

## The Ultimate Gift

Yeah, my apologies for that. That sounds good, I am. Not good. Anyways, as I consider a place, my apologies, if I consider a place to start, my thoughts came to the... Everybody has a beginning and a message, right? My thoughts came to the very beginning. When God looked down on the end of the sixth day, He said, "You know what? This is all very good."

And the stage was set, it was, he didn't say it, but I'm going to say it, he created the earth or recreated the earth and that's the way it goes, perfectly. The stage was set only a little while later, the plan that he set up was bushwacked, Bush whacked.

We don't know what the time was, but later on, an old scratch, that's my terminology for the devil, came on the scene, he showed up right in the center of a garden, and that's when the problem came, the bush whacking happened. Now you know what I'm referring to. I'm referring to the incident there with Adam and Eve and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil right in the very center of the garden of all places. Wow! So I don't know if you guys have thought about it this way or not, but I have on different occasions and I always come away with the thinking, "How could that have happened?" But you know what? It did happen, didn't it? We can't take it back, and I've always imagined myself being Adam. I wouldn't have done that. That's crazy thinking. I would have. It's human nature. That just took place. We can't take it away. And here we are, brother, right now, a considerable distance down the road of human life. And the only difference is, what's the difference.

We've got the playbook and the playbook tells us the story of what is taking place in the past and what is yet still to happen in the future.

If you listened to Jamie this morning you would have heard about this future part that's yet to happen. A bit of it, not all of it, but a bit of it.

And

the completion of a of the plan if you want a term for time it's a little over 6 ,000 years long time but as God counts time six days no need to explain that you don't I'm talking about and we consider that we're at the end close to the end of time How excited are we about that? I'm pretty excited about it.

So what I want to reflect upon this afternoon is an event that's already played itself out in excess of 2 ,000 years ago and another event that's going to be ushered in because of that first event that still lies ahead of us in the not Two distant future and the title that I've chosen for this message, and I love it Sharon that you asked me What are you speaking about today? If I sound like Sharon there a little bit

And I didn't want to tell her cuz I was coming up the link in the front door there, and I What kind of did everybody want to show up today? It's called That happens to everybody.

Anyhow, the title, let's get back to that, The Ultimate Gift. That's what I'm calling this day. So Sharon, there's your answer, The Ultimate Gift. I could have told you that. What's that talking about? Okay, here we go. But remember the Apostle Paul. A lot of people talk about the Apostle Paul. As a matter of fact, we have a brother that's not here today is in the hospital getting a couple stents put and he's always saying oh I feel like the apostle Paul sometimes and you know that I'm talking about brother Eddie. While they're in 1st Corinthians 13 the love chapter of all places he says that we only know in part and see through The glass doesn't see through the glass started. That's in 1st Corinthians 13 now That seems to me that Paul was saying that the people of his day and Our digs you talking to us need to Have or put on a set of what we refer to as spiritual glasses Right

We only see in part, and we see through the glass, start to have memes, if you've got a pair of glasses on right now, you need another set. I don't know, my glasses are here. I haven't got them on, and that's what that's saying more or less, what I'm saying, you know. But here it is, here's what I'm coming to with this. If there's anything, rather, that we can see correctly and understand right, it's this.

God give us something and it was this the freedom to choose if I want to go up on the sea and tower and jump off and I can make my way to the edge and nobody catches me I can jump off it's called freedom of choice I'm not going to do that we're just making a dumb idea there to catch your attention but We got freedom to choose. God wants us to choose.

What? To love and to obey Him. Think about that. Not by force.

No, not by force. But by your and my choice. We know that for sure.

We're not seeing through the glass darky on that deal. Now all of this I'm talking about here right now in the past was thought of and brought about in a plan before time was even thought of. It says that in the word.

It says that in this book.

"All plan before the ages of time." So let's start to where the first scripture for today. We're going to go to Titus the first chapter. Now Titus

sing the tees in the New Testament. We have Colossians first and second

Thessalonians, first and second Timothy, then Titus. All the tees are together.

Much of the New Testament, as we know, like about a third of it, was written for us in letter form. In all these letters we know, we're inspired by God.

