

Full Sermon Transcript: Test Ourselves to See if We Are Truly Saved April 1, 2023

April the first 2023. This is April Fool's Day to the world, but this isn't the only day of the year that there is much trickery, deception, and lies, and pranks. This is not the only day. This is the world where the entire world is filled with Babylonian ways, and the world has compromised with those Babylonian ways. Absolutely. Amen. God is good. Amen. The world has compromised with evil, Babylonian ways in religion, and government, and within the families, and business, and in every area of society.

But Tuesday will be Passover, and people will be taking communion. But there's a lot of people that will be taking it in vain, because they're not saved. But they think they are, as everyone does. Everybody thinks that they are in God's will. We're following God, we're in the truth, so forth, so forth, so forth. Most people are not willing to truly and sincerely and deeply examine themselves and test themselves. To see if their belief of the truth is true or not, and their doctrines individually, and their salvation.

They just assume, and they want to assume, and they want to believe that their salvation is true. But is it really when the Bible says in Revelation 12 verse 9 that Satan has deceived the entire world? Everyone. The world is full of deception. Trickery. It's not just April Fool's Day.

As we approach Passover, and prepare for communion, it's important to examine ourselves before Passover evening. Before we take the communion. And that is going to be our conversation today. That is going to be our sermon today, is test yourself to see if you are truly saved.

And no person should just assume. No person should just assume. Because a person can't fall away, wither, according to John 15, that the people are part of the body of Christ, part of the tree of life. But yet, they start to wither and die out, fall to the ground, and be thrown into the furnace. Into the fire.

People can absolutely fall away. And just because we were born again, or saved, or baptized decades ago, or months ago, or days ago, does not automatically mean that we are truly saved. It does not. And the deceived do not know that they are deceived.

We need to examine ourselves to see if we are still in the faith. We're going to talk about that and other things as well.

Let's first go in prayer.

We pray that this message will penetrate the hardest of the hard hearts, and the most stubborn minds. Please help us, Lord, to examine ourselves. Please help us to study these scriptures, to help us as a tool to examine ourselves. Please anoint the preaching, and have your way, Heavenly Father, in every person, individually, and individually.

In the worldwide church. We thank you for it. Thank you for what you've already done, for what you're doing, and for what you're going to do. In Jesus' holy name, so be it. Amen.

Praise Jesus. Praise God.

Let's turn to 1 Corinthians, chapter 11.

Now, I know that we have new listeners today. Praise Jesus. And for those people that may not be familiar with us yet, we're reading from the Alpha and Omega Bible. That is a restoration of the original scriptures.

And we continue to work on that. We've been working on that for seven years now, and counting. And it'll actually be eight years, actually, any time now. I'm not sure exactly what month we started working on it of that year, but it may even be very extremely close to eight years. It would definitely be eight years by August. But I forget what month we started on it. But we continue to perfect it continually every week, adding study notes and cross-references, and perfecting the translation. And so it's a work in progress. But after seven to eight years, it is definitely a great, humongous improvement. We praise the Lord for it. And we use the older manuscripts, the older versions of the Bible, older than the versions from which the King James came out of, so it's more reliable coming from the older manuscripts, more reliable manuscripts. The Alpha and Omega Bible. And if you don't have an Alpha and Omega Bible that you can read online right now, or in paperback right now, you're welcome to try to follow along in whatever translation that you may have in front of you. That is fine.

In 1 Corinthians 11, what should immediately come to your mind in this chapter, if you've read much of the Bible, is that this chapter talks about hair, head coverings, but also preparing for Passover and how to do the Passover communion in a certain way as well.

Get down to verse 17 is where it starts talking about the communion. Verse 17, 1 Corinthians 11, verse 17.

"I hear that divisions exist among you, and in part I believe it. For there must also be factions among you, so that those who are proved may become evident among you."

Now it's not really a good thing for there to be divisions or factions or those are different divisions among the people. He said in another place Paul did that the church is not divided, that the body of Christ is not divided.

And he doesn't really approve of it when he's pointing it out and condemning them for the divisions that exist, but at the same time he's saying that at least, basically in different words, at least though, even though there are divisions which is not a good thing, at least this is going to make it more evident who is true in the faith, who is not true in the faith, who is real, who is your true brothers, who are not your true brothers.

And so forth, basically. But we're going to read later on in Ephesians 5 about how God has brought the apostles, such as Paul, to bring unity of doctrine so that there won't be divisions, there should not be divisions.

The church of God is one body, one faith, one Lord, one baptism. There should not be your opinion and my opinion. There should not be differences of opinion. We should not agree to disagree. Absolutely not.

Because there is one truth. Not two, not three, not four, not five. There's one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one church. Not two, not three, not four. So why are people listening to ministers that are from different groups?

You need to decide what organization, what group is the group, the church, and stick with it. Because there's definitely not two or three or four or five hundred organizations. Amen.

We are not to be split off, double-minded in every direction, listening and following that one and that one and that one over there as well. And that was a Sunday one, and that was a Saturday one, and that was a Wednesday one. This is a trinity, and this one's not a trinity.

This is a Christmas, but yet this one's a Passover. Bullcrap. Make up your mind. Amen.

The church should not be divided, but when it is, it does expose the wicked and the saved. Amen.

Verse 20. "Therefore when you meet together, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper." He's saying that when you are gathering as a church for Passover, you think it's for the Lord's Supper, but

it's not really.

Verse 21. "For in your eating, each one takes his own supper first, and one is hungry and yet another is drunk," or being gluttons. Gluttony.

Verse 22. "What? Do you not have houses in which to eat and drink? Or do you despise the congregation of called out ones, the Ecclesia of Theos, and shame those who have nothing? What should I say? Should I praise you? In this I will not praise you."

He's being very blunt here. Amen. He's being blunt and to the point, and he is judging, and he is condemning, and he is pointing out sin. Amen.

And that is the job of a pastor, and a prophet, and an evangelist, and an apostle. Those offices, it is their job to point out sin and to deal with it, instead of turning a blind eye to it. And especially the apostle being the highest administration of the church, and Paul is, he's being bluntly about this. He's being blunt about this. Amen. And he needs to. It has to be dealt with. Amen.

Now notice he's not condemning them for drinking, but rather for the mannerism in which they are drinking and eating. It's supposed to be the Passover, the Lord's Supper, the Lord's meal, and yet they are being gluttons about it, and not considering one another.

Being selfish. Amen. Not waiting for each other. So forth.

Verse 23, "For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread.

And when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'"

The way they were doing it was definitely not in remembrance of Him.

But they considered themselves saved, did they not? They considered themselves as being the true church, did they not? Amen. They said, "We know the apostle Paul. We've been baptized. We know the law. We know mercy. We know grace. We know this. We know we're Israelites. We know we're Jews. We know he's Benjamin, and he's Levi, and he's Judah, and he's Manasseh, and he's Ephraim. Glory to the Lord that we have royal blood! Praise the Lord!"

Do you not know that even the rocks are able to bear children to Abraham? That's what Jesus said. Amen.

Do this in remembrance of me. Verse 25, "In the same way he took the cup," that would be a cup of wine, "also after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this. And as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'"

A lot of people twist this and say that it says drink it often, and it absolutely does not say that. It doesn't. It doesn't.

But as often as you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. If I drink it and take the communion once per year, then that is how often I do that. It does not say to do this often. They twist it.

In verse 26, "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death, that is His Passover, His crucifixion, until He comes."

It doesn't say until the crucifixion because the crucifixion had already passed decades ago by the time he wrote this letter to the Corinthian church. This is decades after the crucifixion.

It doesn't say that the Passover or the Sabbath were eaten in the Holy Days ceased when he died, or when he rose again, either way, right? This is Paul instructing them how to more appropriately keep the Passover decades, decades after the crucifixion and resurrection.

Amen.

Until he comes. Until he comes. He's not back yet. Amen. God is good.

Verse 27, "Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup in the Lord, in of the Lord, in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord." Amen.

So, how we do the communion can either honor Christ or not honor Christ. So, it needs to be done with reverence. It needs to be done with reverence. Amen.

But there's another meaning in this verse as well, and we'll see that in this next verse or two.

We'll see the second meaning about an unworthy manner. Let's keep reading.

In verse 28, "But a person must, must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat the bread and drink of the cup."

So, not only about how much eating and drinking and considering others, but also having tested yourself, having examined yourself before you do this.

