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Let us pray before we read the Word. Heavenly Father, we come to you thanking you and praising you for all the good and perfect gifts that you give to us from above. Amen. All good things come from you, Lord, and we thank you for them. And we thank you, Lord, for spreading the Word throughout the world and bringing the Wife of your Son together in one mind and one accord. We appreciate it. And now as we stand to minister the Word, Lord, we are depending on that unction from the Holy One. And we thank you for this unction, for this anointing. And we pray that you will let the hearers be anointed by the Holy One and each one of us receive according to thy divine plan, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Now before going any further, I want to say that we are speaking the Word by the anointing of God and are bringing forth Word that has not been spoken before, for it is Word that was hid in God before the foundation of the world. So I did not get this message of the last trump of God that is being preached to the Wife of the Lamb from anyone else, nor did I learn it, but it is by our Lord Jesus Christ; for I am preaching by revelation the gospel of the fullness of Christ Jesus. Amen.

Today I want to read in 1 Corinthians, Chapter 15, and I want to take a thought and title it—*All Things are Put Under Jesus Christ, with an Exception*. Now that exception is spelled e-x-c-e-p-t. It means there is an exception to all things being put under Him. And there are two words that are pronounced exactly the same way—*except* and *accept*.

One of them is when you accept something, 'to receive something offered.' Well, the other is except, meaning 'not including.' In other words, you have an exception from that. It is like buying an insurance policy. It will pay if you go to the hospital, but there are exceptions. It will pay if you fall and break your leg, but with exceptions; and by the time you get through all the exceptions, you might as well rip it up and throw it away! That is except. So I love the English words. It is just beautiful. And we will read and see how it works out here. I will start with Verse 25. "For he (the Lord Jesus Christ) must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet." Watch, He must reign until then, which is showing He will reign even throughout the millennium. And when the end of the millennium comes, just before God looses Satan out of the bottomless pit after being bound for a thousand years, Jesus Christ will have the earth in a perfect condition. But then Satan is loosed for a little season, and he will go throughout the earth and deceive those that were his seed to begin with. Again, that takes place at the end of the millennium.

The millennium will be similar to what we had back about a hundred years ago or so (and with the mountain folks even less than a hundred years). People believed in doing right, living right. And as far as knowing much about the scripture, they did not. But they would say, "The good book says this," or "The good book says that," speaking of the Bible. And they would always try to treat one another right. But, of course, there were exceptions along the way, but I am talking about the overall population; most people wanted to do what was right, and they wanted to honor the Lord by acknowledging Him in their day-to-day lives. And many times I remember my

father saying, "We will do this *if it be the will of God.*" And there was talk like that going on. But now, fifty or sixty years or so later on down the road where we are at now, it does not resemble that at all; for there were certain things, like prayer in the schools, that was once a given, but now, for the most part, it is not even allowed anymore. And as far as immoral living, that was hardly in the picture at all, but there has always been that exception where there were a few. But now immorality is more like the norm than the exception.

That is kind of the way it will be at the end of the millennium; everything will be going so good, then once Satan is loosed, it will be a different story altogether. Many people will begin to want to do wrong. And, eventually, Satan will go through the earth, putting thoughts in the minds of his servants and those that he converts unto him, saying, "Let us overthrow the Kingdom of God. We can make it better." It will be similar to what is taking place now. (Revelation 20:7-15)

Notice, during that time of the millennium, our Lord Jesus Christ conquers the earth, but God allows Satan to be loosed out of the bottomless pit long enough to try those that were born and raised during that time. And there will be some of them that have something in them that God does not want to go into eternity. And when Satan begins to (we will say) preach a different gospel, then they will go with it willingly. And that is how it is today; people go with the big carry-on's in the churches. And the preachers will always bring in the finances, saying, "If you give this much or that much, God will give to you." And that is their main theme. But the thing is, God has allowed it because the working of the Holy Ghost has been taken out of the

way. God gave them over to the working of the antichrist, and they cannot tell the difference. Instead of Satan being loosed upon the earth (like at the end of the millennium), in this day, God just moved the working of the Holy Ghost back and lets them manifest the real seed that was in them to begin with. It is a religious seed, and it will not come to the true Word. Amen. So that is similar to what it is going to be at the end of the millennium.

So, Verse 25 said, "Jesus Christ must reign until He has put all enemies under His feet." And Verse 26 says, "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." I want you to notice that. Death cannot be destroyed until at the end of the millennium just before God takes the world into eternity. That is when Satan will be destroyed. Satan will be cast into the lake of fire, and along with him, death will be destroyed. So in eternity there will be no more death, because death is no longer in existence.