We're told that in 2 Timothy 3, 16 and 17, but Titus 1 and verse 1.

Let me read that for you. Paul,

a new King James version here, I'm reading from, Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ according to the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the truth is according to what?

Godliness.

The big word there was the big comment there was the knowledge of the truth and this truth is what God the Father and Jesus Christ operate by here on the planet

and out there as well but we're dealing with the planet right that's where we're living that's what the deal is right now and he wants us to live by this word and he has given it to us right here right here in this manual right in the playbook well why what for what purpose well it has to do with the title of today's message. What is it?

The ultimate gift. This greatest act of God ties in with it.

It's amazing. Now in Titus the second verse here, Titus 1 verse 2, "In the hope of what? Eternal life, which God," he says, "he's not a liar," he says,

"which God cannot lie, promised, there it is right there, before there is any time, before the ages of time. Further, how interesting is the thought?

That goes over your head, over my head sometimes, before the time's even thought of.

How do we propose the idea and significance of the time that is referred to right here? How do we process thought? Because God inhabits eternity.

We don't. I'm only good for three score and ten. I don't mind telling you how old I am. I'm seventy. Three score ten. I can only relate to that. God is eternal.

Guaranteed you and I can't relate to that. We can understand the wording but we don't know what that's like

Because God inhabits the eternity. He is what? I thought ever being Can't relate to that one either living eternally Everything he instructs us in is based upon what?

Yes, truth three things Truth love and law.

Think about if you're driving down the 401, no speed limits, no law, nothing.

Half of trauma, half of the population be gone. Law, it's gotta be law. God never got away with the law. Anyway, it's based on truth, love and law,

some of that sad living is not in my notes. Let's go to Revelation one this time.

Revelation 1, we only want one verse there. This is coming from God and this portion we're going to read here. This is coming from God to the Apostle John on the idol of Patanus through an angel.

Revelation 1, the mind of God is transmitted here, written down by John.

Let's see what Jesus said of himself because this sin is part also of this ultimate gift that we're dealing with here today. This amazing act is yet to take place.

It's read letters here, Christ's words, Revelation 1 verse 8, and I quote, "I am the Omega," or am I in the Alpha, rather, annual Omega, "to beginning and the end."

Says who? Says the Lord. Who is and who was?

Focus on that and who is to come? Be Almighty Revelation 1 verse 8 brethren That is just one short verse by Christ talking to John telling him that I was here before the ages of time

Who was? Go back up there and look. Who was? He was there before.

I was God, manifest in the flesh on the earth, and I taught you,

John. We can be sure that that resonated with John at the time.

Now look how he ends this statement. We've already read it. Who is to come the Almighty. Think about that statement today because there are men out there who think that they have this great power.

These types of people, physical people I'm talking about here,

they've come and they've gone. They don't live like the alternative, like the Almighty. They're not, what, eternal. Let's go to 2 Timothy 1. They've come and gone down through time. First Timothy, pardon me, 2 Timothy, they've decided there are being people like this in our lifetime. We know that. And there are people in world leadership positions right now, today, who sparked fear into people's minds. 2 Timothy 1, well, they spark this fear into people's minds.

God has a few things to tell them. And that's always, remember, I just said it, they are not the Almighty who has yet to come. The second letter by Paul to the Deacon Timothy.

Pick it up in verse seven, read down to nine for quote for God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord nor of me his prisoner Paul says but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to, catch this now, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus. And here it comes again, before time began.

That's how long the plan has been in place by the two of the Godhead. We can't relate to it, but they tell us that, right? Everything that Christ did was so that all those who answered the call would receive the Spirit of God.

What was that Spirit?

First One, a spirit of power. Think about baptism now.

When we have baptism, what happens there? We've repented.

Man, usually a minister who's putting you in the water laying in this grave, he says, "Have you repented of your sins?" And you look up at him and you say, "Yep. If you haven't, He won't know it, but guess who will Reg say that louder God will know it So that's what it is But we have baptism.

You have hands laid on and the person receives a Holy Spirit. How do they receive that? By promise it's promised. You have to keep your sight of the deal though, but it's still promised. However, we receive that Holy Spirit and all we do, we tend this as the bed. We just put that Holy Spirit in the bed and it goes to sleep. It becomes what we refer to as dormant. No, that's not the answer. We

to use that spirit, we have to exercise that spirit. How?

