

REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST SEMINAR

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A House Divided Against Itself Cannot Stand

You have come to a seminar on the revelation of Jesus Christ. Through this week, we want to talk about the Word of God and we want to pray that the Holy Spirit will lead us. I believe that the Lord has sent me here and I believe God has sent you here. We want His church to be under His head. We want the church to be all that He wants it to be. So, we want to talk from the Word of God. I hope to challenge you this week. I hope to talk about doctrines this week. We'll have question times and I want you to ask questions. We want the spirit of God to be over everything in this place.

We want to talk about the division in the church. You and I know that Jesus said that a house or a kingdom divided against itself will not stand. We see the divisions, but we hope it is not true. Somehow, we hope His house will stand. In the United States of America, in the 1970s, one atheist woman named Madeline Murray O'Hare did not want the schools to pray in the name of Jesus. The schools opened every day with prayer. She said, "I don't want my son to be subjected to your religion." In the 1970s, the church in the United States owned satellites to broadcast Christian services all over the world. They had over three billion dollars invested in TV and radio stations. They owned much property, tremendous churches, and Bible schools that men from all over the world attended. One woman went to war with the Church of Jesus Christ and they took prayer out of every school. A house or a kingdom divided against itself cannot stand. Satan does not care if we put satellites in space if we stay divided because God said that we cannot stand if we are divided.

One woman in the 1970s wanted an abortion. One woman. The Bible said, "Thou shall not kill." The church did not know that this was coming. Abortion became legal in America. 1,500,000 babies are killed every year in North America alone. More than 3,000 per day die on the altars of the false god that man has worshipped. Man has elevated pleasure and sexuality, and now we are offering babies on the altar of this goddess of pleasure and sexuality. More babies die in one day in abortion clinics than those who died on 9/11 when the terrorists flew the airplanes into the World Trade Center. These babies have no voice. The church of power should be touching the lives of these mothers before they decide to kill their babies. The truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ should come into their heart. The light from the church should have shone out into their darkened world and they should have found the way into the church because the church would protect the babies. The church is not protecting the babies. More than 3,000 are murdered every day and we say the church is growing. When Satan is winning the battle, the church has to wake up.

The church in Honduras cannot be divided. *(Draws an illustration on the whiteboard)* How many circles have I drawn on this board? Four circles. Do you agree? What color are three of the circles? Blue. Do you agree? Now, did you all go to the same school? No. You didn't go to the same school and you agree? Schools are not divided. They know and they agree that 3 is 3 all over the world. Four is 4 all over the world. If you sent your child to a school and the teacher taught the children $3 = 5$, you would not know

about it because you don't go to school with them. That is, until you told your child to bring you 5 apples and they brought you 3! You would say, "That is not 5." They would say, "Yes, that is 5," and you would say, "No." If they said, "The teacher said it was 5," you would think your child misunderstood the teacher. If you went to talk to the teacher and the teacher said, "Oh yes, this is 5, I had a revelation." You'd say, "Not in my school. Three is 3 in this school." We know it. We believe it. It is true. It is an absolute, and everywhere in the world it is the same.

But the church of Jesus Christ is teaching in Bible schools all over the world that nobody has all the truth. Bible schools are teaching pastors that if anyone tells you that they have all truth, they are lying. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. I am the Truth. In Me there is no lie. If two of you will gather in My name, I will be in your midst." In John, chapter 10, Jesus said, "My sheep know My voice and a stranger they will not follow." How can Jesus be in our church and how can we know His voice and still say we don't have all truth? How could that be? We have let men teach us and now we are divided. Jesus told His disciples, "I am going away but I am going to send you the Spirit of Truth." Not the spirit of division. The Spirit of Truth. "He will lead you and guide you into all truth, that the world might know that God sent me." That's what Jesus said.

We are in a battle. The first thing that God told us in the Bible is that He is the Creator. The second thing He told us was that the devil would try to lie to God's people using God's name. That's the second thing He told us! The devil came to Eve. Eve is a picture of the church. He didn't go to the pastor. He didn't go to Adam. He said to Eve, "Hath God said? I want to talk about what God said. Has God said?"

The reason that I invite pastors to the seminar is because pastors are the ones who need to judge what is being spoken. I could have come here to town and gotten a big auditorium. I have a gospel tent that will hold about 500 people with chairs, about 1,000 standing. I could have preached to the people what I am going to challenge you with, but that is not the way God does it. When God wants to challenge the church, He doesn't start with the people. He starts with the leaders because you know the Word. You should be able to judge what I say. I am going to challenge you. I am not going to preach what you believe because you believe it. I am going to preach the Word of God. You will already know many of the things that I teach. You will be glad I am teaching it. When I talk about the Holy Ghost, you will be glad that your Baptist friends are here. You will be glad they are hearing about the Holy Ghost. But when I preach about your doctrines, you won't be so happy. That's what this week is going to be like.

We don't know what the division is. I've had seminars all over the world and I've never had a pastor stand up and say, "I know I teach lies." Every pastor believes in his heart that what he is teaching is truth, but something is not true because we don't agree. There cannot be five truths. There is only one truth. There are four circles and three of them are blue. One of them is green. There are not five circles. There are not two circles. They are not red or yellow. There is a truth and the church wants the truth. We are praying for the truth, but we did not know whom to trust. We trusted our parents. We've trusted TV preachers and Bible schools and we are divided. Now, we are going to go back and

repent and confess that we have let someone teach other than the Holy Ghost. Because of that, we don't know what is truth.

What is truth on baptism? Should we baptize in the name of Jesus? In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost? Should we sprinkle? Should we dunk? We don't even know what's the truth on baptism! The men who baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost say that the men who baptize in the name of Jesus are anti-Christ! The men who baptize in the name of Jesus say that the men who are baptizing in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are not even baptizing people. You know this is really going on! So, why don't we get together and ask God about it? "God, You tell us the truth. If I've been wrong, I want Your answer and I will bow my knee because I want nothing but the truth. You tell me the truth and I will receive it." We want to pray every day for the Holy Spirit to teach us.

Deuteronomy 29:29 says:

The secret [things belong] unto the LORD our God: but those [things which are] revealed [belong] unto us and to our children for ever, that [we] may do all the words of this law.

The secret things belong to God. God has secret things. In the Bible, God put messages in the stories of the Old Testament. He hid messages inside the stories. We know that is true. He did that because His adversary uses His Word, trying to deceive His people. So, within the Bible He hid a message.

Exodus 37 talks about the candlestick. We'll read verse 17-22.

And he made the candlestick [of] pure gold: [of] beaten work made he the candlestick; his shaft, and his branch, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, were of the same: 18 And six branches going out of the sides thereof; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side thereof, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side thereof: 19 Three bowls made after the fashion of almonds in one branch, a knop and a flower; and three bowls made like almonds in another branch, a knop and a flower: so throughout the six branches going out of the candlestick. 20 And in the candlestick [were] four bowls made like almonds, his knops, and his flowers: 21 And a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches going out of it. 22 Their knops and their branches were of the same: all of it [was] one beaten work [of] pure gold.

So, God tells us that there are several decorations on the candlestick. He said that on the candlestick there would be six branches, one shaft or main stem and also a bowl, a knop, and a flower. This is how you bring forth fruit from an almond, so it looks like an almond. Each branch has three bowls, three knops and three flowers. That's what the Bible tells us. If we add them up, that makes nine ornaments on a branch. Bowl, knop, flower, bowl, knop, flower, bowl, knop, flower on each branch, and there were 12 ornaments in the middle shaft – four bowls, four knops, and four flowers. Moses put this in the tabernacle.

We know that $3 \times 9 = 27$. There are 27 ornaments on right side, 27 ornaments on the left side, and 12 ornaments in the middle. If we add 27 and 12 (the left side and the center shaft) we get 39, which is the number of books in the Old Testament. That leaves the right side with 27 ornaments, and that is the number of books in the New Testament.

Now, do I need to know this to get to heaven? No. But I need that information to fight lies. When Satan challenged Jesus with lie, Satan said, "It is written." Jesus replied, "It is written." The Mormons say you need one more book and that is a lie. The Catholic church says that there are many more books in the Bible, but the Bible says that is a lie. If men teach you that some of the books in the Bible are not from God, you tell them that they are liars. In the book of Psalms, David said, "Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet and a Light unto my path." The Word of God is a lamp.

