

63-2John-Transcript

0:58Well, greetings brethren and welcome to another Wednesday night Bible study.

1:02We're together, we study the Scriptures line upon line.

1:06And this evening, God willing, we will get through together and I think we'll finish the epistles.

1:13This evening, we're going to cover both 2nd and 3rd, John God willing.

1:19And next week, I'm going to be traveling, so there'll be no study next week the following week.

1:27And God willing, Pastor Murray will join me and we will look at or do a live Q and A, do a bit of a review.

1:36And so any questions you have, any thoughts, insights you have you know how to get a hold of us, just reach out to us and then we will address those comments and questions God willing in two weeks.

1:47So let's open with a word of prayer and then I'll check the chat to make sure I'm coming through clearly as I'm on the road and hopefully the internet here is working well.

1:56And then we'll get into tonight's study, Loving Father.

2:01We come before you in the middle of this work week.

2:04We just thank you so much father as we count towards this third Sabbath of the seventh Sabbath count toward Pentecost.

2:13We thank you for Pastor Murray just conscientiously keeping us in the count as we head towards the celebration of the first fruits.

2:23So we praise you father.

2:25And we ask now that you all continue to bless our studies, bless our understanding, to help us to grow in faith, to help us to grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord and our savior.

2:38We pray in his name, Lord in the, in the mighty name of Jesus Christ.

2:43Amen.

2:44All right, let me just check the chat before I go too far.

2:49And yes, Pastor Murray.

2:50Very good audio and video are good.

2:52Let me say hello to a few folks.

2:55Ian Palmatier.

2:56Nice to see you Rosebud and Siefried.

2:59Lovely to see you.

3:01Christy Romine is with us.

3:03Wonderful and Rose Petty is with us.

3:06Wonderful and Griselda 73.

3:09Nice to see you, Dave and Deb wonderful chaw jaws C G I Burlington.

3:15A number of us cover for C G I Burlington.

3:18So wonderful.

3:19Whoever that is Judy and Chuck are with us, Donna Banta, Pep Square.

3:25Rick four.

3:26Nice to see you, Rick for Bruce Ellis.

3:30And let's see, Carlotta just made it in the house.

3:36Carlotta Ellison is in the house.

3:39Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful.

3:41So thanks to those of you who sign in.

3:43I know a lot of you don't sign in, but thank you for coming.

3:46Let me go ahead and share my screen and hopefully you can see that clearly.

3:54I will just adjust the font, quick review of just a couple of the key verses.

4:01I I don't want to review the whole chapter five but just to keep us in the the flow here of what we've covered.

4:06And as we concluded first, John in verse one of chapter five, whosoever believes that Jesus is the Messiah is the anointed, one is begotten of God.

4:18So in this controversy around who Christ is, this is who we're looking for and everyone that loves him that begat loves him also, that is begotten of him.

4:32So that's gonna be a key verse for us in terms of discerning who is true, who is faithful?

4:43That the acid test is how we regard one another, how we esteem one another.

4:53And when we see brethren, who despise other brethren, what they're showing us is that they despise Christ himself and they despise the father.

5:06So they, they have no regard for this spiritual operation that's taking place.

5:12So John is really, really emphasizing this exclusivity of this walk.

5:19You know, this big push today around diversity, equity and inclusion.

5:25We we there's no inclusion here.

5:28This is, this is diversity where we were diverse.

5:31We have diverse gifts, but it's really about diversity, election and exclusion.

5:38So this is by election only by God's choice and when God chooses that's an exclusion.

5:45And God has been doing this through history.

5:49He's been electing and excluding electing and excluding electing and excluding, we gotta be careful that we're not falling into this trap where it's an inclusion and everybody's the same, everybody's not the same.

6:01And once we understand this election and this covenant, we are very careful.

6:06Yeah.

6:06Do good to all men but especially those who are of the household of faith.

6:11So when we see brethren who have no regard for other brethren in the household, we understand that they're not true brethren, they're not.

6:21So he says, everyone that loves him, that begat loves him also.

6:25That is begotten of Him by this.

6:28We know that we love the Children of God.

6:31We know this when we love God and keep His commandments, it's really simple and, and, and his commandment is that we love one another.

6:40So if we have brethren who are resisting that commandment, then they don't love God.

6:44That's obvious.