By yielding to God, by growing in grace of knowledge, and by growing in understanding of the playbook. Don't have that in my notes, it says Word of God. This is the playbook.

Now, imitators, and there's lots of them,

Deceivers, there's lots of them, might come close, we're talking about these by -be guys now, right? They might come close, but the greatest minds in the world cannot understand the things of God. Remember Paul? When he went to Athens, remember what happened there? Remember what he's seen?

He went into Athens, and he went to this great, Sharon knows No,

he went to this great religious center amongst all the philosophers, all these

greats, all these geniuses back in the day.

And they had what? All these pillars, all these idols, and they had one, just this one dedication to, what was it? Sharon? The unknown God, they called it. You had it right. But you know what? The truth is, no human being can really think properly, without the word of God, without the playbook, and without the Spirit of God. Now, we all know that, but why is there so many of us not here? What do we say? Four, five, six, ten or eleven? Not It's not very many. Coral Lake says 73 ,000 people and there's 11 people here. It's a pretty bad showing of what is taking place here at the end.

Think about that.

Well, I should not come as any shock to any of us.

In the book of Matthew, I'm going to broach something now. It's not going to be a new, just a reminder. In the book of Matthew Christ repeats two different times very very pointedly and We've read I'm sure and reread and Meditated on these words of Christ. They're in red words of Christ. Don't turn there I'll quote it you guys know where it is Matthew 20 verse 16 Matthew 22 verse 14. What does it say?

Anybody know?

Many are called in a whole pile or chosen

No, many are called few or chosen. Well, I bring that up quite often in messages It just seems to be a go -to phrase for me You know the reason why only the few are going to be chosen

One reason might be a few, but I'll give you one. I'll give you two because many don't answer the call Simple right?

Many don't answer the call Or another one could be they don't respond to the call in a proper way

Is there any proof of this?

What about 2nd Timothy 1? We've already read it 2nd Timothy 1 and verse 9 we've read that already because here lies the answer to reason that

Only many are called and few are printed it here for us in plain sight. We read it to you again, all along really close to you with this.

2 Timothy 1 verse 9.

"Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our words, but according to his own Purpose and grace who came up with the the plan before the ages of eternity Sean was a reg Was it Larry was it Stefan?

No, it

was God the father and the word I Think we have that right - okay, so according to, and that His there is capitalized,

that means God, according to His own purpose and grace which is given to us before, given to us in Christ, before this long stretch of time, a long time ago.

So in order to be chosen, we have to properly answer the call of God and hold fast to this very specific calling and do what I already mentioned earlier, and we have the Holy Spirit we grow in all these. We don't sit there in bed and

do nothing. We get a growing grace of knowledge, so it's very specific. And how long do we do it for? Just a few months, a couple years, 10 years, 20 years? No, until the day we draw our last breath, or to the day when Christ returns. that's what it is. Let's go to John 1 this time. This is basic knowledge but a good review of the things we already know. John 1 creation itself was set up to reproduce itself over and over and all this was put into motion that we would call perhaps re-creation.

That is recorded in John 1 verses 1 to 3.

I'm going to quote that. Read this really carefully. This is something we read over and over many times. Read it. 1 verse 1 says, "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God.

He was in the beginning with God, with someone, right, with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him, nothing was made that was made.

Well, we think, we think about this, talking about the creation, and God creating everything in the beginning through the word we have to come back and realize oh God's fingerprint is in everything that exists right there fingerprint and everything he made it all he made everything that there is and so much of what is out there in this creation has this amazing ability to reproduce itself and renew itself.

It's amazing. So here's a little analogy of that. Our backyard is up the street here. We have these 10 fairly large big pine trees. They're all kind of around the back of our house. They've been there for a number of years, all planted from very small, you know, this little tiny softlings that are planted, and every year these pine trees, yeah, these pine trees produce all these cones, and we don't grow it there and flip the switch, it just comes automatically. He produced all these cones, and in every one of these cones are these seeds, and He took one of those seeds and planted it and nurtured it and washed over it or put it in the ground that's covered over with some dirt, is what tree wood does naturally. A new tree would grow up. If you walk into the woods, if you're like me and you go tripping through the woods on hikes, underneath all the trees, under the canopy, you see all these small trees growing up. What's that all about?