There were five books of the Bible written when Moses saw this picture and it took more than 2,000 years for God to finish the candlestick. He was waiting for Paul to write 2 Timothy. He was waiting for John to write the Book of Revelation. He was waiting. He made the heavens and the earth in six days, but it took 2,000 years to make the candlestick. That's because the candlestick is the revelation of Jesus Christ and the church is His body. The Word of God, the Truth, is going to come into the church. It has been 2,000 years since He started and we are not together yet, but we are going to come together. We need someone we trust to teach us the truth.

The Ministerial Association in every city has pastors who do not belong to the association because there is so much strife and division. In some places, it is very political. There are "power men" and men of no power, and it should not be that way. God has to challenge the church. Who do we trust? We should be able to come together and say we don't agree but we know God and He said we would know His Word. We should be able to say, "I am going to ask God, and when I come back I'll have the truth because He said that if I ask Him for bread He would not give me a stone. He said that if I asked for fish he would not give me a serpent. He will not lie to me."

So God hid that message and then He revealed it. He kept it secret and then revealed it so that we could keep all the words just as He said in Deuteronomy. This stops the lies. We will stop the lies with the Bible.

In Revelation, Chapter 5, God tells us that He sealed the Old Testament. God wrote the Old Testament and then He sealed it shut. We see in verses 1-5 that Jesus opened the Old Testament.

And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. 2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? 3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. 4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. 5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

Nobody in heaven was worthy. No one on earth was worthy. John wept because no one could open the book. Then he tells us in verse 6-8

And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. 7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. 8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four [and] twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

The prayers of the saints. God still opens the book when men pray. They had been opened already, but God wants to reveal things to us. The Bible says the knowledge would increase and, in the physical world, knowledge has increased. This is also true for the church. God's knowledge will increase in the church, but it must be received by means of the Spirit.

Three Days and Three Nights...

Jesus said, there is a book in the Old Testament about a certain prophet. God sent him to the Gentiles and he did not want to go. He caught a ship to go somewhere else. His name was Jonah. Jesus said, "That story is about Me." When he was on the ship, there was a terrible storm. The prophet said, "I must die so you can live." He said, "You have to throw me overboard." They said, "Oh no, we can't do that." He said, "If you don't throw me over, you'll die. If I don't die, you will die." That's what Jesus did. The Bible tells us that Jesus said, "As Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the fish, so must the Son of man be three days and three nights in the bowels of the earth."

Let me ask you a question. If He was crucified on Friday, and He was resurrected Sunday before daylight, how many days was He in the tomb? The Bible says that the evening and the morning were the first day. So, Jesus ate the Passover with His disciples after sundown, because Passover started at sundown. In the Bible, a day starts at sundown. You know that. The Jewish Sabbath started at sundown on Friday night. That meant that Saturday started at sundown and it was Sabbath all day Saturday. When the sun went down it became Sunday. We don't operate like that – we have clocks, so we know that at midnight a new day has begun. If you didn't have any clocks, you would want to start your day the way God did. When you go back to the Book of Genesis, the Bible said the evening and the morning were the first day. So, Jesus could have eaten the Passover meal on Friday evening and still have died on Saturday (which was the Passover) because He was the Passover Lamb --but He was crucified on Friday during the day and died on Friday? At sundown, it would have been Saturday, and at sundown on Saturday it became Sunday. Mary went to the tomb in the dark on Sunday, the first day of the week.

So, if Jesus was crucified on Friday before sundown, He would be one night and one day in the tomb. That is not what He said. He said He would be three days and three nights. So, what is the problem? We know that Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the fish. Here is the problem. The Bible said that they were getting ready for the Sabbath day. The Roman Catholic priests only knew of one Sabbath day and that was

Saturday. The Bible says that every feast day is a Sabbath day. So, they were getting ready for the Sabbath, but they weren't getting ready for Saturday. They were getting ready for the feast of Passover.

The Bible said that Jesus was going to be crucified on the 14th day of the 1st month, according to Exodus. Passover was always on the 14th day. Just like your birthday is on the same date every year. One year it will be on Monday, the next year on Tuesday, the next on Wednesday – because it is a number. So, Passover could be on Wednesday, but it was still a Sabbath day. The Passover itself is a Sabbath day. There were seven Jewish feasts and they were all a Sabbath day. You could not work on a Sabbath day. This feast was not on Saturday. The Passover was on Wednesday that year, so Jesus was three days and three nights in the tomb. We know that He was resurrected on the 1st day of the week. We know He was resurrected on Sunday, so He had to spend Saturday and Saturday night in the tomb, Friday and Friday night in the tomb, Thursday and Thursday night in the tomb.

There is more than one Sabbath in the Bible and you and I must know these things. Satan knows that if we let men teach us that Jesus was crucified on Friday and He only spent one day and one night in the tomb, and we celebrate it, even though Jesus said three days and three nights, we will say, “He lied. He wasn't there three days and three nights.” You see? Either He lies or the teachings of men lie. All we need to do is count to three and ask ourselves a question: “How can this not be right? It says they are getting ready for the Sabbath day. If that is Saturday, and He was resurrected Sunday, then He wasn't right. He did not tell us the truth.” You see, we have many teachers, but one Bible, and we need to ask ourselves questions. “Why does the Bible say this?”

Truth is important. I use this as an example because we can all count to three. We have celebrated Good Friday and we have celebrated the resurrection. In the United States, we call it Easter. In Spanish, you use the word “Pascua”, which is Passover. There is no word for “Easter” in Spanish. In the United States we call this Easter, which is the name for Escher, the goddess of fertility. In the United States, churches bury chicken eggs and the children go and hunt for them. They color eggs to celebrate the goddess of fertility. They say that rabbits bring the chicken eggs because rabbits are very fertile. They have many little rabbits all year long. So, they celebrate Escher, the goddess of fertility. They go and watch the sun come up. The Bible says that Jesus was out of the tomb and Mary was there and it was still dark. Men worship the sun. In the United States, the church does these terrible things and they do not even know why! It should not be so. I celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, but I don't use chicken eggs to do it. We do these things and we don't even know why.

As pastors, as ministers of God, we represent God's priesthood and the Spirit of God wants to separate us from these pagan things.

Speak the Same Thing

Is Christ divided? In 1 Corinthians 1:10 it says:

Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and [that] there be no divisions among you; but [that] ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

What does that say? I want you to all speak the same things. This is what God expects of the church; that we speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among us, that we be perfectly joined together in the same mind. You see, we can sit together and not agree. In your mind, you know that you do not agree with that other brother because you believe that you have the truth. Once the Holy Ghost teaches the preachers in Honduras, there will be no divisions. God promised Israel, "I am going to heal your division."

The descendants of Noah wanted to make a name for themselves so that they would not be scattered on the earth. They began to build a tower to God. That was not God's idea. That was man's idea. They had the covenant that God gave to their grandfather, Noah. They were special. Now, they wanted to build a tower to God. God said, "They all speak the same language. There is no division among them and nothing is impossible for them." So, what did God do? These men were already working together. They had already agreed on what they were doing and they already had a plan. But, when God scattered their language, they couldn't work together anymore. God showed us what it looks like when man makes himself the head -- he wants to make a name for himself so that he is not scattered on the earth. You see, when you're a believer, you don't need a name. When you want to have fellowship with someone, God will tell you, "Go with this person and you will have fellowship." Men want to have a name. They want names like "First Baptist Church". That way, when you go to Tegucigalpa and you want to go to church, you don't have to ask God. You can just go the First Baptist Church! "Assembly of God" is a name. When you go to Tegucigalpa, you don't have to ask God where to go because you have a name. Names like Episcopalian, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, Church of God, Pentecost, Second Baptist, Third Baptist, etc.. You know the names and you look for those names. When the Spirit leads you, you don't need men to lead you. You don't need names to help you.

The Apostle Paul went down by the river and he met Lydia. He met the church and they began to have fellowship. In Israel, they had the priesthood and kings and princes, but they strayed away from God and they led the people away from God. Men became the head and God wasn't the head anymore. God told them what not to do and they did it anyway. Man was the head. Man was the teacher. So, God brought Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, down on Israel. He took God's people and scattered them over all the nations of the world. Before long, they spoke different languages. God promised in His Word that whenever man makes himself the head, this will be a sign to us: "I will confuse your language and you will not be able to work together." So it is today.

