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Okay, we are continuing our study in Revelations. Revelation, not shuns, no s. That was the candy part, trying to get out of my mouth. And we're moving from the understanding of Paul's gospel.

You should have a clear vision now of the You should have a clear vision now of you're saved by using Paul's gospel, which is 1 Corinthians 15, 1 through 4. And you understand that Paul's gospel is being taught to the Gentiles at the direction and mantling of Jesus Christ. You don't get saved any other way in this church age that we live in except through Paul's gospel. All right, now, when Christ—I'm setting up tonight, okay, that's what I'm doing—when Christ saved Paul in Acts chapter 9 and 10 on the road to Damascus, okay, he took Paul in exile.

Remember, he blinded him. He took Paul into exile because the Holy Spirit—I'm getting chill bumps—the Holy Spirit had to teach him what Christ had already taught the other 11 disciples. So this holding period for Paul was, guess what, three years and six months, 42 months, okay? This 42-month thing is all through the Scripture, okay? You're going to see it again tonight in that arena.

Well, and you're also going to see it not again on Sunday when the last thing of numbers. But the Holy Spirit had to teach Paul everything that Christ had taught the disciples. So for that period of time, Christ revealed to Paul the mysteries that had been kept secret from the beginning of time, and the secrets were the church.

Nowhere in the Old Testament do you find conversations or prophecies about the church. The secrets were about the church and how Christ functioned in this dispensation period with the church. So all of the mysteries that were given to Paul, you're going to see is exactly how your salvation is provided.

That's the mysteries, okay? So it ties back to your salvation through Paul's gospel. And then we saw last week that Paul began to do ministry, and he and Barnabas went on a trip to do ministry, if you recall that. And Paul got chastised by the Jews because he was preaching a different gospel than what John the Baptist and Peter were preaching.

And so Paul had to go back to the council, Jewish council in Jerusalem, to tell them what gospel he was preaching. And then you found in Acts chapter 15, verse 11, I think, that Peter stood up and all of the council agreed that what Paul was teaching was the right gospel. And everybody began to teach that gospel.

They left all of John the Baptist, the baptism part, all that good stuff, they left that aside and they went directly into Paul's gospel. And that's where the Gentiles magnified in all but one. Yeah, what is that? John.

John had one of this. Paul got six mysteries and John got one, okay? So that's the right split. So what happened is when Peter stood up in the council, and the council agreed that Paul's gospel was correct, they all changed their preaching to Paul's gospel.

And that's where we end in Acts with a full transition to Paul's gospel, all right? So as you know, Paul is our apostle for the Gentiles. It's his gospel, it's his doctrine from Romans to Titus to make sure that we follow his doctrine, because it's his doctrine that provides us how our lives are to be ruled. Where do we get our legalist point of view? Where do we get our connection to God? How does he manage us like he managed everybody in the Old Testament? He manages us, but he manages us based upon what he did in our faith.

We're going to get into all of this as we get into Ephesians, but I have to lay this out correctly, because all we're going to see tonight is Scripture. There's no conjecture in what I'm going to do. I'm going to talk about the Scripture, but I got 51 slides of nothing but Scripture to show you how the mysteries are set up, why there's a function of the church, and how that function relates to the family unit.

I'm going to tie all of this together, so when you go into Ephesians, not only you're going to know Paul's gospel, you're going to know how that gospel is implemented into our salvation, our lives, and you're going to know why the hierarchy structure of God's authority structure is what it is, because that gives you the framework to understand Ephesians. So I'm really excited about this. I might get a little bit excited as we get into this, because some of these scriptures are pretty powerful, and as I was putting together, I was bouncing up and down, and I was like, oh, come on, settle down.

But anyway, this is going to be exciting times tonight, because all we're going to look at is Scripture. So you can have your Bible in front of you, whip it out, whatever you want to do, or you can just read along. This is already out there in the library for you to download.

I don't have the printable version yet. I ran out of time, but at least this, and oh, by the way, there's two more written sermonettes as well that I've done, okay, in the Revelation. Always go through Revelation and click on the redirection link so that you get everything that I've posted, because I'm posting all over the place.

So I continued in the Revelation library with overcoming of the enemy's schemes. So we had you becoming an overcomer, overcoming your addictions. Now you have done something out there called overcoming the enemy schemes, okay, in Revelation.

And then I've also, where we're posting this Seven Mysteries God Gave to Paul and John in the Apostle Paul study, you have another one called the Dispensational Salvation. So I go through all of the Dispensational Salvation in written form to give you everything we have talked about one more time so that you now can print it out and study it and write and do whatever you need to on it. So those are the two sermonettes that are out there that I got posted today, all right? All right, so any points before we get started, okay, in this study? I got some points along the way in text or whatever, but anybody have any questions in their mind of what we've covered so that we can migrate through this? I want to make sure that we are all got a clear understanding, anything? All right, so let's go to prayer and let's get ready to go.

Father, thank you for, again, what a glorious day. Thank you for working with me and getting this all put together. We had some rough goes in the last couple of days and didn't quite understand how you wanted this to happen until today, and I appreciate you working with me.

Father, I ask that you let us worship you tonight. Come, come meet us so that we can actually worship you, because all we're going to do is read your scriptures, and that is worship. And Father, may these scriptures talk to everyone.

May their hearts be open to accept that which you're going to speak to them. May it be clear and understanding as we walk through the scriptures in dissecting what the scriptures actually say, and make it clear and understandable of the words that you choose to use through me, so that I can make sure that basically it's broken down like you want it. And we ask all these things in the night.

Okay, so let's get going here. I'll share my screen. Everybody see it? Yep.

Yes? Yes. Okay. All right.

So again, it's the seven mysteries God gave to Paul. I didn't put John on here, but John received one of them. When we go through that, you'll know which one it is.

So, okay. We talked about in James, where James says faith without works is dead. It means that your Christian ability to grow is not growing.

You're dead. You're no different than where you were, other than you have a ticket to go to heaven. That's it.

All right. You're not useful to God. You're not bearing fruit to God.

So, therefore, he doesn't hear you. You're not being productive for him. He's not going to be productive to you, other than he gave you the ticket through his son.

So, as you read these scriptures, you need to start breaking down the scriptures to what it is for you to do, and what's the benefit for you doing it. So, I've begun to do that for you in a couple of these scriptures tonight. 2 Timothy 2.5, study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightfully dividing the word of truth.

Our work, study to show thyself approved unto God, not man, but God. You don't need to approve yourself to anybody, but God, because that is your growth of your soul. All right.

Your soul is a seed inside of you, and if you don't grow that seed, it's not going to match your skin. You need to rightfully divide the word of truth. Understand what is truth.

You should not be able to study anything outside of the Bible to gain any truth, because the truth starts with the Bible. That goes with anything. You're seeing that in the substack.

You're seeing that in everything that is written on sovereignty and what we've written before. Everything goes back to the Bible. So, if you're studying the Bible, you need to understand what it's telling you to do.

