

49-Ephesians-05-Transcript

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well good morning brethren and welcome
to
another feast of tabernacles bible study
here on the seventh day
of the feast of tabernacles one more
last great day tomorrow
and god willing we will have completed
the book of ephesians today we're up to
ephesians chapter five
let's open with the word of prayer and
then we'll get into today's
study our heavenly father we come before
you on the seventh day of
the feast lord thanking you or we're
just
full of gratitude lord for the the
calling that you've put upon our lives
and the willingness father that you've
put in our hearts to obey you
to obey jesus christ to obey your word
and
and what a blessing it is father as we
keep these days
and the understanding that we come into
over time
faithfully keeping your word we pray
father that you will bless us now in our
study of ephesians 5
that we would just come to a fuller
understanding
of your will in our lives and that we
will conform our hearts and our minds to
christ
we praise you lord we ask this blessing
now in jesus most holy name
amen so ephesians chapter 5 brethren
let's get
into today's study and
you'll see here just picking i just want
to pick up a couple of verses

um from chapter two and four as we get into five so just by um way of reminder the theme we picked up in chapter one as the apostle established the purpose of his letter we came to understand that we have been blessed with all spiritual blessings that god has withheld nothing from us and that we have access to this great power in our lives the same power with which he raised jesus christ from the dead and he's now using that power in our lives to raise us from the dead so to speak so just remember that in ephesians 2 and verse 2 he's saying you know in time past we walked according to the course of this world according to the prince of the power of the air the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience so we see this immediate contrast between the holy spirit and the power of god that is working in the children of light and the spirit of satan that is working in the children of disobedience and and and you know in time past the ephesian christians walked according to the course of this world in the prince of the power of the air that has now changed and so this concept of walking is a theme that paul is establishing he says in verse 2 sorry chapter 2 verse 10 that we are his workmanship

it's god who's working in us uh created
in christ jesus
unto good works so so god it's we're his
workmanship
and we're brought into this covenant and
created in christ
to do good works which god has ordained
beforehand that we should walk
in them so we see this theme being
developed now that
now that we're in the light now that we
have access to this great power
there's a way that we can walk separate
and apart from
the way that the people of this world
walk christians
should be very very different in our
walk than the people of this world
the people of this world should not be
leading us and unfortunately some of us
are following after the the drunken the
drunkenness
of the people of this world we cannot do
that brethren
let them have their thing because
they're drunk
and they're under the operation of the
spirit of this world we
are under the operation of the holy
spirit and we walk in the light
and so paul is establishing this theme
of how we walk
and therefore he says now in in chapters
one to three he's really
laying down the doctrine the teaching
the the ideology the the thinking the
conceptual framework
of the christian and now that we
understand all these things
now in chapters 46 he lays out the
practical application
of this framework so he begins i
therefore the prisoner of the lord we
studied this yesterday

i'm begging you please i'm beseeching
you i'm begging you
that you walk worthy of this vocation
wherewith you are called understand all
these things that i've covered with you
in chapters one to three and now that
you understand these things this is why
i'm begging you
to look at how you walk and don't walk
according to the course of this world
walk worthy of this vocation and walk in
this great power
that you that we have access to and then
in verse 17 he says this i
say therefore and testify in the lord
that you no more walk as other gentiles
walk so these gentiles
you're not a gentile anymore you're a
gentile that's been grafted in
walk as a first fruits israelite
your your behavior your your conduct
should be very very different than your
family members
who are all around you in the city of
ephesus and they're not called
they're walking according to the course
of this world you have to walk
differently
don't walk like them in the vanity of
their mind
and we can absolutely 100 percent apply
this to our day today
and don't grieve the holy spirit and let
me just see here yeah so don't grieve
the holy see
so this is the tail end of chapter 40
showing how we are to walk
there's a possibility that if we do not
separate ourselves
from the affairs of this world if we
walk after the course
of this world then we're going to grieve
the holy spirit
this this power that he says we have

access to
which is far above all powers and
principalities
we're going to neutralize it and we're
going to grieve the holy spirit
whereby and by this holy spirit we're
sealed
unto the day of redemption unless of
course we grieve the holy spirit
and break that seal then how do we walk
what is the way that we walk in light
and again we covered this yesterday
we'll just read it quickly
to get into chapter five let all
bitterness
and wrath and anger and clamor
and evil speaking be put away from you
you know pastor murray in his uh sermon
on psalm 15 he said you know hold that
up let that let the words of the psalm
look back at you let it be a reflection
and look at that and and can you
evaluate your life positively
based on what's on song in psalm 15 and
i guess this would be an extension
of what's in psalm 15 and i would say
the same thing
let verse 31 and 32
be a mirror and and look at your
christian walk
look at your conduct look at your
behavior
and ask yourself is this true of you
are you carrying but you know paul says
be you angry
but don't sin so so anger is not an
issue
it is good to be angry for the lord but
don't let the
sun set on your wrath so there's a way
of being angry that's not sinful
but if you are angry and you go to bed
and then you wake up the next day and
you're carrying that anger with you