Again, Verse 26, "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." So death is an enemy, and it shall be destroyed. Those are the two points that I want you to notice here—and Jesus Christ does it. But to us, the Wife, that enemy has already been destroyed. Notice, death cannot be destroyed until after the millennium to the world in general, but for the Wife of the Lamb, death has already been destroyed. Death is totally defeated for the Wife of the Lamb; and we are that group of people that we read about in 1 Thessalonians, Chapter 4, which says, "we which are alive and remain." See, we did not go by the way of the grave, but we saw and received the spiritual coming of the Lord Himself as He came in the fullness of His Spirit. (Revelation, Chapter 10)

There are people that love death; and there are even people that blow themselves up and blow a lot of people up, for death is something that is part of them because they think there will be certain rewards for them over in another life, or something to that effect. So they love it. They glory in death. So right now death is out there doing its thing in the world, but death will be cast into the lake of fire with the devil at the end of the millennium. So we see death will eventually be gone. Meanwhile, for us, the Wife, there is an overcoming power. And this power conquers death for those that are the part of the Word that says, "We which are alive and remain shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye." And we are in that time period right now. And the twinkling is taking place. For we passed the time period of the message of baptizing into death; and to the Wife that is no more, for we have now been baptized into life, where death cannot conquer us. It does not mean that death will not try to give us a thought to try to worry our mind that we might go on by the way of death. But we have overcoming power because we are part of the Word. The Wife of the Lamb is the living Word of that which is written, "We which are alive and remain shall be changed," which is now taking place. And the devil cannot do anything about it. Amen, the Word always prevails!

Now as we go on to the next verse, Verse 27, it says, "For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him." There is an exception to 'all things are put under Him.' Now who is that which is not under Him? It is God. God the Father. All things are put under His feet with an exception—God. So I love that word exception. There is an exception. See, it is manifested that

He is excepted. In other words, there is an exception for the Father. And now we have become part of it; we are part of that exception. And now we are all one. God has made us part of the Word. God has made us the Wife of His Son, bone of His bones and flesh of His flesh, Spirit of His Spirit, and we are part of the Godhead. There is an exception, see. Hallelujah! Jesus Christ is not over us, His Wife; for we are that special part of Him, which makes us part of the Godhead. We are the tree of life. So we come under the exception that God comes under, because 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God, and the Word was made flesh,' and we were made from that same special part of the Word that Jesus Christ was made from—bone of His bones and flesh of His flesh.

So there is an exception to all things being put under Him. And there is an exception to death. There was an exception to death in the Garden of Gethsemane when Jesus went to pray. There, as He prayed, His sweat became as it were great drops of blood. He prayed and He met death head on, and He overcame. Remember, Peter and the other apostles had fallen asleep when Jesus went to pray, for they were tired, and they sat down and went to sleep. But after the third time that Jesus Christ had prayed, He awakened the apostles and they saw what the enemy was doing; for there were a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees along with Judas Iscariot (which was the apostle that betrayed Him) coming for Jesus the Christ! So Peter drew his sword and cut off the ear of a servant of the high priest! And that took really good 'swordsmanship' to cut off an ear and not do any other damage! But Jesus told Peter, "Put away thy sword."

And Jesus reached down and got the ear and stuck it back on the man, and he was made whole again. Hallelujah! *There* is the power of the Word! *There* is the power of God! There is that healing in the extreme! And Jesus said unto Peter and the other apostles there, "Think ye not that at present (I love that. When I quote it, I always bring that out-"at present." In other words, "right now on the spot.") I could call twelve legions of angels and deliver myself. But for this purpose came I into the world." And He said, "How else can the scripture be fulfilled if I do not do it?" And now, concerning us and overcoming death, and 'being changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye,' how else could the scripture be fulfilled if we did not do it? And now we are walking forward, fulfilling the scripture. It is taking place right now in our very own flesh and bones because we are connected to that! We have a connection to Jesus Christ overcoming death, and that connection cannot be broken.

So that *exception* to all things being put under His feet included us. See, Jesus Christ is not over us, but He is part of us. We are part of Him. He made us His Wife. He made us His Queen. So we are part of the glorified flesh and bones of the Lamb of God. (Revelation 19:7-8) We are part of the Lamb that was with the Father that was slain from the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:8); and it played out in real-time two thousand years ago. And then Paul wrote two thousand years ago about 'there is a people that shall be changed without going to the grave.' And now that Word is coming to pass just exactly, because it was a prophetic Word then, but now here it is in real-time taking place in a people that are bold, that believe, and that are not ashamed to stand forth in the earth and proclaim it.

