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GIG108 – His Grace – Potential Or Kinetic

I want to talk about God's grace, His salvation, and whether or not it is potential or kinetic in your life. When we try to define potential energy, we are referring to an object's potential to do something – to act, to work. When we define kinetic energy, it is the energy that an object has because it is in motion. I want us to think about our salvation, because it really fits into this description of energy that we are talking about. When you think about it, your salvation – and I am assuming you listeners are those who are saved. If not, as we go through this podcast, I encourage you to open your heart to Yeshua, to Jesus, as your Lord and Savior, and ask Him into your heart – and it will accomplish exactly what we are talking about. His salvation will go from being a potential energy into becoming kinetic in your life.

The reason I want us to really clarify this point is because it is a spiritual principle. The salvation that comes to us through Christ existed probably for thousands of years before you received it, depending on how old you are in relationship to the cross; and we won't go into that subject. But I would say for most of us, it was thousands of years after the cross that we experienced what we term salvation – the forgiveness of our sins, asking Christ into our hearts – following that event of the cross. So think about it: Did salvation just happen when you opened your heart and you invited Christ in, when you repented of your sins, when you had that experience that we term salvation? Is that the moment in which salvation happened or took place? No, obviously, it took place at the cross. It took place during His suffering. It took place during that Passover time in which Christ was the Lamb of God who was slain for us. And part of that experience of bringing forth salvation was included in the resurrection of Christ following His death on the cross. So in a sense, salvation existed, and it was there as potential energy; because until the point you accept it or believe it or trigger it to be in motion in your life, all it can be is potential. It is a provision that God has made. It is a provision through Christ's suffering that exists in the realm of spirit, and has existed in the realm of spirit. But once you believe, once you have a revelation about Christ, about His death, the cross, His suffering, and you realize that it is something that God provided for you – that Christ gave Himself willingly to be the One suffering for your sin and winning your reconciliation to the Father – and once you open your heart, it is now kinetic. It is alive, it is in motion in your life. And for us, it feels like it is at that moment that salvation comes into existence. It is when it becomes real for us.

The reason this is so important, and I want us to grasp this concept, is because this is representative of all aspects of the realm of spirit. The things that God has provided for us, the things that exist in Christ, the things that are available through the Holy Spirit to us, they have existed. They are provisions, they are gifts, they are a grace that has been provided by God for us; yet they exist only as potentials until we, number one, have a revelation, or come to an understanding or belief in them. Then we take some action ourselves – we are the first ones that become kinetic. We move in a way that takes these promises and provisions, these gifts of God, out of a potential and brings them into a living reality that is in motion in our lives. So if we can grasp the understanding of this where basic salvation is concerned, then you can also apply this same reality – because it is a spiritual principle – to all that God has provided for us in His grace, in His love, in His gifts for us. There are many things I believe yet that we have not turned into kinetic energy within our lives and within our relationship to God. And that is what

I want us to recognize, and begin to get into motion to do something about it; because I think there is yet much to be appropriated.

When they were taking the land of Israel, back in the Scriptures, they had the term, “There is yet much land to be possessed.” And I think really in our relationship with God, our relationship with Yeshua, the Holy Spirit, there is yet much of His promises and provisions that need to be possessed, and are available to be possessed. We are not waiting for them to be created – they exist. His grace exists. His promises exist this moment. If we are not experiencing them in our lives, it is because we are not initiating their kinetic expression. And that, to me, is something that we want to see changed as of this moment.

I want to go to Romans the tenth chapter, starting at verses 6-11. We read, “But the righteousness based on faith speaks as follows: ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?” (that is, to bring Christ down), or “Who will descend into the abyss?” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).’ But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart’—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. For the Scripture says, ‘Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed.’” So we see very clearly the Scripture teaching us that there is nothing we need to do at this moment to try to turn loose the provision or to create the provision. We do not say, “Who will go into heaven to bring Christ down?” No, He already exists. All that He is already exists; or, “Who will go into the abyss to bring Him up from the dead?” No, He is already resurrected. Everything we are looking for, everything is provided. It is existing, surrounding us at this moment, in its absolute potential energy. God has already done what He needs to do for us to have all that is required, and all that we want to have in Him. These things are; we are not needing to wait for them any longer. As Christ Himself said on the cross, “It is finished.” It was done at that moment – all things pertaining to life and to godliness, not just the forgiveness of your sin. And this is where we get into trouble when we limit the concept of these things, and salvation itself, or grace itself, to merely forgiveness of sin. No, He has provided all things for us pertaining to life and godliness. There is healing. There is transformation. There is the payment of our debt. There is the ransom of our imprisonment and our deliverance on every level. Yes, we thank God that our sins are forgiven; but salvation, the concept of it and what God has provided for us in Christ, goes much, much farther than most people are willing to believe, or have perceived at this point. But, just because you do not have it at this moment, does not mean it is not available. It does not mean it does not exist. It is just like your initial salvation experience – it existed, and it surrounded you, but you did not have it working in your life because you were not aware of it, or you did not believe in it, or you were refusing it, or whatever; but you had not yet triggered the kinetic aspect of that salvation.