well let me not even say wake up the
next day you wake up the next passover
you go from passover to passover
harboring anger
harboring wrath carrying bitterness and
wrath
and anger and clamor and evil speaking
of brethren
this has to be if we're walking worthy
of this vocation with this power
that we have access to this it's like it
is leaven
it has to be put away from us with all
malice
instead the opposite be you
kind one to another tender hearted
forgiving one another even as god for
christ's sake has forgiven you
and you know bears in mind that the man
who would not forgive
uh someone who owed him a pittance
and he had this great debt to christ
and and he wouldn't forgive the person
who owed him a pittance
and he expected christ to forgive him
and that did not go well
and that's an exact parable or metaphor
of what we face here
let us remember what christ has forgiven
us
of and let us be very merciful and
forgiving
to our brethren so this is all about the
community how we
live in community in the covenant
community
reflects our christianity and and and we
have to be
functional christians within this body
functional members
of the body so all of that to lead into
chapter 5 to say
be you therefore followers of god as
dear children so he's given us the

formula
of how to be a follower of god how to be
a true christian
how to walk worthy of this vocation
in the power the exceeding great power
of the holy spirit which is within us
this is how to do this
this is how we combat the principalities
and powers
and we do not fall victim as the rest of
the world does to walking according
to the course of this world and now
he continues this understanding how we
walk
and walk in love
this is how we walk and we have to be
patient with one another this is a
lifelong process
but brethren i have seen things even
another this feast got you know praise
god but at
previous feasts i've seen incredibly
hateful immature dysfunctional
unspiritual behavior
or i guess i can say unspiritual it's
spiritual but ungodly
behavior even even at the feast during
the holy days
even on high holy days we cannot be like
this brethren give it up
put it put it away from us put it far
away from us
and walk in love this is what we're
called to do
as christ also has loved us
this is how we ought to love one another
in fact christ gave us that command this
is the command i give to you
that you love one another as i have
loved you
and so paul is just repeating what
christ himself taught us
that we must walk in love as christ
also has loved us so we have to look at

how christ has loved the church
we have to understand how he's loved the
church and and
he goes on here to say sacrifice for the
church and this is how we love each
other we
ego cannot be in the middle of our
relationships
because then we're letting satan get in
the middle of our relationships
walk in love as christ also has loved us
and has given himself for us an offering
and a sacrifice to god for a sweet
smelling sabbath
so you look at the ancient israelites
and how they have to constantly be
bringing offerings through the levites
to god
as a sweet smelling server and and
christ has done this once and for all
christ sacrificed himself as an offering
to god
and now that we understand this we're to
take this understanding
and this is how we ought to love one
another sacrificing ourselves
sacrificing our egos
for this love that we have for one
another
now the opposite so that's how we are to
walk to walk in love
but fornication and
all uncleanness or covetousness
and that's something that's creeping
deeply into our society
today through the global marxist
influence
which many of us are falling victim to
it ought never to be named among
us but fornication that's sexual
immorality
and all uncleanness including how we
speak
or covetousness let it not be

once named among you so somebody comes
in from the outside and they're
observing your congregation they're
looking at your life they're looking at
the lives of the believers
and they don't see any trace of this
what a
shame what a catastrophe
if people see how people walk according
to the course of this world
and then they come into the church of
god and they see the same behavior
what a disaster what a disaster
unparalleled
but fornication and all uncleanness or
covetousness
let it not be once named among you
as becomes saints whom christ has
sacrificed himself for
don't allow these behaviors in
unfortunately again we're going to go
back to thyatira
as an example of how these things can
creep into the church
and paul was very concerned about
ephesus when he left it
notwithstanding christ says to thyatira
i have a few things against you you're
doing some things well but they are not
with
they have no standing because you allow
that woman jezebel and then we know
because this is
preceding the great tribulation that
this spirit of jezebel
and for that matter the spirit of ahab
will be very strong
in the church in the end time and so we
have to be watching for this
that jezebel is going to sidle up to
ahab and use the influence that ahab
should have she's going to
hijack that influence and use it herself
you will and and the church is going to

allow it you allow that woman jezebel
which calls herself self-proclaimed
a prophetess to teach and to seduce my
servant seduction is a slow process
seduction involves words seduction
involves altering the way people see
things
so through the teaching christ says
there's going to be many false teachers
through the teaching this is okay that's
okay and just kind of twisting people up
to seduce my servants to do what to
commit fornication
the very thing that the apostle paul
says
let it not be once named among you we
see now that the door
through which it can come into the
congregation
through this jezebel spirit of
usurpation
spirit of usurpation spirit of
manipulation
that the church allows if
we're to not allow these things to be
once named among us
we have to watch the teachings and make
sure that the teachings
are coming from the holy word of god
verse 4
neither filthiness
nor foolish talking nor adjusting
and it's not to say that you can't tell
jokes no no joking no joking allowed
you know christians are very very
serious we never smile we never laugh
there's no joking allowed obviously
that's not what he's saying
that the context here
again is the spirit of seduction
many men many women
when they're involved in seduction will
start off telling
jokes because that's safe you know