6:45This is just really John just boils it down so that it's so common sense in verse 18 of chapter five, he says, we know that whoever is begotten of God and we talked about this last week is poor translation was born.

6:59It's begotten, whoever is begotten of God does not sin.

7:04 And that is the error of the wicked.

7:08 Whoever is begotten of God does not despise God's commandments.

7:13 They do not commit anomia we know this.

7:16 So whoever is begotten of God doesn't do this.

7:19 So when we see somebody doing this despising God, then we know the Holy Spirit is not working.

7:24 We know that whoever whosoever is born of God doesn't cent but he that is begotten of God.

7:31 And it's funny how they translated it born here, but begotten here and it's the exact same word Jan, but he that is begotten of God keeps himself.

7:40 So so once we have this Holy Spirit operation taking place within us, we keep ourselves and that wicked one touches him.

7:49 Not so again, this is not saying that you, oh if you've sinned, you're not a child of God.

7:55 No, this is speaking about anemia in this time of iniquity running rampant.

8:01 We keep ourselves, we're not getting swept up in the iniquity of the world.

8:06 Why?

8:06 Because we keep His commandments and we know that we are of God.

8:12 He here's the exclusivity brethren.

8:14 This is, this is a, this is a very exclusive walk.

8:17 This is not for everybody and everybody is not included.

8:20 We know that we are of God and the whole world lies in wickedness, the whole world.

8:31 And John is just so black and white.

8:34 There's the Children of God and there's the Children of Satan and that's all there is.

8:38 There's no in between.

8:40 So the whole world lies in wickedness and as the world is just becoming more and more increasingly like the days of Noah, we are increasingly becoming like Christ.

8:53 So there's just, we're just going in two different directions.

8:55 I, I should really do it this way, going in two different directions.

8:58 One is going up towards Christ, like consciousness and the other is going down into the pit, into, into the gutter, into Satan's depth of depraved imagination.

9:11 And, and that, that's, you're either on one track or the other and we know that the Son of God has come, we know this and it has given us an understanding.

9:21 This is that we're just on a different level now that he's come into the world and he's operating, continues to operate on the earth through his body.

9:30 And he's given us this understanding and, and we gain this understanding through men.

9:34 We don't just sit quietly in our room and meditate and suddenly we understand the scriptures.

9:39 No, God raises up men to teach so that we can understand so that we then become teachers and can teach others.

9:47 And this is what's been going on for 2000 years.

9:50 I could even say longer for 6000 years.

9:52 But specifically, since Christ, that we may know Him, that is true.

9:57 So this understanding enables us to know Him.

9:59 That is the whole world lies in wickedness, meaning the whole world denies the true Christ.

10:07But we know Him and we're on this path with Him and he's given us this understanding so that we may know Him that is true and that we are in Him, that is true, even in his son, Jesus Christ, this is the true God and eternal life.

10:26So there's this very clear intersection in John's worldview and his perspective and his understanding there is this very clear intersection between the power of God operating within us to enable us to understand who we are to see each other and enabling us then to love each other because we see each other.

10:56And we understand what God is doing.

10:57And this election, this exclusive election.

11:01So there's that, but that exists within this bond of truth, that it's about the truth, this understanding, to know Him, that is true and to be in Him, that is true.

11:17And this is the true God.

11:19And so this intersection between truth and love in God, this is eternal life.

11:27This, this universe runs on truth and on love.

11:33And if we want to be in existence forever, we have to conform to the mind of Christ and the whole world lies in wickedness.

11:41So the existence of the whole world is questionable.

11:47Everybody we know that is not in Christ, their existence is questionable.

11:54It's, it's really, we don't know, will they continue to exist or not?

12:00The only way to eternal life is in Christ.

12:05And if we're in Christ, we know we're in Christ because we love the brethren and, and, and we love the brethren because of truth.

12:16So now he ends this epistle, this letter with a very stark warning and command little Children.

12:25Keep yourself, keep yourselves from idols, amen.

12:29So the whole world lies in wickedness.

12:32Everything is going to be to pull us into idolatry.

12:35Everything is going to be to pull us away from the true God.

12:39And the final warning is keep yourselves from idols.

12:42Amen.

12:42So keep yourself in the truth.

12:45Now, second John, another letter, the elder unto the elect lady.

