

## 49-Ephesians-04-Transcript

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well greetings again

brethren and welcome to another bible

study here during the feast of

tabernacles can you believe it's day six

day six during the feast is always a

special day for me personally

because it was on day six 31 years ago

that i met my lovely wife

during the feast of tabernacles so the

feast goes by very very quickly as i

said yesterday

that even during the millennium the

thousand years when it's over it'll feel

like it was a day

so time does march on and the return of

jesus christ is coming it may seem far

away

but before you know it it'll be here

just as before you know it the feast

will be over so we have to redeem the

time during this feast making the most

of it

and redeem the time during our lifetime

making the most of it

before our lord jesus christ returns

let's open with the word of prayer

and we'll get into ephesians chapter 4

uh this morning

heavenly father we pause as we always do

to ask for your

blessing lord on our study on our

understanding

that you would open the eyes of our

enlightenment as the apostle paul

prayed for the ephesians and by

extension for all those faithful in

christ

and so this is our prayer father that

you'll bless us with a deeper

understanding

a deeper conviction and and greater  
productivity in your way father we thank  
you we praise you  
we bless your holy name and we pray in  
jesus name  
amen we're up to ephesians chapter four  
brethren and let me jump into  
the text and ephesians  
4 let me just set up my scripture  
and hopefully the text is big enough i  
think that's good  
i just want to just pick up ephesians 2  
and verse 12  
and one verse in chapter three before we  
get into chapter four  
and he says here that  
at that time  
that at that time you were without  
christ  
so remember that this this mystery  
is that god from the beginning had  
predetermined  
that he would work through a group of  
people through an ethnic group of people  
but at the same time because of their  
stubbornness  
he would uh basically blind them  
are part of them and open the door to  
the gentiles  
and graft the gentiles in and and even  
the ancient prophets didn't understand  
this  
the demonic world had no idea and so  
they  
the demonic principalities and powers  
worked to crucify christ  
not realizing that they were actually  
advancing this plan of god  
which was laid before the foundation of  
the world  
god's counsel stands and so at that time  
these ephesian christians were without  
christ  
and they were aliens from the

commonwealth of israel  
and strangers from the covenants of  
promise  
having no hope and without god in the  
world  
but now in christ jesus you gentiles  
who sometimes were far off have been  
made near  
by the blood of christ and then in  
chapter 3  
and verse 1. he says you know for this  
cause  
i paul and he really not just i just i  
paul  
really emphasizing the focusing that  
this it's him that's speaking the  
apostle to the gentiles  
the prisoner of jesus christ for you  
gentiles so there's something he's about  
to say  
there's something he wants to to to  
proceed with  
but he cuts himself off and then in  
verse 14 i believe it was he sort of  
resumes the prayer  
but here in chapter 4 in verse 1 we see  
the parallel language  
that this notion this concept of him  
being a prisoner not of rome  
it's not that he did something immoral  
or illegal  
basically he's being accused of hate  
speech as as we  
fully expect we will be he's a prisoner  
of jesus christ  
for you gentiles that everything that he  
has been doing  
has been to open the gospel to the  
gentiles and now he is imprisoned  
by that or for that but that's okay  
because he understands it's not flesh  
and blood  
he's battling with principalities and  
powers and all of this is for the

furtherance of the gospel  
but now in chapter four in verse one he  
continues this parallel language  
i therefore because of all of this  
this this extraordinary mystery this  
this extraordinary power  
that god is is is making available  
to his church both jew and gentile and  
combining jew and gentile together in  
one  
to show to the principalities and powers  
the manifold wisdom of god  
because of all of this he is  
begging the church to walk worthy  
of this vocation wherewith you are  
called  
so we are actually called to work we  
don't work  
to gain salvation salvation is a free  
gift  
but having this free gift bestowed upon  
us we are  
expected to work there's a vocation  
associated with this calling  
and so he's begging the church don't get  
distracted  
walk worthy of this vocation and this is  
not the first or the only congregation  
he says this to  
he says it to the colossians that you  
might work walk worthy  
of the lord unto all pleasing being  
fruitful in every good work  
and increasing the knowledge of god this  
is what's expected of the church  
we shouldn't be increasing in carnal  
pleasures  
we shouldn't be increasing in social  
justice  
egotistical ethnocentric  
pursuits we should be all about  
being fruitful in the work of god and  
increasing  
in the knowledge of god this is where

our mind is this is where we spend our  
time  
this is what we spend our time studying  
the knowledge of god to the  
thessalonians he says  
that you would walk worthy of god who  
has called you  
into his kingdom and glory  
so you know you get the sense as he's  
talking to these different congregations  
including ephesus that there is they're  
at high risk  
of not walking worthy of this calling  
and it would be pure arrogance for us to  
assume  
that we are not at risk that us getting  
caught up in  
anything else other than the word of god  
does not put us at risk of not walking  
worthy  
of this calling this would be arrogance  
i think  
with a humble heart we would say lord is  
it me  
am i not walking worthy of this calling  
that's the warning that he has to the  
ephesians he says to do this  
with all lowliness  
with complete ephesians  
be humble and walk worthy of this  
vocation  
with humility and meekness not weakness  
meekness weakness is not weakness but  
walk with humility and meekness  
with long suffering forbearing one  
another in love  
so a couple of things here one is  
obviously let me say that again  
obviously there's no such thing  
as the lone christian oh it's just me  
and the lord  
just me and god i'm so righteous i don't  
need other i don't need brethren just me  
and the lord

no such thing that the christian walk  
is a congregational walk when when jesus  
christ gave the revelation to john  
and said give this to my body john  
didn't say okay to this congregation to  
this congregation and oh yes  
there's some lone individual christians  
out there i've got to get the revelation  
to them because jesus sent me to those  
lone  
very important individual christians not  
at all if you were not  
in a congregation when this revelation  
was revealed to john  
you had no access to this revelation you  
had no idea  
everything that christ wanted his church  
to know because he only gave it to john  
to give to congregations  
and very clearly here and not  
organizations i didn't say organization  
i said congregations and very clearly  
here  
it's obvious that this walking worthy of  
this vocation  
and and wrestling with principalities  
and powers  
has everything to do with being in a  
congregational setting  
so and we have to do this now we have to  
function  
with our brethren with all lowliness  
and meekness and especially now in this  
particular context  
of the ephesians as gentiles  
being grafted in to this covenant with  
judah  
that that obvious what we see actually  
as we study the early church  
is the opposite happened in acts 15  
we see judah coming together to say how  
do we what's going on here  
or do we how how do we cope with  
gentiles coming into this covenant