Glory to God! It is so wonderful and so good, and we could never get through telling about all these good things. But the thing is, the more we talk about it, the more the devil gets mad. And the more the devil gets mad is the more we get glad! Hallelujah! Be glad and rejoice! Amen.

Verse 27 again, "For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he (God the Father) is excepted, which did put all things under him." In other words, God put all things under the feet of Jesus Christ except Himself. And now as His Son's Wife, we are included in that exception. See, God the Father is the greatest of all, and He will always be. And His Son, the Lamb of God, is so happy to look to Him, to honor Him. And Jesus Christ said, "I do nothing except what the Father shows me." And that is what we do; we do nothing except what the Father through the Lord Jesus Christ shows us—and that is what we call the 'one doctrine.' That is what the Pharisees questioned Jesus about, saying, "Where did He get this?" And they said, "How knoweth this man letters not going to school?"

I will never forget a meeting we had near the University of Georgia, in Athens Georgia. Some of the students came, and up front I told them about my education status, that I only had a fourth grade education. I preached about hybreeding; showing how the Word of God got perverted. I used an example of how a mule came into being. Also, I spoke about hybrid corn. Well, when I got through preaching, there was a tall young fellow that came up to me and said, "Mr. Howard, I want to ask you something. What are you trying to pull on us?" And I said, "I do not understand." And he said, "You said you only had a fourth grade education. I will about grant it that you have

at least four years of college." And I said, "Well, thank you. How much do I owe you for that comment?" So some of them said, "Don't ever say you only have a fourth grade education, because you do not talk like a fourth-grader, and you do not preach like a fourth-grader." Well, I do not know how a fourth-grader is supposed to preach, and I do not know how a fourth-grader is supposed to talk, but I love the Word. And I love to study. And I just love to read, especially the Word of God and the books that we are writing, because in them there are revelations that go beyond anything that was written in Paul's day. And in them there are secrets that have been kept hid since the foundation of the world. And one of the latest secrets that has been revealed is the masculine and feminine parts of the Christ Spirit.

Sometime back, a minister said to me, "Brother Ben, I think the greatest revelation that you have ever brought was the fact that Christ has always been, that Christ was in the Old Testament, and that Christ was not born two thousand years ago." That is right! Christ was not born at all; and Christ has neither father nor mother, beginning of days nor end of life. And Christ came into the man, the carpenter, the Son of God named Jesus, in fullness. And when that took place, Jesus had the Spirit without measure; and that made Him Jesus the Christ.

So the fullness of Christ came into Jesus. And it does not mean that Christ the Spirit was not in other places, but the fullness of Christ (masculine and feminine) came into Jesus. And Jesus began to talk different. Jesus began to preach. Jesus began to do mighty works. And that One is with us today that did those mighty works. And we are in Him, we are married to Him, the very One that told the

man that had been lying by a pool called Bethesda for thirty-eight years, waiting for an angel to come and trouble the water so he could get in and be healed, "Take up thy bed and walk! Here is a new kind of healing!" So you do not have to get into the water and wait for an angel to trouble it. Just listen to this spoken Word, and it will heal you, both spiritually and physically and any other way! Amen. And then you can stand up and testify real loud that HE DOETH ALL THINGS WELL!

We are 'in that exception.' And by being married to the Lord Jesus Christ, we have put death under our feet! We have been connected to Him and have become part of Him, bone of His bones and flesh of His flesh. And that was the Word that was with God back before the world was. So we were way back then. When we see in the Word what God did back there, it seems like we can remember those things that were said and done before the world was. Sometimes when I preach, someone will say, "Brother Howard, I have never heard that before, but while you were preaching, it seems like I just knew it all along but just needed to hear it."

So we have been connected, and not only is our soul connected, but our flesh and bones are connected to our Lord Jesus Christ in marriage, and we have the fullness of the faith of Christ. We have courage, and we want to keep adding to our courage, for it is going to take courage and the fullness of the faith of Christ for gravity to lose its hold. See, this part of the Word applies to us—"We which are alive and remain are going to be changed and be caught up together to come back with Him." And that is what is taking place now. We are the living Word of that scripture. Do you see what we have? So that is why we take courage.

That is why we have never let anything stand in our way to go where God would have us to go. And we have never let anything stand in our way of printing what God would have us to print. One preacher told me, "If I operated like you do, I would have a nervous breakdown." He said, "I could not handle it." You can if you go forth in faith. And a man told me a while back, "Ben, you need to sell your books. The way things are now days, you cannot continue to print without doing that." And I said, "Well, that is strange, I have been doing it this way for sixty-five years, and God has provided; why should I do differently now?" See, we have courage, and we believe God, and we have the fullness of the faith of Christ. The secret is, it has to be that unction from the Holy One, the anointing, and knowing the will of God. How can we know the will of God? We are the She part of Christ, so we have the mind of our Lord Jesus Christ in marriage, for we are the Wife of the Lamb and part of the Godhead. So why would we not know the will of God?