12:54There it is, there is the recognition that this is about diversity election and exclusion.

13:03There's an exclusion here because there's an election.

13:06There's a, there's a choosing by God and that choosing means others have not been chosen.

13:12And of course, that creates envious envy and jealousy and perpetual hatred.

13:16And that's what we're dealing with when, when God chooses and blesses instead of accepting that.

13:21Oh wow, that's amazing.

13:23Now, the whole world can be blessed because God has covenanted with you.

13:28We we we we we will rejoice in the blessing of your covenant and we will come to honor your God so that the whole world can lie in the blessings of God.

13:39No, it's quite the opposite.

13:41Who are you?

13:42Are you saying you're, you're the only ones that know God is that what you're saying?

13:46And so it just creates this incredible hatred which goes all the way back to the beginning.

13:52So the elder is writing unto the elect lady and her Children.

13:57So this is clearly the church.

14:01He he is not writing to a particular woman and her Children.

14:06He's writing to the church and the church is the select lady whom I love in the truth.

14:13So here's this intersection, here's this intersection and in John's world, there is love and there's hatred, there's truth and there's error and there's no in between, but also love and truth actually intersect and come together.

14:30So the love is in the truth.

14:32We're in the true God.

14:33We, we have this understanding of who and what he is and we're in the truth and we love in the truth.

14:39So he said, I, I love in the truth and not only not I only but also all day that have known the truth.

14:47This is a real interesting discerning of spirits.

14:53Everyone who's known the truth loves the elect lady and her Children.

14:58Everybody.

14:59It's automatic.

15:00It's not possible for us to be in the truth, for us to be equipped, empowered, endowed by the Holy Spirit.

15:13And then despise someone else who is elected, who is equipped, endowed, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

15:20And we hate each other and we're gonna go into eternal life.

15:22This is just, it's not possible.

15:25So he says, not only him, everybody who's known the truth loves the elect lady and her Children in the truth.

15:34Then he says, for the truth's sake, which dwells in us and shall be with us.

15:40Forever.

15:42This is quite a dominant theme in John's perspective.

15:48The intersection between love and truth and and, and everybody has known this.

15:55Everybody who knows this loves the elect lady.

15:58So this truth and love are just intertwined for the truth's sake which dwells in us and shall be with us forever.

16:06And we, we know we have this eternal life, grace, be with you, mercy and peace.

16:13So this is the just typical greeting grace, be with you, mercy and peace from God, the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the son of the Father in truth and love.

16:26And so unfortunately, many, many Christians are just caught up with this Trinitarian formula, which is completely pagan, which is an innovation that's not in the scriptures.

16:36Nobody in the first century was had any remote concept of Trinitarian doctrine, something that was invented later and then forced upon the church.

16:47And today, if you don't believe in the Trinity, you're not a Christian.

16:49Well, that's all falsehood and, and there's no way what a slight to greet the church in truth.

16:56 And if the Holy Spirit is a person that's equal with God and Christ, what a slight to to ignore the Holy Spirit when we're just here talking about truth.

17:05 So clearly, Trinitarian nonsense is not a part of the truth.

17:13 And we can see very clearly this relationship between God, the father and his son, the son of the father in truth, the son of the father in truth.

17:23 And so this special relationship, this is an understanding that we have come to grasp and that we are brothers with Christ, brothers, with each other and Children of the father.

17:37 And we, we have an understanding of what this is happening, what what, what God is doing.

17:41 Ultimately, the the real metaphor is we are the bride of Christ and Children of the father.

17:47 He says, I rejoiced greatly.

17:53 This is like true excitement.

17:57 I rejoiced greatly that I found of your Children walking in truth.

18:06 Good, good translation.

18:08 So I'm so I'm hearing of this wholesale apostasy.

18:13 I'm hearing of this defection.

18:15 I'm hearing of this corruption and deviation.

18:19 But then I'm also hearing that the lady's Children, there's a subset of the Children that are walking in truth.

18:29 And over this, I rejoice, they're resisting the onslaught of evil and they're walking in truth, not all but some have remained faithful.

18:39 I rejoice greatly that I found of your Children walking in truth as we have received a commandment from the father.

18:46 This is our commandment to stay in the truth, to love one another, to recognize who we are to obey his commandments and not everybody's doing it, but he's rejoicing that not everybody has failed.