and then by the fourth century we have  
these ecumenical councils  
where there isn't a jew in sight jesus  
christ himself would not be welcome  
in if paul himself would not be welcome  
in these ecumenical councils  
as they make these pronouncements of how  
to curse the jews  
so they were not walking with all  
lowliness but paul says to the romans  
in terms of this humility of the the  
gentiles must have  
both not against the branches  
that the branches being the natural born  
jews and israelites don't boast against  
them you're grafted in  
but if you boast you bear not the root  
the root bears you so there's a humility  
that we have to have in this grand  
exceptional hauling  
period but speaking specifically to the  
ephesian christians  
saying look you're now part of this  
commonwealth  
but be participate in this with  
overwhelming gratitude and a deep sense  
of humility  
and and this replacement theology  
which comes to us courtesy of the greek  
philosophers  
and the catholic church and then the  
protestants protested against the  
catholic church  
but they never came from the root and we  
have to be careful because it's so  
prevalent  
that even in the church of god we  
completely dismiss  
judah and we have this theology  
that there's no place for judah in our  
theology in our eschatology  
there's no place for judah this is  
arrogance  
we have to be like the ephesians who who

recognized  
we've been grafted in to this  
commonwealth  
this covenant belongs to judah  
we've been grafted in and let us now  
operate  
with all humility and not boast against  
the branches  
now he says again this concept of  
christianity  
occurs within a congregational setting  
he says  
endeavoring striving to keep the unity  
of the spirit  
in the bond of peace and then i  
mentioned earlier i've just come from  
ottawa sharing the feast there and just  
this spirit of harmony  
this the spirit of peacefulness this  
this relaxed  
connectedness that i experienced with  
the brethren there  
because they were endeavoring to keep  
the unity of the spirit and i told them  
this is miraculous this requires  
spiritual maturity  
over time to achieve this level of  
harmony  
and unity and everybody is just relaxed  
together  
everybody is valuing that everybody has  
different gifts and we're going to talk  
about that  
a little bit later in this chapter  
everyone has different gifts  
and we recognize the value of each  
member  
this is what's required this is the  
understanding  
the enlightenment that's required as  
part of this path  
and if we're on our own if we're  
operating in isolation  
we're not coming into this enlightenment



we're not coming to understand  
how to be a member of a body and  
therefore when christ returns we don't  
know how to do that  
and that is a critical part of our  
future with christ  
is to understand how to operate as a  
member in a body  
he says endeavoring that you know in  
another place he says you know  
as much as lies within you live  
peaceably with all men  
in some cases it's just not possible but  
that's our striving that's our effort  
that's our focus that's our objective  
is to endeavor not to create unity  
we're not trying to create unity the  
unity of the spirit  
exists if i have the holy spirit if you  
have the holy spirit  
there's a unity between us that just  
exists  
i may have never have met you i meet you  
for the first time  
and there's a unity of the spirit that  
exists  
our job now as we get to to know each  
other  
is to keep to guard to protect  
that unity that already exists in the  
spirit  
it's not carnal unity it's not unity  
because we have the same skin color we  
have the same eye color  
we have the same hairstyle this is not  
where the unity comes from  
the unity comes from this miraculous  
power  
that is working within our minds  
transforming our minds conforming our  
minds  
to jesus christ that unity is just there  
now what we have to do is recognize it  
and protect it

meaning we're wrestling against flesh  
and not against flesh and blood but  
against principalities and powers  
the principalities and powers are going  
to be constantly  
attacking this unity we are going to be  
guarding keeping and protecting it  
and in so doing between jew and gentile  
between gentile and gentile male and  
female tall and short black and white  
everything we're maintaining the  
protecting this unity against  
the principalities and powers and in so  
doing  
we are demonstrating to them the  
manifold wisdom  
of god that's the intention that's what  
we should be doing  
not falling prey to these principalities  
and powers  
and not falling into false unity this  
has to be unity and truth and we'll see  
this as we come as we continue in the  
chapter  
he goes on to say oh and in the bond of  
peace so we're bound  
in peace there is this binding together  
the same way that he's a prisoner and  
he's bound  
and and no doubt he was physically bound  
and so  
he's looking at his his bonds and then  
he's saying to the ephesians  
we have to keep the unity of the spirit  
in the bond of peace  
there is a bond of peace that we have to  
acknowledge and work within  
there is one body and one spirit  
so this one body should really strike  
the ephesians because they've come out  
of this darkness  
and been grafted in to this covenant of  
judah  
or covenant with judah and and they're

told hey  
you're not gentile anymore it's not jew  
and gentile  
we're one body and there's one spirit  
that is enabling all of this one body  
one spirit  
even as you are called in one  
hope of your calling there isn't a hope  
of this calling for the jew  
and then a lesser hope for the gentile  
there's one hope now in this calling and  
this is where he said earlier in  
ephesians 1 as he was praying  
that the eyes of our understanding would  
be enlightened  
that that we as gentile christians  
grafted in  
would have our eyes opened to see  
what judah themselves have been blinded  
to see  
that we would have our eyes of our  
understanding being enlightened  
that we may know what is the hope of his  
calling  
what is the end result of all of this  
what is it that we're picturing here  
during the millennium the last great day  
and on into eternity  
what is this hope well there's one hope  
of his calling with this first fruits  
harvest  
and the purpose of this first fruits  
harvest jew and gentile  
it's not a different hope for the jew  
harvest and a different hope for the  
gentile heart there now we're now one  
and there's one hope for this first  
fruits and a purpose for these first  
fruits  
in this process of ingathering and  
bringing everything ultimately  
into one under christ one lord  
and answer the riches of the glory of  
his inheritance in the saints and we

covered that one cover chapter one  
there is also only one lord  
there's one lord and we see in verse six  
one lord one god  
one lord one faith  
this is where the unity comes from it's  
not a fake unity  
it's not just oh come on let's all hugs  
everybody hugs group hug  
come on everybody group hug and  
meanwhile there's all kinds of bizarre  
doctrines being taught  
within the congregation or within the  
congregations and we don't care  
bizarre doctrines infiltration of the  
principalities and powers because that's  
how they work  
they work through deception the prince  
of the power of the air is the master of  
deception  
when he's chained what ends is the  
deception of the nations  
and a thousand years later when he's  
released what is  
what what what is re-engaged what is  
reinitiated  
deception of the nations deception is  
his mastery deception is his art and  
craft  
and science and so we can't be oh yeah  
deception is creeping in group hugs  
group hugs  
it's all good no no no no no we cannot  
have unity  
with deception we cannot have unity  
with false doctrine and so there's a  
purpose here as we  
we we keep the unity we we're  
endeavoring to protect to the unity  
that means keeping out false doctrine  
in order to keep the unity of the spirit  
not carnal unity  
this is not a social club hey everybody  
let's get together and have tea and