That takes more than just a few seconds. That's more than just pausing a minute before you do it. Examining yourself takes time because every one of us deals with a certain measure of self-pride and stubbornness.

Every person, myself, you, you, and you, and you, and you, every person deals with because that's the carnal nature. And it's very hard to escape it a hundred percent. Some people deal with stubbornness and pride and self-love more than others, but we all deal with it to at least a small degree.

And every person needs to be able and willing to quench that, to extinguish it as much as possible within a person to do so. That self-pride to a healthy manner.

That's not meaning that you have to literally crucify yourself and not enjoy your life and put yourself down and trash yourself and all this.

I'm not saying that at all. Everybody needs a certain measure of self-pride, of self-respect and self-love. Absolutely. Absolutely. That is a must. Absolutely. But then there's the good pride and then there's the wrong pride. So, we make that distinction. Amen.

But we must examine ourselves and in so doing take the communion. Verse 29, "For he who drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly."

Now, the body is more than just your body. He's not talking about judging your flesh. He's not talking about judging your flesh.

When it says judging the body, he's talking about now, he's talking about not only judging yourself, but also your brothers and sisters. Absolutely. Judging the church. And you must absolutely do that because if you don't do that, you may be taking the cup of the devil. You may be eating of the devil's table and the Lord's table both at the same time.

You have to judge your pastor and your brothers and your sisters what church to go to, what ministers to listen to, what ministers to not listen to. Absolutely. When you don't do that and if you don't do that strongly enough and wisely enough, then you are going to be more susceptible to demonic spirits.

As well as subliminal deception. The Bible says that the devil is very extremely crafty. More crafty than all the other beasts of the earth. He's sneaky and he creeps into the church and he creeps into people's minds and bodies. Absolutely.

The devil doesn't just stand in front of you and say, hello, I'm the devil. Not always. Most of the time he's much more crafty and sneaky than that. We know the phrase, if you give the devil an inch, he'll take a month. We know that old expression and it's very true.

So, we have to be on guard if the devil is so crafty and sneaky. We have to be on guard and

the Bible says to guard yourselves and to guard your mind and to guard your heart. It says to guard because you absolutely are under a spiritual warfare.

And it's very real and raging and getting stronger and stronger and stronger. And the devil is very crafty and sneaky. We have to guard ourselves and that includes judging who you associate with, who you watch, who you listen to on TV, the radio, magazines, YouTube, websites.

We just sung that song before the sermon. Be careful little eyes, what you see. Be careful little ears, what you hear, so forth. We have to be careful because if we're willing to watch and listen to anything or even a half of anything or even a quarter of anything, then we are going to be more susceptible to very crafty subliminal demonic messaging. Absolutely. It doesn't take much poison to poison the soul, slowly.

You know people, I've heard stories about people poisoning people to death very slowly, just a little bit in their food each day until it builds up in their body over time.

Until they eventually stroke out, have a heart attack or whatever, die in their sleep or whatever.

And that's what the devil is doing in false ministries, false preachers, Sunday preachers, Christmas preachers, Easter preachers, Trinity preachers, Y-name preachers, Yahweh, Yahshua and all those.

Slowly but surely, slowly but surely, poisoning the soul. We cannot compromise. Why compromise with preachers and ministries, websites and religions that are praying to and worshipping demonic names. If they are praying or worshipping demonic names, it doesn't matter if a particular sermon or particular video doesn't use the Y-names but only once or none at all.

It doesn't matter because that preacher is at home getting on his knees praying to Satan. That's exactly what he's doing when he uses the letter Y-names. Because we have proven without a shadow of doubt with every bit of documentation that you could ever, ever ask for on the website.

At isawthelightministries.com/sacrednames.html I have laid out the evidence in black and white and it's undeniable.

It is total absolute undeniable proof that those Y-names, Yahweh and so forth like that, Yeshua, YHWH, YHVH and even Jehovah, that they are the sounds and the names from which the witches and the Satanists out of their own words derive their power.

Out of their own words, out of their own professions, the man that wrote the Satanic Bible, the head of the Satanic church said that he got his power from YHWH. That was his source of power.

So why would people want to listen to a leader that is praying to the same name as the church of Satan prayed to? Why would you do that?

We have to stop compromising with the devil. If you give the devil an inch, it will take 10,000, 10 million miles. 109,999.999 miles. Amen.

So we have to judge the body and the leaders. Verse 29. Amen.

Verse 30. "For this reason, many among you are weak and sick and a number sleep."

Many people have actually died and other people are alive but sick. They took communion with a person that is not saved.

That's why it's wrong when these churches put out advertisements in the newspaper and so forth saying anybody that wants to take communion with us, come on, come on.

That's wrong. It's not right because you need to know the person that you take communion

with. The Bible says that over in Leviticus or wherever it is that the Passover meal was not to be taken with strangers.

And even though we don't do it in the exact same way as they did it in the old covenant times, that principle of not taking it with strangers is absolutely still true today.

Because you have to be careful who you take communion with because you're not only taking communion with Christ but you're also taking communion with the body of Christ. The body of Christ being the church, the people, the people that you assemble with.

You have to be careful about such. And it says many people. It doesn't say a few but many people are sick or weak or dead for this reason. If that was true back then, I believe it's still true today.

That there are many people, not a few, that have whatever sickness, whatever illness, whatever health problem or dead because they did not judge who they would take communion with or they did not properly judge and rightly judge who to fellowship with every week.

And who to be their best friends and who to be their spouse and so forth and so forth. We have to make proper decisions. And as we get older and we're no longer children, then we should make wiser decisions.

Every year, every year, every year as we grow, as we learn our lessons, as we make our mistakes, which we will of course, we have to learn from our mistakes and not make as many mistakes. Every year and every decade as we grow older in Christ and as we grow older upon this earth as well.

Then we need to be becoming wiser. That's growing in intelligence, knowledge, understanding, discernment, the measure of the Holy Ghost. All these things and more we must be growing in. We'll talk about that later some more too. Amen.

Verse 31, 1 Corinthians 11, verse 31. "But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged." In other words, if we judged ourselves correctly, we won't be condemned by God nor the church.

If we have gotten ourselves straightened out, if we have truly and sincerely and deeply examined ourselves correctly and confessed our stubbornness, confessed our pride and confessed wherever, whatever area that we are weak in and confess it to brothers and sisters so that we can pray for each other. Amen.

So we can help each other so that we can be accountability partners. Amen.

We need to stop hiding our sins and actually confess it to one another as the Bible says to confess it to one another. But first you have to confess it to yourself and that's a major problem that people today don't seem to be willing or able or willing rather to do. Amen.

Verse 32. "But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord so that we will not be condemned along with the world." But we have to allow the Lord to discipline us. We have to accept His discipline.

He's going to discipline us anyway, but what I'm trying to say is we must accept His discipline and have the proper reaction to that discipline. We must confess it is God and not coincidence. Amen.

We must confess that the reason it happened is because we have done wrong instead of saying I don't know what I've done to deserve this. When people say that, it blows my mind and it shows pride.

Anytime and every time that anybody says that, I don't know what I've done to deserve this. Because personally, if a lot of things are going bad or something particular is going bad, I could always think of something that I have done to deserve it. Amen.

We have to never get to the point that we think we're perfect even though we're striving for perfection. Even though the Bible does instruct us to be holy and to be perfect. To become that way and people say that's totally impossible. It's not impossible.

Because Christ gave up a lot of His power, even much of His knowledge. The Bible says that when He came to earth that He emptied Himself out. That's not just pouring Himself into the earth but also emptying certain things. There were certain things He said that indicated that He did not know certain things even though He was God in the flesh.

He left part of His power and part of His knowledge in heaven because He came as the Son of God and as the Son of Man. He didn't come as the Father although He is the Father.

People don't understand that. He can be both the Father and Son because even though He's both, He did not come as the Father. He came as the Son. Amen.

He came in that role, that manifestation, that vessel, that robe of the Son rather than the Father but He is the Father because the Bible says over and over that He is the Creator and if He created all things then that makes Him the Father and that makes Him God. If He's the one that created everything, everything, then He is both God and the Father.

That He came as a suffering servant, as the seed of God, that's still God in the flesh as the Bible says. Amen. Amen. Amen.