i i say something and you get offended
oh i was just joking
because i'm testing the waters i i was
just joking can't you take a joke i'm
just joking
and i realized the waters are not good
here but i say something in jest i say
it as a joke
and you accept it and now i know i can
go further
so this is the context is this sort of
filthy talking
foolish talking uh filthy justin
which are not appropriate
rather giving of thanks pure things
should be coming
out of our mouths especially when we
understand from ephesians 1
what we're involved in what a great
calling this is
and again going back to ephesians 1 he
says blessed be the god and father of
our lord jesus christ
who has blessed us with all spiritual
blessings
in heavenly places and that's why we say
if ancient israel was to rejoice
how much more are we to rejoice when we
see how we've been blessed
so let's let if we're filled with this
then we're going to be
full of giving thanks and then he goes
on in ephesians five for this you know
how would they know this obviously
they've been taught
this this doesn't just fall in your mind
this is just popping your head
this is something you have to be taught
there have to be faithful teachers who
are teaching this
paul knows he taught them this and so he
knows that they know
for this you know that no whoremonger
a lover of and today we could say

no
pornographer there's going to be
brethren out there
that are it's all over that are going to
fall victim
to pornography well no pornographer
will be in the kingdom no you you may
not be going
to an actual prostitute and paying an
actual prostitute
but in this world of high-tech
technology you might be in your private
space
as a pornographer and i'm here to tell
you through the word of god
no pornographer will be in the kingdom
no whoremonger nor unclean person
nor covetous man who is an idolater
and this is the the horrible seductive
danger
of marxism this global influence of
marxism
all around the world in different
flavors and
and textures to seduce different types
of
people to be involved in this
conflict theory of the haves against the
have-nots or the have-nots against the
haves
this conflict theory rooted in
covetousness
from a man who was a child of the devil
and now we see that anybody who gets
caught up in this
marxist ideology is a coveter
is full of covetousness breaking the
commandments
and we also see further that
covetousness is idolatry
so if you're getting swept up in these
social justice movements
you're getting swept up in covetousness
you want the power for your group you

want the wealth for your group
you want to take it away from somebody
else you're involved in conflict theory
you're worshipping another god you you've
just been seduced
into worshipping satan covetousness
is idolatry so no covetous man who is an
idolater
has any inheritance in the kingdom of
christ
and of god so this is the kingdom of
christ
and of god in fact it's the kingdom of
god that god gives to christ
and christ gives to israel so we can
call it the kingdom of israel
we can call it the kingdom of christ we
call the kingdom of god
here it's called the kingdom of christ
and and of god
there's no inheritance and this is the
whole thing we're brought into this
inheritance
but if we're involved in these things we
can be playing church we can come and we
can sit and we can assemble with the
brethren
but when christ returns one will be
taken and another will be left
and the taken there is taken to be
destroyed
we can't play like please and this is
like sometimes you hear us preaching
and we're preaching with all urgency
because we see the destruction
of the church by satan and ultimately by
god himself god will
that's why he stands with flames of fire
in his eyes
and he's about to unleash his wrath and
he's warning us
and yet so many of us are falling victim
and this by the way this marxist
movement

is deep into the spirit of jezebel
witches are running these movements
all over you see this very dominant
witchcraft and which is running it
and unfortunately brethren chasing after
them
falling victims to them so sometimes we
warn very strongly
and at the same time we have to be very
patient and just hope that people
come along and wake up before it's too
late
they have no inheritance in the kingdom
of christ this is like
this is tragic
so let no man deceive you
with vain words this is this should be
as plain as
day don't let anybody come to you with
any kind of fancy talk to say
if you're involved in these things that
it's okay it's not okay
it's not okay and then the jezebel comes
in
and she speaks in such a way to make you
think it's okay that you have rights
that this is right this is right and
good and you can do these things
let nobody deceive you with these vain
words
for because of these things according to
the course of the world all these people
that are running according to the course
of this world
they are incurring the wrath of god and
it's because of these behaviors
that the wrath of god is coming upon
these children of disobedience that we
read of in ephesians 2
2. they're they're running according to
the prince of the power of this heir
according to the course of this world we
cannot be in agreement with them
we have to stand in opposition not to

the flesh and blood
we have to stand in opposition to the
principalities and the powers
that that's the intent that our conduct
our behavior
our unity our separating ourselves
from the course of this world is to the
intent
that we should make known unto the
principalities and powers
the multifaceted wisdom of god
that's our purpose one of our purposes
and yet many of us are allowing
ourselves to be deceived
with smooth words oh if this hurts your
feelings it's okay because your feelings
are really really well they're just
really really important
it's really important that at no time
should you feel uncomfortable
bad bad bad minister who made you hurt
your feelings
bad minister bad bad minister you
you you pursue your nice feelings
if you're falling into a ditch and
somebody isn't crying out
be careful watch your step walk worthy
of this vocation
that person doesn't love you let no man
deceive you
with vain words for it's because of
these things
that the wrath of god is coming upon the
children of disobedience
and and paul is speaking to this church
in ephesus
when he left he was speaking to the
leaders and he said i know this
after my departing i'm holding these
people at bay i'm standing against the
principalities and powers
but after i leave grievous wolves
are going to enter in among you not
sparing the flock