In Acts, Chapter 2, 120 people gathered in the upper room and the Teacher from God came down. This is what it says in verses 1-5:

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled

with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

Look at verse 5. It says there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. They came up to the feast. The reason they were from every nation in the world is because Nebuchadnezzar scattered them all over the world. Four hundred years before this, Nebuchadnezzar came just as God promised and scattered the people all over the world. When a king did this, he did not expect the people to ever come home because it is hard to make one nation. When you put people in a new country, the children learn the new language quickly. Sometimes the parents don't learn much of the language, but their children learn it. Most of the time the children are bilingual, but their children many times only speak the language where they are. When I was in Ghana, West Africa, they had eight languages in that one country. My interpreter sometimes could not travel 20 miles from his hometown and talk to the people there. I would need another interpreter. In Nigeria, there are 40 languages. They can't get anything done. So, Nebuchadnezzar confused their language.

Verses 6-12 say this:

Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. 7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? 8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? 9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, 10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. 12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

What happened? The Holy Spirit was now the Head and they all understood each other. The Holy Ghost broke the divisions because now man was not the head. God started the church with a promise. He knew we would become divided but He gave us a promise: "Let Me be the Head." Every pastor, every evangelist, every teacher, every prophet and every apostle knows that the Bible says that Jesus is the Head of the church. The Holy Ghost is the Teacher. Man was not content to make himself just the head. He also made himself the teacher. We are not full of the power that they had in the Book of Acts. The church had power. We don't have that power. We put satellites in space and say that is power. We build very costly churches and we have substituted that for power.

You know, pastors, that when you meet another pastor it goes like this:

"Oh, so you're a pastor?"

"Si"

"I have a question. How many people are in your church?"

You know that is what we ask each other.

“I have 10,000. I am more important.”

“How many do you have?”

“I have 50.”

“Oh, I’m sorry. Only 50. He is not important.”

“My church is bigger – so I am more important.”

That is not the power. This is what I want: I want people to say, “What was that brother’s name who prayed for the lady who was blind and God opened her eyes – and that man who was lame who can walk now? What was that man’s name who prayed?”

“I don’t think he ever said.” “Hmm. I wonder who he was. The only name I remember hearing, and he said it all the time, was Jesus Christ.”

You Are His Workmanship

God spoke in parables and He spoke in riddles. That is because we need the Holy Spirit. When Jesus came to earth 2,000 years ago, the Bible said He came to His own and His own received Him not. The Bible said that the Light shined in the darkness and the darkness comprehended it not. So, we recognize that God’s people did not understand what God was doing. You and I want to understand. We want to know what God wants to do.

In John 17, Jesus prayed for His disciples. Let’s look at verses 20-24:

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, [art] in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. 24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

This is His prayer. He wants you and I to have the same unity that He had with the Father. This is His will. What He prayed for, He received. You and I want to pray as He taught us, so that His will comes to pass in our lives.

“Father, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.”

If you and I pray and believe, we will receive. Right now, the church is acting as though we don’t believe that God’s will can be done on earth as it is done in heaven. His will is done perfectly in heaven. He didn’t tell you and I to do His will on earth as though we have the power. He told us to pray because He has the power. If you pray every day, “God, I want your kingdom to come,” that does not mean His return to earth. John the

Baptist said that the kingdom of God is at hand. Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is within you." He said, "My kingdom does not come with observation, for the kingdom of God is within you." So, if I pray, "I want your kingdom to come," I am praying for Him to be King over me. I pray, "Your will, your desire, let it be done on earth exactly as it is in heaven." When you and I pray and believe that we can have this -- His will done in us and in His church as it is done in heaven -- His kingdom will come in us and in His fullness.

Verse 21 says, *That they all may be one; as thou, Father, [art] in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us...*

Why?

...that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

That the world may believe...The world does not believe that God sent Jesus. They don't believe because we are not one. That's what He said: "Father let them be one that the world may believe that you sent me." We want the world to believe that God sent Jesus. He said, "They will, when you are one." This is the reason Satan is fighting the unity of the church. This is the will of God because Jesus prayed according to the will of God. When you and I recognize that it is His will that we become one, as He and the Father are one, the world will see Christ as He is and they will believe that God sent Him!

Verses 11-14 tell us:

And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we [are]. 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Again, He prays that we become one. He says, "I have given them Your word, and the world hates them." That's because the world hates truth. You and I must love it because it is what makes the church the church.

Let's go to John 16:12-15.

I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, [that] shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew [it] unto you. 15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew [it] unto you.

The Spirit of Truth...He said, "I have many things to say to you, but I can't say them yet because you can't bear them." It takes the Holy Spirit to be able to understand these things. Then, He said, in verse 15, "All things that the Father has are mine. Therefore, He shall take of mine and show it unto you." God is going to show us the things of Jesus Christ. There are things that need to be revealed. In verse 16, He said, "A little while and you shall not see me and again a little while and you shall see me because I go to my Father." We want to see Him. Paul said, "I want to see Him, I want to know Him." We are going to see Him by revelation in the word.

John 14:15-20 says:

If ye love me, keep my commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 [Even] the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. 19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. 20 At that day ye shall know that I [am] in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

"The world will not see Me, but you will see Me." When Jesus was on earth 2,000 years ago, who knew He was the Messiah? The Bible tells us that Simeon, the prophet, had it revealed to him by the Holy Ghost that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Christ. The Spirit revealed it to him. John the Baptist knew who He was. He said, "It was revealed unto me." Ana, the prophetess who dwelt in the temple, knew who He was. The woman at the well believed Him when He said He was the Messiah. Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say I am?" They said, "Some say you are Elijah, some say Moses, or that prophet." He said, "Who do you say I am?" Peter said, "You are the Christ. The Son of the Living God." Jesus said, "Flesh and blood has not revealed this unto you, but My Father which is in heaven, has revealed this unto you." The Bible tells us in 1 John, "Now are we the sons of God and it does not yet appear what we shall be, but when we see Him, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

Now, He just told the disciples, "You will see me, but the world will not see me." Men say, "That's when He returns to earth." I have a question. Why would He want to make the church like Himself when He is taking us to heaven? Heaven doesn't need to see more of Him. The world needs to see Jesus and the church is His body! The world needs to see Him as He is - the power that can change us, not us making ourselves. The Bible said, "We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus." Most Christians believe they are their own workmanship.

Pastors, if someone came to you, and you had been trying to get them to come to church, and they said, "I am not good enough to come to church, but I am going to do better and when I do, I'll start coming to church." What would you tell them? "Yes, that's a good idea. When you live better, come to church." No. You'll tell them to come to church. "Jesus will wash your sins away. He said if you'll confess your sins He'll be faithful and just to forgive your sins and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness." That's what you'll tell them. You'll tell them to come "Just as you are" because He will save them from their sins. You know they cannot save themselves. But when they come to church and

they give their lives to Christ, then we tell them, “Now you have to live better. Remember when you told me that you weren’t going to come until you lived better and I told you to look to Jesus? Well, that was just until you came to the altar. Now you have to make yourself.” That is not correct. That man can’t make himself any better after he’s been born again than he could have before.

I have a question. In 1 John, the Bible says, “He that is born of God does not commit sin for His seed remains in him and he cannot sin.” Do you remember reading that? How is that? You’ve been born again, but do you sin? The Bible says in 1 John 6-9

Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. 7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

So, we have an old man, and the old man was born by the will of the flesh. But, Jesus told Nicodemus, “You must be born again.” Am I right? When you are born again, you are born of the spirit. So, 1 John is talking about the spirit man, “He that is born of God.” You have a flesh man and a spirit man. He that is born of God cannot commit sin for his seed remains in him and he cannot sin. Paul said we have been born again with incorruptible seed. So, what happens to the old man? It died at Calvary. I must accept that by faith. The Bible says we are dead and our life is his with Christ in God. So what happened is that God birthed us with a new man and he must grow up.

There is an old man and a new man. I have a carnal mind and a spirit man. If I want to wrestle a tortilla full of beans away from this young boy, I could do it because I’m bigger. When we get born again, the carnal man is stronger than the new man. This young man’s mother knows that she needs to feed him so he will grow. She can’t make him taller by stretching his body. She feeds him. Then, one day, he will be big. When he gets big because his mother keeps feeding him and he’s like this grown man over here, when we want the same tortilla it won’t be so easy for the old man to get it because the new man has grown up!

In the church, when a person is born again we suddenly expect them to act full-grown but they are not. This mother knows that this boy is not full-grown. When he was a baby, she fed him nothing but milk. She knew he could not eat meat. She didn’t tell him, “You are worthless. You cannot work. Look at you. You just lie there on the bed and do nothing but want milk. You cry in the night and I have to get up and feed you.” That’s not the way a mother talks to her baby. She doesn’t tell him that he needs to be acting older or that he needs to grow up and quit wetting the bed. She knows he is just an infant and that he will grow up. Her job is to feed him. When he is one year old, she doesn’t tell him that he needs to be taller.