19:03 And now I beseech you lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto you.

19:10 So, so this is wonderful that there's faithful brethren and now he's really begging them and it's not, it's not like I'm telling you something new.

19:19 This is not something new but that which we had from the beginning.

19:24 So from the very moment Christ began giving us this understanding, along with this understanding was the commandment to love one another.

19:35 And then we showed also how it goes all the way back to Torah, this command to love your neighbor as yourself.

19:40 This is not new.

19:41 It's from the beginning that we love one another.

19:44 This is it, this is, this is the commandment.

19:47 We love one another and this is love.

19:50 So let's, let's be clear.

19:52 It's, it's a love.

19:53 It's not a syrupy feel good, kind of vulnerable love that when the good feeling isn't there, then we're not loving anymore.

20:04 You know, this is covenant love, this is love in truth that this is a spiritual operation.

20:11 He says this is love that we walk after his commandments.

20:15 This, this, this, this is why those who are begotten of God cannot sin again.

20:21 It's not sin in the general sense of falling short.

20:25 It's the sense of habitually despising the commandments.

20:29 And so again, when we see people who will not love the brethren, who, who are being told, hey, what are you doing?

20:36 You're causing damage.

20:37 Why are you doing this?

20:39 And they're just, they're not, you can't move them, they, you can't entreat them while the Holy Spirit is not at work.

20:47 There's another spirit there says he defines now what is love basically that we follow His commandments.

20:58 So, so brethren who truly love God when you simply show them.

21:03 Well, you know, in this situation, this is what God says you should do.

21:06 Oh, you know what I'm on it.

21:07 I, I was, I was deviating, I'm on it.

21:09 That's what we're looking for.

21:11 A humble spirit, not somebody you show them.

21:14 You know, brother, sister, this is, this is, this is what God's word says.

21:17 Yeah.

21:18 Well, you know, I, I I don't quite, you might see it that way, but I, I see it a different way.

21:23 And in my view, I think that this is how I should handle this.

21:27 Really?

21:29 You're gonna put your view above God.

21:32 OK?

21:33 Now we know who you are, you, you, you're going to facilitate conflict in the body that's unhealthy and dysfunctional.

21:43 OK?

21:44 Because love is walking after his commandments.

21:48 This is the commandment that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.

21:55 So, so what is it that they heard in John 14?

21:58 Christ says to them, if you love me, keep my commandments there it is from the very beginning of this, let's call it this movement.

22:07 The instruction was right there.

22:09 If you love me, keep my commandments, he that has my commandments and keeps them.

22:16 He it is that loves me.

22:17 All right.

22:19 Nothing new.

22:19 This is right from the beginning.

22:21 How do we know who loves God?

22:23 Well, it's the one who has his commandments and keeps them.

22:26 It's the one that can be easily entreated.

22:29 It's the one that can be rebuked and then repents.

22:32 That's the one that loves God.

22:34The one that is stubborn.

22:37The one that's indifferent.

22:39The one that's unreachable and can't be entreated.

22:41They don't love God even if they're showing up every week, even if they say the right things, even if they're preaching and teaching, if they don't have his commandments and keep them, they don't love God.

22:58And John is making it very clear that the covenant community has been corrupted.

23:04The covenant community is no longer pure.

23:07And he's saying to the brethren, you must have discernment, you must understand who's in and who's out.

23:16He that loves me and he that loves me shall be loved of my father.

23:21So Christ, it's all about Christ.

23:24And if we truly love Christ, the father will love us and I will love him and will manifest myself to him.

23:30And so John says, we have an understanding because he manifests ourselves to him when we obey him back to his epistle.

23:39Second, John, he says for many deceivers.

23:47So so Satan is out to take us out.

23:50And John is saying many deceivers, not a few are entered into the world who confess not that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh.

24:00So this is the issue in this final chapter.

24:02Remember John heard of all this apostasy.

24:05He understood the prophecies, he was certain, this is the final chapter.

24:09So this apostasy is part and parcel of the chapter right before Christ returns.

24:18And to enable that many deceivers have entered into the world.

24:24And their contention is the incarnation of Christ.

24:29Their contention is the the death burial and the resurrection of Christ in some way, shape or form the evil one is going to deny that because there is no salvation without the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.