what does that mean their words their
teachings
their deceptions that's how the
principalities and powers work
through deception through words also
even of your own selves shall men arise
speaking perverse things it's all about
teaching it's all about knowledge that's
why we said yesterday
and i woke up in the night and i said i
bet you those verses are right in the
middle
of the text and there's a i think it's
175 verses
in ephesians and ephesians 4 11
and 4 12 are right smack dab
in the middle of the letter and i knew i
just had a hunch i knew it
that's how important teaching is and
that's how important
structure is that god works through a
structure
and if we don't respect that structure
of giftedness
it's not self-proclaimed it's not
jezebel saying i'm a prophetess put me
in this role
no it's a structure of giftedness we
recognize the gifts through the
edification
and so when we don't do that when we
depart from the structure
then we allow men to arise and speak
perverse things
that they're not speaking according to
the text they're speaking vain words
and deception to draw away disciples
after them
and so this is the way that this works
is through covetousness
when i make you feel like you are being
disadvantaged
and there's something that you deserve
that you're not getting the way satan

made eve feel
then it's easy for me to draw you away
after myself
instead of leaving you to follow god
covetousness is idolatry
because from the very beginning it's how
it's how our four parents adam and eve
came to worship satan through
covetousness and
and it continues it's one of his
strategies so if you're feeling
hard done by especially if we live in
the west i mean this
i know people all over the world listen
to us but especially if we live in the
west
the poorest of us live like kings
compared to people of ancient times
if we have food if we have raiment
let us be content and give god thanks
because
this world is passing away what we have
is eternal life
and we just need to get through this
world and and this world
everything in fact that we have in the
west we're gonna we're gonna wake up
one day and it is we're gonna be very
much like the third world
and so if we're trying to hold on to
material things and fight for material
things
we will never be happy let us instead
understand these great spiritual
blessings
that we have in our hands and rejoice
and give thanks
over that so ephesians 5 be you not
therefore partakers with them
don't be going in the course of this
world don't be partakers with them
for you were sometimes darkness but now
are you light in the lord you were
walking according to the course of this

world
according to the prince of the power of
the air but now you have the holy spirit
so walk
there it is again walk as children of
light so this con
this concentration on how we walk
different and apart from how this world
walks
and it's really sad when i hear some of
the narratives
and some of the discourse of our young
people in the church
it is precisely and exactly
and word for word the discourse and the
narrative
that i hear from young people in the
world and i mean word for word
it's as if this is as if a script was
written and handed to them
every single thing that's coming out of
their mouth none of it is coming from
the bible
all of it is coming from marxist
ideology
and it's in the church and it's word for
word
what i hear in the world from young
people in the world word for word
we need to walk as children of light not
according to the course of this world
for the fruit of the spirit is in all
goodness
and righteousness and truth
we care about truth we can't say well
yeah that might be true but i don't care
that might be true but i'm entitled to
my own facts
no we walk in goodness and righteousness
and truth that's where the fruit of the
spirit is proving
what is acceptable unto the lord that
the path that we
take as the light shines brighter and

brighter
it becomes evident and apparent that our
path is acceptable
to the lord and have no fellowship
with the unfruitful works of darkness
don't allow those things to come into
the church have
absolutely no fellowship with them that
we have been
brought into this mystery and again he's
bringing forward this concept that he
brought in ephesians 3 that there's a
mystery of the fellowship
that was hidden throughout the ages
and it's been made known now even the
prophets
didn't know it even the principalities
and powers
had no idea of the mystery of this
fellowship
and now it's been revealed in us
and so if we have access to this
fellowship
that has been ordained since before the
foundation of the world
why would we run after fellowship with
unfruitful works of darkness
instead we should be reprovng them
there should be no disagreement in the
church
that the entire church should be
speaking with one voice
in reprovng these works of darkness for
it
is a shame even to speak of those things
which are done of them in secret
so when this these things start creeping
into the church
anybody can put on a suit and tie
anybody can put on a fancy dress or in
different parts of the world there's
different
uh customs of dress but anybody can put
on

nice clothes and then come and sit among
us
and smile and say hallelujah amen
but if we are following false doctrine
if we are following demonic ideology
if we are letting the false teachings of
the principalities and powers
access our mind guaranteed
our behavior is not going to conform
with christ
it takes the power of the holy spirit
it takes the power of this this spirit
of god
in us to walk worthy of this vocation
all these things that paul is saying do
this do this do this don't do that don't
do that don't do that
this is this requires spiritual energy
to walk worthy of this vocation if
and that's why the ephesians one to
three is all about teaching and doctrine
and knowledge
so that as this knowledge gets into our
mind we can then live
according to ephesians four to six the
apostle paul doesn't just open up in
with ephesians four and say do this do
this don't do this live like this don't
do this make sure you live like this
because without the teaching we cannot
access the spiritual power
that enables us to live these ways
so if people are disregarding the power
of god's word
and they're chasing after marxist
ideology
they're chasing after satan's satanic
doctrine
the teachings of the principalities and
powers the seductive teachings of
jezebel
if they are allowing these concepts into
their mind and they're passionate about
these concepts