If you have a young son and an older son you know they both want to help you when you go out to work. Your older son can gather up a lot of wood, but your little son can’t gather up so much. You are not going to tell your little son, “Look at you. Is that all you

can carry? Shame on you. Look at your brother. He carries a lot of wood and you need to carry that much.” In the church, we preach to baby Christians that they need to be doing more things, but they are little and they can’t. They just can’t carry a full load and God knows that. We discourage them. A good father says to the little son, “You did good, you’re carrying a lot of wood. You are strong and you will get stronger.” If the little brother says, “I didn’t carry much, my brother did much more.” You tell him, “But you are still little. When you grow up, you will carry as much as your bigger brother. You carried much and I am very proud of you.” When we talk about what they can do, we encourage them to grow in the Lord. In the church, we’ve been preaching to the outside man, but the Bible says it is dead. We can still see it’s alive. The Bible says it is dead and died with Jesus at Calvary. We want to talk about salvation God’s way.

The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil

Romans 8:10 tells us:

And if Christ [be] in you, the body [is] dead because of sin; but the Spirit [is] life because of righteousness.

What? If Christ is in you your body is dead? That’s what it says, but it takes faith to receive that. The Bible says that faith is the substance of the things hoped for and the evidence of what I do not see. I do not see my old man dead. But the Bible said that it is because Christ dwells in me and I have a new man who cannot sin. He is growing up in me. This is the reason that Satan told Eve, “You cannot grow up like God unless you eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. If you want to please God, you must eat of that tree.” That was a lie. God said, “You don’t need to know good from evil. You need to eat from the tree of life and walk with Me. The day you eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil you will die and you can’t eat from the tree of life.” WE must make a choice. Does the church want to eat from the tree of life or do we want to eat from the knowledge of good and evil? Do we want to know what is good so that we can teach it and expect the old man to do it so that he will go to heaven? The flesh will not go to heaven. Paul said, “Don’t you know that you are sown one seed and you are raised another body? You have a body terrestrial and a body celestial.” The Bible tells us that the knowledge of good and evil focuses on the old man. The new man doesn’t sin. The new man doesn’t need the knowledge of good and evil because he cannot sin. However, the church of Jesus Christ is still fixing up the old man.

If I had an old building on my property that was falling down and you saw the neighborhood children playing around it, you’d be afraid it would fall on them and hurt them. You’d come to me and tell me to tear that building down so the children didn’t get hurt. If I said, “You’re right. I will tear it down next Monday.” Then, if today you saw some carpenters come and take off the roof and begin to put concrete block walls up, you’d wonder what was going on. If you saw them come back tomorrow to clean out the inside and pour a new floor, you’d be very curious. If the carpenter comes back again a third day and puts a new roof on and then new windows and a new door the next day, you’d be quite confused. Let’s say that on Friday they paint it and then on Saturday we put new things inside. On Monday, I burn it down! I told you I’d take it down and I take it down. You’d come and ask me, “When you knew you were going to tear it down, why

did you fix it up?” I’d say, “Well Pastor, it’s what we do with the old man. Jesus says it’s already torn down, but every Sunday we preach to the people in the church to fix it up!”

If you saw me at the cemetery this morning and I was preaching to the graves: “You’d better stop this sinning. You know you have to stop. I told you last Sunday to quit this sinning. Some of you are wearing short-sleeved shirts, some are wearing neckties, some have been dunked, some have been baptized in the name of Jesus, some of you women are not wearing skirts.” You’d say to me, “Brother, they are dead. You don’t need to preach to dead people.”

Romans 8:10 *And if Christ [be] in you, the body [is] dead because of sin.* The body is dead! You and I don’t have to do it. We do have to accept it by faith.

Verses 5-8 tell us:

For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded [is] death; but to be spiritually minded [is] life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind [is] enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

It neither indeed can be. It cannot. But when I preach to my congregation and I expect their carnal mind to accept my sermon and I expect the carnal mind to make the flesh do what God wants, I am talking to the wrong thing. The carnal mind is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. They that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Verse 9:

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

You are not in the flesh? Because you listen to the sermon? Because every week you do what the preacher says? You are not in the flesh because you paid tithes and you fasted twice a week and prayed two hours a day? You are not in the flesh because you do what the Word says? Because you do good and not evil? That’s not what it says. It says you are not in the flesh if the Spirit of God dwells in you. They that are in the flesh cannot please God – but you are not in the flesh, you are in the spirit, if the Spirit of God dwells in you.

We have been teaching salvation by works. The Pharisees came to Jesus. They said, “Your disciples don’t pray, they don’t fast. We fast. We pray. Your disciples don’t do these things.” What did Jesus say? Did He say, “I’m going to teach them to do it. I’m going to tell their carnal mind what to do and then they will do it.” No – He did not say that. He said, “I am not going to take new cloth and try to fix the old. I am not going to put new wine into an old wine skin. I am going to speak where there is nothing but darkness. I am going to speak to Peter. I’ll say, ‘Let there be light,’ and there will be light. I am going to speak to John, ‘Let there be light,’ and there will be light because I am a voice and I am the Word and I have the power and I am going to change them. I am

their Creator. I am their Potter. They are the clay. They are not their own potters. I have the power and the will. I am the King. I am going to change them. I am going to create them. They cannot do it, but I can do it. There is power in the blood. There is power in My Word.”

When men who raise horses and have a horse that is a champion and that wins many races, they keep him after he can't run anymore, and men who have mares bring them to this champion horse because they want the seed of the champion inside their mare. Jesus said, “Unless I die, the seed abides alone.” At the cross of Calvary, God had a Champion. He lived in the flesh. He was tempted in the flesh, but He never sinned. God said, “That's my Champion. That's the Seed.” He harvested the seed of Jesus, the Champion.

In 1962, when I knelt before Him and confessed my sins, He took a seed from the Champion and He birthed me with a seed of the Son of God, with the power over the flesh. That same power, that same Spirit, dwells in me.

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. (Romans 8:11)

I thank God that He washed me in His blood. But, when I first was born again, I thought I had to do everything right or I would not make heaven. I tried and I failed, I tried and I failed. I read that verse in 1 John, “He that is born of God cannot commit sin.” The devil said, “You must not be born of God because you sin.” I had my eyes on the wrong man. I was looking at the outside and God was talking about the inside man. When I realized that it was a revelation! When He showed me I was dead, I read that. I said, “Yes, I'm dead,” but I was still fixing the dead man. When you look dead, you have to do something to fix yourself up. That's what the church is trying to do. Quit trying. Go back to faith. Tell God, “My life has the same power as Sarah's womb, and Abraham's seed. My flesh has the same power as Sarah's womb. Help me Jesus. You said, that you birthed a new life in me and I've tried and I've tried and I can't, so now I'm asking. I must need a miracle.” He said, “You need a miracle, son! My church came from barren wombs and virgins. My church was always a miracle. My kingdom was always a miracle. The flesh never birthed My kingdom.”

Sarah was barren. Rebecca was barren. Rachel was barren. Every one of those sons married a woman who could not have children because God does not need the flesh to birth His kingdom! He says, “You need a miracle, and I am a miracle working God.” The church needs a miracle and God gave it to us, but we are still trying to fix up the old man. By faith, tell yourself that you are dead. The Bible says so. “My new man is alive and I am going to feed my new man and one of these days he will be bigger.”

Put two dogs in a pen. Feed one and do not feed the other. The one you feed will be the one of power. You have a new man. You have an old man. You feed the old man. Feed the new man instead. Stop feeding the old man and the new man will get stronger. The battles you want to win, the new man will win.

Let's look at Abraham. Who was in charge of his steps? Was it Abraham or God? God said, "Leave your family." Did he? No. He took his father and he took Lot. The Bible said they went as far as Haran and they stayed there. God didn't move them on. One day, Abraham's father died of old age, so Abraham and Lot went on. Who got rid of Lot? Did Abraham or did God? How did God get Lot away from Abraham? Kill him? Give him a disease? No. He blessed them both and they had too much stuff. They had too many cows, too many sheep. They could not stay together and their shepherds were fighting. Abraham said, "No fighting. No fighting between you and me. You decide. If you want the valley, take it. I'll take the mountains. If you want the mountain, I'll take the valley." Lot took the valley where Sodom and Gomorrah were – pleasing to the eye. The Bible said that the day that Lot left, God spoke to Abraham. Read it. You know that's true. God was just quiet. Waiting. He blessed them and He blessed them and He blessed them until they could not live together anymore. When Lot left, God made it happen. You see, He is the Creator. He was Abraham's Potter. He didn't preach to Abraham, "You must get rid of Lot. You're the potter; you must make yourself into a vessel I would like." That is not what He said. He was the Potter and He was molding Abraham's life. He will do the same thing to you and me.