coffee  
lovely to see you again this is great  
social time  
and oh don't cause any trouble because  
we just want to keep the unity of the  
social club  
that's not at all what this is saying  
there is one  
body and one spirit and we within with  
with this spiritual our eyes of  
enlightenment unders of understanding  
being opened  
we are now striving to keep the unity  
of the spirit in the bond of peace and  
keeping this deception  
out which would be very difficult to  
allow this  
satanic deception in so there's one  
faith  
there's one baptism we are baptized into  
the body of christ that's it whatever  
the jews maybe continue doing with all  
these different types of baptisms  
and certainly the babylonian mystery  
religions they have their concepts as  
well no  
only one baptism into the lord  
one god and father of all so there's a  
differentiation now between the lord  
and the father that there's one god  
and one lord jesus christ and god is  
over jesus christ  
and there's no room for trinity here  
co-equal  
the trinitarian formula that makes  
absolutely no sense  
it's nonsense nobody can explain it  
because it's nonsensical  
and it's unbiblical what is biblical is  
that there's one lord  
and one god and father of all who is  
above  
all including jesus christ god the  
father is above

jesus christ and through all  
and in you all via his holy spirit  
this this incredible power that he used  
to raise christ from the dead and  
is now available and accessible to us as  
we wrestle  
with the principalities and powers we  
have access to this power which is far  
above  
any principality and power because it's  
in us and it's from god  
but unto every one of us is given  
grace so this grace is a charis the  
greek  
charis and it's given to us he says  
there's one one one one one but  
unto each one of us every one of us  
individually  
is given grace you have been given  
and and uh as we look later the gift  
and we'll talk about that in a little  
bit that each if you have the holy  
spirit you have at least one gift  
of god and this word grace that he's  
just so  
emphasizing grace and peace peace  
and grace the greek charis the hebrew  
shalom  
both of these is he's really hoping we  
understand  
what has been given to us but this grace  
that he has just been really focused on  
through the letter  
now we're understanding it's given to  
every one of us  
and we'll understand this a little bit  
more according  
to the measure of the gift of christ  
so later when we look at the gifts this  
the greek word for gifts is charisma  
the greek word for grace is karus  
so charisma the root word for charisma  
the gifts is kairis the grace which it's  
given to every one of us

according to the measure of the gift of  
christ so  
every one of us if we have the holy  
spirit we have at least one gift  
the gift that you have will differ from  
the gift that i have  
so even though there is one spirit there  
are different gifts  
that when as we operate within a  
congregational setting  
not off by myself but within a  
congregation congregational setting  
i come to value you because i realize  
that what i need i don't have what i  
need you have  
and what you need i have and so we  
forbid one another  
and we have great humility with one  
another and great peace with one another  
as we acknowledge the holy spirit and  
the gifts of the holy  
spirit in one another  
and but but it's not just that you have  
a gift and i have  
a different gift you and i may have the  
same gift  
but now there's a difference in measure  
god may give you  
a greater measure of the same gift  
he has given me i don't know why  
i don't know why but he is giving these  
gifts  
in different people different gifts  
but also different measures and and part  
of it  
has to do with people who are not even  
with us yet  
that there's a balance in in the  
congregation maybe there's even a lack  
in the congregation and one year two  
years three years five years later  
somebody comes into the congregation  
with certain natural abilities  
god then and they repent and they're

baptized and they receive the holy  
spirit  
god then infuses and supplements those  
natural abilities  
with this grace in in a different  
measure in a greater measure or a lesser  
measure  
and then that complements or completes  
the gifting of the congregation  
so we just have to have this humility  
and it's amazing how  
with these principalities and powers  
inject within us  
the spirit of competition instead of the  
spirit of  
of complementarity the spirit of  
competition  
and conflict which is the root of  
marxism and the influence of marxism  
around the world today  
conflict competition covetousness  
instead of the spirit of christ which is  
gratitude humility  
and complementarity human minds working  
together  
in a complementary way recognizing what  
they have  
it's not i'm so humble i have nothing oh  
i'm just no good i'm just so  
i'm so humble i'm just useless that's  
not humility  
humility is what paul said i'm the least  
of all saints  
and yet this gift has been given to me  
and  
in another place to the corinthians he  
says i uphold  
my office of apostle but he's not  
promoting himself he's promoting the  
holy  
spirit and the plan and the design of  
god and we must recognize that all of  
these gifts  
if you have been given the same gift as



me  
but you've been given it to a greater  
measure than me  
rather than compete with you what i have  
to say is huh  
this gift that you have is not for you  
it's for me  
the fact that you have it in greater  
measure than i do  
maybe you're my mentor maybe i need to  
come to you  
who have the same gift as me but have it  
in greater measure  
and you can mentor me so let's get away  
from this  
uh demonic competitive conflict theory  
and let's get into the complementarity  
of christ and we'll see that as we study  
chapter five god willing tomorrow  
so every one of us every single one of  
us has value  
that how that have the holy spirit  
there's one spirit but there's different  
gifts  
and different measures of these gifts  
and that's why we have to endeavor to  
keep this unity  
therefore he says when he ascended up on  
high  
he led captivity captive  
and gave gifts unto men these are now  
different gifts and and pastor murray  
talked about this again when he ordained  
uh or the led the order ordination  
service of our brother jim  
that these are different gifts and i'll  
talk about that in a little bit but i  
want to focus right now  
on leading captivity captive jesus  
christ  
is the conquering lion of the tribe of  
judah  
jesus christ is a warrior for judah  
and for israel and when he ascended up