God is good. I love that sound effect. Praise the Lord. I just got to make my finger a little quicker there. I got to practice it more. God is good.

Let's turn to the book of 2 Corinthians chapter 12. 2 Corinthians chapter 12 verse 20. 2 Corinthians 12 verse 20. Let's see the time to get there. Some people's fingers are slower than others.

2 Corinthians 12. This is page 206 if you have the paperbacks of the Alpha and Omega Bible. Verse 20 says, "For I am afraid that perhaps when I come, I may find you to not want, I may find you to be not what I want and may be found by you to be not what you want.

That perhaps there could be strife, jealousy, angry tempers, disputes, slanders, gossip, arrogance, disturbances. I'm afraid that when I come again, my Theos may humiliate me before you and I may mourn over many of those who have sinned in the past and have not repented of the impurity, immorality, and lasciviousness which they have practiced." Amen.

Paul is concerned that he may find people when he visits the church that have not repented of many different types of sins including divisions. Amen.

Disputes and disturbances, not living in peace with one another. Amen.

The same is true today. That each must examine himself and if he does not, then this is why it continues and we must examine the body of Christ and especially the pastors of the church and the deacons of the church and the apostles and prophets of the church must be judging and pointing out sin within the church so that these sins and other sins may be found.

These sins can be dealt with and put at bay. Amen. That the sins may be repented of. Not only the person individually but also the church administration must deal with it. Amen.

Even as the scripture says that if one person alone does not have success with talking with somebody about their sin that we are to then bring two or three people to address the sin with that church member.

At the end of that still doesn't work then we're supposed to bring that sin up to the entire church. The sin is supposed to be exposed to the entire church and yet people don't do that. What church practices that?

And yet that's what we're told to do but people twist that where two or three gather in our name well that I will be with you in your midst. That's not talking about worship. That's not talking about praying.

It's not talking about a church worship service. It's not talking about any of those things but it's talking about addressing sin within the church. That is the context. And yet nobody uses that verse within the context. No one.

Where two or three gather my name is not in the context of worship or prayer, praying together, worshipping together, having a church service but rather is in the context of meeting a person to address that person's sins.

And yet I've never heard it talked about within that context by any other church or ministry other than this one right here. Everybody else takes it out of context. Everybody. Absolutely everybody worldwide. Amen.

Now we know it's true though that God is in our midst but he's also in our midst even when we're even by ourselves worshipping him. He's in our midst even while we're by ourselves when we're praying. And there is power in members and there is power in agreement. But we shouldn't take the verse out of context. Amen.

Look at chapter 13 here. 2 Corinthians 13 verse 1. Verse 1 says "This is the third time that I'm coming to you. Every word is to be confirmed by the testimony of two or three witnesses."

Now here's another verse that's always taken out of context constantly. I just had a woman take it out of context just a few days ago on Facebook.

People think and they've been taught this means and all the churches and all the preachers and all the Christians say that this means that on every doctrine on every doctrine there must be two or three witnesses to confirm to confirm the doctrine.

If I was to preach something then there must be a second preacher or a third preacher or a second verse or a third verse. But that's not what it means.

In the context it's talking about sin that there's sin in the church and that when we're pointing out the sin and when we're judging the sin and confronting the person there must be a witness that the person is guilty of that sin.

That's the context. Even when you go back to the quotation in the book of Deuteronomy chapter 17 and 19 it's talking about that when you accuse somebody of sin then you have to have a witness that the person is truly guilty of the sin so that there's not a false accusation. That's the context in every place it appears in the Bible and yet nobody uses it in that way.

Some people use it in that context but more often they use it out of context to say I have to have a second preacher confirming the same message or even a second verse.

Now I do believe whenever possible. It ain't always possible. We should have a second verse and a third verse. Yes I do agree that as much as possible and as often as possible let's have a second verse and a third and a fourth and a fifth to confirm it our understanding of the Bible so that we know that we're teaching it correctly and believing it correctly. I'm all for that.

But at the same time it doesn't say that you must have a second scripture for it. We know that Isaiah 65:20 is the only verse in the Bible the only verse that says that that that the next lifetime will be 100 years. But we know it's true because the context of that verse is so clear. You can't misunderstand it.

The context of that verse is absolutely abundantly clear. So we can match it with Revelation 20 where it says the short time or short season. And a hundred years is extremely short compared to the millennium and also compared to paradise.

So, and it fits right between those two long lengths of time. So fitting the hundred years fitting that's after the second resurrection the hundred years begins with the second resurrection and ends at the great white throne judgment. So it's sandwiched between the millennium and paradise. So compared to what is sandwiched between both on the left and on the right, it is a

short season.

But Isaiah 65:20 makes it abundantly and unmistakably clear it's 100 years but we don't have a second verse saying 100 years. We don't need a second verse. We're not required to have a second verse but it's a good principle to live by as much as possible but it's not a requirement. Amen.

The context is bearing witness of sin that there should be a second person that can testify that is an eyewitness that can say I know that this sin is true but this is not a false accusation. Amen.

Instead of listening to watered-down preaching, preachers that don't know the Bible, that don't understand the Bible, that always takes it out of context or often, why would you want to keep listening to those preachers? Why not listen to something where you can actually learn the true context of all these verses. Amen.

Verse 2, "I have previously said when present the second time and though now absent I say in advance to those who have sinned in the past and to all the rest, that if I come again I will not spare."

He's being bold again here. He's being bold again right here. He is given a strong warning I will not spare when I come. Amen.

"Since you are seeking for proof of the Christ who speaks in me and who is not weak toward you, but mighty in you, for indeed He was crucified with physical affliction yet He lives because of the power of God. For if we also are afflicted in Him yet we will live with Him because of the power of God toward you."

Verse 5, "Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith."

Notice he's not saying this to unbelievers but to the Christians that are in even within a true congregation. Amen. Even within the true called out ones or at least an assembly of people that think they are the called out ones.

He's telling people not in a Babylonian church not in a synagogue and not in a Sunday church, but in God's church, the Sabbath keeping, the Holy Day keeping church, to test yourself to see if you really are in the faith.

But I guarantee you, "Oh oh oh yeah I got born again 10 20 30 40 50 years ago oh yeah oh yeah oh yeah I'm saved! I know I am! Well I know I am!"

But they never stop to think. Am I? Am I?

They never second-guess themselves because of their pride. We need to second-guess ourselves because the lost don't know they're lost many times and the deceived don't know that they're deceived and those especially that keep on and keep on and keep on and keep on compromising with false religion. This is the truth.

Either we're saved by Christ or we are saved by Buddha one or the other. Pick one.

We can't do the Lord's table and the devil's table both at the same time. Choose what religion that you believe in and stick with it instead of being a hypocrite.

This needs to be said because Christ died for us and He is a jealous God. This is what the Bible says, and there's nothing wrong with that translation. He is a jealous God. He's absolutely jealous because the world is filled with false gods and false religions and false systems of belief and how you get right with yourself and how do you get your mind right and how do you live and how do you breathe and all how you do that and how you get rich. It's all bullcrap.

There's one answer, not two not three not four not five. There's one answer. That one answer is Christ. When we was teenagers when we were children that's when we was tossed back

and forth between different religions and seeking what is true.

But sooner or later we have to grow up and become mature and solid and not be carried with every wind of trickery of false religions and false preachers and Sunday preachers and Trinity preachers and hell and fire and brimstone preachers and falling down backward preachers and all the other nonsense.

We have to grow up. We have to make up our mind. What is the truth? What is the truth? What is the commandment of the Lord? What is the correct religion? Who is the true Savior?

Because the Bible says that the way is narrow. Is that not what the Bible says? That the way of destruction is wide.

But yet Billy Graham got up there more than once more than once. Billy Graham got up there and said that the way to heaven is wide and broad and that even Muslims and unbelievers and people of other religions — he said people that don't even know the name of Jesus — that they can be part of God's family that they can find salvation and find God and serve the same God as us without even knowing Jesus. That's bullcrap! Satanic.

He actually contradicted the Bible saying that the way is broad. And then Robert Schuller of the Crystal Cathedral back there in the 80s that I used to listen to when I was a child, when I was a kid, when I didn't know no better, that Robert Schuller agreed with him. And other preachers agree with him as well. Especially the Freemasons which are the pastors of a lot of these Baptist churches. And that's the truth.