Abraham had a promise from God that Sarah was going to have a baby. He made a baby with an Egyptian. He could make a baby, but he could not make the promise. Men can do what they think God wants them to do. They can even take a promise from God and make it happen themselves, but it won't be the promise. So, Abraham had a son. Ishmael. God didn't say anything, until the time came. God said, "Sarah is going to have a baby, like I told you. Ishmael is not the promise." How hard is this? Did he love that son? Yes, he loved that son. For 13 years he loved that son. For 13 years they stayed together. He made him in the flesh. We make a lot of things in the flesh and we want God to bless it. God did not bless it as the promise. He said, "This is not the promised son. Sarah is going to have a son. Isaac is the promise." God was his Potter. God is your Potter. Then, one day, God said, "Bring me total surrender." Abraham was not living by the knowledge of good and evil. If he had been living by the knowledge of good and evil, he would not have believed that God loved him. The knowledge of good and evil said, "You are evil. You took your father and Lot when God told you to leave your family. You are not good. You didn't wait on the promise. You made a son in the flesh." The knowledge of good and evil would have stripped him of his joy. God showed him love and Abraham accepted it -- "God loves me". He believed God.

The Bible tells us that God said, "Abraham, I want you to bring your son up on the mountain." This is what Christ is. This is what God is. God knows what you must surrender. You can't preach it at church. What makes me surrender wouldn't bother you at all. You'd think, "Oh, that's nothing." But when God tells me, "You bring your Isaac up on the mountain", that's what Christianity is about. It's about loving Him more than anything at all. The knowledge of good and evil cannot do this. You cannot know what God is asking from your carnal mind. God didn't tell everyone in Israel, "Bring your children up on the mountain and kill them." He didn't do that to those guys and He didn't tell them to follow Abraham's example. He said, "I told Abraham, bring your most prized possession to me and lay it at my feet." God knows what you and I must learn is to pray, "Father, not my will, but Thine be done. In earth...In me, as it is in

heaven.” When you and I pray that, He will bring us to that place of total surrender and that is what Christianity is all about.

There are many good things that He teaches us in His Word, but we think they open heaven. It does not matter what you do, you will go to heaven because Jesus shed His blood for you. If you live your whole life being good, you will go to the same heaven that the thief went to who died next to Jesus. It’s only because of the blood. When you get to the gates of heaven, they will not say, “You did good so you should enter in.” It will be because of Jesus’ blood covering your sins -- salvation God’s way.

Feed the new man and he will grow. When he gets big, he will win battle after battle because he has the power of Jesus. You will walk above sin. The same Spirit dwells in you and will quicken your mortal body. Show me a man who has the Spirit of God inside of him and I’ll show you a man who will not continue in sin. Your flesh man is dead, but it still sins. When it does, you know you go home, lay down and go to bed and the spirit man says, “You need to get up and repent. You need to get out of this bed and take this to God. You know what you did is not right. What you said is not right.” You tell him, “Shut up. I am trying to sleep.” He will not shut up. You tell him, “I’ll pay twice as much tithes next week if you’ll just shut up.” He will not shut up. Tell him, “I’ll fast a whole week.” He will not shut up until you get down on your knees, confess your sins, and get right with God. The new man is the right man for the job!

Lunch break

Covered With the Flesh of the Sacrifice

There is no more precious time than when the Spirit of the Lord comes down and we can feel Him in our midst. I am not in a hurry then. I want Him to be praised! That’s what we are here for – to lift Him up and glorify Him.

We have been talking about what the Bible says and about how God wants unity in the church, a church without divisions. A divided house will not stand. We have to come back to the Holy Spirit as the Teacher. That is easy. It costs nothing. We don’t have to go to some far off place to learn the Bible. When Jesus met the woman at the well and He told her about her life, the first question she asked Him was “What church is preaching the truth?” She said, “We believe it’s in Samaria, and the Jews think it’s in Jerusalem. Where should I go to church?” Jesus said, “Not here and not in Jerusalem. God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth.” God is a Spirit and wherever we are we can have church. Wherever we are He can teach us. Wherever we are we can have fellowship with Him. Satan cannot stop the Spirit, so he tries to twist the truth. God is giving us power through the Holy Ghost.

We were talking about praying for His will to be done in us. We’ve been talking about salvation God’s way. I want to go over to Ephesians 2:1-9 and we want to look at salvation.

And you [hath he quickened], who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in 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: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. Is} 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised [us] up together, and made [us] sit together in heavenly [places] in Christ Jesus: 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in [his] kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Paul tells us in these Scriptures that our salvation has been brought to us by the power of Christ and that we are saved through unmerited favor. Many of us have come to believe that he is talking about when we come to the altar and confess our sins. Now we are saved. But, the Bible says that he who continues up to the very end will be saved. We are born again of the Spirit, but we are saved by grace. Every sin that you ever committed Jesus paid for on the cross. He tells us that we are saved by no merit of our own, by nothing we have done. We believe that was *before* we came to church. He means when we come to heaven, to the judgment bar of God. We will be saved by grace all through our life. We will talk about this over and over again this week because the Christian church is saving itself by the knowledge of good and evil and that is why we don't have victory. We want to go back and see what the Bible really says.

Verse 8 says, *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God:* This is the verse that is hard to believe. It's not of works. Our good actions cannot save us. But, deep in our hearts, we must believe that works do not save us. Our human nature wants to give God our best. Cain and Abel were sons of Adam. One of them brought God a living sacrifice and sacrificed the blood. He learned from what happened to his father and mother.

The day that Adam sinned, a sacrifice died in his place. Adam did not die. Men in the United States are teaching that Adam died spiritually. That is not true. He continued to talk with God. When you are dead spiritually you cannot fellowship with God. Adam continued to talk with God. The Bible showed us that God would have a sacrifice for sin and that He would save His sons by the blood of the sacrifice. So, the day that Adam sinned, God killed a sacrifice and shed its blood. We understand that and we teach it, but we forget something. Adam was naked. God didn't tell him that he was naked. The knowledge of good and evil told him that he was naked. The knowledge of good and evil separated Adam from God. That's how bad that fruit is. This son, Adam, loved his Father. They walked together every day, they had sweet fellowship every day. The day Adam took the knowledge of good and evil, he hid himself from God. It wasn't because he'd eaten of the tree. God said, "Adam, where are you?" Adam said, "I hid myself because I am naked." God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Who told you that? I never told you that. Someone else told you that to make you hide from me. You judged yourself as bad and now you think I don't love you. I told you not to eat of that tree." Adam tried to cover his nakedness. That's what we do with doctrines. God killed the sacrifice. It died that day for Adam's sin. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin.

That's not all that God did that day. He took the flesh of that animal, that sacrifice, and He covered Adam with it. He covered him in the flesh of the sacrifice. After God covered him, you couldn't see Adam's flesh. You saw the flesh of the sacrifice. When Jesus died, His blood was shed for me and it was shed for you. God did something more. He took His flesh -- the flesh that never sinned -- and He made me and He made you a coat. That coat is a coat of righteousness because it is a justice, because He lived just. He covered me with it. When God looks at me, He sees my coat. He sees the flesh of Jesus Christ. When He looks at you, He does not see your flesh. He sees the coat. He sees the flesh of Jesus Christ. Paul said, "In Him, we live and move and have our being." In Him we live! The knowledge of good and evil looks under the coat to see your nakedness, to see your flesh.

When Noah lay drunk, one of his sons came and mocked his nakedness. The two righteous sons took a coat and backed up to his nakedness and covered his nakedness. This is the church. We have power to cover the nakedness. Jesus said, in Matthew 25, to the goats, "I was naked and you never covered me. He said to the sheep, "I was naked and you covered me." You see, when people come to the church they see their "self", they see their sin. You and I have that coat of the sacrifice of Jesus. If we are sheep, we cover them. We cover them. On that great day, He will say to us, "I was naked and you covered Me." And we will say, "When? When did we see you naked?" He'll say, "You remember, that man who came into your church, the town sinner? Everyone knew him and he came to your church and you told him his sins could be confessed and that I'd forgive him. You told him I would wash his sins away and that I would cover him with My flesh and My righteousness." We must quit looking under the coat at our flesh. The knowledge of good and evil does that. The flesh does that.