24:46And so there is this push to move people away from this understanding and, and you know, this push really, I don't know what is going on in our universities.

24:57Well, I guess I do, but in these universities, they are set on these young malleable minds.

25:05These professors are set on getting them to despise Christianity and to totally fall in love with Islam.

25:15I was listening to a lecture, a couple of lectures actually from one professor.

25:19And it's just like, what are you on?

25:23It's just, it's just romanticizing the Islamic history while simultaneously despising the West.

25:32And these are young impressionable minds.

25:35But yeah, there are many deceivers that have entered into the world who are trying to destroy this knowledge that we have, that God has come into the flesh.

25:48Anyone who does this is a deceiver and an anti-christ.

25:54And so this is, this is the world that we live in.

25:56The whole world lies in wickedness and that population is increasing and the the population of the truth is actually shrinking and this is by design, eventually there will be a wholesale repentance of of many.

26:15But that's gonna be like touch and go here.

26:20Peter is saying the same thing about this time of deception that they learned from Christ directly.

26:28Christ told them the the the this will be the sign to look for of the end of the age.

26:34Many deceivers, Peter says, you know what?

26:38There were false prophets also among the people.

26:42If you look back anciently, look at our history, there were false prophets among the people.

26:46Even in the very same way, there shall be false teachers among you heads up, heads up, there shall be false teachers among you.

26:57It's your job to discern.

27:00It's not your job to just passively receive and people are on the internet searching everybody.

27:05And oh, this is an interesting idea and that's an interesting idea.

27:08You know, we're not opposed to people sifting.

27:14This isn't a cult where you know, only listen to, only listen to us.

27:19No, you're, you're a free agent.

27:23You, you should have that ability to discern and to compare what you're hearing to the truth and it either conforms or it doesn't.

27:34But Christ says you got to know these teachers by their fruit because in another place, he says it's impossible to bear fruit unless you abide in me.

27:43That's why you have to discern by fruit.

27:45This is a spiritual operation.

27:47They have to be connected to Christ so they can say all the right words, they're not gonna have any fruit.

27:54So John is warning that many deceivers, Peter same thing just as there were false prophets anciently that took the people astray in the very same way, there shall be false teachers among you in your community who privately shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them.

28:20This is, this is the the lightning rod.

28:22This is, this is what it's all about the role of Christ.

28:28Who was he?

28:30Who is he?

28:31Who will he be?

28:33What, what is this story of Christ from the beginning?

28:38And what was the purpose of him coming to earth?

28:44What was his mission?

28:46And what is he doing now?

28:49And, and what will he do when he returns?

28:52 There's one, there's one story line from the beginning, but these teachers, servants of the devil ultimately have one purpose to deny the Lord, to deny the Lord and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

29:12 It's not gonna feel like swift destruction to them initially because hey, they're getting approval, they're getting likes, they're, they're growing in their influence.

29:22 So they actually feel like they're being successful and then suddenly swift destruction.

29:28 So again, we, we have this eternal perspective.

29:32 We don't view things simply here and now we have, we, we view things through the lens of eternity and many, what does, what does Peter warn us how he was taught from Christ.

29:44 What does he warn us?

29:45 And John rejoices that there are some, there are some that are still walking in truth.

29:51 So he rejoiced greatly when he heard there are some of the elect ladies Children that are walking in truth.

29:59 Here.

29:59 Peter says many of the Children shall follow the false teachers.

30:05 This is such a burden, this is such a burden on the students.

30:09 What a burden we carry that many students.

30:13 Many disciples will follow the false teachers.

30:18 And God is looking for those who love the truth.

30:22 Many shall follow their pernicious ways by reason of whom the way of truth.

30:29 This is about truth.

30:30 That's what John is trying to make clear to us.

30:32 This is about truth by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil, spoken of that.

30:41 This is the way of truth and and it's being denigrated as the way of error.

30:49 It's it's being just completely vilified and it's the way of truth.

30:55 But they have the upper hand.

30:58 John warns look to yourselves.

31:02 There is absolutely no.

31:04 Once saved, always saved here do not fall for that.

31:09 They they would love for you to fall for that the demons.

31:11 So you become complacent, Christ and the apostles, the prophets warn be be vigilant.

31:19 Look to yourselves, assess yourself that we lose, not those things which we have wrought.