guaranteed the things that they do in
secret are inappropriate
anybody can put on a fancy dress anybody
can put on a suit and tie
anybody can smile and say hallelujah but
not
anybody can resist evil
not anybody can be angry for the right
reasons
and so where we have righteous anger but
when we go to bed we don't carry that
anger to bed
people who are angry carrying it to bed
and waking up angry and carrying it to
passover
and waking up coming out of passover
year after
year with anger have allowed themselves
to walk
according to the prince of the power of
the air
and if they're under his dominion then
believe me
there are things that are happening in
secret
that are unbelievable so it's a shame
even to speak of these things which are
done of them in secret
but all things that are reprov'd are
made manifest by the light
it will come out the word of god is
light
and we reprove according to the word of
god and these things will come out
for whatsoever does make manifest is
light
therefore he says awake you that sleep
and then again remember that christ was
raised from the dead
by this mighty power and then by way of
extension
we who have walked according to the
prince of the power of the air who were
dead in our sins

have been brought to life by this same
power and so calling on this same power
he can say to us wake up
you who sleep and arise from the dead
because the same power that raised
christ from the dead we have access to
this power
we should not be running up and down
with the dead you know the dead
can be very much lively just because
they're lively and they're very
emotional and they're very strong
and they're very passionate it doesn't
mean that they're alive
they're very much dead and so even us if
we are caught up with them
and we are very passionate and lively
and very emotional
it doesn't mean that we're alive life is
in christ
so arise from the dead and then christ
will give you light we
we were sometimes darkness but now we
should be in the light
but if we're still in the darkness wake
up allow these words to really take hold
of us
and christ will give us light see then
that you walk circumspectly
walk walk walk walk walk don't walk
according to the course of this world
walk circumspectly walk worthy of this
vocation
walk in the light walk in love
there's a way of walking that
demonstrates whether the holy spirit has
a hold of us
or whether the prince of the power of
the air has a hold of us
see then that you walk circumspectly not
as fools
but as wise and the thing is the fool
doesn't know
that he or she is a fool the fool thinks

that they're wise
but this is the evaluation through the
enlightened eyes of the holy spirit this
is the evaluation through christ's eyes
that we must walk circumspectly wise
redeeming the time because the days are
evil

and boy are they even boy
are they evil and coming increasingly so
so we're running out of time evil men
are waxing worse and worse
satan knows that he has but a short time
the time is running out
we need to be redeeming the time we
don't have the time
to be caught up in in the things of this
world

we have to be very very focused on this
walk and take all the time to comprehend
the breadth the depth the height the
width of this calling

wherefore be you not unwise
but understanding what the will of the
lord is he does have a will
he he has this will has been determined
before the foundation of the world
we have been grafted into this will we
can't be fools

we can't be grafted into this will and
have no idea what we're doing
he prays that the eyes of our
enlightenment would be opened
so that we can understand what the will
of the lord is and do it
and be not drunk with wine christ says
in matthew 24

that those who eat and drink with the
drunken and beat their fellow servants
he will come and he will split them in
two and there will be
weeping and gnashing of teeth not in the
world of course there's going to be
weeping and dashing in teeth in the
world

but this weeping and gnashing of teeth
is in the church
when at you know we think we're wise we
think we're doing the right thing
but we've been deceived and when christ
comes and that deception is lifted
and we realize we have been chasing wind
everything that we thought we were
fighting for was nothing
and we were fighting against god's own
people instead of loving god's people
instead of accepting rebuke from god's
people we have been fighting god's
people
and we've been eating and drinking with
the drunkard and he says don't be drunk
with wine and so there's spiritual
drunkenness that christ referred to but
here this is even physical
don't don't like there's a way of being
circumspect and moderate
and so do not be drunk with wine where
in
is excess or you know you go to a party
people go to parties and
christians go to parties and they're
drinking and they get caught up in
behavior
that first of all they should have never
been in that place secondly because
they're
they should be separate people should
know you're a christian but they're
blending in
they're fitting in and then they're
drinking all this excess wine and then
they're
left in led into ways of debauchery you
know you sort of get caught up in the
crowd
christians should never get caught up in
the ground the whole world is going a
certain way
the christian stands out and goes the

other way because the whole world is walking according to the course of this world be not drunk with wine we're in his debauchery instead be filled with the spirit study the word of god praise god fellowship with god's people meditate on this thing and let the spirit fill us so that we would never behave in these ways speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs so we should be aware of what's in the psalms and hopefully you're able to join us through the psalm studies and and have these hymns and spiritual songs singing and making melody in our heart to the lord and this this is a an instruction from the apostle that we should be doing these things and of course satan is working to try to prevent us from doing these things but we need to be walking circumspectly and understanding what the will of the lord is and this is certainly his will part of his will giving thanks always for all things unto god and the father in the name of our lord jesus christ again if ancient israel was to keep these feast days with the spirit of rejoicing for the blessings the physical blessings that god gave them through the work of their hands how much more should we rejoice through these days of feasting for the spiritual blessings that god has withheld nothing and we did nothing it's through his work the work of his hands that we have access to these spiritual