Many things God does not tell us until we need to know. But we are often eager to know 'What do we do here?' What do we do there?' But we do not need to worry about that, for we will know as we need to know. See, it is like a builder; when pouring the foundation, he does not need to know all the details about where a door is going to be and where the lights are going to be, because he has not got there yet. He is just looking to get the foundation done, then start from there and begin to build. And that is the way the virgin did, and the work was finished when we became the Wife.

Let us get Verse 28. "And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all." After the millennium, when the world goes into eternity, Jesus Christ turns the Kingdom over to the Father and is subject to Him. And in eternity, the glory of God (who is Spirit) is going to surround the throne of God and the Lamb, and it will also surround the Wife of the Lamb (who is the tree of life). It will be such glory that it will light up the whole city of God! We give all the glory to Him because we are part of Him through His Word, through that gene, that same special part of the Word that produced the Lord Jesus Christ. We are produced by the same Word, through that same Word being activated upon our marriage to Him because we are joined to Him, bone of His bones and flesh of His flesh—"joined together." It made us one with Him, part of Him, and now He has someone that is equal with Him in the sense of knowing how He thinks, knowing what He wants.

A few days ago, I heard a man say, "My helpmate," talking about his wife. And I said, "The Word says the woman is our *helpmeet*." A helpmeet means someone compatible, not a helpmate. A helpmate is kind of a laborer underneath you. Helpmeet means she is equal with him. My wife many times gets things from the Lord that I did not think of, about a certain scripture. She sees something in it that I did not even see. It is so wonderful when you read a scripture one day, and you might not see anything specific about it, and you might read that same scripture the next day and see something in it that you did not see before. So my wife is a reader. That is something that we really have in common. She loves to read. That is what I have done most of my life, and preaching wherever I went. And if I have to go somewhere and wait, I usually have a

book to read. I am not talking about reading junk. I am talking about reading the Word of God. And when I say, "The Word of God," I am not just talking about the Bible. God has allowed us to put this message of the last trump of God into book form. So we can read it and each time get something fresh and new from it. One day we can read a page and not get it all, and the next day we will say, "Look here! I did not see this when I read it yesterday!"

Let us continue reading in 1 Corinthians 15:29. Now watch, at the very end of this verse it says this is the baptism for the dead, those that are baptized into death. (The revelation of being baptized into death is brought out so beautifully in our book, Time and Conditions Have Changed the Message from Baptizing into Death to Baptizing into Life, showing that a great change has taken place.) It says, "Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead (talking about death, burial, and resurrection), if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?" In other words, the saints that were part of the Wife who died throughout time, their bodies went to the grave. But their souls waited in paradise until Christ Jesus came back to this earth (as seen in Revelation, Chapter 10, and 1 Thessalonians 4:14) and brought them back with Him; and there was a marriage by proxy, for the masculine and feminine parts of the Spirit married together. The feminine part solidified in a group of people, the Wife, and the masculine part stayed with the King, our Lord Jesus Christ; and we were made one, and we are made equal. And then, and then alone, our flesh and bones became part of the Word, just as it was seen in the mind of God before the foundation of the world. And I am speaking here strictly of the Wife of the Lamb. This is not for denominational Christians out there; this is for the Wife of the Lamb. We are part of the Word that was with the Father, manifested in glorified flesh and bones. We have overcome death. I have had some dreams about it, and I have told some of them. Yes, death is going to be permitted to live until after the millennium. Then death and hell are going to be cast into the lake of fire and be destroyed there. But for the Wife of the Lamb, death has already been destroyed. And that fact has been revealed to Christ the Wife by the sounding of this last trump of God message; for we are part of the glorified flesh and bones of the Lord Jesus Christ, the one whose feet God put all things under—with the exception of the Father Himself. And now as the Wife of God's Son, we have become part of that exception, because we are part of the Godhead. Amen.

Heavenly Father, we rejoice in you, and we praise you, and we count it such a pleasure to be privileged to serve you and to talk about the Word and to have a revelation of the Word. Nothing in this earth is as precious—no earthly inheritance, no money, no position, nor how big a house we live in, nor whether we live in a tent, like Abraham did. Abraham lived in a tent. He had no dwelling other than a tent. They were quite happy with it, just as we are quite happy with what you have given us. We pray that the perfect will of God will be wrought as this message goes forth; and as each one reads or hears it, may it bless and encourage. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

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