This is not a maybe. This is not what if. This is the command from Paul in his letter to 2 Timothy as it relates to studying the word of God.

Study to show thyself approved. So, your benefit is you as a workman. Your works are not a shame.

You don't have to be ashamed of what you're doing if you're studying and applying the truth into your life. Okay. Continuing.

James 2, 14 to 26. What does prophet, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith and have not works? Can faith save him? No. If a brother or sister be naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, depart in peace, but ye warmed and filled, notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body.

In other words, are you not going to give them nourishment? What does it profit you not to do that? Faith, if it hath not works, is dead. You're alone. You have no relationship with Christ.

Yea, a man may say, thou hast faith, and I have works. Show me thy faith without thy works, and I will showeth my faith by my works. That is critical.

That is the convergent point of faith and works. Your faith is shown through your actions, not your words. Thou believest that thou, that there is only one God, and thou dost dwell, the devils also believe, and tremble.

How are you any different than the demons and devils out there, just by saying you believe in God? So do they. But wilt thou know, O vain man, okay, now vain, you need to go look that word up, okay, that faith without works is dead. Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works? He showed his faith to God, and that's what God says.

Abraham, the angel, told Abraham, do not kill your son. You have shown me your faithfulness. That's what he said.

You showed me your faithfulness. That's what works mean. And by works was faith made perfect.

And the scripture was fulfilled which said Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness. That faith activity with Isaac was given to Abraham for righteousness. That means he was saved.

Old Testament saving of Paul's gospel without the death, burial, and resurrection. But it was done by believing. It was done by faith.

And he gave God the way to justify that by trusting in God and fulfilling what God had asked him to do. Wow, I think that goes back to 2nd Timothy. How are you going to know what to do if you don't study? And if you don't do it, you're not going to show your faith.

You become unuseful to God. You become unfruitful, and he just tosses you away. You've still got your ticket to heaven, but you're not going to like it when you get to heaven.

And he was called the friend of God. You see then how that by works a man is justified. Justified is what Christ did by dying on the cross.

He justified you being able to receive salvation. And then once you trusted him and understanding that he did die, he was buried, he did arose, and he did ascend into heaven for your sins, that becomes the glorification from God that you believe in faith that Christ did that. That's automatic, guys.

Likewise, also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works when she had received the messengers and had sent them out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead. Okay, so faith without works is also dead. Also 1 Corinthians 4, 1 and 2. Let a man so account of us as the ministers of Christ.

Right here. It means both men and women, but he says you are accountable once saved as ministers of Christ. What does that mean? That means you've got to teach.

You've got to share. Ministers, you're taking his gospel and moving it out. And stewards, I like this, stewards of the mysteries of God.

Everything in this world is owned by God, and he's telling you to be stewards of the mysteries of God. And oh, by the way, how many of you know what the mysteries are before we get into them? Study to show yourself approved. Okay.

Moreover, it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful. What is he telling you? He's not telling you being a steward of the mysteries of God. He's telling you once you're saved, it is required in stewards.

Oh, you don't own anything, right? You're just a steward of God's ownership. That a man be found faithful. What? Faithful to everything that he's given you.

What's your works in this? To be accountable as ministers, teachers, and followers of Christ. To be stewards of the mysteries of God. Be faithful in your stewardship towards the mysteries of God and all stewardship property that you have that God has given you.

Acts 17 and 11. These were not more noble than those in Thessalonica in that they received the word with all of the readiness of mind and searched the scriptures daily whether those things were so. This is a commandment.

Receive the word with all readiness of mind. In other words, you don't need to be thinking about the world issues. You need to be thinking about your God issues.

If you're not in the right mind, you can't think of those things that God is telling you on a consistent basis. You can't read and study his word if you're not reading and studying his word with the right mindset. Instead of reading the scripture like a book, you need to be searching the scripture of what God is telling you to do.

They search the scriptures daily. That's your work. I made this on Tuesday night.

How many of you pick up your Bible and read it every day and searching out that which you are learning to prove to you it's true so that basically you can then discern teachings to be true whether those things were so or not and you can apply it to your life. Your benefits for doing that. It increases your growth in scripture by building the Holy Spirit inside of you.

You've taken that seed and you're now feeding it like a mother feeds breast milk to a newborn baby, which is the analogy that God makes all through scripture. You should be treating your spirit with the same focus of a newborn baby regularity all the time. They're going to tell you when they're hungry because they're not going to shut up but and your soul is screaming at you and you just turn it off.

Understanding wisdom and truth within your mind for application. You can't combat the world and the world's the world's attack on you if you don't have the scriptures in your mind to recall because it's only the scripture that takes that away. If you're not okay so let's let's take this before we get because we're going to get in this real quick.

If you do not study and you do not understand the scriptures and you do not put those scriptures into your mind when you get bombarded by Satan because Satan says, oh, they're reading the scriptures. Now, I better go attack them. I got to put a block here.

If you don't have that, you don't have the arm of God in Ephesians 6 12. You're not ready to go to battle. Oh, and because you're not ready to go to battle, you're useless and unfruitful for God and when you pray, he's not going to hear you.

Think about that. Now, you're standing there with all of this stuff saying, oh my gosh, I'm saved. Yeah, you're saved.

You got your ticket to heaven, but you've not grown. You've not fed that soul. That Holy Spirit inside that soul that makes that soul just bust out.

I hope you're getting it. The secrets. The secret things belong unto the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever that we may do all the words of this law.

Every mystery is a law. Surely the Lord God will do nothing but he reveleth his secret unto his servants and prophets. The lion hath roared, who will not fear? The Lord God has spoken, who can but prophesy? We've had this last week.

It's important for us to continue to remember it. The contrast between Christ and Paul. We find Christ in 1508 and Paul in 1516.

Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God to conform the promises made unto the fathers, Christ as a Jew to the Jewish people Israel, not to Gentiles. That I, Paul, should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. Now what is sanctified? That's your walk with Christ on earth.

You get sanctified every time you go to battle. You get sanctified every time you read the scripture. You get sanctified every time you study and understand the word of truth and rightfully dividing it.

But that is your ongoing relationship with Christ. It's important you justify by what Christ did and by faith you're glorified in that acceptance. That's your ticket.

This is your reward. Your sanctification, your relationship with Jesus Christ determines what you inherit in your life eternal. That means your walk on this earth in eternal form.

Christ through Paul focused on the Gentiles after the final rejection of Jewish leadership. Okay, we talked about that of Christ as their Messiah and the King. Jews rejected Christ as their Messiah.

We found this in Acts 7 51. He's stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears. Ye do always resist the Holy Ghost Spirit as your fathers did so do you.

And twice Stephen says he saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God. Now in other passages of the scripture we're told that Jesus Christ is sitting at the right hand of the father in heaven. So why would Jesus Christ be standing right here in Acts chapter 7 looking down at Stephen? Because he was hoping that the Jews would accept him as who he was so that he could start his kingdom right then.