That's one of those seeds that's reproducing itself. So think about that in relation to everything, everything. Notice how I said that word twice. Everything that God has made, if it's alive, is reproducing itself. Right now the squirrels are chasing themselves around the trees. What do you think that's all about? Hello? [laughter] Yeah, so anyway, all this came through the one that became Christ.

John 1 and verse 3 tells us that in verse 4 it says there in him talking about Christ was life and the life was the light of men that is the beginning brother of the explanation of the gospel message the very beginning and the creation of human beings made in the image of God is so profound and so important that God had to do this great act, this greatest act that he could to fulfill his purpose for human beings. Because remember, it got hijacked, right?

So this other plan came in, and that plan is not going to hijack. John 1 verse 14 jumped down there and this word,

and the word it says, became flesh and tabernacled,  
or in other words, lived among us. And we're down to chronologically. Bill Watson  
talked about

deity,

of one in the Godhead, and he became flesh. And as Bill said,  
he couldn't go back and forth anymore. He did this for 33 and a half years, and  
he got mailed to a staker across at the end for you and me. Wow!

That's what he talked about.

So imagine this God, let we worship, who lives forever,  
gave up that existence and became flesh like us, just like us human beings,  
like the ones that he had actually created. Not only were we created in the image  
and likeness of God, he had to make this amazing sacrifice on our behalf,  
we didn't even deserve it. So we are living witnesses of this awesome and incredible  
love. We talk about love all the time, but we're witnesses of this love that we  
can't even come close to duplicating in our lives when it comes to us loving  
something. Boy, oh boy. That all comes through his grace, comes through his truth.  
So What relief is we're getting out of here? We're talking about the reproductive  
process and the Godhead through this very process are reproducing a what a family of  
beings like Themselves

That's what they're up to

Sorry about that mr. Musk, Let's call him Elon. Everybody knows him as Elon.

God, the father, and son

are not about making robots. Could have done that if you wanted to. Not about that.

If you think about all this what do you call it? Artificial intelligence. People  
say, "Oh, AI."

Artificial intelligence and technology. It will all likely be brought together at the  
very end for this final, great and amazing deception.

And who's going to be spearheading all that? You've got it.

Old scratch. See it in the double. That final deception,

brethren, is probably going to be so incredible and so believable, that  
deception will probably take place because of the five senses literally running wild.

You know what they are? Especially sight and hearing,

but there's five of them, touch, smell, and But it'd be the sight and the hearing  
that's going to be running while more than likely. Let's see Philippians 2, there's  
another sense.

I called, and you've probably heard it before from others at the lecturing, I called  
the sixth sense.

This is an added sense that only God can give somebody. Can we imagine God the  
Father in the Word who became Christ, planning this all out, thinking all this  
through the Creator coming in the flesh and overcoming human we're going to flip  
into the Creator coming in the flesh and overcoming human nature by not sitting and  
then finally going through what you went through at the end of his physical life  
wow you

know something the only one who can solve the problem of sin is God.

None of this acrobatic stuff that's going to come at the end is going to say, "Oh, we got this perfect situation set up here now." No. Not going to happen that way. Remember what we already read in John 1? The word became flesh and wealth among us. The question is, how did he do that successfully? Let's find out How did Christ do that successfully starts off here? The first word is let Letty a simple little word. We use that word quite a bit in the new language. Don't we well that means We have to allow it to come in to our minds Okay, here it is flippings to verses five date let this mind be in you which is also in Christ Jesus.

Verse 6, "who being in the form of God did not consider it to be robbery, to be equal with God, but he made himself of what? No reputation, taking on the form of a bond -servant, Coming in the likeness of men and being found in the appearance of it as a man What do you do? He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death Even death of the styros or of the crosses it says here in the New King James

What did he do? He left didn't he?

He followed the plan, showing no resistance, giving up all of that glory that he had.