When are we going to not be carried with every wind of trickery of mankind and demons? We need to come to the full maturity that belongs to Christ and Christ only. Not Hinduism, not Buddhism, not Sunday, not Trinity. One God. Not two, not three, not three heads, not 300 heads of Christ.

One Christ. Amen. One Messiah. One way of life. A narrow way of life. A narrow way of salvation.

To get our minds right with Christ. To get our minds centered on Christ and Christ alone. Not on the Torah. Not on Hebrew roots. I know that the law is important. I know that commandment is important. I teach the commandments. But the focus needs to be on Christ. And we obey Him in His commandments.

But the focus is on Christ. The root is Christ. The future is Christ. The past, the current, the future, the yesterday and today and tomorrow and everything is Christ. Christ. Christ. Christ. Christ. Amen.

I would never call myself a Hebrew roots preacher or a Torah preacher but rather let me be a Christ preacher. Amen. If you focus on the Torah, if you focus on the Hebrew roots, then you are going to be too legalistic. Absolutely.

If the law is your focus, you will be the law. You will be legalistic. What you look at the most, that's what you will become.

Verse 5, 2 Corinthians 13 verse 5, "Test yourselves." Test yourselves. He says this to the true church. Test yourselves. He doesn't say just assume it. "To see if you are in the faith." Not one of the faiths. Amen. The faith. Examine yourselves.

"And do you not recognize this about yourselves? That Jesus, the Christ," not one of the Christs, not one of the Saviors, but the Christ, "is in you unless indeed you fail the test." Amen.

He says that because it's absolutely possible. It's absolutely possible to fail the test.

Let's go to Revelation chapter 3. Revelation 3 verse 14.

Revelation 3 verse 14: "To the pastor of the congregation of called-out ones in Laodicea. Write this."

Now there are two meanings, even three meanings to this. And one is there was seven towns, communities, villages in what is modern day Turkey that was not Turkey at that time 2,000 years ago. And Laodicea was one of those towns that was on a mail route that the letters would have been sent out to in the mail. Kind of like the Pony Express, but on camels. The Camel Express. Praise Jesus. It's not express. It got there sooner or later. And so that's one meaning. Absolutely. Amen. That is a letter to a particular congregation 2,000 years ago. But there is another meaning that if you look at the whole context of the entire book of Revelation, the entire book of Revelation is written to us today and to every generation of humanity from that point on. Amen. From John's lifetime to our lifetime. Amen.

So it's not just to one town, one congregation in what is today Turkey. It's not just that. But it's also a time period, a specific time period, because there's seven letters here and this is the last letter of the seven in chapter two and chapter three. So this is symbolically and spiritually to the last generation of the church being the last letter of the seven.

And that is something that you learn through spiritual discernment and wisdom and logic. And by reading the last chapter or two of Revelation where it sums it up that it's really to the entire church.

We know the entire book of Revelation is prophetic, not just from chapter four on or from chapter five on or from chapter six on, but rather the entire book of Revelation is prophetic for what would be the future tense of John's lifetime. Amen.

So in taking it like this, the Laodicean is being the last time era, our generation.

Then a third way that we can take this as well is that if you look at individual, individual people, some people would have the spiritual characteristics of one of these churches, even pastors and even individual congregations. So you may have a congregation, I'm just going to make some names of cities, you might have a congregation in one town in Florida, I just say it that way, one town in Florida may be more of the mentality of the Philadelphia era or the Philadelphia City church letter. But yet another one in Texas would be Laodicean or next one in the state of Nebraska may have the attitude and the personality of the Ephesus church and so forth.

So different individual congregations worldwide as well as individual pastors, as well as individual people, members of the church, each person can take on or be of the personality or the problems or the sins and the strengths and the weaknesses of each church.

This is something you learn through time. People don't learn everything in one year or two years, even ten years. People don't learn everything in a short period of time. It takes a lifetime to learn everything that you're going to learn. You're never too old to learn. The dog is never too old to learn. But we've got to be willing to grow in truth and knowledge and understanding.

We'll read about that too later. So anyway with this particular understanding, but I'm going to address it more as being our time, our generation, that the problems of this Laodicean church is a problem that we are seeing church-wide and worldwide, generational-wide. Amen.

In verse 15, we're just going to skip to right there. Verse 15, "I know your works that you are neither cold nor hot, but I desire or I would that you would be either cold or hot." In other words, they're compromising. Amen. They're compromising. They're in the middle ground. They're sitting the fence, which a lot of people are doing. Sitting the fence halfway between cold and hot. A lot of people doing that and they need to make up their mind.

Verse 16, "So because you are lukewarm and neither hot nor cold, I will vomit you out of my mouth." That one word vomit can be debated, whether it's spit or vomit, but after much study

and much many years of preaching and teaching, I finally decided it's definitely, I believe, vomit. Either way, it's not a good thing. Either way, let's not strive about words. It's not a good thing.

The consequence of a fence sitter, a person that is lukewarm, a person that is not hot on fire for the Lord, is that it's not pleasing to God and God will spit you out. He would do away with you. He will forsake you. God will forsake you. If you do not repent, absolutely. This is biblical. There's many verses for that. Many verses.

So again, I don't like it when people post these memes on social media saying God would never forsake you. I then have a thousand people or 10,000 people or 20 people, whatever it is, read it and having one of them thinking no God would never forsake me, when he actually will forsake you if you are absolutely disgusting to him. If you're compromising with Satanism, demonic names, Trinity, Sunday, Buddhism, Hinduism, whatever it is that you're compromising with, God will spit you out.

And you may think, well I'm still saved. I'm still saved. He still hears my prayers, his blessings. You know what? The devil can bless as well. The devil can give a job. Even the devil can actually heal. Absolutely. There's healings and miracles within the Satanic Roman Catholic Church and the Satanic Orthodox, Greek Orthodox and Russian Orthodox and Jehovah Witnesses. There's miracles even there occasionally, once in a blue moon. But it happens. There's miracles all across Africa and Louisiana, New Orleans being practiced by the spirit and potions of witchcraft.

Just because somebody rises from the dead doesn't mean it's God. Just because somebody is healed does not mean it's God. Just because somebody prospers financially does not mean it's God. The devil can bless. The devil can heal. It's part of his trickery. He's more clever than all the beasts of the earth. Amen? Amen.

I'm going to get faster on that trigger thing. I'm going to practice all day long.

Here it says in Revelation 3, Revelation 3 verse 17, "Because you say, I am rich and have become wealthy and have need of nothing, yet you do not know that you are wretched, miserable and poor and blind and naked."

Now, he's not talking physically on any of these things. He's not. The richness and the wealth and all these things and even the nakedness. He's not talking about physical things. He's talking spiritual.

The whole paragraph here is spiritual. And this is true that there is an entire church wide problem. There is an entire problem with this entire generation worldwide where everybody's like, "Oh, I am full of wisdom. I'm smart." I mean, this is what people are saying. "I'm smart. I'm intelligent. I'm spiritually rich. I'm blessed to be black and blessed to be white." This, this, that, that, that, that, that, that, that.

The reality is that we need to humble ourselves, test ourselves, examine ourselves, and then humble ourselves some more. And then after we're done with that, humble ourselves some more. This is the good thing about the holy days is they come every year. Amen.

Every year we're reminded at the Day of Atonement, at Passover, at the Days of Unleavened Bread and removing leavening of leavened bread from our households, we are reminded of our sins so that we may humble ourselves and afflict our souls and fasting at the day of atonement, fasting from the leavened of bread, cleaning the leavening out of our lives. Not with malice and greed, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christmas come and goes. Nobody examines themselves, do they? Have you ever heard a Sunday preacher get out there and preach, oh it's Christmas we have to examine ourselves.

No. No. That's not going to happen. It ain't happening. (They're too busy examining the presents!) And then the same thing with Easter and so forth.

Their holidays are really meaningless. Amen. Even at Christmas when they claim it's about Christ and and put Christ back in and Christ is the reason for the season and all that crap. We know they never think of Christ when they're opening their gifts, when they're buying their gifts, when they're giving their gifts, when they're putting their gifts underneath a pagan tree and bowing on their knees and offering a sacrifice and offering a gift to the feet of that tree. Where is Christ in any of that? Where is Christ when they're hiding the Easter eggs? What are they teaching their children? That God is an egg? God came from an egg? Where is Christ in any of these things? Or self-examination? Or learning? Or growing? Where is the edification? There's no edification in any of those pagan holidays. None whatsoever at all! Nobody was saved by the birth of Christ but rather by the death of Christ. Amen.