Luke 13:34 is Christ speaking to Jerusalem. He says, “‘O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, just as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not have it!’” We have to recognize that the things of the Spirit, the things of the spirit world that exist right now, many times we are refusing or rejecting them. Maybe they are too great for us to believe. Maybe somebody has said, “Oh, that doesn't really exist,” “you can't have that,” “that is a deception,” or whatever. But Christ was seated there, in their midst, and He wanted nothing more than to gather them to Himself, to cover them, to transform them, to protect them, to be a blessing and an impartation – but they would not have it. How much is there available to us today that we won't have? Okay, our sins are forgiven, but what about our healing?

What about our physical healing? What about our deliverances that we need? How many things are we in bondage to today? It is not a matter of sin being forgiven, it is a matter of being in bondage to one thing or another – whether it is the ways of this world, whether it is drugs, whether it is emotional issues, whatever it is that we are in bondage to, we have to see that He has provided for our deliverance. He has provided for our healing – by His stripes we are healed. That is as real as the fact that God placed upon Him the iniquity of us all. So all of our sin and iniquity is carried away in Christ. But, many, many other things, in provisions and promises, exist according to His Word. Are we refusing it, saying, “Can't have that, don't want to have that, can't believe in that”? Well, I am telling you, it exists. The things that He provided for in Christ, all things that He provided, do exist. And they are waiting for you to turn them from potential into kinetic energy in your life.

In Luke 11:5-9, He was talking about prayer. This is just following the teaching of the Lord's Prayer, or the Disciples' Prayer: “Then He said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to him at midnight and says to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him”; and from inside he answers and says, “Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.” I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs. So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.’” And of course, we all know that in the Greek tense of the verb, it is saying, “Ask and keep on asking. Seek and keep on seeking. Knock and keep on knocking.” Christ was trying to teach us as His followers the persistence that we need to have in pursuing all that God has. It is like this neighbor going over to his friend's house, and he is knocking on the door, saying, “I know you have bread in there. I know you have what I need, and I am asking you to give it to me.” And he reluctantly says, “No, not gonna do it. I am not going to give it to you.” He is trying to convey to us the feeling that we have as we approach the Father. Many times, it seems like the problem is that God does not want to provide, or God does not have what we are looking for. And we know that is not true. And Christ is saying, “Listen, there's bread in there. You keep asking, you keep knocking, you keep seeking, because you will receive from the Father.” Even though He seems reluctant, most of the time, it is not His reluctance, it is our ignorance; it is our inability to believe or to conceive that God really has provided for us. Many times, it comes down to, “Does God really love me that much?” I have seen this in healing before. I have seen it in my own healing, of having to accept that He really loves me that much; that He has not only provided, and it is not only potential, but if I ask, believe, confess, and trigger, it will be kinetic healing in my life. I do not want potential in the promises of God. I want the action, the motion, of everything He has and everything He is, working in me, through me, and for me. Verse 10 says, “For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened.” I am telling you, it will be opened. You have to turn the potential into kinetic by your persistence, your persistent faith, your persistent going after the Lord in a relationship with Him.

Going on in verses 11-13, “Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those that ask Him?” Are we asking Him for the Holy Spirit? You know, with the Holy Spirit comes all of the attributes, all the fruit of the Spirit, all the gifts of the Spirit. See, all these things are there and they are provided for us. Think about the gifts of the Spirit – these are amazing things. They include miracles, they include understanding and revelation and discernment. The fruits of the Spirit include what we need in our personality, like love and faith. All of this, it exists. It is

there in Christ. It is there in the Holy Spirit. It resides right now as we speak. And what we must do is be so convinced of these things by His Word that we reach in by faith and we confess them, we appropriate them, and we put them on, knowing that He will give them to us. He is our heavenly Father. He loves us, and we ask Him for the Holy Spirit, He is not going to give us something different. He is not going to give us something negative. He is going to give us that which He has promised and that which He has made provision for.