God taught us about judgment. He took the 10 commandments and the written law of God and He allowed His priests to have the knowledge of good and evil. Then He, God, came to them. He said, "Judge Me by My law and your knowledge of good and evil." They looked at God and they said, "He's a sinner. He casts out devils because He is the prince of devils." God said, "You see, the knowledge of good and evil could look at God Himself and judge Him evil. It is poison. You cannot have the tree of life and the fruit of good and evil. Make a choice. If you choose the tree of life you just eat the fruit and you will never die. Or, you can eat the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil, but you cannot eat of the tree of life *and* knowledge of good and evil."

Cain brought God his best. "Surely God will accept me. I am doing my best." Pastors, we are like Cain. We are giving God our best. That is not what He is asking for. He is asking us to claim the blood. He said, "Bring me the blood, not your best." When you love God you want to give Him your best. He said, "Do you want to please Me? Show Me faith. Believe Me." It is much easier to see your salvation when you are doing things. You know you feel good when you have a week in which you've done everything right. You feel like you've been in prayer. You overcame every temptation. You feel like you are walking in victory and can go into church feeling victorious. But, if you fail at something and you feel guilty, it is very hard to pray for the sick. If you have lost your temper and said things you should not say, and there is a knock at your door and one of the people from church brings you their sick child, you don't think, "Yes, I can pray."

You think, "I've just lost my temper. I've just said things I should not say. God will hear my prayer?" You know I am telling the truth. That's the way we feel. That is not faith.

When the devil says, "You lost your temper. Look under the coat. Look, you'll see it. You'll see your nakedness." You tell the devil, "No. This coat is the righteousness of Jesus Christ. I am not living by my own righteousness. I do not pray for the sick by my own righteousness. I started in the Spirit and I am not going to be perfected in the flesh. It is the Spirit and I believe God." It is hard to say, "I believe He loves me" when you think you have let Him down and when you feel like you have failed Him. It is difficult to have faith. He said, "You trust Me. Trust Me."

Jesus told Peter, "You are going to fail Me. Before morning, three times, you will deny you know Me." Peter was there when Jesus told the people, "If you deny me before men, I will deny you before my Father." Jesus did not tell Peter, "Don't." As preachers, if we knew someone was going to fail, we would think it was our job to tell them not to. "Don't you fail. Don't you fail. Before morning you are going to want to deny me three times, but don't you do it." Jesus, the Great Shepherd, tells Peter, "You are going to." Peter said, "No. No. I won't, even if they kill me. I love you too much." Jesus said, "You will." Jesus told Peter, "Peter, the devil desires to sift you like wheat, but I have prayed that your faith does not fail." He did not say, "I am going to pray that your flesh will not fail." He didn't say, "I'm going to pray that you won't deny Me." He said, "I am going to pray that your faith will reach up after you swear that you don't know Me, after you swear and you talk that talk you used to talk so they won't think you are with Me; when you get to that place, I am going to pray that your faith will reach up and take hold of My love. I'm going to pray that you pull yourself up -- not on your goodness, not on what you deserve, but because you believe that I still love you and that I would forgive you. I'm praying for your faith in My salvation, your faith in My unmerited favor. Believe Me. I am going to pray that your faith does not fail, because you are going to fail."

The Bible says, a righteous man falls seven times, but the Lord raises him up. He does not say that the elders will raise you back up. He does not say that the deacons will raise you back up. They will fire you, but the Bible says that a righteous man falls seven times, but the Lord will raise him back up. I have a God of salvation. I have power. I pray for pastors. I pray that your faith will not fail. You will walk through places where God will prove to you that you cannot please Him with your own power. He has to prove that to you and He will do that for your good. You need to believe that He gave you your salvation and you did not earn it.

The religious leaders said that Jesus was soft on sin. John the Baptist called the priests snakes and vipers. He said, "Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" He said, "There is One coming after me. I am baptizing you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire." We thought the ministry of Jesus was going to be harder than John the Baptist's ministry, and it was not. They said, "You know, if we caught someone in the act of adultery, He would turn them loose. He is soft on sin." That is how they judged Him. They said, "Let's catch this woman over here in adultery. We want to kill Him because He's soft on sin. So, we'll catch this woman in adultery, take her to Him, ask if we should stone her and then when he says we should not, we can kill

Him too. You watch – He'll set her free.” So they did. They caught the woman in adultery. Took her to Jesus. They said, “Master.” They talked with their mouths like they really respected Him, but they intended to kill Him. They said, “Master, we caught this woman in the act of adultery. Moses commanded that she be stoned. What do you say?” He said, “Anyone here who is without sin, cast the first stone. You start it. Anyone here who has no sin, you cast the first stone.” Moses said she should be stoned. God commanded she should die.

What did Jesus do that day? He died in her place. He said, “She is guilty, and I will pay the debt.” The Bible said that God’s Word is settled in the heavens. He was already going to die. It is written, “Sacrifices and offerings thou wouldest not, but a body thou has prepared me.” At the foot of the cross, that woman understood. “He did not set me free that day. He set me free today. Today He died for me. I did not know He would pay such a price. I did not know they would beat Him and crucify Him for what I did. He died, but I was guilty. He died for me. What day is this? What hour is this that God would come to earth? Men always knew they went to heaven, but now God has come to earth and He died in place of me.” By faith I hold that. By faith I receive that.

Verse 10 tells us: *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

Whose workmanship? His workmanship. You are His workmanship. If I came in here today and I talked to this pulpit and I said, “I don’t like you. You are not tall enough and you are not wide enough. I want a cross on the front of you. When I come in here tomorrow, I want you taller and I want you wider and I want a cross on the front,” and then I turned and walked away, you’d say, “Why, that pulpit did not make itself. There is a workman who made that. It did not make itself so it can’t change itself. I can get the workman that made it and he can change it. It can’t change itself.” You, according to God’s word, are His workmanship.

Do you want to be your own workmanship instead of His? Keep doing it. Give God your best, but read what happened to Cain. When we try really hard and we put many things on ourselves, there is no joy in our relationship with God. When we see other people who are not paying the same price, we get angry with them. If God should use them, we would say to God, “This is not right. I am paying the price and he is praying for the dead and they are being raised.” That’s bad. Then we have hate. The more you pay for your salvation, the angrier you are at people who did not pay. The Bible says no one can pay for their salvation. No one can. We know that, but the knowledge of good and evil tempts us to do what is good.

Sunshine’s Testimony

When I was young in the ministry, I worked in the prisons. Many of God’s ministers started in the prisons. There were no offerings there. God wants a man who is not after money. In prison, you can’t take an offering from people who have no money. I had no money, but God was working in my life. He knows how to do these things. He knows how to lead us by His Spirit. I was invited to a revival. In the middle of the revival, the

evangelist had to leave. Someone told him I was a preacher, so without asking me, he said, "I must leave after tonight's meeting, but Brother Ricley will finish the revival." The next night I came in an old suit that someone had given me. It fit them really well, but it did not fit me very well. I didn't own a tie. I didn't know it, but this church preached that a minister should wear a necktie to show respect to the Lord. I didn't know anyone preached that. I stood up to preach and a man stood up and read some Scriptures. He said, "Look at you. Do you think you show respect to the Lord?" Well, I knew my suit didn't look very good. I was young, but I wasn't blind. It did kind of hang on me. He said, "You are not wearing a tie? If you could preach dressed like that, go ahead". I could feel the oil of God fall on my head and God began to speak like thunder and that place got fire. About nine years later, I was traveling with a Gospel tent. I went into a little store and they had a suit on sale very cheap because it was corduroy. The temperature in the summer was about 100 degrees and no one would wear the heavy suits. It was so cheap that I bought it. I wore it some that summer. That winter, I went to a meeting.

In the summer, God saved a woman who was more than 70 years old. She had been kidnapped and tormented by a man and then shot, and she lived. Someone took a Bible to her in the hospital, but she was angry with God. Satan was trying to destroy her. Her life had been terrible. After she got well, she adopted a little boy because she could have no children. In fact, her husband left her because she could have no children. He left her and married her sister. It broke her heart that her sister would take her husband. She adopted this little boy. He grew up, got married. His wife had an affair. They found her son dead one day. She just could not take any more, so she tried to take her own life. She shot herself and she still did not die. God delivered her. It took a long time for her to get well.

