life in return. Christ could actually live His Life THROUGH Paul. And He desires to do the same through you.

Has anyone ever given up something so precious for you?

Has anyone ever entrusted you with something so glorious?

Has anyone ever believed in you that much?

Only your Jesus. He's died for you, He's entrusted HIS life to you, and He trusts you to live it.



Jesus says to you today: *"I give you My Life to live."* How does this impact you?



Day Two: Limiting or Limitless?

People tend to think that God is frantically at work solving needs wherever He sees them. Not true! What God needed to do to solve every need, He's already done! He sacrificed His Son! Jesus went to the cross, got back the authority man had lost in the garden, re-connected us with God and came to live in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, and then essentially He said, "*Right, let's pick up where we left off and get this job done.*"

Jesus did everything He needed to do on the cross so that we could live His Life through our lives and complete the commission that He started. He chooses to accomplish this mission through US.

The Bible makes it very clear that God works through His children on this earth. It says that He does nothing on this earth without first telling His prophets (Amos 3:7 & Isa 42:9), that we are living epistles, read of all men (2 Cor 3:2), and that the ministry of reconciliation has been given to us (2 Cor 5:18).

Do you know that He has limited Himself to you?

The Living One has come to live inside of us, merging His Spirit and our spirit together as one (1 Cor 6:17). As we align ourselves in our soul (mind, will and emotions) with His Life within us, it flows through our aligned souls to our bodies and into this world. However, even though Jesus lives within us, and the fullness of His Life is already inside of us, He has also given us a free will. We are free to either align ourselves with His Life within us... or not. We are free to allow a little bit of His Life to flow through us... or a lot! We can by grace live through His Life within us some of the time... or all of the time.

How much the world sees of Christ within us is completely up to US. Which begs the question...

Do you realise that YOU can limit the Son of God on this earth?

I know, I know. I was challenged when I heard Holy Spirit whisper this to me, and actually wondered if I was listening to the enemy instead of my precious Lord. Yet, consider this scripture:

Galatians 5:16 (TPT) *As you yield freely and fully to the dynamic life and power of the Holy Spirit, you will abandon the cravings of your self-life. For your self-*



life craves the things that offend the Holy Spirit and hinder him from living free within you!

It says, 'As *YOU* yield...' I realised that it is our choice whether we yield freely and fully! None of the responsibility in this verse rests on the Holy Spirit – He's fully alive inside of us already! How much of the glory of God is seen is the earth depends on how much of His glory He can RELEASE through us. WE are the gates from which the King of Glory comes in and is released (Psa 24) into this world who is desperately longing for His glory to arise through us (Rom 8:19)!

May we be gates that are freely and fully kept wide open! I don't know about you, but I don't want to hinder the Living One from flowing from within me. I don't want to hamper Him, I don't want to frustrate Him, I don't want to limit His power and therefore His plans and His purposes on this earth. I understand that if I won't allow Him to flow through me as He desires, He will continue to look to and fro across the earth to find someone who will.

But I LOVE Him! I want to live life as one with Him! I want to bring joy to His heart as He says, '*Here is one I can flow through uninhibited*'. He paid with His Life for MY freedom – how could I think to take away His freedom and keep Him bound within me? Yes, He is infinitely patient – yet I don't want Him to have to wait for another generation because I 'wasn't ready' to yield fully and freely. I want His purposes to be fulfilled in THIS generation! And I want to live out the book of destiny that He wrote for me before the foundation of the world – every page of it!

If this is your heart and desire, will you determine today to believe that He's given you His Life to live – and fully live it?



Soak Time

The Lord has limited Himself to you and He asks you to yield freely and fully so that you will not hinder Him from living free within you. How freely and fully can Christ live through your life?

In what ways have you hindered Him from living free within you? Will you lay these things down and honour your Saviour as He has honoured you? Will you give Him His freedom as He has given you yours?



Day Three: Our Flesh for His Glory

Most of us are fully committed to the Lord. We want Him to shine and we don't want to hide His glory in any way. Willingness is not generally the problem. The challenge is that we don't think He could possibly shine anything glorious through us!