on high  
he crushed captivity remember this is a  
battle  
with the principalities and powers and  
when christ was crucified when the  
principalities and powers orchestrated  
his crucifixion  
that was his victory and when he came up  
from the dead he  
crushed all of their designs all of  
their plans  
all of their desire to lead  
israel captive and to destroy israel all  
of that was crushed at the resurrection  
so upon his resurrection he led  
captivity captive  
as he ascended to the throne of god  
to receive the scroll and to release the  
seven seals  
he was leading captivity captivity  
itself  
was being led captive and paul here is  
quoting from psalm 68 which we studied  
in in the archives so that's available  
in the archive where  
we go into it in more detail but just  
suffice it to mention  
he's quoting psalm 68 where it says you  
ascended on high  
and you have led captivity captive and  
you have received gifts for men  
so here he's receiving gifts yeah even  
for the rebellious also  
that the lord god might dwell among them  
and we're here talking about tavern god  
tabernacling with man  
and this is what makes it possible he  
was resurrected  
he received gifts for men and then he  
gave gifts to the men so when we put  
these two together he  
goes to god and in that process of  
victory  
he conquers all principalities and

powers and he is high above  
all principalities and powers and their  
designs of captivity  
have now been led captive and then he  
received having  
conquered them he receives these gifts  
to give to men  
and these gifts are very important for  
us now  
this captivity being led captive is what  
moses  
uh prepared us to understand in the  
torah  
that when they repent and in deuteronomy  
30  
read read verses one to eight and you'll  
get the whole story and all the prophets  
are just repeating this story  
that when israel finally repents  
after being cursed by the the covenant  
clauses that they activated  
that then when they finally deeply truly  
repent with a circumcised heart  
that then the lord their god will  
reverse  
their captivity and their captivity will  
be led captive  
and that's what christ has prepared the  
way for what the church  
represents is the first fruits  
of this ending of the captivity that  
what we are experiencing now as a church  
activated by the holy spirit when christ  
finally acts on behalf  
shows himself strong on behalf of judah  
and israel and pours out his holy spirit  
upon them  
that all of the captivity will be  
released and then all the prophets are  
saying the same thing that moises said  
but here we read it in joel  
joel 2 verse 28 which is what um the  
apostles thought was happening or was  
happening in a foretaste

in acts 2

but it's going to happen in full measure  
to the point where they will no more say

jeremiah says they'll no more say  
know the lord because they'll all know  
me they will all know god

but here in joel 2 and verse 28 it says  
and it shall come to pass afterward  
that i will pour out my spirit upon all  
flesh

that is all jewish flesh all israelite  
flesh and your sons  
and your daughters shall prophesy and  
your old men  
shall dream dreams your young men shall  
see visions

and also upon the servants and upon the  
handmaids in those days will i pour out  
my spirit

and and the captivity of judah in the  
captivity of israel  
will be fully released and because he's  
pouring out his spirit upon them  
just as we're experiencing now in the  
church there will be diversities of  
gifts

and this nation will be the head nation  
physical nation on the earth with the  
holy spirit  
to lead the rest of the huma humanity to  
this new way of being human  
and they will go from all corners of the  
earth say come let us go to zion  
so that we can learn of his ways and we  
who are the first fruits israel  
we will be in the family of god  
overseeing this whole operation  
and helping them to go through what  
we're going through now  
helping israel and judah to go through  
what we're going through now back to  
ephesians 4.

i know he has a parenthetical thought in  
verses 9 and 10.

now he that ascended that is jesus  
christ he ascended from earth  
he that ascended what is it  
but that he also descended first into  
the lower parts of the earth  
in other words if we're saying that he  
ascended it means that  
first he descended and we know from  
philippians 2  
that he didn't counter robbery to be  
equal with god  
but in all humility he left the godhead  
and came to earth to represent israel to  
live  
fully by the code of deuteronomy by the  
torah  
and then in doing that he was then  
plunged into the earth  
for three days and three nights and he  
grappled with all the principalities and  
powers between earth and heaven  
and he conquered them all and then he  
ascended back to heaven  
so he that ascended what is it but that  
he also descended first  
into the lower parts of the earth he  
that descended  
is the same also that ascended up far  
above all heavens that he might fill all  
things and there's that theme that was  
introduced in  
in in chapter one that the power that  
god used  
to raise him from the dead and to lift  
him  
high above all principalities and powers  
we're seeing  
it here but the insight that we're  
gathering in addition to the fact that  
he's been raised high above all  
principalities and powers  
is the fact that in so doing he  
conquered all the principalities and  
powers he led

captivity captive so as he went to the  
father's throne and nobody was worthy  
to receive the judgments of god  
contained in the scroll  
sealed with seven seals and john wept  
bitterly  
because nobody was worthy to release the  
scroll  
uh the seals and the scroll unfold the  
scroll  
and in so doing destroy the captivity of  
the devil  
no one was worthy in heaven or on earth  
but christ was on the way christ was on  
the way  
he was between heaven and earth on his  
on his ascent  
and then he came before the throne and  
he was worthy  
and god gave him the scroll with the  
seven seals  
and in so doing he let all the captivity  
of satan and the principalities and  
powers  
he let it all captive to destroy it as  
he releases  
the seven seals so he that descended is  
the same also that ascended up far above  
all the heavens and that  
power that did that that power is  
working in you  
and it's in me if we have the holy  
spirit that he might fill  
all things now we come to these gifts  
and again pastor murray talked about  
this  
and he gave these are  
gifts brethren and it's inexplicable  
how brethren fight against this  
structure  
that god has given they do everything to  
neutralize it to destroy it  
to not recognize it to not honor it  
because of the principalities and powers

that hate it  
it is this structure that releases the  
power of god  
to destroy the principalities and powers  
and yet brethren hates it  
because of our human nature we can't  
stand the thought  
that that somebody would be over us even  
though in hebrews 13  
paul says we believe it's the apostle  
paul three times  
to to recognize those over you in the  
lord  
but we hate this concept you know  
again this this jezebel spirit that's in  
the end time  
which is a spirit of usurpation that  
wants all the authority herself  
and doesn't want to recognize uh so she  
sidles up to king ahab  
in order to take advantage of his  
position and usurp his authority  
and this is the spirit of usurpation  
that we see not just in the world  
but it's affecting the church as well  
this is a gift of jesus christ  
when he ascended to heaven his first  
order of priority was to empower the  
church  
that here we are his body on the earth  
he's in heaven but we are an extension  
of christ  
on the earth and all the power that he  
has  
we have available to us he says that  
he's with us to the end and he gives us  
all authority and all power but we have  
to respect his structure how he works we  
can't create  
a new way of working that would be a  
deception of the devil  
so he gave some apostles  
and some we have false apostles and we  
have