And when they rejected him three times, God the father rejection, God the son rejected, God the Holy Spirit rejected, then he says, I'm done. I'm putting you on the shelf Jews and I'm going after the Gentiles. So what God did is because the Jews rejected him, because the Jewish nation as a whole and not all Jews rejected him.

The leadership. There were some Jews, Jewish converts too following Jesus, but the nation, religious leaders as a whole, the nation rejected their Messiah. And when they did the final time in Acts 7, God said, okay, now I'm going to get this guy named Paul and I'm going to allow the Gentiles to be saved.

So that's what happened. What did God reveal to him? Romans 11, 13, For I speak to you Gentiles inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify thine office, not to him that is a power to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the beginning of the world. But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, we shall be saved even as they.

This is the ability for Gentiles to be saved through Christ as joint heirs to him in the day when God shall judge the secrets of man by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel. So what did God reveal to him? The seven mysteries. Mystery one, the gospel, what he did.

Mystery two, Christ in you, your salvation. Mystery three, the body of Christ, what is the church. The bride of Christ, what the church becomes.

Fourth, the gathering or the rapture, the mystery. The mystery of inequity, the antichrist. Restoration of Israel, the great tribulation.

And seven, the mystery Babylon, the whore of Babylon and revelation. These are the seven mysteries that we're going to go through tonight. As you can see, everything is based upon your salvation and what happens to you.

First ministry, the mystery of godliness. We find this in the gospel of Paul. Moreover, brethren, I declare the gospel which I preached unto you, which also you have received and wherein you stand, by which also ye are saved.

This is the gospel that we're saved. If you keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless you have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you, first of all, that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins, according to the scriptures, and that he was buried, and he rose again on the third day, according to the scripture.

This is what we believe that Christ did for us, and through faith, we're saved. Mystery number one, the mystery of godliness. You have to start at the beginning of Christ if you want to understand the godliness of Christ.

Ephesians 3, 1 through 13. For this cause I, Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, if ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you, how that by revelation, Holy Spirit, he made known unto me the mystery, as I wrote afore in a few words, whereby when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ. Christ is the mystery where it sets us up, okay? Nobody's probably ever told you that Christ is the first mystery, that his godliness, his holiness, his ability to walk this earth without sin is the first mystery.

Because if he sinned, he can't, God can't be who he is, and you can't be saved. Which in other ages was not known, made known unto the sons of men, as it was now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit, that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs of the same body and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel. We got joint heirs because of Christ.

Gentiles are able to be saved because of the Christ. Whereof I was made a minister, so are you, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. That salvation that makes you a minister too.

Unto me, whom am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ. To the extent that now unto the principles and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the magnifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purposes which he proposed in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him, what he did. Wherefore I desire that ye think not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

Continuing. 1st Timothy 3 16. And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness.

God was manifested in flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. That's the mystery. How did that happen? Matthew 1 18 to 25.

You got to go back to Christ. Now, the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise when as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph before they came together. In other words, married having sex.

She was found with child of the Holy Ghost. In other words, the Holy Spirit impregnated her with a child. The Holy Spirit's seed was received by Mary's egg.

Then Joseph, her husband, being a just man and not willing to make her public example, was minded to put her away privily. In other words, he was just going to hide her. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife.

For that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a son and thou shall call his name Jesus, Yeshua, for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all of this was done that it might be fulfilled, which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, Old Testament, saying, behold, a virgin shall be with child and bring forth a son and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted as God with us.

Then Joseph, being raised from the sleep, did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him and took unto him his wife and knew her not. In other words, he didn't have sex until she had birthed Jesus. And they called his name Jesus.

Luke 1, 20, 60, 35. More specific information. And in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God into the city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to be to a man whose name was Joseph of the house of David.

And the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came unto her and said, Hail thou that art highly favored. The Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women.

And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said to her, Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found favor with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb and bring forth a son and shall call his name Yeshua, Jesus.

He shall be great, shall be called the son of the highest, and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David. Okay, this more specific because what this told Mary was is Christ would sit on the throne of his father David, which is not done yet. And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever.

Oh, that's Israel. They gotta agree the fact that he's their king first. And of his kingdom, the kingdom is the millennium.

And there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? In other words, I haven't had sex. How am I gonna get pregnant? And the angel answered him, said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the highest shall overshadow thee.

In other words, impregnate her. Therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the name Son of God. Continuing, John, John acts, No man has seen God at any time.

The only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. And we know that the Son of God has come and hath given us an understanding that we may know him, that is true. And we are in him, that we are in him.

Another, that's another mystery. We are in him, that is true. Even in his Son, Jesus Christ.

This is the true God, eternal life. Ah, not life eternal, but eternal life. This is the heaven.

This is your life, your life after death. This is where you want to spend your life. Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all of the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost had made you overseers.

Oh my gosh, you're ministers, now you're overseers to feed the church of God. You're to minister to the church, which he hath purchased with his own blood. This is key.

Who's he? Christ hath purchased with his own blood. I talked about this from a biological standpoint. When a man impregnates a woman, the seed, the child, inside of the woman manufactures his or her own blood.

They're never mixed with the mother. So Christ's blood, because it was the seed of the Spirit, was pure. He didn't have the sin nature.

Remember, God said that the life of the flesh is in the blood, right? Christ manufactured his own blood in the womb of Mary. Therefore, his blood being pure made him pure in the flesh form as he walked this earth. You're my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servants whom I have chosen that ye may know and believe me and understand that I am he.

Before me there was no God formed. Oh gosh, what is he telling me? He says, I'm God. Guys, just read the scripture.

Neither shall there be after me, not after him another God. I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Savior. God's telling you right here with Isaiah prophecy that Christ, when he comes, he is going to be God incarnate in the human flesh, and he's going to be your Savior, the only one, and there's not going to be any other guy after him.

I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions, and as a cloud thy sins returning to me, for I have redeemed thee. Christ is telling you what he's going to do. Back to the gospel.

He's going to highlight this, and that he died, died for our sins. He was buried. He rose again, third day, according to the scriptures, ascended to heaven, and it's through his shedding of his blood, the death on the cross, that you are saved.

Mystery number two. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit. By scripture, we are told that when we get saved, the Holy Spirit, without anything you need to do, immediately comes alive inside of you as a seed.

Now, the way that the scriptures teach us this is based upon a physical body analogy and as a structure. Okay, we're going to look at both. As he is the head of the body, the church, the body, the church, the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead.

Okay, the dead. You're born dead. As soon as you receive salvation, you become a life who is part of the body, the church, that in all things he might have the preeminence.

In other words, he has control. At that point, he is in control of your life, as long as you allow him to stay there. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell, and having made peace through the blood of his cross, blood, cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself, by him, I say, whether they be things in earth or things in heaven.