blessings when we fully understand what
 we're involved in
 we would never be seduced by marxism by
 covetousness
 because our eyes are just totally
 immersed our the eyes of our
 enlightenment being opened
 are totally immersed in the will of the
 lord giving thanks
 always always for all things
 we are just overwhelmed with what god is
 doing for us
 giving thanks always for all things unto
 god and the father
 in the name of our lord jesus christ now
 he says this
 submitting yourselves one to another
 in the fear of god this is in in the
 christian community
 in the covenant community there truly is
 a spirit of humility there's a spirit of
 preferring one another
 again the spirit of jezebel is a spirit
 of usurpation
 and it's a spirit of bullying and and is
 very overpowering
 and it's confrontational and wants to
 control everything
 the spirit of god is a spirit of freedom
 it's a spirit of empowerment it's a
 spirit of enabling
 and because we have this spirit of
 empowering and enabling
 we want to see the gifts of the brethren
 fully realized
 and so we have this way and you see it
 in first corinthians 14 as well as
 as paul was trying to teach the
 corinthians we have this way
 of preferring one another of submitting
 ourselves to one another
 in the fear of god that we would never
 push
 our our way and our will and our ego

over and above the brethren we would
never do this
because we see christ we see the holy
spirit in the brethren
and so there's this sense of submitting
ourselves
to one another and he says this before
now we go into this discourse
and instruction to wives and husbands so
the context is
within the covenant community there's a
spirit of submission
that you should be able to walk into any
congregation
and experience this spirit of submission
where everyone is respected people who
have
gifts know what their gifts are
and they they're given the space and the
encouragement
to pursue those gifts and it's not them
in the spirit of jezebel
saying i'm a prophet test this is my
gift i'm gonna beat you over the head
with it
and you better submit to me it's not
that it's brethren coming to us and
saying you know
brother sister when you do this thing
we're blessed by it
and you seem to just have this natural
ability i couldn't do this but you seem
to be able to just do it so
easily and it's a great tremendous
blessing to us
and you hear that over and over again
you hear that enough times
maybe you have a gift maybe you should
be pursuing
that gift not for your ego sake
but for the sake of serving and blessing
the brethren and edifying and building
up the body of christ
in preparation for his return

so in the context then of this
congregational setting
where the brethren prefer one another
and the brethren submit to one another
now he zeroes in to speak to the wives
wives within this context of
brethren submitting to one another wives
it goes even further
submit yourselves unto your own husbands
and every time i read this to brethren
i just have to remind brethren i
emphasize
that this does not say women submit to
men
because i've seen in the past in my in
my walk with christ certain past
congregations
where there was this very strong
chauvinistic mentality
where women were to have no place in the
congregation
and they were to be under the feet of
all the men and that's
the nowhere do you see that in the bible
what we just read was
submitting yourselves to one another
preferring one another and now
specifically wives
you submit yourselves to your own
husbands
this is godly structure the same way we
read in ephesians 4
the structure of the ministry and the
members
in order to bless the members that that
structure is a blessing that god works
through that structure
and we see the jezebel spirit
overturning that structure
and destroying the blessing of god it
starts in the marriage
that there is a structure that god will
bless
and the structure is that the husband is

over the wife in the lord
so wives submit yourselves unto your
whole own husbands
the way you would to the lord and we
just read that earlier
i believe was in verse 2 where the
church
is to submit is to serve to love the
brethren
the way christ loved the church and gave
himself for it
so we are all to submit to each other
and love each other the way christ loved
the church that we will sacrifice
ourselves
for the church well this now comes into
the marriage
that understanding what christ has done
for his people his covenant people
wives now are modeling this in their
behavior
that they submit to their own husbands
and not to somebody else's husband
as unto the lord because the husband
is the head of the wife and again these
marxist
movements and ideologies karl marx
hated the family he hated god he loved
satan
and he wanted to destroy the family and
so it's no surprise
that these modern neo-marxist movements
are trying to destroy the family
they're trying to destroy the concept of
god which is revealed in the family
and they want the state to be your
father
not god they want the state to be your
mother
not god they want to take your children
away from you
and the children now belong to the state
not you
they're not your children they belong to

the community the communist community
and again brethren who are supporting
these movements
you haven't connected the dots you
haven't put two and two together
because you have no idea how this will
destroy you
and when we read judges when we're
studying judges we saw
how israel wanted ba'al and god said go
ahead have it then
and have everything that goes with it
and don't come crying to me and i'm
afraid this is where we're heading now
so the husband is the head of the wife
this is not
a western prescribed nuclear family
this is a a godly prescribed divine
ordination and structure and institution
from god himself
that reflects the godhead and the plan
of god and the will of god
the husband is the head of the wife even
as christ
is the head of the church and he is the
savior of the body
immediately the the leadership within
christ
is always to the benefit of those led
it is never the what we see today in the
politicians and the worldly folks today
where people are taking leadership roles
for their own aggrandizement
and for their own wealth you have people
who who have made no money at all
throughout their lives they've never had
any kind of
gainful employment and then they come
into public office which is to serve the
people
and they become
multi-multi-multi-multi-millionaires
this is the kind of leadership we see in
this world