That summer that she was well, I put my tent up in her city. The day I set the tent up, a terrible storm came through the town and destroyed many things. It tore up the end section of my tent. By faith, I stayed there and set two-thirds of the tent up. She came to the meeting that night. God saved her soul and filled her with the Holy Ghost! In the winter, she heard that I was going to have a meeting in a church in Oklahoma. She drove many miles to that church. I had never been to that church. They believed that men were to sit on one side and women on the other. They believed that you should not wear a necktie, nor jewelry nor fancy suits. Women should not wear pants. This woman was a baby Christian and she smoked cigarettes...

She came to me and said, "I know that God saved me, but I smoke cigarettes. The people at church tell me I have to quit smoking." I said, "Well, I'm going to pray for you. But I'm not going to worry about that now. You are a baby Christian. We'll let God take care of this. He'll take them away from you."

I knew something. I knew that she hated the man who shot her. He had intended to kill her. She turned her head and that saved her life because the bullet went in her mouth and lodged in the back of her neck. She hated him and I knew the Bible said if you don't forgive those who trespass against you, you can't be forgiven. I knew she needed a miracle.

Do you see what I'm saying? She was just a baby. She was 74 years old, but just a baby. She was trying to carry a heavy load. The church wanted her to clean everything up and she couldn't. She was still too little. I told her, "You're okay, you're just little. God will change you." I started praying. "God, she needs forgiveness," I said. Take away the cigarettes and deliver her from that hate."

We went to that revival. She smoked a cigarette on the steps of the church. Are you hearing me? These people, they believed you that you shouldn't smoke, much less on the steps of their church! She was very poor and she wore old, old pants that she pulled way up. She just was everyone's friend. She walked into that church and she sat down with the men, in her pants. Are you hearing me? She was just a baby. God was saying, "Have you seen My baby?" The church was saying, "Yes, but she messes her pants." God was saying, "Yes, but she's just a baby. Isn't she pretty? She's washing in My blood. I'm not going to put new cloth on that old coat. Twice, Satan tried to kill her. My baby! When I was on the cross, she was on My mind. I knew she could not make it. I knew she'd never be a Christian in her own power. I knew she'd need Me. So I died, and now I'm living in her and she is My workmanship. Don't judge her now. Wait until I get done." That isn't even the worst part of the story!

I showed up in my fancy new corduroy suit and my necktie because I now owned a necktie! This is the truth. A man stood up and said, "Look at you." I said, "Yes, looking good. New suit, nice tie." He said, "Look at you -- glorifying and proud in your flesh...with your necktie." He said, "That is not of God. And, your fancy suit that you probably paid \$500 for." I honestly was thinking of that time, eight or nine years earlier, and the man who said I wasn't a Christian because I didn't have a necktie or a nice suit on. Jesus said, "John the Baptist came and he didn't eat and he didn't drink. You said he had a devil. I came and I eat and drink and you say, 'Behold, a winebibber and a glutton'. Wisdom is justified of her children."

When that woman died, she loved the man who shot her. That's a miracle. She did not smoke cigarettes, either. God delivered her. I tell you, she was so different. I came back from a trip to Africa and I was in the United States for just a couple of days, and I heard that my friend and my sister had died. I drove 300 miles to her funeral. This is what the preacher said who knew her all of her life. He said, "She was an example of the changing power of God." In the town where she lived, she'd worked in a café and she could curse worse than any man. Her mouth was terrible. The men would come in and laugh and joke with her because she talked so rough. They called her "Sunshine" because she was so mean. That's what the devil does to you. When she got born again, her mouth was like God's mouth. Everyone in town wanted to know what happened. She would tell them about the love of Christ. The whole city knew her and they loved her just like she was. But, God changed her and she was never the same. She lived another 20 years, to about 94 years old. Loving God, serving God, walking with God. The people at that other church, I'm sure, remember the woman who smoked on the steps, but that woman was dead. The new man in her was just little then and when it grew up she was different. God quickened her mortal body. I have confidence in God's workmanship. Let's read that verse one more time.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Can you create? No. No matter how hard you try, you cannot do it. You are His workmanship. He is the Alpha and He is the Omega. He is the Beginning and the End. He is the Author and the Finisher of your faith. He said, "I will never leave you and I will never forsake you." Once you are born again, you can take your inheritance and spend it on riotous living. You will have to come back to God. Jesus told us the parable of the prodigal son. Oh, he was the father's son, but he chose to go to sin. Is that true? What did the father say when he came home? "Your brother, who was dead, has come home." He said, "Father, I repent." The father said, "Bring the robe, cover him back up. Bring the ring. He is my son and he came home." You can leave God. You can choose sin. If you choose Him, He will create in you what He wants. Choose Him. Encourage one another. Strengthen one another. The Bible says, "If a man is overtaken in a fault, those of you who are spiritual, restore such a one." He said, be careful.

You don't cleanse yourself. Proverbs 11, verse 30: *The fruit of the righteous [is] a tree of life; and he that winneth souls [is] wise.* In the Garden of Eden, there was one tree of life. But here, where you live, is a tree of life! The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life! He that wins souls is wise. Do your neighbors know that? Do they know that in your house is a tree of life and that with that fruit of salvation they will never die? I hope they know that. The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life. How blessed is this city? The whole Garden of Eden only had one tree of life. This city should be full of trees. The Bible says that we are the trees of the Lord. The Bible said that the trees of the Lord clap their hands.

Psalm 1 says: *Blessed [is] the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight [is] in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*

I am glad that Nicodemus asked Jesus, "How can I be born again? Do I have to get back into my mother's womb?" He could have left. He could have told his friends that Jesus said, "I have to be born again to get to heaven. I have to get back into my mother's womb. I asked my mother, but she said I'm too big – so I guess I can't make heaven." They could have laughed – but that's not what happened. Jesus spoke spiritual things and Nicodemus humbled himself and asked the question that you and I think was a silly question, but I'm glad he asked it. Now we know what being born again means.

So, ask your questions!

Today was kind of an easy day because we're talking about things we understand. We need salvation. We can't do it ourselves. We have the knowledge of good and evil but it only takes our joy and peace away. We have a God who will lead us, take things out of us, and challenge us to stop doing things. He doesn't let us go to sleep if we have something to confess. He is a great God. During the week, we'll talk about some more

doctrines and I hope we challenge everyone here. I know some of you have big churches, but I am going to challenge you just like I would anyone else. I came here to do something – obey the Lord. I did not come to start a church. A church is already started. I did not come to point out one church. I came to let the Holy Ghost bring everyone to one church. We'll talk about some things that may make you angry. That's why we only have pastors, evangelists, and ministers here right now. You can bring your spouse, but it is good to let the Word of God come through the ministries so that you can judge the things that are being said.

There are some things we'll talk about that you may have to pray for a whole year, waiting for God to give you that revelation. I don't want the people in your churches asking you questions every Sunday about it before God reveals it to you. We want to be led by the Spirit.

Question: [What did Jesus write on the ground when they took the woman caught in adultery to Him?](#) **Answer:** I wish I knew. I'm going to ask Him when I get there.

Question: [In what way did God kill the animal for Adam's sin?](#)

Answer: Well, it shed blood, so however He killed it, it bled. He showed us there was no forgiveness without blood.

Question: [Up to what point is doctrine important? In my church, they don't like to talk about doctrine.](#)

Answer: Jesus said, "My doctrine is not My own." Doctrine is an understanding. If it comes by revelation, then we actually call it "revelation." It is a teaching that brings us understanding. So, God sent us a doctrine and we have received that doctrine. There is one God and there is one Savior, Jesus Christ. Without the shedding of His blood, there is no remission of sins. That's a doctrine. It's God's doctrine. The Word of God spells out God's doctrine.

A lot of churches don't talk much about teaching things because there are so many opinions. We must train up our children to be careful. You mothers tell your children when you go to the market to stay with you and not to talk to strangers. You tell them not to go with strangers. Fathers tell their children the same thing, "Stay with me." It is important to have truth. That is what we are praying for. We are praying for the doctrine Jesus taught.