But God's holy days were for a meaning. To test ourselves. To examine ourselves if we're still in the faith. Amen. To see if we're still in the faith.

Now, here in Revelation 3 verse 18, he is advising us, this generation, this church, to buy, in verse 18, to buy from me gold refined by fire. Verse 18.

He's not saying buy gold for the Great Tribulation like Alex Jones is and other false preachers and other wolves in sheep's clothing. He's not saying buy gold for the Great Tribulation even though he's talking to the end time generation here as well. Amen.

But rather that we are to test ourselves and learn from our lessons and humble ourselves. Be humbled. Amen. That's what He's talking about. In one sense, even to not be not be wishing that we fly away to escape the Great Tribulation, to fly away up into heaven and not have to suffer the trials of the Great Tribulation. In one sense, even that. To not start putting your hope in a false event. Even if it was true, you shouldn't put your hope in an event of that. That you would go or not go.

But our hope is in Christ Himself. That Christ Himself is our rock of refuge. The fact is, and the reality is, even in the reality of true doctrine of not a pre-Trib rapture but rather continuing to live in the Great Tribulation, even then, even within that truth, there are going to be a lot of saints to die, to be martyred. And other than that there's going to be slavery, there's going to be bondage, there's going to be concentration camps, there's going to be worldwide famine, all kinds of tests and trials and tribulations to purify the church. The thing about fire and gold is that fire purifies. Amen? Fire purifies and it destroys the wicked and destroys the filth and the corruptible. It destroys the corruptible.

What we need to be doing is to not build physical wealth, not be planning gold for the Great Tribulation or for the economic collapse, but rather we need to be building the uncorruptible, the incorruptible. We need to be building personality and character, wisdom, intelligence, knowledge, the good characteristics, the good things, a maturity to us that belongs to the full stature of Christ. This is what we need.

Too many people are overly concerned, overly concerned, I understand some consideration of, but too many people are overly concerned with finances and money and careers and riches. And that's why you have preachers that are filthy rich, television evangelists that are filthy rich, driving Cadillacs or whatever today would be a fancy breed of car — and they're all breeds — from a demonic lineage. Teslas. Everything that came from Tesla is of the devil, everything. Everything that came from the electrical industry and the Industrial Revolution and the technical revolution is all of the devil, every bit of it. One thing that the Amish actually have right, one thing and that's the only thing probably.

Anyway, I'm gonna take it like this right now, this moment is that we are to learn our lessons and humble ourselves and be refined by God. God is the Lake of Fire. A lot of people don't know that but the Bible says that God is a consuming fire and it's God's presence when He come down out of heaven upon the earth in the fullness thereof, when He is no longer the Lamb of God, when He no longer comes in the role of a servant or a governor, but rather as The King. Amen.

And not only be a king or the king but as the God Almighty. When He takes off his veil and actually comes down upon this earth He will be the actual and real presence of the Lake of Fire in which every living soul will be in within. Both saints and wicked.

That's what the Bible actually teaches, is that we'll all be present within the Spirit of God, the Lake of Fire. But what does not, what is not extinguished or what rather what is not devoured, what is not destroyed the incorruptible of wisdom. Amen.

The incorruptible of logos of wisdom of the intelligence of a built holy and perfect character. Amen. That's something we have to develop over time. We need to, we need to even ask God, we need to ask God, request of Him for Him to refine us by fire now. To, you know as a bold prayer we need to do bold prayers.

People need extremely bold prayers. That's a dangerous prayer actually. Amen. But that's the type of prayer that we need to be praying is for God to try us, to test us, to purify us, to show us our sins even when we don't want to admit it. Show me if I'm wrong on anything, if I have any hidden sin. That's the lesson of unleavened bread.

We're coming up Tuesday Passover and then unleavened bread for seven days. Is that, as we start to remove the bread, the leavened bread from our house and start eating that up even today and get out of our house and so forth and prepare for this and do the spring cleaning. That, that we should think about what we're doing.

That while we're doing this is that the sin, the leavening is a symbol of sin and that we have to examine ourselves. Do we have hidden sin in the very back of the cupboard up on the top shelf where we can't see it? Do we have hidden sin way out there on the top shelf of our pride? Amen. Or we have hidden sin way back there in our rear ends. Have we been, have we been that way? We need to examine our self deeply in the hidden corners and in every, every aspect. Amen.

"I advise you," He says, "to buy from Me gold refined by fire."

Fire is not always pleasant. Fire is painful, it's torturous, and sometimes it's not pleasant to hear the truth about yourself, whatever sin, whatever problem, people that deal with thinking that the earth is flat. They don't like to be told that they're very foolish, that they don't have wisdom, that they're not using common sense. They don't like these words, but it is true. It doesn't take much examination about the flat earth theory to, to come to an absolute undeniable conclusion that the flat earth theory is absolutely stupid. Amen.

Let's just color it the way it is. It's absolutely stupid. People don't like that word, they hate it when I use that word. It's too harsh, it's too unloving. The reality is sometimes a person needs to hear it the way it is without being watered down, without compromising. A very firm and bold approach is the way that we need in this generation when people are so stubborn that they need an extra push more than what they used to in previous generations when people were more humble.

In this generation everybody thinks they are spiritually rich and they're not willing to examine themselves and they have to have a much more bold preaching and much more bold words

and much more forceful words in order to shake that stubbornness. If the truth is if you shake their spirit a little bit they're actually going to think about it more. They're going to think about my words because they hate my words and they hate me and they're going to lie awake all night thinking about my words and the next day they'll still be thinking about my words and the next day the next day because it stepped on their toes and that's a good thing because that way they're at least even though they're even though they're hating me at least they are thinking about what I said.

Whereas if I am too gentle, if I am too compromising, if I am too weak then a lot of times in this generation they won't spend any time whatsoever at all examining themselves or thinking about the words I said. It goes in one ear and out the other ear. They won't even think about it later that same day, much less the next day. That's the reality that we're dealing with.

If there was ever a time in any generation in all the human history if there was ever a time for extremely bold preaching it must be now when the time is so short when the great tribulation is so near and when things were so drastic and when the people are not shakeable. Amen.

When the people have become so complacent and so hard-headed then we need a rougher preaching and a rougher preacher. Give me a preacher on a motorcycle. Give me a preacher that can change his own oil in the car. Change his own tire. Amen. Give me a preacher that has some knowledge, some age, some wisdom, some intelligence, some logic and especially above all the Holy Ghost of Christ Jesus.

It's not beautiful speech, even as Paul said. It's not beautiful speech and pronouncing every word perfectly and spelling every word perfectly. Or having the best videos. Or having the best sound effects even. It's not about any of those things.

But rather it is about conviction of sins. It is about realigning a Tower of Pisa church to be straight and narrow. Amen. It's about realigning us and the church and the congregation and you and me and all of us into one faith, one Lord, one baptism, all this, and into a very strong church, intelligent church, wise church, mature church. Amen.

We're not going to get there by being weak and weak-minded and easily offended and not testing ourselves and not learning our lessons and not growing in the truth. The fire hurts but it's necessary. "I advise you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, spiritually rich and spiritually white garments so that you may spiritually clothe yourself and the shame of your talking spiritually, the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed, and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see."

Verse 19, "Those whom I love I convict and discipline. Therefore be zealous and repent."

Amen. Be zealous. Another way of saying that would be be hot on fire for the Lord. I'd rather for you to be hot or cold, not lukewarm, not in the middle. Amen. God is good.

Let's go to the book of 2 Peter. 2 Peter chapter 1, 2 Peter 1, page 264 if you have the paperbacks of the Alpha and Omega Bible. 2 Peter 1, verse 1. We're going to read 11 verses there, God willing. 2 Peter 1, verse 1.

Simon Peter, he's writing this and it says that he is a bond servant and apostle of Jesus the Christ. Notice how he puts that right away, even as Paul did sometimes as well. He's saying, I'm writing this letter to you in the administration in the office of apostle. He's exercising his authority and that's his first words, but he's not saying that out of pride. He's saying that so that the people reading it will recognize he's not just writing a general letter of, hey you want to go to play football today? He's not writing a casual letter. He's not writing just an everyday letter to a friend, but rather he is writing in his administration, in his authority. That's why he puts it right away here.