In Ephesians the fourth chapter, verse 17, it says, "So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind." See, our minds are so futile. They cannot understand the love of God and the provision, what God has done, what He has made available to us, if we are simply willing to believe and approach Him with faith to seek and to ask and to find all that He has. Verse 18, "Being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God." See, there is no kinetic energy in them because they have not understood it and appropriated what God has, "because of the ignorance that is in them." I hate this ignorance! We are ignorant of how deeply God has provided for us great and marvelous, wonderful things that are beyond our imagination; you know, "eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, neither has it entered into our heart, what God has provided for those who love Him." But we need to reach in. We need to get rid of this ignorance that is in the futility of our minds, and "the hardness of their heart" that He is talking about. Verses 19-24 say, "And they, having become callous, having given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness." We do not want to be practicing these things. It says, "But you did not learn Christ in this way, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind." That is kinetic. We can be renewed. Our mind can be renewed. "And put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth." Think about this: there is a new self. There is not just salvation, forgiveness of sin; there is a new self. There is a renewing of our minds that has been provided by God. And that new self is in the likeness of God Himself, having been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth. What an amazing salvation we have! It goes so far beyond what we have been able to imagine at this point, because of the darkness that has existed in our minds. We need to cast that out and put on this new self. Think about putting it on, like putting on a sweater. You put on the new self. You take it out of the closet – that is potential energy, when it is hanging in the closet; and you put it on – that is kinetic, you wear it around all day, and it functions with you as a garment.

In Second Peter 1, verses 2-4, it says, "Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus, our Lord." See, we have to have the knowledge and understanding that these things exist and they are ours. God is in that house, and He has bread, and we need to go after it. "Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted" – He has granted them. He has given them. They are our inheritance – "He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust." We are not just to be forgiven of our sin or to have some relief in our life from a few issues. We are to be partakers of a divine nature which He has provided for us. We, through that, escape the corruption that is in the world. And then he goes on to talk about the diligence with which we must seek this. So I encourage you, read verses 5 through 8 and see the qualities that are available to us, and see the diligence with which we seek after what God's provisions and perfect promises are for us.

In Colossians chapter 3, I will start at verses 9-11. It says, "Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him." Isn't this phenomenal? What we have available – remember, this all is the way the spirit principles and realm work. These things are surrounding you. They are floating around you right now. They are in the atmosphere about you like an aura that we have the ability to appropriate and put on, that we should put on this new self, being renewed in the true knowledge, according to the image of the One who created it. Again, we are to be in His image. "A renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all." I want Him to be all, and I want Him to be everything in me. I want to receive that. Just like I received salvation in the beginning, I want to open my heart that He fills me up to all the fullness of God through the knowledge of Christ.

Verses 12-13: "So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you." See all these things – kindness, humility, gentleness, patience – these are potentials that we have in Christ. Let's not have them remain as potentials. Let's turn these things into a kinetic reality in our lives. We should be to the world the expression of His kindness, His humility, His gentleness, His patience. We should be able to bear with one another and to forgive each other. All of these things are what He provided and we should appropriate. Verses 14-17, "Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you." That is a promise. The Word of Christ can richly dwell in me. It can richly dwell in you. It can live in you and come forth from you. "With all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Whatever you do in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father."

Let's read Romans 12, starting at verses 1-2. "Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship." We have the ability in God to present ourselves to Him as an offering unto Him, which is our spiritual service of worship. "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect." We have the ability to know and to prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God through ourselves by this transformation and renewing of our mind. These, again, are all potentials that surround us, as part of the grace and salvation which the Father has provided.

Ephesians 4:21-22: "If indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit." Now, this one is really important to me, because there is this ability in God for us to lay aside the former way of life that is being corrupted. We can do that. I know it seems impossible at times that we can get rid of this Adamic nature, the nature of flesh, the old ways of life, of thinking, of speaking, of acting; the old unbelief that has consumed us before our time of salvation. But we have to know and believe that within this kernel of our salvation is the provision in God that we can lay aside this old self that is being corrupted. It can go once and for all. Verses 23-24, "And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind." Lord, renew us in the spirit of our mind that we might have the

mind of Christ, “and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.” Beautiful.

There is so much that is available. Christ said, “Come to Me, all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take on My yolk.” You see, we have to come to Him. We have to cast our cares on Him, as First Peter 5 talks about, because He does care for us. And because He has made all of these provisions, these are His yolk – the promises and provisions of His Spirit. And they all exist right now in this moment. It is not something we have to wait for, or hope for: “Dear God, I wish You would do this for me. I wish You would provide that for me.” It is finished. He has provided it and it is there, this moment, for us to receive and appropriate. We must believe, we must confess, we must put on, all that He has made possible in His provisions.

As we finish this podcast, just a few parting thoughts. Number one is, salvation existed before you received it; so do all the promises and provisions exist right now in their potential form. Number two, as you had to believe in Christ as your salvation and ask Him into your life, so we must believe and appropriate all of God's provisions for them to manifest and work in our lives today. And lastly, God's grace is kinetic energy when we clothe ourselves with Christ by putting on His promises and provisions. And by faith in Him and through Him, we do that today. Amen.