"Most of the limits that we place on God in our life revolve around our sense of self, around our perceived capacity for God...we limit God by our limited concept of who we believe He can be in us. We reduce God to our perception of what He can do through us." Jim Richards

We're not really saying that God is limited. We're saying that we believe we are limited! We've not yet realised that His Spirit and our spirit have merged together as one (2 Cor 6:17) and that it is Christ Who now lives through us! And out of this fear, we focus on what we can't do, where we can't go, how we can't shine... and all the while, we don't realise that WE are limiting the Limitless One!

Philippians 2:7 – 8 (TPT) *...he emptied himself of his outward glory by reducing himself to the form of a lowly Servant. He became human! He humbled himself and became vulnerable, choosing to be revealed as a Man...*

This is the total opposite to what He has asking us to do in OUR humility.

He emptied Himself of HIS glory to take on OUR flesh.

We are to empty ourselves of OUR flesh to take on HIS glory.

This is the truly exchanged life – and it's what Christ has already paid for.

He has limited Himself and made us unlimited.

He took our place but also put us in His place.

Don't try to 'get' this with your mind – it will have a fit! But allow this truth to become awakened in your heart because this is now your reality.

I remember a time when I was preparing to share communion at church. I'd received what the Lord wanted me to say and prepared my short message. However, about this time I received a text telling me my limitations... I was reminded that I should use only one or two scriptures and keep the timeframe to a specified number of minutes. Now what I'd prepared actually fit into this



‘criteria’. However, I noticed that my stomach just knotted up and I felt immediately and extremely frustrated. I asked the Lord why, and I realised that I felt limited. I heard the voice of Holy Spirit in my heart and He explained it in a single sentence. He said: *“I hate being locked up more than you do!”*

And I realised it at this moment, that it is the ultimate honour to limit yourself to someone else! We’ve probably all had experiences where we’ve had to wait for someone else... to see revelation, to choose Jesus, to stop judging us, to make a decision, or simply to hurry up when we’re in a rush. God has asked us to pray and to wait and to love and to understand, yet we feel held back and restrained because we’ve had to wait for someone else.

We are often forced to wait for others and can barely do it in an honourable and loving way. Yet Jesus **CHOSE** this! He has always been willing to honour us by choosing to be limited to us. Consider Christ going to the cross, He had the power to call down legions of angels to get Himself off the cross... but He limited Himself in order to honour us before Himself. Then He chose to live inside of us... and mankind has been daily limiting Him ever since!

Even throughout the Old Testament, God chose to be limited to man. The Bible says that *‘...they turned back and tested and limited the Holy One of Israel’ (Psalm 78:1)*, and it shows God’s heart when He says, *‘How I longed to gather your children together like a mother hen gathers her chicks. But you would not let me’ (Luke 13:34)*. THEY would not let GOD do as He wanted to. That’s an eye-opener! And we are no different – we can restrain Him or we can release Him!

I don’t want to restrain Jesus today! Do you?



“...we limit God by our limited concept of who we believe He can be in us.” How has your concept of who you are limited Him?



Day Four: The Hope of Glory

You see God has but one plan for the world:

Colossians 1:27 (KJV) Christ in you, the hope of glory.

There is no plan B.

Christ in YOU. Christ in YOU. Christ in YOU! This is His ONLY hope of glory for the earth. This is His only hope of glory for the nations, for the completion of the commission He gave us, and for the fulfilment of every dream God has held in His heart from before the foundation of the world. It's Christ in you. That's it! No backup plan and no safety net.

Colossians 3:3 – 5 (TPT) Your crucifixion with Christ has severed the tie to this life, and now your true life is hidden away in God as you live within the Anointed One. And every time Christ himself is seen for who he really is, who you really are will also be revealed, for you are now one with him in his glory! So consider your life in this natural realm as already dead and buried.

You are now one with Him in His glory! Wow! We must realise that the world sees His glory when they see it through us.

'The glory of God is a man fully alive.' Saint Irenaeus

What a profound and brilliant quote! Because after all, life in its fullness is the glory of God! When we see His glory, we see His Life! As it says in Revelation 1:18 (NIV), 'I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever!' If the Living One lives within us and if we will live fully alive in His Life, the world will clearly see His glory shining from us!

Romans 8:30 (TPT) ...he called us to himself and transferred his perfect righteousness to everyone he called. And those who carry his perfect righteousness he co-glorified with his Son!