Oh, so what Christ did upon his death, he reconciled the entire realm, universe, total universe to God. He paid the price. He purchased everything.

And you that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, ye now hath he been reconciled. In other words, what Christ did was give you the ability to take the sinful nature, your downward pointed DNA strand, and cut it out. We're told that.

Circumcised. It was done in the body of his flesh through death to present you holy and unblameable and unreprovable in his sight. In other words, he made you clear.

He gave you a thousand percent on your credit score. He bought you. He gave you everything was white.

If he continue in the faith, grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which he hath heard and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven, whereof I, Paul, am made a minister. So are you. Who now rejoice in my suffering for you and fill up that which is behind all of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church.

Whereof I am made a minister according to the dispensation of God. This time period, God made him a minister. And because when you receive salvation, you also have become a minister, which is given to me for you to fulfill the word of God, even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints.

What is that? It's the Holy Spirit inside of you, to whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory, the Holy Spirit, whom we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom that we may present every man perfect in Christ. Whereunto I also labor, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily. But Paul says, I got thorns, but every day I'm at this.

Every day I'm at this. I am learning. I'm understanding.

I'm allowed God taking more control. I'm ministering to what he's telling me to do. I'm faithful to and obedient to all of his requirements, and that is life eternal.

I am crucified with Christ. Nevertheless, I live, but not I, but Christ liveth in me. And the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

This is the letter to Galatians, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Know ye not that ye are temples of God, and the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? And the very God of peace sanctified you wholly. Life eternal.

You're walking on life. You're walking here. So he says, and the very God of peace sanctified you wholly.

In other words, he wants that relationship. And Paul's saying, I pray God, your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. What he's saying is, your sanctification, guys, your life eternal walk with God, I pray that you keep it blameless.

Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. All things are passed away. Behold, all things become new.

We are going through this in detail in the subset. In whom also you're circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, and putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ. That's your DNA cut out of you.

Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, operation, circumcision, who hath raised him from the dead. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. Verily so.

If you live in the flesh, you walk in the flesh, even though you're saved, you're not useful to him. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the spirit. Those of you who are saved and wish to walk in the spirit, life eternal, you're going to allow the spirit of God to work through you.

You're going to grow your soul, your spirit. If so, be that the spirit of God dwell in you. Now, if any man hath not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Oh, are you saved? That's one. Two, are you growing your spirit of Christ? Because if you're not growing in your spirit of Christ, it's not dwelling. It's not growing.

It's not useful. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead should also quicken your mortal bodies by the spirit, your seal that dwells in you, heirs with Christ.

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors not to the flesh to live after the flesh. We're debtors to Christ because he paid for our purchase of everything. You don't own anything.

In him you also trusted. After that you heard the word of truth. You heard the word of truth.

That's what they did then. You need to now study, as 2nd Timothy tells us, the gospel of your salvation, in whom also after that you believed you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. Promise.

I showed you in the dispensation class how the promise of Abraham became our promise. That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, that ye being rooted and grounded in love. For this cause I, Paul, the president of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, if you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you, Lord, now that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery, Holy Spirit taught Paul, and as I wrote before words whereby when ye read ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ.

That's what we're going over. Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men as it is now revealed unto the holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, the church, the whole mystery of the church, and of the same body the partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel. Whereof I was made a minister, same as you, according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effectual work of his power.

Colossians 1 18 to 24. He's the body of the church. He was in the beginning, the firstborn of the dead.

This is a reread of what we just read earlier because it needs to be shown twice. And all things that he might have preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell.

For it pleased the Father that in him, Christ, all fullness dwelled. And having made peace through the blood of the cross by him to reconcile all things unto himself by him, I say whether they be things in the earth or things in the heaven, and you that were sometimes alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, ye now hath the being reconciled in the body of the flesh through death, Christ's death, to present you a holy and unblameable and unreprovable in his sight. If you continue in the faith, granted and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel which ye have heard and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven, whereof I, Paul, am made a minister.

You now rejoice in my sufferings for you and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for body's sake, which is the church. Paul put himself in the line responsible to grow the church. Continuing.

We're just reading scriptures, guys. That's all we're doing. And hath put all things under his feet and gave him the head over all things to the church.

That's what God did to Christ. For as we have many members in one body and all members have not the same office, so we, being many, are one body in Christ and every one members one of another. In other words, we're all connected in one body, which is Jesus Christ.

For as the body is one and hath many members and all the members that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. We are part of Christ's body as soon as we get saved. Third mystery.

The mystery of Christ and the church. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance, life eternal, until the redemption of the purchased possession, the rapture, unto the praise of his glory. Now he lays out how the organization and affiliation of Christ to the church is viewed with the funicular family.

Wives, submit yourself unto your own husbands as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is head of the church, and he is the savior of the body. Christ, look at the detail of this word.

The husband is the head of the wife as even Christ is the head of the church. Their own equal footing. And he is the savior of the body.

He, Christ for the church and husband for the wife. Therefore, as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be unto their own husbands in everything. Oh my gosh, feminine just went out the window.

Husbands, love your wives, even as the church also loved God, Christ loved the church and gave himself for it. That ye might sanctify, uh-oh, and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word. Husbands, right here, is a duty that ye might sanctify.

You sanctify your wife and cleanse her through your studying and application of what? The word. That he might present it to himself, a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish. Men, the reason why you're having problems in your home, wife, children, blah, blah, blah, blah, is because you do not sanctify and cleanse your family by the word of God.

For no man ever yet hated his own flesh, but nourished and cherished it, even as the Lord the church. For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and shall be joined unto his wife, and they too shall become one flesh.

Christ, one body. With the church, we're in one body. The family, the nuclear family, the husband and wife, become one flesh.

This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless, let every one of you, in particular, so love his wife even as himself, and the wife see that she reverence her husband. Nowhere in Scripture does Christ tell the wife that she has to love her husband.

The love comes from the male side of the equation, and the female reverences that and therefore loves her husband through it. Oh, so mirror images. Men, you don't think like you're loved? Well, you probably should look in the mirror and see how much love you're giving to your wife.

That which you give is what you're going to receive. We talked about that in all kinds of stewardship scenarios. Let's look.

The family and the church are the same. Family is on the left, the church is on the right. We're just going to walk through this.

And the Lord God formed man out of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living soul. The church. Two virgins espoused to a man whose name was Joseph of the house of David, and the virgin was Mary.

And the angel came to her and said, Thou that art highly favored with God, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled with his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found favor with God, and behold, thou shalt conceive in the womb, and bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus. God created man, and he created his son, the body of the church. And Adam gave names to all the cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast in the field.

But for Adam there was not found in help meet for him. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept. And he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof.

And the rib which the Lord God had taken from the man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam says, This is now my bones and flesh by flesh. She shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man, the church.