false prophets and we have false events  
we have false teachers  
but we also have true we also have  
men who are gifted by the holy spirit  
to fulfill these rules paul himself  
being one of the chief apostles  
to the gentiles he gave god gave this  
this is his gift to us  
he gave gifts to men what are these  
gifts well it starts with the fact that  
he gave apostles  
and some prophets and some evangelists  
and some pastors and teachers and the  
pastors and teachers to me  
i i think it's sort of a lesser gift  
but they're together pastors and  
teachers seem to be a unit  
and but there are evangelists people who  
are skilled and talented and gifted  
to speak to the the unchurched to  
proclaim the gospel to the to the  
gentile world  
and then there are others who once  
people come into the church  
have been gifted to teach the brethren  
to help mature the brethren  
why these gifts these men that god  
gave through the operation of his holy  
spirit the power  
this exceeding great power that operates  
within us these  
men that he's given are given for the  
perfecting of the saints  
for the work of ministry for the  
edifying  
of the body of christ so if we're  
fighting against this  
we're committing suicide this this is  
spiritual suicide  
instead we have to recognize those who  
labor in the word who have this  
giftedness  
it's not them who are creating their own  
giftedness it's coming from christ



it's his gift but the purpose of these  
gifts in verse 11  
is to generate the gifts  
to amplify the gifts to magnify the  
gifts  
in the brethren it's sort of a two-step  
process and it's really interesting you  
know i was in the night thinking about  
this and i thought  
this is such a critical verse i  
i wonder if it's in the middle of the  
letter  
the letter has 155 verses  
one half of 55 is 77.5  
verse 11 is verse 77 and verse 12 is  
verse 78  
this is smack dab in the middle of the  
letter  
i think that's by design that we would  
understand  
this is so critical this is the pivotal  
point  
of releasing the power of the church  
that we would recognize the men who are  
truly gifted  
in these roles because these men  
release the gifts in the brethren  
so that the brethren can be empowered  
and i think dysfunctionally if you look  
into a dysfunctional church  
they want to set up men as authorities  
and then they want to control the church  
when when actually it's the  
the purpose is the exact opposite is  
these men  
are set in place to empower the brethren  
that the brethren become more empowered  
as a result  
of their service so the saints are being  
perfected  
and as the saints are being perfected  
they're becoming more powerful  
to do the work of ministry and  
to edify each other so so when this is

working in a functional healthy way  
these men are helping the brethren to  
recognize  
and utilize their gifts and as the  
brethren  
recognize and utilize their gifts  
they're edifying each other  
and the body is getting stronger and  
stronger and stronger  
and more powerful to put down the  
principalities and powers  
and to do the work of ministry central  
to how god is working with the church  
and again  
red flag red flag if the the brethren if  
you're out there and you're thinking  
it's just me and god oh it's just me and  
the lord  
and through the years i hear so much of  
this clearly  
this walk this vocation that we've been  
called into  
is a congregational vocation yes we will  
be judged individually  
but god evaluates the churches  
congregationally  
and we have a responsibility to edify  
the body in the place where we've been  
placed  
now in verse 12 of verse chapter 12 of  
first corinthians verse 4  
there's one spirit but we have to  
understand  
that there are diversities of gifts but  
it's the same spirit  
i i cannot be what you are  
and i can't expect you to be what i am  
there is one spirit but there are  
different gifts  
and i need what god has given you and  
you need  
what god has given me and together we  
edify the body  
so the body comes stronger to wrestle

against the principalities  
and powers now how  
did paul see these  
men that have been gifted by christ  
to operate as apostles prophets  
evangelist pastors and teachers  
how did he see them operating especially  
in  
ephesus as he's writing to the ephesians  
about this truth  
well let's go to timothy the pastoral  
epistle  
between the communication between paul  
and timothy about ephesus  
he says this  
paul an apostle of jesus christ by the  
commandment  
of god our savior and lord jesus christ  
which is our hope  
unto timothy my own son in the faith  
grace mercy and peace from god our  
father and jesus christ our lord and i  
won't execute all of this we'll just  
read it  
as i besought you to abide still  
at ephesus so we're reading the epistle  
to the ephesians  
we're reading about the central role  
of ministers in the congregation and now  
we're  
learning firsthand from paul's  
communication to timothy  
the role of these elders  
within the ephesian city now when paul  
was leaving ephesus he was worried  
and he gathered all the ephesian elders  
together and he warned them  
and he basically said i am deeply  
worried about you men  
what you will tolerate what you will  
allow in  
and what some of you yourselves will  
become i'm deeply worried  
he wasn't worried about timothy though

so we can look to timothy's ministry  
as a healthy sign of how ministry  
should function  
within a congregation and the role of  
ministry  
in endeavoring to keep the unity of the  
of the spirit  
as i besped you i begged you there was a  
reason i begged you i'm leaving ephesus  
but i'm begging you  
to stay still abide still at ephesus  
when i went into macedonia  
that you might charge some that they  
teach  
no other doctrine stand against them  
timothy  
don't allow the infiltration of any  
other doctrine  
from these principalities in power this  
is the wrestling  
we wrestle not against flesh and blood  
it's against the principalities and  
powers and i can't trust anybody right  
now timothy  
except for you you stay in ephesus and  
you wrestle against these principalities  
and powers  
and in so doing charge the flesh and  
blood  
not to teach any other doctrine neither  
give heed  
to fables and endless genealogies  
don't tolerate this stand against it  
endeavoring to keep the unity of the  
spirit  
not the unity of the social club the  
unity of the spirit  
which minister questions rather than  
godly edifying which is in faith  
so do so so the whole focus of the  
teaching  
is to equip the saints to edify the  
saints  
but they're going to be men now that are

allowing in teachings and doctrines  
that lead to endless genealogies and  
create more questions and  
and it doesn't lead to godly edifying  
which is what the body should be doing  
now the end of the commandment is agape  
out of a pure heart and of a good  
conscience  
and of faith unveiled from which from  
the  
the end result is this agape but from  
which  
some having swerved have turned aside  
unto vain jangle  
and christ warns us that before he  
returns  
in fact he asked the question when i  
return will i find faith on the earth  
because he warns us that brother will  
betray brother  
that there will be many false teachers  
which means that paul doesn't have  
enough timothy's  
in the congregations to contend and  
withstand  
false teaching from which some having  
swerved  
they've turned aside from agape unto  
vain jangling  
just just crazy talk vain empty talk  
it means there's talk it's just the talk  
is empty  
it's just empty there's sermonizing  
there's teaching it's just that it's  
empty  
desiring to be teachers of the law so  
they want the office  
desiring to be teachers of the law  
understanding neither what they say  
nor whereof they affirm they don't know  
what they're talking about  
but they're talking but we know  
that the law is good if a man use it  
lawfully