31:26 So we have been working hard for this and now all of this hard work can go sideways, it can slip out of our hands because of these false teachers.

31:39 So we have to look to ourselves and be vigilant.

31:42 So we don't lose everything we've worked for.

31:45 But instead we receive a full reward.

31:49 That's what we're after back to Peter.

31:53 And we recently studied this verse in particular, a recent sermon called The Heir of the Wicked.

32:02 After Peter says, all of this eternal view, this through the lens of eternity.

32:07 What's gonna happen into eternity between now and then after sharing with us how to see what's coming in the future and knowing that we understand what's coming in the future.

32:17 You therefore beloved, you in the inclusion in the covenant community, beloved, seeing that you know these things ahead of time, beware, you know, these things ahead of time, beware lest you also being led away with the error of the wicked fall from your own steadfastness.

32:40 It can happen to you let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

32:46 So he says very, very clearly the same thing John is saying, look to yourselves so we don't lose the things we've worked so hard for.

32:54 He says, you brethren seeing, you know what's coming be, take heed, beware, be careful lest you also fall into the trap of the e of the wicked and you fall from your own steadfastness.

33:09 John says, verse nine, whosoever transgresses and a bind, not in the teachings of Christ in the doctrine of Christ doesn't have God.

33:21 And this is, this is transgress, this is that, that anomia, that iniquity, that, that, that despising of the, the, the, the law of God, the commandments of God, whoever does that and abides not in the doctrine of Christ doesn't have God rhetoric, notwithstanding nice appearances and talk and, and, and shows of affection, notwithstanding.

33:48 He that abides in the doctrine of Christ.

33:52 He has both the father and the son.

33:55 What did Peter say here that these false teachers when they come in and bring in their heresies?

34:03 He says, because of this, the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

34:11 So there's this growing community or subculture within the covenant community that are causing the way of truth to be evil spoken of.

34:24 And now John is saying, those who abide in the teachings of Christ have both the father and the son.

34:34 And, and between the lines, what this is saying is this is gonna be a struggle.

34:40 You better have backbone, you better be prepared.

34:44 It's like make the big decisions early.

34:47 We are in Christ period.

34:50 We're we're never deviating from Christ.

34:53 So there's no decision for us to make if we're always gonna abide in the teachings of Christ.

35:00 And even though there's all this turmoil or there's going to be turmoil in the covenant community because of fear, because of fear, many will defect and collaborate with globalists because of fear and we're, we, we have to have this understanding that Christ has given us to say, we have to fear God rather than man that the worst they can do to us is kill us.

35:29 And after that, there's nothing else they can do.

35:32 This is what it means to abide in the doctrine of Christ.

35:35 And to, to understand that there's a full reward, there's a whole life of eternity that lies ahead of us, that we will be with the father, we will be with the son.

35:46 We will be with each other forever and ever and ever and ever.

35:49 And it just doesn't stop that, that the, the life is an eternal life.

35:55 And so if there's a bit of inconvenience, let me say suffering now in the here and now that's OK because we know that we're abiding in the doctrine of Christ.

36:10 And so therefore, we have the father and the son, this, this abiding.

36:14And I just recently gave a sermon on abiding in Christ, abide in me where I really unpacked this.

36:24But let's just remind ourselves abiding in Christ is, is what it's all about and following teachers and listening to teachers who are abiding in Christ so that we can be well fed and nourished.

36:38This is what we're looking for.

36:40The, the, the trick of the devil is to remove the nourishment.

36:46You see this in, in media, see a lot of this in the media where there's some big news story, let's say, for example, the, the, the fires in Hawaii, this was bizarre.

37:04This was strange.

37:05It all, it, it begs all kinds of questions.

37:08And so to this day, the media could, if they wanted to keep that top of mind for us, where, where are the answers, what's going on?

37:18What, what is this dispute over the land?

37:20But instead it's in the media, it's in the news cycle for a few days, a few weeks and then they slowly just take it out of the news cycle and then ask yourself when, when was the last time?

37:31We, we thought about the fires in Hawaii and, and, and what happened to the people there?

37:36And, and what is, what, what, what is the state of affairs over there?

37:39Now?

37:39They just take it out of the news cycle.

37:42Take it out of the new cycle sometimes when I'm reviewing our Keeping Watch podcast, I'm like, oh yeah, I forgot about that, that particular story because they just take it out of the news cycle.