whereas the leadership of christ is you
come into leadership
and you sacrifice things that you you
know
everybody else has time to do that with
the things that they like to do you
don't have that anymore
you sacrifice your time you sacrifice
your things
in a sense you become impoverished by
taking on
a leadership role because of your
willingness and your commitment
to serve those whom god has put you over
and so this is the way it is with the
husband and the wife the husband is the
head of the wife
the same way christ is the head of the
church and the savior
of the body head and savior head is a
head savior
goes head and savior it goes together
head head savior
you don't just say head and then just
think he's just head just for ego
no head savior head sacrifice
now this is pulling forward this concept
from ephesians 1
that christ is the head of the body that
god has put all things under his feet
and gave him to be the head over all
things to the church which is his body
so he's pulling forward this concept
from chapter one now into chapter five
now this relationship between christ and
the church
whether he's the head of the church the
head of the body
this is israel the church is israel
and because he's speaking to a gentile
church we can come to think that you
know there's
god and the church and there's no place
for israel now

no no no no that would be wrong thinking
the only bride that christ has
is israel she failed him
and now he's grafting in gentiles into
israel
infusing us with the holy spirit so that
we can be
first fruits israel here in jeremiah 3
and verse 14
jeremiah writes to or god speaks through
jeremiah
turn o backsliding children this is no
perfect wife
this is a disaster of a wife turn o
backsliding children says the lord
because i am married unto you and i will
take you one of a city
and two of a family and i will bring you
to zion and there's that theme again
that god's going to gather them from the
four corners of the earth
because he's married to israel he says
he said i'm married to you
so so this is the concept that we're
unders not making up a new ideology here
it's rooted in torah and it's rooted in
the prophets
back to ephesians 5 verse 24 therefore
as the church is subject unto christ
and we just we just read all of this the
expectations how we should behave how we
ought to love one another
how we do what christ commands us to do
because he's the head
over the church and how we access this
great power
that he's making available to us so that
we can walk worthy in this way
well the same way we're striving to do
all of this as the church under christ
therefore as the church is subject into
christ in the same way
in the exact same way let the wives
be to their own husbands in everything

and i'm here to say to you ladies
men your husband may not be perfect but
your marriage
is a symbol of christ in the church
and the same way that the church
is subject to christ this is how if you
want your marriage to be blessed
this is how women should be subject to
their own husbands not to somebody
else's husband not to men in general
but to your own husband if we see a
marriage
that is upside down where the woman is
the leader
of the household we know that this is a
jezebel spirit
and this is not going to be blessed the
way that god wants to bless the family
structure
it's not going to work that this is part
of how we go to battle against the devil
we are called to be in opposition to the
principalities and powers
and they are in opposition to god's will
and god's will
is that our marriages reflect christ in
the church
they want to overturn that so when we
see a marriage where this divine
structure has been overturned
and the woman has a jezebel spirit and
she has made an ahab
out of her husband this cannot be
blessed by god
and this is how the principalities and
powers
begin to gain access into the
congregation
so this spiritual warfare that we're a
part of
involves very much what happens in our
households
husbands then he turns to the husbands
now it's not one way

it's not that the wife is to be a
doormat and abused
and that's just the way it is no
husbands love your wives
love your wives the same way
christ loved the church and
gave himself for it in other words
christ did not
hold out any of his rights he did not
say well i have a right to be respected
i have a right to be honored
i have a right to be that to expect
loyalty and therefore because you
violated my rights
i'm not doing anything for you any
longer no
all of christ's rights were violated
how did he respond i will go to earth
and i will sacrifice myself in order to
redeem my wife
perfectly pictured by the book of hosea
the life of hosea husbands
love your wives period end of story no
wiggle room
love your wives the way do not just love
your wives because she makes you feel
good
no if your wife doesn't make you feel
good love your wife
there's no wiggle room here the way love
your wife the way christ loved the
church because she did not make him feel
good
but he loved her anyway and he gave
himself to redeem her
that's what you must do that he might
sanctify
and cleanse the church with the washing
of water by the word where did where did
paul get this concept from
look at ezekiel 16 then washed i you
israel with water yes i thoroughly
washed away the blood from you
and i anointed you with oil i clothed

you also with embroidered work
and shot you with badger skin and i
girded you about with fine linen
and i covered you with silk this is how
god
treated the church in chapter 36
then will i sprinkle you then will i
sprinkle clean water upon you
and you shall be clean so ancient israel
and now this future israel from all your
filthiness
and from all your idols will i cleanse
you he's committed
he doesn't choose a wife drop her choose
another one drop her choose another one
no there's a covenant here and he
sacrifices himself
to bring this covenant wife into
cleanliness
and into a true relationship a new heart
also and this is how we know this is the
same israel in future
a new heart also will i give you and the
new spirit will i put within you
and i will take away the stony heart out
of your flesh and i will give you a
heart of flesh and we are the first
fruits
of this eventuality and i will put my
spirit within you
and cause you to walk in my statutes and
you shall keep my judgments and do them
this is what paul is referring to the
gentiles have been grafted in
to this it's the same israel
that god is washing you are first fruits
of this washing
and you are gentiles grafted into the
first fruits
of this washing so when we understand
all of this
this is the commitment that a husband
must have
to his wife that he might present it to