knowing this that the law is not made  
for a righteous man  
but for the lawless and disobedient so  
there's a teaching  
that the lawless and the disobedient is  
going to contradict  
what they want it's going to contradict  
their lifestyle  
but it has to be taught in order to  
endeavor to keep the unity  
of the spirit but the lawless and the  
disobedient  
for the ungodly and for sinners for  
unholy and profane  
for murderers or fathers and murderers  
of mothers  
for man slayers and as we head into the  
future brethren  
we're going to see more and more of this  
as the principalities and powers turn up  
the heat  
but as we turn up the preaching and the  
ministry through the edification of the  
body  
more and more are going to repent and  
come out of these lifestyles  
and then we have to teach them in order  
to convert them  
and have them conform to christ for  
whoremongers  
for them that defile themselves with  
mankind  
again these people are going to be  
repenting for men stealers  
maybe kidnappers gonna be kidnappers  
but christ is leading captivity has led  
captivity captive  
and he's going to release the seals and  
destroy all of this for liars  
for perjured persons and if there be any  
other thing  
that is contrary to sound doctrine  
according to the glorious gospel of the  
blessed god

which was committed to my trust and  
committed to our trust so brethren  
honor your ministers honor your elders  
if they're not elders to lord it over  
you  
they're elders to empower you this is  
how the holy spirit works  
don't get swept up in the jezebel spirit  
of usurpation  
we'll talk about that more when we cover  
chapter five  
but this is for the perfecting of the  
saints for the work of the ministry you  
have a work of ministry to do  
but you have to be empowered to do it  
and this power that he spoke of in  
chapter one  
which is far exceeding great power  
it comes to us through teaching the mind  
has to be opened in order to receive  
this power  
the mind has to be opened in order to  
interact  
with the holy spirit in the same way  
that the  
ephesians burned all those books because  
their minds had to be opened  
to the demonic world so the spirit world  
whether it's demonic or righteous  
requires teaching it requires the mind  
to engage in a certain kind of knowledge  
in order to open it up  
to interact with the spiritual dimension  
so the ephesians repented  
of having all these books about the  
demonic world and how to interact with  
familiar spirits  
they burned all of that and instead they  
took  
paul's teaching and they took timothy's  
teaching and the other righteous elders  
and they took that teaching and in so  
doing they were able to interact  
with god with christ through the holy

spirit  
and that's that's that's the central  
role of teachers  
until we all come in the unity of the  
faith  
so it's not social club unity oh  
don't say anything because we've got to  
keep the social club united  
that's not at all what paul is teaching  
here  
he's teaching the unity of the faith and  
he begs timothy  
please timothy stay in ephesus and  
contend  
with false doctrine until we all come  
in the unity of the faith and of the  
knowledge of the son of god there it is  
it's knowledge is required in order to  
interact successfully  
with the spiritual realm the righteous  
spiritual realm just as knowledge is  
required in order to interact  
successfully with the demonic  
spiritual realm so so the ministers of  
god are  
there until we all come to the unity of  
the faith  
and this is why he says in another place  
i believe it's hebrews that hebrews 13  
that let let the elders  
work with you with joy because  
if they have to do it with with grief  
it's not convenient for you in other  
words it'll be disastrous  
so until we all come to the unity of the  
faith and of the knowledge of the son of  
god  
unto a mature man a reflection of christ  
unto the measure of the stature of the  
fullness of christ  
each one with different spirits a  
different gift sorry  
different gifts in different measures  
from the same spirit



and then together we reflect the stature  
of the fullness of christ  
that we henceforth be no more  
the teach the teaching ends this  
the gifted teachers end this as we  
wrestle against principalities and  
powers that now the church has no more  
children  
we've grown into a maturity we have been  
empowered  
that yeah when we first came into the  
church we knew nothing  
and we were babies and we needed milk  
but because of the gifted teaching  
we have grown up and we've become mature  
and now we can teach you know the hebrew  
is like you you have you need milk  
you should be having meat and you should  
be teaching others  
so you cannot come into the body of  
christ  
and be passive if you're passive  
in the body of christ something is  
terribly wrong  
you're to come into the body of christ  
you're to be fed  
and nourished and matured so that you  
can be active  
in two things one is in the ministry  
the the church the body of christ has a  
ministry  
grappling against the principalities of  
powers  
but also there's an edification to do  
that ministry  
the gifted teachers the gifts that god  
gives these men  
they initiate the process but then once  
the process is initiated in you  
through the gift of the holy spirit you  
continue the process  
you continue the edification you you  
continue to build up  
the body and this is why you cannot be

in isolation and some of you brethren  
physically are truly isolated  
but we have the internet and you stay  
connected  
and we have phone and we have email and  
we have ways we have slack we have ways  
of staying connected and working in  
community which is what the christian  
walk is all about  
no such thing as the independent  
isolated christian just me and god  
it doesn't work it's nowhere nowhere to  
be found in the in the scripture  
that these men that god gives  
are given to protect our understanding  
so that the eyes of our enlightenment  
may be opened  
that we from from now on were no more  
children tossed to and fro and carried  
about  
with every wind of doctrine by the  
slight of men  
and these men are not our enemies  
it's the principalities and powers  
behind them this these men are just  
flesh and blood  
but the cunning the slight  
is coming from the deception of the  
principalities of power this  
is their craft deception and so  
this is why you know uh the the sons of  
skeva are running around saying they're  
doing exorcism  
and thinking they're doing something  
significant and the demons say we don't  
even know who you are  
nobody has told us about you but christ  
has caused us  
no end of pain and and misery and paul  
has come along in his footsteps  
and caused us no end of pain and misery  
in this region  
and we've never even heard of you  
because paul was teaching against

deception

and no doubt they would have known about  
timothy now they say jesus we know  
paul we know timothy we know who are you  
sons of skiba

and now we want the the the  
principalities and powers to know  
the church of god through the power of  
the holy spirit  
that works within us and as they're  
coming with every wind of doctrine  
and slight of man and cunning craftiness  
and lying in wait to deceive  
they're just waiting for the right  
moments and and this is this is the  
battle

jude says in jude 3 beloved when i gave  
all diligence to write unto you of the  
common salvation

it was necessary for me to write unto  
you i was going to write about common  
salvation i had to change my mind  
and i had to write to you and exhort you  
that you should earnestly contend for  
the faith