So not only Paul did this, but also Peter did this and there's absolutely no verse anywhere in

the entire Bible to indicate or hint in any way, shape, or form that there would no longer be apostles or prophets after the crucifixion of Christ or after the death of Peter, after the death of John, or the death of Paul, or whatever. There's no such verse to indicate in any way, shape, or form that there would ever come an end to the administration of the church and that's not even logical. Amen.

We're going to read here in a few minutes of Ephesians 5 that God gave us these administrations of the church for the benefit of the church. Well if it was for the benefit of the church, why would it ever be done away with? Why would something good be done away with? It is church leadership. It is the structure of the church itself. Why would it be done away with? It's not logical. It doesn't make sense and it absolutely can't be proven by the Bible that the administration of the church comes to an end in the first century. That's crazy. That's crazy talk. Peter was not wrong to claim himself and call himself an apostle because he is. He was an apostle. It was true. Therefore, it's not wrong to say it. I know that there are a lot of false apostles and false preachers and false pastors and false prophets and false everything, but that doesn't absolutely say that there's not a true one. You cannot prove that there's not a true one. It can't. And so he says to those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours by the righteousness of our Theos and Savior Jesus the Christ. Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of our Lord Jesus Christ. Seeing that his divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, notice his divine power. That's not the same divine power of Buddhism or Hinduism or any other faith or any other religion. It's one power. Amen. The power of God. Amen.

"Seeing that his divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness," if you're searching for anything in life, this is the answer. One is a narrow way. You don't have to have a little bit of Buddhism and a little bit of Hinduism and a little bit of Christianity. Just choose one. Only one. Amen. All the answer is all given to us through Christ. All of it. Every bit of it. Amen. Through the true knowledge of him, the true knowledge, not a fake knowledge, not a false knowledge, but the true knowledge of him. All these things.

Everything pertaining to life. Everything pertaining to life is granted to us through him, through the one Messiah, the one Christ. Everything. Amen. Who has called us by his own glory and excellency. Amen. And by these he has granted to us his precious and mad man, mad man, bishop that promises so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature.

There's a lot of people trying to be partakers of a divine nature through false religions. You can't go to the devil to get something good. You don't need to go to a false preacher, a whining preacher. You don't need to go to a Sunday preacher, a Trinity preacher, a Christmas preacher, an Easter preacher. You don't have to go to any of those devils, any of those false preachers, any of those wolves in sheep's clothing. And remember, he doesn't stand there and say, hey, I'm of the devil. He's going to stand there and pretend to be as righteous as he can and he will weep. He will cry. There's even statues weeping. That doesn't mean it's of God. Amen. There's even statues crying. It doesn't mean it's of God.

I've seen a lot of demonic people weep in temporary repentance and faith repentance.

They're very, very, very convincing. People lie like everything. What was that show or movie or show where I said that? It was in the pawn shop shows. You know, I think that's where it was maybe. But I know that you see it there. I like watching the TV shows where they go into a pawn shop trying to sell their stuff and some of it is fake. And they will stand there with a straight face and tell the biggest lie in the world about where it came from and how they got it, what it's worth and all this.

And the owner, or the person working at the pawn shop, they can't trust anyone. They can't take their word. They have to get in their own experts to come in and look at the merchandise

to have it individually third-party appraised to see if this is really the truth. But those people, they come in there both face lie and especially those that are trying to cheat them and even claiming that they had never been in there before. That's what it was. Claiming they had never been in there before and yet they've been there 30 sometimes. I think it was. They will lie through their teeth and not blink an eye. They are expert criers and that one woman I'm talking about right there on that show, she was crying and yet she was lying the whole time. And she was shedding real tears but she was lying through her teeth the entire time. Deception. Deception is powerful. Deception is very, very, very, very convincing. Very convincing.

We cannot compromise with the truth and we have to examine ourselves and leave Babylon. Does it not say leave Babylon in Revelation 18 verse 4? Put your finger right here. We'll come back to this but I want to make sure that the new people see this.

Revelation 18 verse 4. I put a piece of paper where there was. Revelation 18 verse 4.

"I heard another voice from heaven saying, 'Come out of her my people. Come out of her.'"

This is a different words for leave Babylon. Just different words. "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and also that you would not receive of her plagues." Amen.

And this is not talking just only about leaving a physical place but spiritually the Babylon that is everywhere in the world that we have to leave all those false systems of beliefs, doctrines, and theories, and the ridiculous theories, and the foolish theories, and the childish theories. Amen.

Flat earth, and the hatred of Jews, and the hatred of the nation of Israel, and the hatred of America, and the hatred of Manasseh and Ephraim, and the hatred of the British Empire which God had blessed and promised to Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob that they would control the gates of their enemies, and that the other tribes would be servants to them. That was God's design. That was God's plan. It's for different tribes and different nations to be servants of other nations. That's God. That's not the wickedness of man. That's God.

But yeah, it does go back to sin because of the curses, and the blessings, and curses on certain nations, and blessings on certain nations. Yes, but it's still God's design and it was God's choice to bring these blessings and these curses for the appropriate ones, and rightly so. And he did right. Amen. Even as the angel says in the end time during the tribulation or during the wrath, whichever it is, that your judgments were true and righteous. Amen. God doesn't make mistakes. He is perfect. He is perfect. Amen.

"Come out of her, my people." We should not leave a foot in the door. That's what people are trying to do. Well, I'm leaving that church, but I'm going to keep one foot in the door. Well, I don't pay my tithes to him. I don't send my money to him, but I'm keeping a foot in the door. We have to slam the door on the devil. Amen. We've got to shut the door the whole way. Shut it and lock it, and then bring out some caulking and some tape and seal up the cracks because it is poison in the air. It is biological chemical warfare is what the devil is doing through the airwaves. Amen.

The devil is the prince of the air, the Bible says. These airwaves or these radio stations, these TV stations, TV evangelists are the worst ones. If an evangelist is on TV, guarantee you he's of the devil. Everyone on. There's not even an exception to that. If he's on TV, he's got too much money.

That's just the reality of it because I've been preaching for 16 years. I'm not young anymore. I've talked to tons and tons and tons of people, tons and tons of groups. I've been around the block a few times. I know what I'm talking about. I don't stand here today as somebody who

was just born yesterday or just got saved yesterday. I've been in this for a long time and not only preaching for 16 years, but even back when I was a child at 10 years old copying the Bible, page by page, chapter by chapter, studying it out and studying and reading it and examining it and testing it to see what is the truth. That is not me, but that was God. Amen. That was God calling me even as He did Samuel, even before he was 12 years old. Amen. He began to prophesy when he was 12, but God was dealing with him way before he was 12 years old. Amen. Even Jeremiah, 13 years old. Even Mary, 12 years old. Even someone else I think that we had mentioned maybe. King Josias, eight years old. God deals with the young. Amen. But we have to grow up. Amen. We've got to come out of false religion. We've got to come out of false religion. Herbert W. Armstrong had certain things right, but he was not perfect. He had certain things wrong.

We have to be able to grow out of the past, out of whatever we was raised in and examine the Bible sincerely and examine ourselves sincerely every year, year after year, every Passover, every Day of Atonement, the next Passover, the next Day of Atonement and so on. We can't just assume, well I was saved the last year, therefore I'm saved this year. That's not the way it goes. We have to continually clean out the leaven because we are continually under bombardment of sin.

We are continually surrounded with the airwaves of the devil of 5G and 4G and 3G and food that has got poison in it that they're not even telling us what's in the food. I discovered that, that there are ingredients that they're not even put in the ingredient label. And this is a common thing now.

And the same thing when we're listening to those other preachers and other religions, there are subliminal things in the ingredients not listed. Amen? There are sounds. There are vibrations. There are energies within those things. I know this to be the God to honest truth. Even in movies, even in TV commercials, there's subliminal pictures and sounds and energies and vibrations that they do not put on the label. Not even in the fine print. It's microscopic. It's there. It's the literal. But it's still there. It's still real.

It's a war for your soul. We have to be on guard. When I say on guard, I mean even with the full armor of God. As soon as we wake up, we start putting on the armor of God. Amen? Not two hours later. But as soon as we open our eyes in the morning, we need to start getting spiritually dressed and spiritually empowered from above. And not just above, but within our midst. Amen? Because He's not just a million miles away. He's right here. Amen?