Ephesians 1:18 (TPT) I pray that the light of God will illuminate the eyes of your imagination, flooding you with light, until you experience the full revelation of our great hope of glory... And I pray that you explore and experience for yourselves all the riches of this wealth that has been freely given to all his holy ones, for you are his true inheritance!



This scripture says that WE are HIS true inheritance. But what if the inheritance hides itself away? What if the inheritance refuses to shine?

Matthew 5:14 – 15 (BSB) *You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they set it on a lampstand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.*

He said that we are THE light of the world. There's no other source of light in this world than His Life shining through us in glory. Yet to hide it under a basket is a picture of exactly what we've been looking at this week – it's limiting the Limitless One from living freely within us! When we do that, the light cannot shine! And therefore, the world stays in darkness.

Jesus said NOT to hide His Light under a basket but to put it on a lampstand for everyone to see it. If we are not willing to do so, it's not ourselves that we are hiding under a basket – it's Him! Will we hide or will we shine?

Soak Time

Do you believe that Christ is you is THE hope of glory for the world?	Y	N
Do you believe that there is no Plan B, backup or safety net?	Y	N
Do you believe that you have been co-glorified with Jesus?	Y	N
Do you believe that you are His true inheritance?	Y	N
Do you believe that you are the light of the world?	Y	N
Will you refuse to hide this light under a basket?	Y	N
Will you be a lamp on a lampstand for Jesus?	Y	N

What is Holy Spirit speaking to your heart?



Day Five: Who is Alive?

We've seen that we can actually limit Jesus. We can inhibit, diminish or completely stop the flow of His Life from within us. OR, we can yield fully and freely to Him and allow His Life to shine uninhibited and unrestricted through us.

A friend of mine was holding onto a folded up piece of paper one day, and told me that Holy Spirit had asked them a question and they'd written it down. The paper was unfolded in front of me and when I read the question, it hit me like a tonne of bricks. It said:

ARE YOU ALIVE OR IS JESUS ALIVE?

Wow! I wasn't sure I had the answer. Or perhaps I knew what the answer was but it was the wrong one. I realised this:

He has given us the ultimate honour. He has died so that we can live. Would we give Him the ultimate honour in return? Die to our flesh so that HE can live through our spirits in the new life He has purchased for us?

This really is the destiny-altering, world-changing question:

Will we let Jesus live THROUGH us?

Romans 8:7 – 9 (TPT) *In fact, the mind-set focused on the flesh fights God's plan and refuses to submit to his direction, because it cannot! For no matter how hard they try, God finds no pleasure with those who are controlled by the flesh. But when the Spirit of Christ empowers your life, you are not dominated by the flesh but by the Spirit. And if you are not joined to the Spirit of the Anointed One, you are not of him.*

What a profound statement! But even more profound is the footnote in The Passion Translation for Romans 8:9, which says, *'This is an unusual Greek clause that can be translated "If anyone is not joined to the Spirit of Christ, he cannot be himself."*

Wow, the paradox of it all! We let Jesus live fully alive through us... and that's how we get to be ourselves! Try to grasp that one with your mind – you won't! But your heart knows it's true. His Life IS your real life (we're back to Colossians



3:3 now). This is how we get to be our true selves – let the Living One live freely in us!

Philippians 2:12 (TPT) ...Continue to allow your new life to manifest through you as you live in the holy awe of God...

That's all we have to do – keep our eyes on the holy awe of God and inevitably the Life that is already within us WILL manifest, if we don't stop it and don't restrict it, but simply yield to it. He's already fully alive within us. We simply let it flow out by continually choosing to yield - laying down who we think we are and releasing Who we know He is. As we go forward, remember...

Do not live in ways which belie our glory.

To belie is to *'fail to give a true impression of something.'* It's time to stop giving ourselves and those around us a false impression of who we are. Who we are is Who He is and He is glorious! No longer are we to live as those who do not contain the glorious treasure of His Life within us. He wants us to lay aside our masquerades and disguises... everything we hid behind which told us and others that we were anyone else.

Colossians 3:9 – 10 (TPT) *Now that you have embraced new creation life as the true reality, lay aside your old Adam-self with its masquerade and disguise. For your new creation life is continually being renewed into the likeness of the One who created you; giving you the full revelation of God.*

The masquerades and disguises you've hid behind are not true of you any longer. Lay them down and pick up your new creation life, full of wonder and glory!



Are you alive or is Jesus alive?