Paul said, "If an angel comes and teaches you anything different than what I have taught you, don't believe them." That's bold. That's a man who knows the truth. If we knew the truth like that, we would all believe the same things. We would not have one teacher teaching this doctrine and another teacher teaching that doctrine. We'd know what three is, what four is, what green is, and we would not all have to go to the same school. Paul said, "God gave me the truth and I gave it to you. If an angel from heaven, or even if I come back to this city and teach you something different, do not believe me. What I have told you is 'thus saith the Lord'. It's absolute truth. Stay with that." Who do we know today who can say that? We fight with men like that. Men believe they have the truth and they think everyone else is a liar. Paul was talking about the revelation of Jesus Christ. Jesus told Peter, "Flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father which

is in heaven. On this revelation of who I am, revealed by the Father, I am going to build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

When you go off to battle, you never take your gates with you. Jesus is talking about a battle with the devil and He says, “The gates of hell will not prevail against My church.” Jesus said, “I am the gate to heaven. I am the door. No man cometh to the Father, but by Me.” The devil is a liar. He spreads lies and, because men believe those lies, they go to hell. Jesus said, “If you would have believed Me, if you would have known the hour of your visitation...” He said, “If the works would have been done in Sodom and Gomorra that I have done in the cities of Israel, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.” We need true doctrine, taught by the Holy Ghost. The doctrine Jesus taught. The doctrine Paul taught. Not what men teach.

Let’s go back to Revelation 12, where God tells us about the devil going to battle with the church. In chapter 12, He talks about Satan being that serpent. He’s a dragon. He calls him the devil. In verse 14 and 15 it says:

And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. 15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

Jesus told the woman at the well, “You ask Me for a drink and I will give you a drink and you will never thirst again.” We know that the church is the place where the water runs out, and the Bible says it makes a wide river. The Bible says that Satan fought the church, but it is a river. The Bible told us that we are the salt of the earth. Jesus said, ‘I am the water. You are the salt.’ That is a great combination. If you give people something salty, do you know what they want? Give them something salty, some popcorn with lots of salt, and they’ll ask for water. Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth.” Not you should be or you could be, but you will be. You are. You are salt and you make people thirsty. Jesus said, ‘When you make them thirsty, they’ll come to Me.’”

Satan went to war with the church like the dragon. That’s what it says in Revelation 12. They were killing Christians. Putting them in prison, making martyrs. There were many martyrs, but the dragon still was not winning. The Bible says that the serpent cast water out of his mouth to cause the woman to be carried away in a flood. Do you think the devil doesn’t know the Bible? He used God’s Word with Eve. He was in heaven with God. He was an angel. He used the Word of God on Jesus. He said, “You want to talk, ‘it is written’? I’ll talk, ‘it is written’.” So the serpent began to make churches. They look just like real churches, but he put men in them that were not ordained by God. The only way to cover up a river is with a flood. You can cover up a river. You can have a river that you can drink out of and then have it flood; after that, you can’t even find your river because the water is out of the banks and it’s washed the bridges away and now you can’t drink the water. Satan promised, “I’m going to cover the true church up.”

Do you know that thousands of men graduate from Bible schools around the world every year? When you go to Bible school, do you go and ask them, “Can I come?” Do they tell you, “We will pray. If God tells us He called you, then you can come to our Bible

school. If God does not tell us that He called you, you can't come here." Do you think they do that? No! You can go to Bible school, anyone can go to Bible school. All you have to do is pay and pass the tests, and then men ordain you and give you a certificate that says you were ordained by God. That's what they tell you – you're ordained by God. Every year, thousands of men who were not called by God graduate from Bible schools. They've been taught how to make a sermon from the Bible. In the U.S., you can buy a year's worth of sermons from any number of companies. Your sermon will be special for Christmas. It will have the verses and tell you what points to make and it is all very Christian-sounding, but it is not God. Are you hearing me?

The Bible said that the devil was going to cast out of his mouth a river to cause the woman to be carried away. The Bible said that the earth opened her mouth and swallowed the flood that the serpent cast out of his mouth. That takes us back to Moses. He was a man whom God called, and Korah and the men of renown, the famous men in the congregation, said, "Moses, you take too much on yourself. God talks to us, too. You're not the only one." Confusion about who God had chosen as leadership arose amongst the people of God. They were famous men in the congregation, but they were not called to do what God had called Moses to do. Moses said, "You will not die a common death. The earth will open up and swallow you up." In these last days, God is going to open up and swallow up the lying ministries. It is true. God is going to raise up the truth in us because we love the truth.

This is what Satan knows. I have four glasses of water here. This one, here, is a glass of poison. Two drops is enough to kill you. That's what lies are -- poison. Jesus said, "In me is no lie." If just two drops of this poison can kill you, I'll put in four drops. Now, I'm going to mix the glasses up without you seeing. Do you know which one has the poison? Okay, have a drink. When we know it's okay, then it's okay. But, when we don't know, no one wants to try. That's what Satan knows. When Jesus told the woman at the well the truth about her life, the first thing she asked was, "Who has the truth? Where should I go to church? From which glass should I drink?" God tells us that Satan is going to make a war with the church with lies. That's how important knowing the truth is.

Question: [The Bible says we must forgive all who offend us. Therefore, we do forgive, but it is hard to forget. What is the difference between forgiving and forgetting an offense?](#)

Answer: Forgiving requires a miracle from the Lord because we don't forget, you're right. God has to do something in us so that when we so remember we no longer have the offense and there is nothing that creates a war inside of us anymore. God wants us to understand that we need His help. He wants us to know that. The Sermon on the Mount started with Jesus saying, "Blessed are the poor in spirit. Yours is the kingdom of heaven." Blessed are the failures. Blessed are the people who have tried to serve God and failed. Yours is the kingdom of heaven. That's quite the way to start a sermon -- blessed are the poor in spirit, yours is the kingdom of heaven. Only someone who can give you heaven, only someone who can change you could say that.

Our salvation is based on our confession of sins. Jesus told us the parable about the Pharisee who went into the temple to pray and a publican who went in to pray. The sinner would not so much as look up, but he beat his chest and said, "Father, have mercy

on me. Father, be merciful to me. I have sinned.” The Pharisee said, “Thank God, I’m not like him. I’m okay, I’m doing good. I pay my tithes. I don’t need salvation given to me. I’ve earned it, and the doors will bust wide open when I get there because I’m so good.” Jesus asked, “Who went home justified?” The man who was the sinner went home justified. The man who was the sinner went home forgiven.

Jesus started His sermon this way, “Blessed are those who know they need a Savior.” When you are sinking in sin, you know you need a Savior. When you’re in a place like that, you’re blessed. There were some people on that mountain who said, “Yes, that’s me. I’ve tried to serve God and I’ve failed. I need a Savior.” Jesus said, “You’re blessed. I see your hands. I hear your confession. Your sins are forgiven and I am going to cleanse you from all unrighteousness.”

Then, He kept on preaching. He said, “If a man smites you with his hand, turn the other cheek.” Some more hands went up. “Lord, I couldn’t do that. I have some people who have smitten me on the cheek and I’ve thought about killing them in my heart.” Jesus said, “I see your hands. I hear your confession. I’ll cleanse you from all unrighteousness.” Then, He said, “If someone takes you to court saying that your coat is their coat, and you expect to win, and the judge says, ‘Give them your coat,’ and you’re angry because it’s not right...” some more hands went up. “Lord, I need a Savior.” Matthew 5:48 – every hand went up. Jesus said, “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.” Jesus said, “If you can do that without Me, then you don’t need a Savior. If you can’t do that, then you need a Savior.” Every hand went up. He wants you and me to know that we can’t do this ourselves. He wants us to know that we need help. If someone kidnapped you and tormented you and shot you in the face to kill you, and you read in the Bible that you had to forgive them, you’d be like my friend, the woman I talked about earlier.

The young man who shot her wrote a letter to the judge and asked for forgiveness. The woman just threw the letter in a drawer. Two or three years after she came to Jesus, she was reading in the Bible that she had to forgive and she remembered that letter. She told the Lord, “I’ll write him a letter, but I’m not going to forgive him.” She said, “I don’t even know where his letter is, so I don’t have his address. When I find his letter, I’ll write him.” That day, she opened that drawer and there was that letter. She said, “Okay, okay. Today I’ll write him.” She sat down to write him and she thought she’d tell him that God would forgive him the way that God had forgiven her. So she began to write about how Jesus forgave her and she began to feel His presence and she began to cry. Then she thought, “I’m going to pray that when he reads this letter, He’ll receive You as His Savior.” She started to pray, “Jesus, this man needs forgiveness.” She was asking God to forgive him, but forgiveness began to happen inside of her and she began to tell him, “You’re just like me. I know how you feel, like God would not love you, but He does love you.” She could feel this love and she said, “And I love you.” Then she began to cry all over the letter. Forgiveness is a miracle. Pray. Pray until you can think about the person and still have peace. Pray until you have a sense of love for that person. God can do that. You and I cannot. We need a Savior.

Closing prayer

End of Day 1