Find God every day and walk with Him and walk in the Spirit.

Some people say, "He walked in the Spirit. She walked in the Spirit." Bullcrap. If they walked in the Spirit, then they would have had the truth on the Sabbath, the truth against the Trinity, the truth against Christmas and Easter, the truth against the Y names, and many other truths. Amen.

And I know that none of us are yet perfect, and that everybody's got something wrong. I know this. But once you hear the truth, you're held accountable for it. You're held accountable for it once you hear the truth. And there's no turning back. Don't be like Lot's wife.

There's no turning back. Once you hear the truth, you're held accountable for it, and you must walk therein. Not to the left, not to the right, and not going backwards. Walk in the center of His will and do not give the devil even a quarter of an inch, even an eighth of an inch, even a sixteenth of an inch, even a thirty-two of an inch. Do not give the devil anything at all, because if you give it to him, he would take nine hundred and nine hundred and nine hundred and ninety-nine billion, jillion miles. Amen. No compromise. Grow in zeal, the zeal for the Lord. Grow to be zealous.

Let's go back to Peter now. Page 264 or 263, depending on when you got your Bible and read its color or black and white. Jesus is good. 2 Peter 1, 2 Peter 1. So verse 4, 2 Peter 1 verse 4: "By these he has granted to us his precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust or greed. Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence,"
Not some diligence, but all diligence. We have to be hot on fire for the Lord, uncompromising all diligence.

"In your faith supply moral equivalence, and in moral equivalence, knowledge, applying knowledge, and in knowledge applying also the self-control, and in self-control also add upon that the perseverance and godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, and then love."

"All these things," verse 8, "for if these are yours and are increasing," underline that.

For people at home, you can take a pen and underline, "are increasing," because not only is it required that you have all these things, but also it's required that all these things be increasing.

That's the problem. That is because people think once they have salvation, or once they have knowledge, or once they have love, or whatever, well okay I got it. It's checked off the list. Now I'm going to heaven. Now I'm going to the kingdom of God, whatever. That's not the way it is.

That's not the way it is. You have to grow in these things, and when the tree stops growing, then you die. Amen.

Jesus was using the parable of the vineyard, of farming, agricultural, constantly, over and over and over and over and over. Amen. When the tree stops growing and stops bearing fruit, it withers and dies and falls away and into the fire. John 15. Amen.

So these must be increasing every year. Then it says, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful, if, verse 8, if these things are yours and are increasing, then they render you neither useless nor unfruitful.

As I just talked about not bearing fruit in John 15. In the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus be Christ. "For he who lacks these is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins." If you're lacking in these, if you're not growing, you will eventually become lacking.

Just like sign language or Spanish or any language, or any skill. If you do not continue to practice it, it dies out. You forget the sign language, you forget the Spanish, you forget the foreign language. You have to be practicing these things and even building upon these things. And none of these things all come at once. Not really, do they? No. You start out with a measure of one thing. And then that grows and increases, and which spreads on like fire, or like fire or even certain types of vegetables, that it will grow and expand, or like a vine, or even like a grapevine, will grow and expand down the fence. Amen.

So you have to take what God has given you, and then grow with it, and expand it, and let it grow into another grape, and then another grape, and then another branch of the vine, then another branch of the vine, so that you're adding on to it on a yearly basis, eventually taking on the next characteristics.

You're not born again from love with every one of these characteristics. You have to gain each one, one at a time. Sometimes you might have two, sometimes you might have three, whatever, but I guarantee you're not going to have all of it, and especially not in the full measure, within the first year. So all of this is possible, not just by being baptized and keeping the Sabbath, and keeping the commandments, and keeping the law, so forth, but rather in addition to all of that, is to continue to test yourself, and examine yourself, and humble yourself, draw closure to God, worship God, have more faith in God, grow in your faith, and

obedience, and reverence, and holiness. You have to grow in every area of this, in order to continue for the vineyard of your soul, to continue to get better and stronger. Amen.

"But if you lack these things," verse 9, "it's as if you have forgotten your purification."

Verse 10, "Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent, all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you, that God has called and chosen you. For as long as you practice these things, all these things, you will never stumble."

But if we ever stumble, then we are definitely lacking or weak in something. Amen. When we stumble, it is a symptom of a problem. We're not praying enough, we're not worshipping enough, we're not growing the truth enough, we're not believing Him enough, we're not obeying Him enough, whatever, whatever it is. When you stumble, we are lacking in something that made it easier for us to stumble.

Verse 11, "For in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus of Christ will be abundantly supplied to you." Amen.

Let's finally go to Ephesians 4.

Ephesians 4, verse 11. "And He gave some as apostles." Christ did. He appointed some people as apostles. Now Christ, we know, is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow, and forever. He does not change. The way that He has always dealt with mankind is the same that He will always deal with mankind until there is no human flesh left. Amen.

As long as there any human flesh upon this earth, God continues to work with mankind in the same mannerism. He used Moses. He used Noah, Jeremiah, Daniel, Paul, Peter, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, so forth. The Maccabees, Tobit, Judith. He used those people absolutely, absolutely. And He would do the same today. He would do the same today.

There's nothing to indicate that the offices and administration of the church ever, ever ceased, ever.

"And He gave some people to be prophets, and some as evangelists, some as pastors, some as teachers or deacons." Now, some people say apostles and prophets are done away with, but they don't say pastors are done away with. If one is done away with, they're all done away with. If one is still kept today as the administration or leadership of the church, then they're all kept today. Amen.

And then there are people that say you shouldn't even have a pastor. Why would you ever listen to such crap? Why are you so gullible to listen and believe to such crap? That we don't need any pastor, that we don't need any leader. You can just be your own pastor, your own leader, everybody, everybody be their own pastor, everybody be their own leader. You don't need leaders. You don't need pastors. That is the biggest load of crap. They need to change their diapers because that load of crap is full and overflowing. Why would anybody believe such crap?

People must, I tell you why, it's just ridiculous. It's absolutely ridiculous what people fall for. The craziest things, the craziest doctrines, the most outrageous foolish things, they will fall for it. That shows you the magnitude of the amount of fluoride and soy that has weakened the human brain and turned the brain to mush.

But he gave, Christ gave that God the Savior, the Messiah that is eternal gave these offices. Why?

Verse 12, "For the equipping of the saints for the work of service to the building up of the body of Christ, until we all obtain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the son of Theos."

I tell you what, we've not gotten there yet. Some people would try to say until we got to that

point and it was fulfilled in Paul's lifetime. Bullcrap. Bullcrap. When I look around today I do not see any church, any church that is in the full unity of the faith and knowledge of the Son of God to a mature man, to the measure, get this because this is amazing, to the measure of the maturity and this needs to be highlighted, to the measure of the maturity which belongs to the fullness of Christ. As a result, we are no longer to be children tossed here and there. Amen. By waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men and women, by craftiness. Amen. And deceitful scheming.

Oh, amen, James Daly. Oh, yes. By the scheming and trickery of man. Amen. Amen. But speaking the truth in love, that it can be in love even if it's bold, we are to grow up in everything into Him, not into the Torah, but into Him who is the head, Christ. Amen. We need to stop paying so much attention to the roots and look to the head. Amen. From whom the entire body, the church, being fed and held together by whatever joint supplies, every person, according to the proper working of each individual part causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love. Amen.

"So this I say and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of Theos because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart, and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to lasciviousness for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness, but you did not learn Christ in this way." Amen.

We need the offices and administration of leadership in the church to set the church straight. Amen. To have unity of doctrine to where it's not listed, where we don't have the agreement to disagree because that's not God's will. That's not God's will to agree to disagree. God's will is unity of doctrine. That's God's will, unity of doctrine.

That's why God brought leaders, men, because we have to face the facts. Amen. He brought the men to be the leaders, the head of the house, the head of the church, the head of society, the head of government. Amen. God is good.

This is why I must stand firm and be stern. If the structure is weak, if the administration is weak, then the church would be weak. Amen. I would rather, much, much rather have a very, very, very small congregation rather than to have a huge congregation of hypocrites. I'd rather have a small core group of devoted people, devoted to Christ, devoted to his truth, surrendered to the truth, fully submitted into the center of God's will, but only a small flock. It's much better than having a broad way of destruction, a broad way of accepting ever false religion, Eastern religions, and falsehoods and demons. It's not right.