He had the what? The reproductive seed eternalized in him, to go down into the earth, to come up again, to be reproduced in this glorious farm.

He was getting it all back again. But he had to hold fast to the end.

This is why we think of it the way we think. Our human lives with the spirit of man and the spirit of God combined together.

This is the seed of eternal life.

Talk about the ultimate gift. Talk about this great act of God.

Brethren, this is all firmly established. It's permanent.

As long as we all continue to be what? Steadfast.

All of this was planned out before the ages of time Christ came into the world just as we did the great I am did what he emptied himself he gave up being one in the Godhead however he kept enough of the seed of God in order to be born again as the spiritual son of God with his individual character it's gonna be no different for you and I likely

All this planned out before the ages of time, brethren, whatever circumstances we go through, whatever humility we must suffer, doesn't stack up to this.

Regardless of how difficult it is,

there's no comparison. What have any one of us really given up in comparison to that.

Look at what he came to at the end

at the crucifixion that we all have on our minds right now at this time of year.

Is there anything more hideous, more torturous, more degrading And what the Romans did back then to him what all the people did back there to him

Nothing more. He is in a crucifixion Let's go to Hebrews 10 this time Hebrews 10 we're gonna go to verse 4 to 10 to start He did this so that he would share and participate in the human experience as a human being so that he could save those

that answer in the first part of the plan at least anyway so that he could save those that answer the call to salvation. His sacrifice brethren was worth all human beings combined together that ever have been or that ever will be.

Think about what you're going to say next. Jesus, he represented God in a flash. Pontius Pilate represented all the governments of the world. The religious leaders that were there represented all the religions of the world. The people out there yelling at Him, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him !" They represented all the people in the world.

Hebrews 10 and verse 4 to 10. Because here we see the temple ritual and the sacrificing of animals being replaced with something with the death of Christ fulfilling whose will the fathers according to the plan they set up and I quote verse 4 Hebrews 10 because it's impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sin for this reason when he comes into the world he says sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but you have prepared a body for me.

You did not delight in Bert Hoffrings and sacrifices for sin. Then said I, Lo, I come, as is written as me in the scroll of the book, to do your will, O God.

In the saying above," he said, "sacrifice and offering and birth offerings and sacrifice it for sin which are done according to the priestly law. You did not desire nor delight him." Then he said, verse 9,

"Lo, I come to do your will, O God." He takes away the first covenant in order that he may establish the second covenant verse 10 by that will I think that Yeah, I think the faithful version says by whose will the whose capital w okay by that will We are sanctified through the offering of the body of Christ Once and for all and a quote a very very important portion of Scripture here in Hebrews 10 as a matter of fact This whole book is holy. This holy pistol is a mind -boggler Very very vitally important rather We are part of this second covenant The covenant to what? Eternal life and we see in your holy spirit It's a down payment of that eternal life Christ came to activate the followers will and make it his will

You'll see that and we do see that clearly in verse 9 but look at verse 10 by that will we are sanctified that is the will of God in all of our lives we are sanctified as a process and we're being made holy it's a growing process very amazing and then we read We're going to come to this on the Passover night, don't worry about turning there, we're going to go to, I'm going to just quote from John 17, verse 21, "Jesus Christ, very final prayer, very part of his final prayer."

Here's what he said, "May be one as you father and I are one.

They wanted us to become one."

Not a bunch of renegades but one,

That they maybe one in us were called to the unity of the faith We're still in Hebrews 10th the 10th chapter Christ came to do the will of the father Taking away the first covenant in order that the second could be established because the old Precy system of animal sacrifices could never take away sins." Verse 12, he verse 10, "But this man, that man's capitalized there, but this man talking about

Christ, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of the Father.

From that time waiting till his enemies are made his footstool,

Or by one offering He has perfected forever Those who are sanctified are being made holy But the Holy Spirit also Witnesses to us For after he said before Hey This is the covenant That I will make with those.

I will make with them rather. After those days, says the Lord, what's he going to do? I will put my laws into their hearts, into their minds.

That's where I'm going to write them. End of quote.

