

1  **Blessing**

"For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God"

Romans 8:19

2  **Points**

- ▶ Recap
- ▶ A Grace for Our Times
- ▶ Blessing and Identity

3  **1. Recap**

- ▶ Word from Dec 2013

"I will pour out my spirit upon your offspring, my blessing upon your descendants" Is 44

"Bless [your children] prophetically...ask me the words that I want spoken over them..."

4  **Why Me?**

- ▶ Paralyzed and desperate
- ▶ I have received
- ▶ I have seen him work through me
- ▶ I see what He's doing in the church
- ▶ Sharing not teaching

5  **2. A Grace for Our Times**

- ▶ The Renewal
- ▶ The Culture of Death
- ▶ The Father's Response

6  **The Renewal**

- ▶ Outpouring of Holy Spirit
- ▶ Experience of Jesus as Lord and Savior
- ▶ Experience of God's love
- ▶ Accompanied by Signs and Wonders

Did you know there is more?

7  **Culture of Death**

"We are now standing in the face of the greatest historical confrontation humanity has ever experienced. I do not think that the wide circle of the American Society, or the whole wide circle of the Christian Community realize this fully...we are now facing the final confrontation between the Church and the anti-church, between the Gospel and the anti-gospel"

▶ *Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, 1976*

8  **Culture of Death**

- ▶ Not just a denial of God,
but an *attack* on God's Fatherhood
- ▶ Sterilization: contraception, abortion, same-sex unions
- ▶ The anti-Father: selfish, self-seeking, pursuing pleasure, unfruitful
- ▶ The Father: life-giving, self-less, self-giving, self-donation, fruitful, provider, protector

9  **The Father's Response**

- ▶ God doesn't 'fix' our problems
- ▶ He gives himself
 - He sent Jesus
- ▶ The response/gift is a new revelation that moves us forward
 - Not new scriptural revelation, but encounter with the Truth of scripture

10  **The Father's Response**

- "Christ... by the revelation of the mystery of the Father and His love, fully reveals man to man himself and makes his supreme calling clear."
- ▶ *Vatican II, Gaudium et Spes p22*

11  **3. Blessing and Identity**

- ▶ Prophetic
- ▶ Relational
- ▶ Empowering

12  **Prophetic**

- ▶ "God bless you" = "May things go well with you" or "May God smile on you"
- ▶ A word of knowledge
 - ex. The Rose
- ▶ To touch/change the heart it has to come from God
- ▶ Unbound – "The Father's Blessing"
- ▶ Declarative
 - Ex. New Song

13  **Relational**

- ▶ Received from the Father
- ▶ Heals wounds
- ▶ Restores relationship
- ▶ Affirms who we are - Identity
 - ex. The Painting

14  **Empowering**

- ▶ Identity precedes mission
- ▶ Identity gives peace
- ▶ Identity gives authority
- ▶ Identity gives power

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