

JESUS BORE OUR POVERTY

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich (2 Cor. 8:9). The topic is “Jesus Bore Our Poverty.”

Christ redeemed us from poverty: Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”) that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith (Gal. 3:13). If you read Deut. 28, it talks about the curse that comes from not following the law. The curse impoverishes. We were redeemed from that and Christ opened up Spirit led, by grace through faith life that leads us into the blessing way and gives overcoming grace to do things that bless rather than impoverish. There would be no way we could do those things that bless rather than impoverish without his grace brought forth by what Jesus bore (things like prepare for a job, seek find, keep a job, do blessed work)--things that bless—blessed work, work that seed power (dunamis) and God does exceedingly, abundantly more than we ask or think (Eph. 3:20). Also, since we are made right with God by grace through faith, through right standing with God, God pours mercy, favor, blessing on us and we are shown favor in the eyes of others and they bless us....and so much more that we do not even know.

Also, with the mind of the Spirit (recall the Spirit was poured out because Christ was crucified, raised, ascended), you meditate the blessings, prosperity, profiting, fruitful realm—looking for, seeing (Jn. 3:3 you must be born again to see the kingdom of God) discerning God’s opportunities because by being born again you can see the kingdom of God which includes blessing, profiting, prospering, being fruitful. You are not timid or fearful by having a mind of the flesh, which means you look for all the bad that could happen, see no opportunity because of wrong focus and be neutralized. Also, by not doing fleshly, sinful things brought about by having the mind of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21) you are not impoverished by sin’s impoverishing work.

A nation is considered prospered if its individual citizens generally are prosperous. God’s kingdom is affiliated with blessing, multiplying, fruitfulness, prospering, profiting, so that means the

intention is that the citizens of God's kingdom are intended to be that way.

Know what it means when someone bears something for someone else. The one that bears for someone else does something himself that removes the problem for the other person so they can go about unhindered by the former problem; they are free of the problem. This is seen in Mt. 8:14-17. Jesus healed **all** the sick that were around him that time. It was said that Jesus did that to fulfill what was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He **Himself** took our infirmities and bore our sickness." Jesus Himself did something, they were healed, able to do, unhindered by the former problem. This is very evident from the healing of Peter's wife's mother being healed (as recounted in this passage). Jesus Himself did something, she was rid of the former sickness, she got up and served them.

Now with that understanding of what bearing means, we get more understanding of Christ bearing our sin, sickness, and poverty. Christ bore our sins, was raised, ascended, poured out the Holy Spirit, removing the problem (sin and the curse of the law), restored us to right relationship with God, so we could put on the new man (Eph. 4:24) and live for righteousness (1 Pet. 2:24). The impoverishing lifestyle of practicing sinfulness is removed. We are led by the Spirit by grace through faith and prosper—by His grace, His mercy, His power working through us, not of self (see 1 Cor. 15:10 and 2 Cor. 9:8 to get understanding that grace is powerful ability from God to overcome to accomplish God's will). By grace, by the Spirit's leading, be blessed, have divine appointments, you **seek** with graced fire and find a job where God blesses the work of your hands and you prosper (Deut. 16:15). Also, God's seen blessing will be on you and people will do things that bless and prosper you. Christ delivered us from impoverishing sin to bring us to a blessed and prosperous life. This grace, this supernatural fire to ably do and to repel the devil while you do (James 4:6-7) is not of self it is of God. When God removes the grace from you because God has led you to do something else that God will grace, it is obvious that you without the grace cannot do of-self what you formerly did graced by God – there is a wall, you are not protected by the overpowering grace—you are in the impoverishing realm.

Grace gives you the fire to do repetitive things (like a job that prospers, like teach algebra over and over) with zeal, with freshness, with faithfulness, as if you are doing it for Jesus, which you are (Eph.

6:5). Grace is the ability to do (2 Cor. 9:8) and back off the devil while you do what prospers with power.

Christ bore what He bore so we could be absent of the curse holding us back, where we can be free from pounding condemnation (since there is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus [Rom 8:1]) holding us back, plus we have the positive leading of the Holy Spirit to be done by grace through faith giving us overcoming, overpowering ability and wisdom to prosper—plus the mercy and favor that comes from being a son of the Most High. All of this Spirit-grace-by faith outpouring was brought about by Christ's bearing what He did, being raised, and ascended. We Christians have this awesome **opportunity** to prosper, much like any person has this opportunity for salvation by faith in Jesus. However, it must be our will to hungrily do God's will (Jn 7:17) on these matters, penitently receive and do by grace through faith – penitently being will to do what God says (the Spirit's leading) by grace through faith to prosper. Many may apply this willingness to do what God calls you to do to only the realm of being a missionary and going to Africa. Eyes need to be opened that God's calling could be by grace through faith apply to 120 places for a job, or make about 140 five hour preparatory trips to a place to make a foundation for prospering, or being willing to move to a place where you know no one to take a job, or to be willing to diligently, wisely study for hours by grace through faith to train for a job.

Also, prosperity is expected to come to you by inheritance from parents, even grandparents (Pr. 13:22)—so instead of being so me-focused and running up debt because me wants it now without working, without saving for it, without waiting...instead of that focus on helping your own children and grandchildren to prosper by storing up inheritance for them to help prosper by—all this fueled by God's grace, God's calling, God's leading (1 Cor. 15:10) which was brought about by Jesus bearing what Jesus bore so we could be saved, healed, blessed, prospered.

Granted I was blessed by the parents I had—but instead of focusing on the lack of good parents you may not have had, instead focus on this.. you by grace focus on being a parent where your children can say that they were blessed by having Godly parents that helped them prosper and gave an inheritance to not only to them, their children, but to their grandchildren. Start believing and talking and by grace living that way even with small beginnings and it starts happening

to you. All this is not living counter to the cross. A person does not want to live as if Christ had not borne our sin, sickness, and poverty and then was raised. You live life because of the cross.

Also, to prosper, you might have to leave a culture whose fruit is poverty. Sadly, some have adamant allegiance to poverty cultures. You will have to be not well thought of by some for Christ's sake.

Because Christ died, rose again, and ascended, we Christians can have the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, the anointing dwelling in us and alerting us to what is "all truth" versus a deceitful mixture (Jn. 16:13, 1 Jn. 2:27). As I heard said, soooooo many business prey on people's lack of wisdom and appeal to lower nature to make money (like why wait to payday, we will give you a cash advance or just use this credit card and keep on spending even though you cannot pay the bill in full each time). So be attune to the Holy Spirit as He alerts you to unwise, poverty bringing appeals to your lower nature and resist and avoid the unwise. The Holy Spirit' leading is wisdom from above, so follow His leading.

Also, little by little you take the land of prospering (Deut. 7:22). As was mentioned earlier you can have small beginnings, and have small incremental progress, day after day, year after year. Do not despise the day of small things (Zechariah 4:10). Then, with patient endurance, the prosperity speed can pick up as you get established in flowing in God's will in this matter.

A way Jesus bore our poverty is He was crucified, raised and sent the Holy Spirit to indwell us. With the indwelling Holy Spirit we abide led by the Spirit. Abiding is the realm of being fruitful (John 15:4-5). Being fruitful includes prospering, profiting. What the Spirit leads us to is fruitful.

So we need to realize all Christ bore for us and live our lives Spirit led by grace through faith attaining by His power and provision what God has for us.