And I say unto thee, Thou art Peter. Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

And whoso there shall not bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever shall be loose on earth, shall be loosed in heaven. Then charged he his disciples, that they should tell no man that he was Jesus Christ. The creation of the woman, the creation of the church.

Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and they were not ashamed. They were living in a spiritual body.

For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. Christ is the body of the church, as they become one body representing the church in this life eternal. So we see all of the makeup of what Ephesians 5, 232 tell us, that God not only did in the creation of man, but he did in the creation of the church.

The nuclear family is a type of the church. Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet my people have forgotten me days without number, and I, John, saw the holy city. Nature is not coming down from God, I have prepared as a bride, ordained for her husband.

He that hath the bride is the bridegroom, but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth in here at the end, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. This was my joy, therefore is fulfilled. Okay, so now we have gone from identifying the church, the body of the church, how the body of the church represents the nuclear family.

We're now going into the bride. For a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee. And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, sanctify life eternal, walk, sanctify the congregation, assemble the others, gather the children and those that suck breast, let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber and the bride out of her closet. And there came unto me one of the seven angels, which had had seven vows, full of the seven lost flags, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the lamb's wife. The church is the body of Christ, but it's the bride of Christ at the same time.

Continuing, I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God, for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation. He that covers me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold, all these gather themselves together and come to thee.

As I live, saith the Lord, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all, as with an ornament, and bind them on thee as a bride doeth. This is telling you what to do. This is another commandment that is put forth in prophecy that you're going to find is revealed in Paul's books.

Moreover, I will take from thee the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, and the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the milestones, and the light of the candle. For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, behold, I will cause to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride. Then I will cause—this was done in Isaiah, now it's done in Jeremiah—then I will cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride.

For the land shall be desolate, and the light of the candle shall shine no more at all of thee, and the voice of the bridegroom, and the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee. For thy merchants were great men on the earth, and for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. This is beginning the battle of Armageddon.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come, let him that hearth say, Come, and let him that is atheist come, and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. The relationship between the bride and the bridegroom, and the voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, and the voice of the bridegroom, the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the Lord of hosts, for the Lord is good, for his mercy endures forever. And of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord, for I will cause to return the captivity of the land as at the first saith the Lord.

Let's look at how the Scriptures deal with this relationship of Christ and the church, and Christ and the Gentiles being the bride of the church. We're going to look at a Jewish wedding process, because that's what this whole thing was written on, was Jewish history, the traditions. If you were to get married in a Jewish wedding of ancient historical process, there would be a negotiation of a match between a male and a female.

Typically, the fathers of the male and the female would negotiate this match. Let's see what the bride of Christ says. For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, and whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

That is the negotiation process done by God. The next thing is the bride would be purchased, and gifts be given to the bride's family. Let's look at what the church is.

But not as an offense, so also is the free gift. For if through the offense of one many be dead, much more the grace of God and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many, and not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift. For the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offenses unto justification, salvation.

For if by one man's offense death reigned by one, much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. Therefore, as by the offense of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation, even so by the righteousness of one to the free gift come upon all men unto justification of life. The purchase was made at the cross.

The gift is your justification of salvation. Then there's the betrothal. Let's see what Scripture says about the bride of Christ.

For as the body is one and hath many members, and all of the members of that one body being many are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bound or free, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member but many.

Christ says, I freely give me to you. You come to me by faith. You have to do nothing other than believe what I did for you.

You're immediately baptized by the Holy Spirit into my body, whether you be Jews or Gentiles, and you're free. That's the betrothal. This is his request to you.

Then the bridegroom goes and build a home for the marriage. After the betrothal, the male goes away. In ancient times, this could be up to three years or better, because it was the male's responsibility to go build the home to receive the marriage.

Now, that home might be built on the back end of his parents' house. It could be built on a piece of property or whatever, but the bridegroom would not marry the bride until he had a home for placement of the marriage. That's really deep, because the bride of Christ, let not your heart be troubled.

You believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions, homes. If it were not so, I would have told you.

I go to prepare a place for you. Bridegroom goes away, prepares the place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am you may be also. God took Jesus to build the home for the marriage of the church.

Let's continue. The wedding. Oh, it's next.

And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables and said, the kingdom of heaven is likened to a certain king, which made a marriage for his son. That is the wedding, the consummation of the wedding. In Jewish times, you got married.

The bride and bridegroom went away and consummated the marriage, and then they came back for the feast. They didn't have the feast like we typically tradition today, where you get married, have a dinner service or whatever, and then you go to your honeymoon. That didn't happen in Jewish.

That doesn't happen today in in orthodox Jews, okay? They get married. All of the family and friends stay around. They hang around until the husband and wife go consummate the wedding, and then the husband and wife comes out of that process, and they begin to party, as you'll see next.

So what did Scripture tell us about the bride of Christ? For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we, which are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Oh, that's the consummation.

He's coming to get you. He says, let's go. We're going to go now consummate this deal that we created.

Justified, sanctified, glorified. Oh, now you get to experience, because now you're being raptured. The wedding feast was for seven days, Jewish tradition.

We find in Revelation 19, 60, 10 of our feasts after the rapture. And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and the voice of the mighty thunder, saying, Alleluia for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white, for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints. Okay, he's talking about the church. You're going to be, we're all going to be in white.

And he saith unto me, Right blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. And I fell at his feet to worship him.

And he said unto me, See thou do it not, I am thy fellow servant, and thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus, worship God, for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. The church is the bride, and the whole scripture structure about the bride of Christ is made absolutely equal to the Jewish wedding process. Therefore, the church and the nuclear family are one in the same.

Mystery number four, the mystery of the rapture. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, neither does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery.

We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. We're going to meet, we're going to get our glorified bodies. But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, gospel, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. It says if you are saved, you're going to go to heaven. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, neither does corruption inherit incorruption.

Paul's written this again in a different letter. Behold, I show you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed.

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump, for the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, new bodies, and we shall be changed. For the corruptible must put on incorruption, your glorified bodies, and this mortal must put on immortality. People walking around will be caught up, and your mortal body must put on an immortality body, your glorified body.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass that the saying that it is written, death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, he giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ, the death on the cross, to cancel the law.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast and movable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. For as much as ye know that your labor, your work, by faith, is not in vain in the Lord, but I would not have you to be ignorant. This is again a Thessalonica letter concerning them that are asleep, that you saw or not, as even others have no hope.

For if we believe that the Jesus died and rose again, and even so also which sleep in Jesus God will bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, scripture, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. In other words, the people that have died are not being prevented to go to heaven, to have their glorified bodies.

They're already in heaven by their souls and spirit, but now they get their glorified bodies. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then which we were alive and remain shall be caught up together with him in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Wherefore, comfort one another with these words. Again, second letter to Thessalonica. Now beseech you, brethren, by the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, that ye not be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

Let no man deceive you by any means. For the day shall not come, except there come a falling away first. That's where we're at today.