You know, the perfection in the flesh with the Spirit of God in us comes a bit at a time. It does not come all at once because we are being sanctified over a process of time and God wants us to participate by having His Holy Spirit in us and allowing that power of the Holy Spirit to lead us By keeping his commandments and living by his very word. It's about participating in our journey To this amazing coming kingdom That we can't relate to It's coming

Verse 16. This is the covenant, brother. We're called to be first words fruits.

When it's all said and done, to be chosen to enter in and hear.

And I've quoted those famous words so many times. Remember that well done and good and faithful servant? Just as Christ did when he was raised from the dead, by who is glory? Glory of the Father.

This is the exact same way we've been called to be walking in, to be walking in this newness of life. I'm gonna stop right there and quote something just out of it. In the forest,

there's a little oak, those little oak, seed, those oak things fall on the ground.

When it grows back up, doesn't grow up as a maple tree does it? What's it come up as? An So, we're going to come up in the God Family,

not the Satanic Family, I'll tell you this right now off the cuff, God is not creating any more devils, guaranteed.

Everything we consciously do comes from our mind and our spirit and from our whole being, our thinking, our living, our emotions, our feelings, we can't forget our choices.

Then 17 verse 17 he adds,

this is paramount importance right here because we're sinners right?

Here's what he says. "There are sins and there are deeds. Lawless deeds," it says.

"What? Lawless deeds?" That's what it says. God says,

"I will remember no more."

This is why it's very important in Matthew 6 and the model prayer to repent every day.

Because deep down in our craniums and the craniums of our minds and everything we've ever done God's gonna blot them out.

And sometimes as we heard in the commentary at the very beginning of the service we can't even say I'm sorry to our brothers who are just over there or over here. I'm guilty of it too, but God's gonna blot it all out. We can't relate to that 'cause we can't do it very well. I just thought that, that's not in my notes.

God the Father invites us in these prayers that we give to Him daily to come into the true holiest, by the blood of Jesus. Hebrews 10 verse 19 that's how that reads let's take a look at that says there quote Hebrews 10 verse 19 therefore brethren having boldness to enter the holiest through what by the blood by what Christ did by the blood of Jesus at verse 19 by a new and living way which he consecrated for us through the veil that is his flesh and having a high priest over the house of God. Let me stop right there.

A high priest.

Are the ministry over us? I'm talking the physical ministry. Are the ministers over us? No. They're standing beside us. We've got one high priest.

He's over us. That's what it is, that's reality. If anybody tells you something different, they've got it wrong.

Having a high priest over what? The house of God, the whole thing.

Let us draw near with a true heart and full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast to confession of our hope without wavering for he who promised is unfaithful. No, He is faithful. No question about it.

Let us consider one another in order to stir up one.

Hatred? No. Love and good works.

Here's what we're supposed to do. Not forsaking in the assembling or ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting One another and so much the more as we see that day Approaching which day is that?

That's a Christ's return day. Yes

Brother the greatest act The ultimate gift to us is that Jesus died for our sins and then was raised back to this eternal life from the dead.

His resurrection, that action is the one promise for eternal life for us.

If it didn't happen to him, it's sure not going to happen to us.

This is the will of God for us. Do we believe it?

Our baptism is what? It's a symbolic death When we went down in the watery grave we died what?

To sin yeah, we died to sin sin is what? transgression of the law That means we died to law breaking If you drive it up the 401 and 150,

says 110 on the side of the road. You're sinning. I don't care how you is.

I don't care how you look at that. You're breaking the laws of the land. Cop can pull you over and take your car.

I can use a binocular but I won't.

Oh, serious.

There's law. You go up and jump off the C -Head Tower. 14 .7 pounds per square inch is going to take you to the ground. That's a lot of the universe a lot a lot of the earth Yeah, that's how it works. So question The wages of sin this death will say that again

Question is it God's will

That we live in sin is it God's will now we overcome sin Well as God's will we continue to overcome sin

By overcoming it We cannot Take our free moral agency That we've been given after we've gone down in the baptismal tank. We can't take our free moral agency Decide to go back living and practicing sin

It's a death warrant, right?

Let's go to Romans 6 this time. Well -turned -to portion in the books.

We're approaching Passover in four more weeks. Four weeks, until now, from now, rather. Romans 6, we'll pick up the first four verses there.