which was once delivered unto the saints  
so

this is contention oh but i thought we  
have to be united

i thought it was a social club and we  
just want to feel hugs everybody group  
hug

hugs no contention

against false doctrine so that we can  
have the unity of the spirit

the unity of the spirit is there we have  
to protect it

and we protect it by contending against  
false doctrine and again i'm going to  
remind you

in this end time thyatira is a great  
example for us

because this is a spirit that is in the  
church

prior to the great tribulation and  
causes many in the church to be plunged  
into the great tribulation  
and it's a spirit of eusrpation jezebel  
was a usurper  
sidled up to ahab usurped his authority  
to exercise over the church  
notwithstanding so all the good that  
thyatira did it's not withstanding  
they're heading into the tribulation now  
all that good is not withstanding  
because christ has a few things against  
thy torah because they allow they're not  
contending for the faith  
they're not endeavoring to keep the  
unity of the spirit  
they're keeping the unity of the social  
club  
because you allow that woman jezebel  
which calls herself a prophetess  
and christ warns us that there will be  
many in the end time  
false prophets false teachers  
self-declared  
we have to see through them and judge  
them by their fruits  
she calls herself a prophetess and what  
does she do  
what does she do she teaches  
oh she teaches because it's about  
knowledge knowledge is the gateway  
to access the holy spirit and knowledge  
is the  
gateway to access the familiar spirits  
and again when the ephesians repented  
they burned all that knowledge  
because that knowledge they they  
confessed  
and they repented because all of that  
knowledge  
gave them the understanding of how to  
invoke  
and how to communicate and how to work  
with and how to befriend

the familiar spirits it required  
knowledge but they burned that knowledge  
and instead they embraced the knowledge  
of god so that they could  
invoke and embrace the holy spirit  
and now this jezebel gets into the  
church congregation  
and she begins to teach and they allow  
it they're not contending the way jude  
said contend for the faith  
that was once delivered no they allow  
this teaching  
and the teaching then bit by bit slowly  
by slowly  
seduces the servants of god  
to commit fornication and to eat things  
sacrificed to idols  
and later on it says to commit adultery  
so whatever this fornication is  
whatever this adultery is whatever this  
eating thing sacrifice to idols is  
it's not immediately apparent  
it's not immediately apparent and  
through  
craft of language through craft of false  
teaching  
the people of god are seduced while  
the teachers who need to be the true  
teachers who need to be contending  
with this as timothy did are not  
contending  
they're keeping the unity of the social  
club and then the false teaching creeps  
in  
and god says i gave her space to repent  
of her fornication and what that should  
mean to us  
is while she's given space to repent of  
her fornication  
it means she's also given space to  
continue her false teaching  
let that sink in  
while she's given space to repent of her  
fornication

she's also given space to continue her  
false teaching  
but she repented not that means she kept  
teaching and seducing  
behold i will cast her into a bed and  
them that commit  
adultery with her these are the people  
of god  
that were doing great things  
notwithstanding  
they allowed jezebel to shipwreck them  
and therefore  
they will be committed they will end up  
committing fornication adultery eating  
things sacrificed to idols whatever  
these things are  
they've been seduced into committing  
them and they're then going to be thrown  
into great tribulation unless they  
repent of their deeds  
back to ephesians 4 instead now  
we have to be speaking the truth we do  
not tolerate false doctrine  
we have to be speaking the truth in love  
we speak the truth because we love the  
brethren we speak the truth because we  
want to see all the brethren cross the  
finish line  
we don't want to see god dismiss  
brethren in the church and say i never  
knew you  
where we're fighting against the  
principalities and powers or wrestling  
against the principalities and powers  
so that god can say well done you good  
and faithful servant  
that's why we do this so we must speak  
the truth in love  
and may grow up into him in all things  
which is the head even christ and he  
introduced this concept  
in chapter one that this great power  
that  
raised christ from the dead and set him

far above  
all principalities and powers that same  
christ  
is the head of the church his body and  
so we're growing up  
into christ because he's our head he's  
directing our operations  
even christ from whom the whole body  
fitly joined together excuse me the  
whole body is fitly joined together  
and compacted so again there's no room  
here for the independent  
christian saying it's just me and christ  
no  
we're in a congregation find a  
congregation  
that that that is teaching truth that is  
recognizing the giftedness of the  
brethren  
and that recognizes that you have a  
contribution to make that is not  
expecting you to just come  
and sit down and do nothing and just  
listen to the preacher and do nothing  
and be passive  
no no no no no the preaching is in order  
to make you active  
to make you a contributing member of the  
body but but god places this in the body  
as it pleases him  
and so the whole body now is fitly it's  
ex there's an expert  
who is designing the body who's putting  
the body together it's  
it's joined together by an expert and  
then it's not just joined together  
it's compacted we get closer together as  
we go through different trials and  
experiences together  
we become closer by that which every  
joint supplies  
we are expected to supply something and  
not by ourselves but by the joint  
every joint every time you interact

every every relationship that you have  
with another member in the body is a  
joint and every relationship is expected  
to supply something as we edify  
one another according to the effectual  
working we're going back to ephesians  
chapter one  
this great power that raised christ from  
the dead  
that is now working in us that we have  
access to  
this is how we're using this power to  
the effectual working in the measure of  
every part as we edify one another  
to strengthen one another to wrestle the  
principalities and powers  
to do the work of ministry and we make  
increase of the body  
unto the edifying of itself in love  
this this is amazing we could spend a  
whole hour on this  
just understanding how the body  
increases itself by edifying itself in  
love  
in whom all so sorry this just so this  
um  
effectual working and this fitly joined  
together  
it's r it's referring back to ephesians  
2  
that in whom all the building fitly  
framed together so  
it's a body fitly faint uh joined  
together but then another metaphor is  
it's a building  
fitly framed together there's an  
architect there's a designer  
behind the fitting behind the joints as  
we work things out  
in forbearance in long suffering in  
humility  
in whom all the building fitly framed  
together grows unto a holy temple in the  
lord