We're in apostasy. And that man of sin be revealed. Man of sin, that is a term that we're going to find in the rest of Revelation, because the man of sin has to be revealed.

Somebody has to tell us who he is. Hang on a minute, guys. He's also called the son of perdition.

So part of the Great Tribulation, which is where we're at right here, is that this man of sin must be revealed. He's not been revealed yet, so we don't have the Antichrist here yet. The son of perdition, we'll get into that when we get into the further Revelation.

Who opposeth and exalted himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped, so that he is as God, sitteth in the temple of God, shows himself that he is God. In other words, what's going to happen in the middle of this Great Tribulation, three and a half years leading up to it, and three and a half years is the Tribulation. In the middle, there's going to be a revealing, and he's going to sit on the mercy seat.

Remember ye not that when I was yet with you, I told you these things, and now you know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. In other words, Christ is telling, or Paul is telling Thessalonica that he taught him these things, and that basically they know that in time this is all going to get revealed, and they don't need to be worried about the second coming yet, because these things have not happened. For the mystery of inequity doth already work.

Only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall the wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the rightness of his coming. Even him whose coming is after the working of Satan, with all the power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness and unrighteousness in them that perish, because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

And for this cause, guides, will shall send them a strong delusion. In other words, hey guys, those of you who don't believe in the truth, I'm going to send you a delusion so that basically you can live where you're at until I take that delusion, the veil of your eyes off. That they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is an antichrist that denieth the Father and the Son. For many deceivers are entered into this world who confess not that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, that this is a deceiver and an antichrist. We have antichrist here already, but we don't have the antichrist.

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God. What is it? Okay, here's another thing. You're to believe not every spirit.

You're to test, try, test the spirits to determine whether they be of God. How are you going to do that if you're not reading the Bible? Because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God.

Every spirit that confesses that Jesus has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that confesses not that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come, and even now already is it in the world. The antichrist is already here.

We just don't know who he is, but the antichrist, plural, the deceivers, have been here since the beginning of time. Wherein, in time past, ah that's right, time past, ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience. This is your devil spirit, your demonic spirit, that you were born with.

Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lust of the flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as others. I say that hath God cast away his people? God forbid, for I also am an Israelite. This is basically closing the Jews up and waiting until they get into the millennium.

I'll go back. I say then, hath God cast away his people? God forbid, for I also am an Israelite. Paul said this, I am of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

God hath not cast us away his people, which he foreknew. What ye not want the scripture saith of Elias, how he maketh intercession to God against Israel. And the woman was arrayed in purple.

This is basically going back. This is the seventh mystery, the mystery of the Babylon, the whore. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication.

And upon her forehead was a name written, mystery Babylon the great, the mother of parlance and abominations of the earth. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I wondered the great admiration.

And the angel said unto me, wherefore dost thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and seven horns. That's the mysteries, comments, questions. And all we did was read scriptures, God.

We just told you the whole story of your salvation. And what's going to happen to you one way or the other, in times, everything, all just by scripture? Where does this lead you? This gives you the entire foundation of your spiritual journey. This tells you how Paul got to be where he was and the fact that God disclosed to him all of the mysteries associated with the church and how he was going to build his church like on top of the family unit and how he was going to pass his points of blessings, protection, and so forth through a structure he himself has to do for the church through the husband of the family unit.

There's no feminism in scripture. None. And guys, all of the things that you pass to your wife to do for the family are your responsibility.

You're to love the wife, but the wife doesn't have to love you at all. You have to sanctify her. Oh my gosh, that's a big trip.

You have to raise your children, not her. Your whole life has been laid out in front of you of what you have to do, how you should live it, without even getting into Ephesians. When we get into Ephesians, they're telling you it's going to be right in your face.

It's going to be in your grill because you now know what is required of you to obtain salvation, to live faithfully, usefully, and fruitfully. And if you don't, just like a father would do with a child, you're cut off. I don't know what else to say.

Let the scriptures be talking. Nobody has anything to say. Victoria, you had your hand up.

Are you there? Yeah, I'm back. Is there an order to all of these? The one through seven, like number one is godliness, number two is... Okay, there's an order to that. And then why is it capitalized in Revelation in 17.5, those words? Some of the words are capitalized, but I don't notice that anywhere else in the Bible, but then I haven't looked at every page in the Bible either.

Right. So I gave you the seven mysteries with scripture reference. They're in there as to what they are, and they're in order.

They're in order of importance and they're order of your activity in your life. There is an order to the order. That's right.

Okay. You have to understand the gospel, what Christ did to be saved, number one. Number two, when you're saved, it tells you that you receive the Holy Spirit.

So Christ is in you. It says that once you have saved and received the Spirit, you become part of something spiritually. You become part of the body of Christ.

Oh, and another thing, you're also his bride. Then it says, because you've accomplished all of those things, he's going to come back and rapture you so that you don't have to go through the great tribulation. That's the end of your Gentile life as you know it physically.

Spiritually, you're in heaven on the mezzanine watching the rest of hell on earth, which is basically the inequity of the Antichrist. That's number five. In the great tribulation, because Christ blinded the eyes of the Jews on the rejection, their eyes now get opened again in the great tribulation, which is basically their ability to be restored.

That's number six. Then along comes this mystery Babylon, the beast, and all of its things that happen in Revelation. So yeah, there is an order, there's a process, and your life follows that spiritually.

Really good. Thank you. Well, for me, I mean, there's not a whole lot to say because it is scripture all laid out and just undeniable.

But I do think it's interesting that our relationship with Christ is a bride and the bridegroom. It's all about marriage. That's fascinating to me.

But while you were teaching on the marriage part, John chapter two came into mind that Jesus's first, and I'm thinking that's no coincidence, Jesus's first miracle was at a wedding. A wedding. A wedding.

I thought, how cool. I mean, it just all flows. Do you know he wasn't even present when the miracle happened? Yeah.

He told the guys to go fill up six barrels of water. Go fill up six barrels of water. Yes.

And because it was not his time, he could not be around when the miracle actually took place. Because remember, he told woman, it's not my time. In that whole thing, he told his mother, woman, it's not my time.

But I can just imagine, as we do today, he probably winked at her and she just turned around and knew he's going to do something, whatever. So he told the guys, go get six barrels of water. And as they were walking back, the water turned into wine.

Yes. He didn't. They didn't bring the water to him.

They both put the water on their shoulder. And as they were walking back, the water turned into wine. So when they got there, there was already wine.

Jesus is not around anywhere. Yeah. Not his time.

Right. I just think that that's interesting, the wedding scenario there. And after Jesus said that to his mother, his mother just kind of ignored him and said, do what he says.

Go do what he says. I mean, I could see this. I could see the son winking at his mom and his mom saying, go do what he says.

Just do it. Right. Yeah.

There's a story always. Jim, you were saying that, sorry to just butt in for a second, Robin. This would have been before he was able to preach those three and a half years or whatever it was.