What shall we say then? What shall we say then?

Shall we continue to sin that grace shall abound? Look what Paul says, certainly not. How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

Or do you not know that as many as have died, as many as who were baptized into Christ Jesus or baptized as well into his death. Therefore,

we were buried within through baptism into death that just as Jesus was raised to the dead by the glory of the Father in this exact same way, we should also walk in newness of life. 'Cause we come out of that tech, we come out of a new person.

That's what it's saying now. So new persons we better be.

Brethren, we are not to be living like we did in the past. We obediently serve God on His Sabbath day. And we keep all the annual holy days feral biblical.

I don't need to talk to you about that.

We keep them all as they come to us throughout the year. We all do our best to stay close to God through constant prayer and through the study of His Word is growing in grace and knowledge, right?

Well, I'd be safe to say that we do our very best to do all this and to have our existence in the Godhead. In the Godhead not in Satan the devil, but in the Godhead It's really a process of growing and changing and overcoming And getting out of the carnality as much as we possibly can and becoming like God the Father Jesus Christ is as much as we possibly can What does Christ say in Matthew 548 be you there for a perfect as my father in heaven is perfect

However, you know what happens? We still walk around with the law of sin and death attached to us

But you know the more we do the things of God the more we show him how zealous we are about putting off the old man and putting on this new man of Jesus Christ.

We were buried in the watery grave.

That was the day we died to sin. Then we overcome sin by the power of God's Holy Spirit. Because the one, Romans 6 verse 7 says because the one who has died to sin has been justified from sin. But we have to do our part.

Justified means that you can put a right standing with the Father and have it above. And you can pray to Him any time, any place, regardless of your circumstances. Think about the Apostle Paul being in prison all those years locked up. I'm sure he was praying. And our wouldn't go by a little prayer like he, with him in all circumstances, so we can pray to him any time they want, regardless of the circumstance. With God's spirit, you can do that because you have direct, direct access to God the Father. It's only through Christ.

It's not through anybody else. It's not through your minister. It's through the High

Priest Jesus Christ.

and you have direct entrance into the Holy of Holies in heaven above through this prayer that you're giving up to God. Remember the prayer of Jesus in John the 17th chapter. Don't turn there. I'm going to put it for you. Jesus kneeled down and lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come."

He knew what was coming

All this plan before the beginning of time He knew all the prophecies of the Old Testament. He says I have glorified you on the earth I have finished the work you've given me to do. Jesus understand exactly Understand exactly what was going on and we'll go through all these details on the Passover overnight. We're still in Romans 6. Look at verse 8 and 9, Romans 6. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall be also alive with Him.

Knowing that Christ, how they've been raised from the dead, He dies no more. Death no longer has any dominion over When we died in the baptism of the watery grave and come up with the focus of being a new person in Christ, placing our focus as well on eternal life,

this is God's will for each of us to live as we're living right now and continually grow and move forward to the kingdom. This is amazing to wrap our mind around. When the seventh trumpet sounds, and we are changed and born again, eternal life may be ours within the God family. And that will never end.

We worship of God.

We worship Him. He's a covenant keeping God. And this This is what we're gonna do in a couple weeks four weeks, and I'll renew the covenant do it every year our minds were given So we could think so we could reason the Holy Spirit of God so we could additionally Think beyond these physical things Think spiritually Roman 6 and verse 10 for you died For the death that he died rather he died the sin

Once for all, but the life that he lives, he lives to the Father, he lives to God, as it says here in the New King James. Likewise, you also, verse 11, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal body that you should obey It's lust. Remember that? The lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and pride of the light.

That's what the problem is.

Sin and lawlessness and transgression of the law. That's what ruled over us.

What ruled in our lives before us? We were baptized? Why? Sin.

Down in the grave, we come out of sin. So it doesn't rule anymore. It doesn't say you won't sin, but don't let it rule in your life.

Put it out. After baptism and the laying out of hands, we receive the Holy Spirit.

That's where the strength comes from. That's that sixth sense I talked about.

We are to use this Holy Spirit and the Word of God and to repent of sin and overcome evil.