I'd rather have a people that as servants to the Lord surrendered 100%, not 99%, but 100%. Not a half Christian, half Buddhist, but a total Christian. Christ and Christ alone is Christ being the only answer, the only way of life, as it said right here in Peter, that all these things pertaining to life are giving us to Christ and Christ alone.

Why are people riding down the middle of the road halfway on the left side of the road and halfway on the right side of the road? Choose a side. Choose a side. Get on it and stay on it. Amen. I'd rather for you be hot on fire or cold, one or the other, but lukewarm, God will vomit you out of his mouth.

God is good to chastise us. We don't need a church that preaches sermons that will not offend anyone for any reason. The most watered down, the most weak teachings that everybody can agree with. That's not what we need because we're not children anymore. If we can be mature in the Lord, then we need grown up preaching, not watered down. We don't have to water down the wine. We can have the fullness of the wine. We can have the

fullness of Christ. We can have the fullness of the blood of Christ.

But when we compromise even one percent, even one sixteenth of an inch, the devil would take 999 jillion miles. Amen.

That concludes the sermon today. I do have some reminders. I do have some reminders concerning Passover. Passover is Tuesday, April the fourth.

Passover communion and foot washing is on Tuesday night. If you're by yourselves, you have no true brothers, no true sisters to do the communion with. You can do the communion by yourself, but you do not do the foot washing because that's just silly to wash your own feet. That's just silly. You do the foot washing only if you have a true brother, a true sister that is totally devoted to Christ. Totally devoted, totally surrendered. If they're not totally surrendered, even if it offends them, even if they are offended, don't do it. Do not take communion or foot washing with somebody that's not totally surrendered because we're either in the church or we're not in the church.

We either serve Christ or we don't serve Christ. That is God. That's God's way. That's God's way.

You can read the Bible. Read it. Read the Bible. Read the Bible. That is God's way. It's absolute.

It's not here or there. It's not left and right. It's absolute. And if they are not absolutely 100% devoted into the truth and surrendered to the truth and obedient to the truth, then they are not your brother or sister in Christ, pure and simple. Two Corinthians.

Why have, what fellowship does light have with darkness? Do not be unequally yoked with darkness, with unbelievers, with the unfaithful, with idols. What fellowship does a temple of God have to do with idols? Anything unclean. He said, do not touch the unclean, but come out from their midst.

This is exactly what it says. New Testament. Come out from their midst. Do not touch them. Do not touch the unclean. Come out from them. Come out from her, my people. Come out of her, my people. Come out from her, my people. Come out from her. Stop committing adultery against the Lord. He's a jealous God. God is coming back in great anger. Read it for yourself. You don't have to believe me. Revelation 19. Read it with your own eyes. He's coming back in great wrath. He's not coming back shaking hands. He's coming back in great destruction, full and overflowing with anger, with even his robe soaked in the blood of his enemies, according to what the Bible says.

That's what it says. If you compare Revelation 19 with, I think it's a verse in Isaiah. Isaiah 63 perhaps. That when it returns, it's not his blood on his robe, but the blood of his enemies. That's how he's coming back.

We need to work out our salvation with fear and trembling, not with confidence, not with pride, not with stubbornness, but with fear and trembling.

That's what it's about. It's not me. I'm quoting the Bible.

Work out your salvation with fear and trembling. Who's doing that? Who is doing that? Who is doing that? Too many people are too complacent in thinking that they were saved when they're not. It's time to deeply and sincerely examine where we are, and then get right. The church needs to get saved. Amen.

The Laodicean church, the last time era, is the worst church of all seven time eras, and this is the truth. That's why we need bold, stern preaching, not watered down, pleasing the ear, tickle the ear preaching.

Soy formula, baby formula. We don't need it. Don't need it. Amen.

Alright, so anyway, Passover, April the 4th, Tuesday night. The next night after that, Wednesday night, is the night to be much observed. I know a lot of groups don't keep that no more, but I believe it should be. It is a very important night that across the Red Sea, which has significant symbolism for us, even as they were leaving Egypt, leaving behind a society of false gods, of a million gods, million idols. For us, it symbolized that we are walking away from Babylon, false religion, idols, false religions, Eastern religions, Western religions, Middle Eastern religions, Western, Middle, every which way. We're walking away from every religion. We're leaving religion and coming to God. There's a lot of people that need to take that trip across the Red Sea. Amen. We need to take that trip across the Red Sea and leave Egypt. It's a very important night to be much observed and much observed.

And Wednesday night is a night of feasting, celebrating the victories. Amen. It's important to be able to celebrate the victories. We will have special worship services on Wednesday morning, April the 5th, as well as the last day of Unleavened Bread, which is April the 11th on a Tuesday.

All of our worship services begin at about 10 minutes to 11 Eastern Time Zone, that's New York time, and that's every Saturday and every Holy Day at 10.50 AM Eastern Time Zone, 10.50 AM. That's when the music begins for the recording and then we start the sermon at about 11 o'clock or 11.05, something like that.

And I hope that if this is your first time listening or even your second or third time listening, I hope that you'll come back and listen again and keep listening, keep growing, and keep growing, and keep growing in the truth. Amen. Never stop growing.

That's a problem. People think, okay, now I've got it. I can stop growing now. That's not the way it is. You have to keep digging. You have to keep growing in the truth, the truth, the truth, the truth, not the doctrines of man. Amen.

We're not doing any broadcast for the Passover communion because Passover communion, of course, is a very solemn, quiet, private ceremony that's only between Christ and you and your true brothers and sisters. There's nothing to televise. There's nothing to broadcast. It is special. It is holy. It is sacred, more so than even the Seventh-day services. It is very, very special and to be treated with great reverence, so we will not be broadcasting to Passover communion.

But we will be here Wednesday morning for special worship services for the first day of unleavened bread. Right now, people should start cleaning up to use up their leavening, use up any bread products that are in their homes that have leavened ingredients. And I'm not talking about soup or soda drinks or anything that has yeast in it because there are different types of yeast and there are different effects of yeast and eggs and flour and so forth and baking soda.

You can keep baking soda for brushing your teeth. That's not leavening. When you use baking soda for your teeth, that is not a leavened product and you're not using it as a leavening.

So there's a lot of groups that are way too legalistic about that and that don't understand that in the context of where it talks about the unleavened, it's unleavened bread.

It is actually called the days of unleavened bread. It's not unleavened soup. It's not unleavened toothpaste. You don't have to get rid of the yeast and leavening out of your toothpaste or throw your soup away or throw your shampoo away. It's only talking about bread products and cracker products, bread grains. That's why it's talking about bread grains. If it's a bread grain, then that's when you need to make for sure it don't have leavening inside of it.

You can learn more on the ministry website at isawthelightministries.com.
isawthelightministries.com. Look for the Passover article, the days unleavened bread article. We have a recipe as well for the unleavened bread that you can make it at home and we do recommend that you make your own unleavened bread at home. It's easy. It's simple. It will have much more significance by making it yourself and be more pure rather than buying it from some wine name Jewish Pharisee from Jerusalem at Walmart. So it's better to make it yourself rather than supporting those companies.

I thank you for listening and if you've never contacted me yet then I would encourage you to reach out so that we can begin to start to know each other and I might bite but God will heal your wounds. Fair warning. Praise God.

Brother Jared, do you have a witness, a testimony, anything that you would want to say at this time as far as a witness or a testimony?

"How about a parable or two? Is that okay?"

A parable or two. All right.

"So there's a Middle Eastern version of the parable to not give the devil an inch: If you let the nose of the camel in the tent, next thing you know the whole camel will be in there. And a camel is a big and smelly animal to have in a tent with you. Don't let the nose in."

I like that one.

"And then another one I thought of along those lines, was these people compromising with demonic doctrine, it's like having a pit bull. You get it when it's a cute little baby. Then it grows up and then it decides it's stronger than your pet, so it eats the cat. It's stronger than your baby, it eats the baby. Then it eats your wife. And then it eats you.

And that's what these people are doing when they compromise with demons and let them in their house. It's like they're taking a pit bull."

Amen. Good analogy. Praise Jesus. God is good.

Okay. I'll see you soon. We conclude all this in Jesus name. Amen.

Copyright 2023 I Saw The Light Ministries
www.isawthelightministries.com