That's why it's not his time. Oh, Christ. Yeah.

Christ's time was not for him to be rebuilt. Remember, he had a date certain. Got to think about this.

Daniel prophesied the date certain of his coming into Jerusalem. Yes. Remember that? On the back of a donkey.

That was prophesied by Daniel to the day, to the day specific. So that was a date certain event. So you got to think about scheduling production stuff.

Christ was back scheduling from that date and he couldn't come out because he had everything planned getting into that date. So it wasn't his time. So he was just bumming around, teaching his disciples in the back shadows, not being out of the limelight, doing all those things until God said, put it into high gear.

It's now your time. And that's what he did. Yeah.

Jennifer, you asked a question. Hang on, Robin, a second. Jennifer, you asked that for single females, never married relationship responsibility.

Christ tells you in Scripture that if you don't have a husbandry over you, Christ is that. So you should be seeking out Christ as your husband of all single women today. And think about that.

Think about him doing what he's told men to do, but he's doing it from the spiritual world to you. You're going to get all kinds of blessings from him because he doesn't have to search to figure out how to do it. He just goes and does it.

Men are typically, sorry guy, I am one little stupid on that side of things. It takes you a while because you need to figure out what your wife is going to think about what you do, whether or not she's going to be okay with it. If you begin to do well, you probably ought to have some degree of conversation and looking at Scriptures together to go through that process.

I can imagine what a wife would be if she's coming out of a feminist movement with a guy trying to do this without any conversation. It'd be a disaster waiting to happen. So what you're saying is polygamy is not wrong? Polygamy is wrong.

One man, one woman. Pop Roy, you know better. You absolutely know better.

Okay. Robin. Hey, Jim.

I came into this group several months after you started, so I do more listening and catching up than I do talking. So if you've already answered this, send me to my research. That's just fine, but I'm going back to the husband-wife relationship, and I'm learning how the husband certainly has a big responsibility for the wife and the things that happen and being the spiritual leader.

So one question is, and I can research this myself, but is there justification for divorce if the husband is not fulfilling his functions? And then secondly, I have a couple of friends where the husband and wife, they want to stay married. They're trying to stay married, but the husband's family says and does really vile things towards the wife and the husband does nothing to stop it or protect her. And she wants to stay married, but she's feeling really violated by not having him stand up for her.

So it's a two-part question. One is, is there a time where divorce is justified if the husband is not doing the things that he's supposed to be doing? And then secondly, is there any thoughts about this couple where this is going on? Yeah. Let's take the first one.

There is a whole series of dating, courtship, marriage, and divorce that we did. It's about 12 sessions. It's out on Rumble.

Yeah, I'll catch that. Can you point me there? Yeah, just go into Rumble and put marriage. Okay, great.

Thank you. And there'll be about 12 sessions that we did of that out there already. Thank you.

And in there, we cover divorce, okay? And all kinds of things, all right? So for me to give you a highlight reel, I would send you there first. And then once you get that, if you have other questions, bring them up. But that's where I would start.

On this other thing, okay? With this, you got to research the word sanctification. Christ gives you sanctification of your sins in this life eternal as your relationship with him in this walk on earth. So shall the man do with his wife.

That means he's doing everything that Christ would do for the church. Protection, all of that stuff. But it's tricky inside of whether or not that is the egregious sin to allow divorce to happen.

Because all ways to batter, to hurt your mate, all those ways. Batterma is not just hitting. Batterma is financial impurities.

It's how you talk to your wife. I mean, all kinds of things go into that. So all of those are covered in the ability to divorce, okay? God doesn't want you to stay in a marriage that basically you're getting beat as a woman or as a man, okay? And that can happen in a number of ways.

We, in those marriage discussions that we had, did not go into a real great extent of explanation about batterment and abuse and all that stuff, okay? We touched on it. But you get those things by looking at the conditions of the man's role about sanctifying his wife, which means that basically he does not do those things that Christ would not do to the church. That's how you need to look at it.

So Christ would protect the church no matter what. Therefore, a husband needs to do the same thing for his wife, okay? You see where I'm going with this? I do. Okay.

But go there first and we're going to come back and pick up some of those because God has really convicted me about some of those teachings that we did. I was really high level and not taking the time. I mean, when you talk about sickness and disease for 14 weeks, it's like, you know, how much more you want to talk about? But we left out a whole lot.

When you talk about dating, courtship, marriage, and divorce, and you do it for 12 weeks, you know, your eyes are beginning to look to me like they're rolling back in your head when we're starting to talk about this again. So you begin to talk at levels and then we'll come back and actually focus on subjects within that so that basically we get a further teaching on what the scriptures actually say. Thank you.

Great. Go to Ruth. Oh, two things.

I think the enemy fights the man harder than he fights the woman. I think it's easier for a woman to fall in line with the word and with the Holy Spirit. That's just me.

Because when the man gets right and lines up with the word of God, Katie, bar the doors. Because Satan doesn't have a chance at that point. So I think that we women have it easier in that respect because Satan does not want that man right.

But anyway, that's just me. Okay. Correct me, Jim, anytime.

But my testimony is when Bobby and I got married, he was not saved. And he did not beat me. He was a good man.

But I wanted him saved. And I claimed first Peter three, one. And it says, if your husband, paraphrasing, is not a believer, your husband will be won by your daily conversation, which is your daily life.

And let me just be, I guess, out myself. I am choleric. Bobby is melancholy.

Yes, it was the hardest. It was really, it was hard for me to keep my mouth shut. But every time and, and he started doing things that he I'm giving you a testimony here, which I didn't mean to do.

But he started doing things that he had never done before. He started going, I would go to church, and he would go to the bars, I would come home from church, and he would be drunk. Well, my personality is, I wanted to knock him up beside the head.

And, and I would bite my tongue. And, and just say, I love you. I would kiss him and say, I love you as if nothing as if he were sober.

And nothing was wrong, you know, because I, because his life was on the line. And I claim that that's God's promise to me. I claimed it.

And I knew God was going to fulfill if, if I lived Christ-like in front of him. And he did. God came through.

And it didn't take very long, I would say about two or three months like my, oh, Bobby was a chain smoker. I mean, he would have a cigarette lit in every room. He burned my best robe.

I mean, not this is through all this. I mean, I was beside myself, you know. And, and I'm telling you, I mean, God put me through the test or the enemy did.

I'd never had migraines in my life. I had throwing up migraines that the enemy put on me. But But anyway, I'm going to come to a close here.

It did not last very long before Bobby just got up one Sunday morning and said, I'm going to church with you today. The very first Sunday when we went to church, it was time change. When we walked to the door, everybody was leaving.

And I said, Oh, no. But anyway, he came, he came to church, had a cigarette pack in his pocket, and Baptist Church. And just I was proud to have him there.

But that's anyway, that's history. But But at any rate, I claim that scripture and knew God was going to come through. But again, he didn't beat me.