God doesn't mean that you take away our carnality either.

He wants to know.

Do we love him? Will we believe him? Will we overcome sin?

Will we continue to repent to God of the sins that takes place in our lives on a

daily basis? We all fall short. We're to let the laws and commandments of God with the Spirit Lead us, teach us, help us, guide us on how we think, which leads to what we will do, what we think we'll do.

More good thoughts we have, the more better things we do. Plies to all of this.

Sin is not going to rule over you. Why? Because you can repent of it and get rid of it. But under God's grace. Grace is that favor of God that you have been chosen because you responded in the right way to the call. Right?

You've repented. You've received God's Holy Spirit that you can become fully born into the God family. Jumping down to Romans 6 and verse 16,

quote, "Do you not know that to whom you present yourself to obey, that you are that one slave whom you obey, whether to sin or to death, or to obedience or to righteousness?" It's a choice.

Free moral agency.

And Because we become servants of God, we have chosen the latter in a position, obedience unto righteousness. You know, righteousness has got that word right. Doing what's right, doing what God wants, having our fruit unto what?

Unto sanctification. And that end result is eternal life.

We see that very clearly in Rome 6:22 if we are implementing the things of the spirit Which are the things of righteousness and we are sanctified by God. We will live and walk Nothing else but the spirit We hope for the promise of course.

This is attached to this and I want to take you to one scriptural part here before I sit down for today,

the epistle of Paul to the Corinthians there in the very first Corinthians.

Let's go there. Let's remind ourselves of this as we wind down for today, because Paul was writing, first Corinthians 2. The apostle Paul is writing to those in Corinth, exhorting them to be united, not divided.

The message of the gospel is not worldly wisdom, but spiritual wisdom.

Worldly wisdom doesn't take you forward to the kingdom. The spiritual wisdom will.

Faith should not be built around the wisdom of men, but around the power of God.

And I quote from 1 Corinthians 2, verse 6 down to 14, "Now we speak wisdom among the spiritually mature. However, it is not the wisdom of the world, nor the rulers of this world, who are coming to nothing. Rather, we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden mystery that God foreordained before the ages unto our glory. Which none of the rulers of this world had known, for if they had known,

They would not Have crucified the Lord of glory,

so they were all deceived But as it is written I Has not seen Nor ear hurt nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love him Verse 10 But God has revealed to them Pardon me,

but God has revealed them to us by his spirit for the spirit searches all things

even the deep things of God For who among men Understands the things of man except by the spirit of man Which is in him naturally But the same Was also the things

of God No one understands except By the spirit of God Now we have not received the spirit of the world But the spirit that is of God so that we might know the

things graciously Given to us by God which things we also speak not in words taught

by human wisdom, but in words taught by the Holy Spirit in order to communicate spiritual things by spiritual means, but the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, but he can understand them because they are spiritually discerned. You know, we all have to attend to ourselves in this physical life.

We're all fully aware of that and you know the physical part of life takes a whole lot of careful work as well. But we can't imagine what Brethren it's going to be like as a spirit being this is what we're called to this is the amazing purpose for mankind to come into the god family brethren we're all constantly be growing and I said it before so many times in grace and knowledge and it all comes over time little by little here little there little a layer here a layer there.

With God, we have to love Him with all our heart, mind, and soul and being. And He's given us this amazing invitation into His family, all part of this ultimate gift that lies just ahead of us.

The first ultimate gift. Christ give himself up the next part of the album a gift to attract us to himself amazing God wants to know He wants us to believe He wants us to understand Our great God has prepared things for us that are going to be so Over -the -top fantastic so absolutely amazing. All coming about through the sacrifice and shed blood which resulted in the one man's death,

Jesus, God in the flesh, which brings me right back, which brings us right back actually to the very beginning. This is the ultimate gift,

Not just for us But for the whole world because God's got this amazing plan for everybody But they have to play by the rules

We got the rulebook we get the playbook I Just toss it over there.

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The ultimate gift for the whole world. We are the first troops and we look forward to the first resurrection and we are in constant wonderment what that is going to be like. And brethren my last statement, we're going to have to be there to find out. Thank you for putting up with me today. That ends the sermon.