himself a glorious church
not having spot or wrinkle or any such
thing
but that it should be holy and without
blemish this
is how men ought to love their wives
nothing else let no man deceive you with
vain words
this is how men ought to love their
wives
as their own bodies he that loves his
wife
loves himself that the you and the
woman have been made one
and so you loving her in god's eyes
you're loving yourself for no man
ever yet hated his own flesh but
nourishes it
and cherishes it the same way christ the
church
and here in galatians
he says brethren you've been called unto
liberty
this is there's freedom in christ but
don't lose your use your liberty for an
occasion to the flesh
but by love serve one another so the
brethren remember you started this whole
passage would submit to one another
but now he's zeroing in on what happens
within the household
because that's sort of the factor of the
human mind human minds are made within
households
and so now we're really getting down to
the nitty-gritty for all the law is
fulfilled in one word even in this you
shall love your neighbor as yourself
and love your wife as yourself
but if you bite and devour one another
and unfortunately some marriages end up
like this
if you bite and devour one another
beware

that you that you don't destroy one
another that you don't render one
another
useless for the kingdom of god and and
fit for
the lake of fire and this can happen
within a marriage
now
i'm not sure i didn't want to i wanted
ephesians 1 there sorry let me just grab
this
this should be ephesians 1.
sorry about that i just forgot to come
back to ephesians
and then this evolutionary galatians
see how that works out sorry about that
brother um
i thought i had turned that properly
around
okay so yeah so you can see how even um
within a marriage we can get into this
fruit of the works of the the flesh um
and so now ephesians 1 17 that he wants
us he wants to give us
a spirit of wisdom and revelation
and so when he says walk in the spirit
you will not fulfill the lust of the
flesh
this is this is how we ought to be now
let me just get back here
where was i ephesians 5
29 yes okay that's right so we're going
to finish now so
yes 29 we'll go to ephesians 30. for we
are members
of his body of his flesh and
of his bones we're of his body this is
going back to ephesians one
where we're members and so we have to
have the spirit of wisdom understanding
what we're a part of
and then in verse 31 for this cause
shall a man for this cause understanding
what this is all about

this is why we have marriage we are
reflecting the kingdom of god
the relationship god has with the church
in our marriages
and we're shaping human minds within
this context and
and this is how we are battling with the
principalities and powers
that we cannot allow the principalities
and powers to come into our marriages
and turn them upside down where you know
they're saying the woman wears the pants
and by extension the man wears a skirt
you know this is the spirit of jezebel
and ahab
we cannot have this we have to have the
spirit of christ in the church
in our relationships so this is the
spirit of wisdom
we're members of his body of his flesh
and of his bones
for this reason this when we have this
understanding
this is why we have marriage that's why
we cannot accept the marxist ideology
just
to destroy marriage and destroy the
family it's the very reason
why we have marriage what is going on
the the eternal purpose of god
for this cause shall a man leave his
father and mother
and shall be joined unto his wife and
they too shall be one flesh
so remember this he's speaking to
ephesians here he's speaking to people
who were immersed immersed
in witchcraft
and i should really define witchcraft in
a nutshell is about control
that's why jezebel is a witch it's about
control
it's about using words and language and
hope potions and spells

to get control of people whereas in
christ we have liberty
in christ we have freedom and then
within this witchcraft then
under satan's dominion according to the
course of this world there's all kinds
of debauchery
orgies debauchery all kinds of satanic
behavior
the only place for
sexuality between a man and a woman
is in the marriage and so for this
reason
when we understand all of the will of
god this is why we have marriage
and this is why we have sexual intimacy
within marriage
and there can be no sexual intimacy
anywhere outside of marriage
so don't be deceived there's only this
one concept of marriage
and anything outside of this is a before
it is a fornication outside of it is
adultery
period and jezebel comes in to seduce
god's servants
to commit these things he says this is a
great mystery
it's not a small mystery it's a great
mystery
but i'm speaking concerning christ in
the church so everything that he's been
telling us
about christ in the church and how we
ought to behave it all is distilled and
focused and represented in the christian
marriage
nevertheless although this is a big big
concept it's a great mystery it's not
something we're all going to get right
away
however let every one of you do not
deviate from this
let every one of you in particular so

love his wife even as himself
and the wife see that she reverence her
husband
that she knows the the godly place for a
woman in the marriage
and the man understands the godly place
for the man in the marriage
and we don't want to see upside down
marriages
in our congregations because those are
portals
for the principalities and powers to
come into the church
so this is it's very very deep it's very
very profound
it's a lifetime of study excuse me
it's a lifetime before we come into the
full understanding but practice it
do these things and the blessings the
understanding
will come well this is wonderful
brethren
that's ephesians 5. god willing we have
one more chapter
and we'll we'll cover that uh tomorrow
um tonight here
in collingwood i'm going to give a study
on the whole book of ephesians kind of a
summary and pull out the key themes
so that if you're able to join us
tonight as well that will be wonderful
i will be pulling forward some of the
concepts we've already covered
and then some of what i'll cover
tomorrow these studies are line by line
in detail
tonight's study we'll be more looking at
some passages
to tie the whole thing together jesus
christ is lord here we are on the
seventh day
don't miss the opportunity to rejoice
before the lord for all of these
wonderful blessings

that he has blessed us with god bless
you brother
you