He wasn't a bad man, you know, until I started going to church. But But anyway, okay, I'm sorry, that was a long story. Yes, God, God's Word is guaranteed.

Yeah, thank you for sharing. All you have to do is if you if you're in the spirit, and you're obedient, even though even your robe was was God's robe. Okay, you were just a steward, you liked it.

And whatever it is, I mean, it could have it could actually been burn up, whatever. And it would have still been just fine in God's eyes, because it was all for a reason, all for a purpose. Because he's because Christ says, everything that happens to us is for his glory.

Everything. So, you know, we have to claim, we have to claim and declare what his Word is. The best way you're going to get your prayers answered, my friends, is to throw the Word of Christ back at him, throw this word back to him.

But you got to read to know what to throw back. Okay, your declaration in your prayers should be based upon Scripture. Because Christ says, I've already given it to you.

Well, he tells you by Scripture, I've given it to you. So why why don't you say, why do I not have it? You know? Because if it's in Scripture, it's his perfect will. If there's things that you pray for, that's not in his perfect sovereign will.

If you're praying for something that's conditional, oh, he's going to sit and wait on you. Because he wants to see you act by faith, being useful and fruitful before he delivers any promises. Because he doesn't hear you if you're not, guys.

Jennifer. Okay, thank you so much. Go ahead.

Here's my question. So if the woman doesn't have to love her husband, how does it ever work for the man? I mean, you know, I mean, I'm just saying. You're taking out one Scripture and identifying it to a particular circumstance, and you can't do that.

You need to take the whole construct of the Bible and put it in and understand what it is. Okay, so. Well, I mean, I understand if the man, if I mean, he's the head of the family.

I understand that. But. And remember that this is written, this was written at a different dispensation period.

Yes. You're talking about ancient rituals and traditions and cultural aspects. But they apply to us today because it's Paul's writing to the church.

So the words are just as valuable to us today as it was back then. But you find that the words that they chose to use or the Holy Spirit chose to use back then were for that time with application to us today because you can interpret the Scriptures. Well, OK, so so I see a lot, and is it because the women are doing so much that it's like most of the men now are saying, well, it's whatever my wife wants to do.

Is that OK? No, it's not OK. Well, I mean, Misty's here, so I'll talk about us. OK.

A lot of times I don't really care where we go. I don't care what food we eat. OK.

OK. And we go back and forth. Well, what would you like to do? What's your taste buds? You know, we say, OK, give me your tattoo.

What is your tattoo? What's my tattoo? And then we try to figure out, you know, I try not I try not to dominate, dominate the experience of our marriage. OK, the major decisions and. And our conditions of what goes on.

I we sat down and we're doing more talking now than we ever have, but we talk about it and then I'll say, OK, this is what we're going to do. So so the communication is so important. I mean, that that's how you're going to reconcile one to another if you don't.

Yeah, I know. I mean, I agree. I've just been noticing that with a lot of younger couples, you know, and I just, you know, I go back into rumble.

Yeah, the younger couples. I'm sorry to jump in over here. The younger couples don't understand the basic truth of even dating.

Yeah, well, I did. So therefore, therefore, you can't you can't even throw the other stuff out there because they don't even have the foundation, right? Yeah. OK, that's the reason why you can't single out one point of scripture.

This presentation tonight I had down in seven slides until I tell I got God to say, OK, this is how you're going to do this. And it was the wrapping around the scripture, Old Testament, New Testament, prophecy, New Testament to build the story. That you get you get the truth and, you know, not some, you know.

Cliff note version, you got details. Right. So so how and I need to go back to rumble, I take it.

I'm trying to my granddaughter, she's in a relationship and I just I told her that she needs to pray and ask God if it's the right, you know, where she should be at this point. I mean, so so what do I need to tell her? Well, basically, Haggai tells you what you need to do. He says, prepare a list.

Mr. All the time, because I told my my best friend, he was a female before she got married. Prepare a list. Yeah.

OK, OK. Of all the things that you want and all the things you don't want. And take him and put him in the middle and sort him out.

OK, OK. Now, I mean, then Haggai says, make known to me, God, your list. OK, and then he goes further and he says, once you've made known to me now make known to everybody.

OK. So it starts with a list. It starts by identifying the good things and the bad things.

And hopefully she does this by Scripture and not by her feelings. Right. OK, she actually takes Scripture and does something with it that says I can identify that these are the right things in Scripture for me to have.

Oh, no. But oh, God, by the way, these are some things I don't want. OK.

Yeah. All right. If you're a man and you're single, you don't want a 600 pound, you know, fullback or tackle, you know, men probably would like to carry their wives over a wedding threshold.

Maybe. I don't know. All right.

And women, you know, you've got some peculiarities about physical makeup, too. OK, put them down. OK, well, thank you for that.

I need to go back to Rumble and read all that again and, you know, get into that again. Thank you very much. Guys, anything else? Jim, after listening to all this, you're not so bad.

That's good. Jim made a list on me, too. I think I'm freezing on the computer.

No, you're not. So follow the Scripture and do what God tells you to do and it all coming out with the right stuff. You know.

All right, guys, anything else? OK, we built the foundation. We built the foundation. We're now going to launch the launchpad next week.

We're going to hit Ephesians in a whole big way. The first three chapters are doctrine, Christ's doctrine for your lives. The last three chapters are application.

Go into it with a mind of finding God. That's the purpose of this. You need to come out at the end, knowing who this entity called the Godhead is.

OK, I asked you a couple of weeks ago when we finished the seven churches to take the format of the seven churches and apply it to you. I'm going to ask you to have that with you at every turning point in Ephesians, because you're either going to add to it or subtract it from. OK, what you think.

And at the end, when we get through chapter six. You're going to have an evaluation of your spiritual life in front of you, knowing that what we're told in the next phase of our life is whether or not we're going to heaven. At the time of Christ's return, the rapture, and that is a decision point that each of you need to completely evaluate.

On your own life journey, because if you're going in a wrong direction. You need to change it. If you're not experiencing or living the life eternal that God has given you to live here underneath is his supervision, his sovereignty of control.

You need to change. OK, because we're going to get into when we get through Ephesians and we get into back into Revelation and we talk about the rapture, we're going to talk about where are you going, because it might not be where you think you are. So that's how it's laid out, guys.

We're going to be in Ephesians for several weeks. It's going to be intense. It's going to be intense and no holds barred, guys.

We're all going to be open to conversation. So come with. Come with your studying, come with your notes, come with whatever.

So that we can actually fill in the gaps of your understanding. OK, all right. Anything else? You sure? We done? A little over, but I think it was worth it.

Great conversation. Billy Ruth, thank you for your testimony. That's great.

We'll cross paths again and we'll share some other details. So love you guys. Take care.

I'll see you on Sunday. Just be prudent about your studying. I can't say much more about that.

Just be active in that. I'll see you guys on Sunday. Thank you, Jim.