that god can dwell in in whom you are  
also built together  
for inhabitation of god through the  
spirit so even though the gentiles are  
included in this temple  
where god himself will dwell and that's  
this that's what we're a part of  
that this is an active responsibility  
that we all  
have to edify the body to look out for  
one another to build up one another  
and to realize that god gives us  
teachers  
gifted teachers not for their ego sake  
but for our sake to protect us from  
false doctrine  
and to bring us into full enlightenment  
of his word  
that through this knowledge we can  
access this tremendous power  
that he used to raise christ from the  
dead which now operates  
in us to edify one another and to do the  
work of ministry  
but this is done over time it doesn't  
happen overnight and we have to be  
patient  
and we have to work with one another but  
we have to keep out false doctrine  
this i say therefore and i testify in  
the lord  
that you henceforth walk not as other  
gentiles walk  
stop it in the vanity of their mind  
what a shame that we are allowing these  
gentiles  
in the vanity of their mind to lead us  
to be our leaders we're reading their  
books  
we're following their knowledge we're  
getting caught up in their emotional  
states  
instead of staying focused on this  
immeasurable gift that god has given us

to be part of this first fruits calling  
having  
the understanding darkened being  
alienated from the life of god  
through the ignorance that is in them  
they think they have knowledge  
they think they're very knowledgeable  
marxism is a very  
intellectual endeavor and all the  
professors  
are are pushing this different flavors  
of marxism in very intellectual ways and  
it feels like knowledge  
paul calls it ignorance because they  
have no knowledge of this  
they are alienated from the life of god  
this power that we've been talking about  
they  
they've disconnected from it they've  
swerved away from this  
through the ignorance that is in them  
because of the blindness of their heart  
and he's been praying that the eyes of  
our enlightenment would be opened  
so that we can do this work of ministry  
but instead  
we blind ourselves with our ignorance  
who being past feeling and it's not that  
they have no emotions  
they are very emotional but they have no  
spiritual sense  
who being past feeling they have no  
spiritual conscience  
and our pastor murray gave a great  
sermon on this  
called for conscience sake which is in  
the archive  
but they're being past this conscience  
being past feeling  
have given themselves over to  
lasciviousness  
this is the spirit of jezebel to work  
all  
uncleanness with greediness this is

covetousness

this is getting caught up in this  
material world and they have what we  
don't have and we're very upset that  
they have this why don't we have it and  
we got to

write about this we're above all of us  
we're not getting caught up in this  
because you have not so learned christ  
notice the emphasis on the learning  
somebody taught you christ

this is why we need teachers you have  
not so learned christ

if so be that you have heard him maybe  
there was interference

maybe the elders were not doing their  
job and you didn't hear

but if the elders were doing their job  
you did here and you did not learn

christ this way

and have been taught by him the teacher  
christ is not on earth

he's in heaven but his body is on earth  
and his body is structured in such a way  
that

the teachers are gifts to the body  
as the truth is in jesus that you put  
off concerning the former conversation  
the old man

you we shouldn't be acting the way we  
acted before we came into the church  
put that off which is corrupt that way  
of behaving

is corrupt according to deceitful lusts  
when we get into what we want when we  
get into our ego lust of the mind and of  
the flesh

satan will deceive us so whatever you're  
passionate about be careful

the same way he deceived eve that he  
said you know this fruit

it's good for you it'll make you wise  
it'll make you uh it'll be pleasant to

you

it'll taste good to you and it's all  
about you you you  
it's a deception because he was doing  
all satan was presenting all of this for  
himself  
but he's able to deceive her through her  
lusts and so we need to be very careful  
are the causes that we're getting caught  
up in are they for our own self-interest  
because it's my race it's my people it's  
my thing  
or is it truly for christ and  
instead be renewed in the spirit of your  
mind  
this is what this is what matters these  
teachings that renew the spirit of our  
mind  
that we put on the new man which after  
god is created in righteousness  
and true holiness there's a difference  
with righteousness and true holiness and  
the deception and the corruption of sin  
therefore put away lying speak every man  
truth with his neighbor  
for remember is one of another again  
there's no independent christian here  
where members one of another  
and pastor murray gave a great sermon  
yesterday  
on psalm 15 very expertly crafted  
going through revelation zechariah the  
different passages and showing  
how this question raised in psalm 15  
is a mirror for us and we need to be  
able to look in the mirror  
and be able to stand before god as he  
presents this to us  
so again if you have access to the  
archive  
look at the sermon for day five during  
this feast he says be you angry  
but don't sin don't let the sun go down  
upon your wrath some people are carrying  
anger

passover to passover to passover they've  
been in the church for decades  
and they're angry about something that  
happened years and years ago  
and the the instruction is don't be  
be angry but don't sin and don't allow  
the sun  
don't if you're don't let the sun go  
down on your wrath and yet we go from  
passover to passover  
neither give place to the devil  
all of this that he's sharing with us  
and you know one to three it was very  
conceptual  
and now four to six we get very  
practical  
a little bit of conceptual teaching  
around the importance of teachers  
but now it gets very very practical  
because this is how we wrestle with the  
principalities and powers  
this is how we make sure we don't give  
place to the the devil  
it has to do with how we interact with  
one another let him that steal  
let him that stole steal no more but  
rather let him labor  
do the opposite working with his hands  
the thing which is good  
that he may have to give to him that  
needs  
let no corrupt communication proceed out  
of your mouth  
and it's amazing you know you look on  
facebook and you wonder are these church  
brethren  
that are speaking like this that are  
liking things like this  
let no corrupt communication proceed out  
of your mouth but that which is good  
to the use of edifying we need to be  
very purposeful  
we edify the body and we do the work of  
ministry we edify the body

to do the work of ministry so all we're  
focused on now  
is how we communicate to edify the body  
to do the work of ministry  
that it may minister grace unto the  
hearers  
and grieve not the holy spirit of god  
don't do this whereby you are sealed  
unto the day of redemption  
unless christ says notwithstanding i  
have this against you  
let all bitterness and wrath and anger  
and clamor and evil speaking  
be put away from you with all malice  
this is how we wrestle  
against the principalities and powers  
it's in our conduct  
it's in our holy conduct and do the  
opposite  
be you kind one to another tenderhearted  
forgiving one another this is how we  
build an endeavor to keep the unity  
of the spirit in the bond of peace  
even as god for christ's sake has  
forgiven you  
what a wonderful passage brethren jesus  
christ  
is lord jesus christ is king  
uh he has nothing but blessings for us  
brethren  
we have access to this great power if  
we will resist false teaching  
and we will embrace the truth that the  
apostle paul  
wants us to understand in this great  
mystery that's been hidden  
not only from the the saints and the  
prophets  
but even from the principalities and  
powers and it's been revealed unto us  
through the apostle paul if ancient  
israel  
were to rejoice at the feast  
because of the physical blessings

by the work of their hands how much more  
should we rejoice  
because of these rich spiritual  
blessings  
which come at the work of god's hands  
jesus christ is lord have a blessed  
feast brother  
god  
you