37:52Well, that's exactly what Satan does that, you know, all of a sudden you find ministers are not preaching on sin, they're not preaching on repentance.

38:02We just take that out of the cycle and we just talk about, isn't it nice to know the Lord?

38:08And, and people are committing all kinds of horrible sins in the very body of Christ and coming to services on the Sabbath and singing and worshiping and they're committing all kinds of horrible sins and they don't feel in any way awkward because it's not being preached.

38:24So this is, this is what Satan does is he just, he removes teachings and then we begin to forget.

38:33And a kind of an antidote for us is the holy day cycle that we were sort of forced to have this repetition of the, the, the plot line and the meaning of, of these days and, and how it all works together.

38:48So there's that sort of baked in protection but things happen in the world and, and brethren need to know this is one of the reasons that motivated us to start keeping watch.

39:02It's like things happen in the world and because nothing is being said in services and brethren are just searching the internet and getting in, getting informed by socialists and communists and globalists and they're beginning to drink the kool aid of poison, then they're bringing that into the church and the e the way of truth is being evil spoken of.

39:24So we're like, you know what, when, when things happen, we need to bring a biblical perspective as quickly as possible.

39:30 So the brethren could say, ok, yeah, that makes sense.

39:33 I didn't think of that scripture, but that's how I should process this.

39:36 So we have to make sure that the way of truth is, is, is dealt with truthfully.

39:42 So, and let me just confirm, am I coming through clearly?

39:50 I'll just check the chat maybe.

39:52, I know there's a bit of a delay but if you could just type into the chat,, that I am still coming through clearly, that will be great.

40:03 I'll just continue and then I'll check the chat.

40:05 Hopefully there's no issue.

40:06, yes.

40:08 So we were saying that abiding in Christ and for us to abide in Christ, we need teachers who are abiding in Christ.

40:19 And so this doctrine, this teaching of Christ abiding in that the power of the word crisis here in John 15 3.

40:30 Now you all of you are clean through the word, which I've spoken unto you through the teachings through the doctrine through the w this is the power of the word.

40:42 And I was explaining this on Sabbath.

40:44 The Bible is a book of words, which is like a database.

40:49 And so there's a level of reading the Bible, which is very natural.

40:53 It's like you can pick up a book and read it.

40:55 Oh, great, thanks.

40:56 Pastor Murray.

40:57 you can pick up a book and, and read it, read the Bible, like you read any book because it's words on the page and it's data, but it's actually a living word.

41:09 It's, it's a, it's a spiritual mechanism that works through the words on the page.

41:16 We, we need the words on the page to activate the spiritual life of the word.

41:22 And so we need teachers who are abiding in the word.

41:27 You know, again, this, this devotion that we see with pastor Murray through the count every single day.

41:35 Let's just, you know, every year, it's a different theme.

41:37 But this year it's like Christ in the he can we preach Christ from the Hebrew Bible.

41:42 And to take that time every day to say, here's another reflection and to stimulate discussion among the saints, this is abiding in the word.

41:52 This cannot be done unless one is abiding in the word.

41:56 And we need teachers who are abiding in the word so that we can be fed and come into an understanding so that we then can be abiding in the teachings of Christ.

42:07 So you're clean through the word.

42:10 Yes, it's words on a page.

42:11 It's words that are spoken, but there's a life in these words, your claims through the word which I've spoken unto you.

42:18 And then he says, abide in me and let me abide in you.

42:23 Why?

42:24 Because the branch cannot bear fruit by itself.

42:28That's why he says you shall know them by their fruit because the branch can't bear fruit by itself, you can go through all the motions and it's just, it's just not possible.

42:39So look for the fruit and then to the teachers, Christ says, you, you can't bear fruit by yourself except the branches in the vine.

42:50So to look at the natural world, look at the grapevine and notice that it can't bear fruit.

42:56The branch cannot, it's useless unless it's attached to the vine no more.

43:00Can you except you abide in me.

43:04This is what we're looking for.

43:06There's gonna be many false teachers just as there were false prophets anciently and many are gonna follow them because they're not discerning.

43:15They're not looking for the fruit back to John second John 10.

43:21If there come any unto you any and bring not this doctrine, this doctrine of Christ, the the teaching that Christ brought the the words that have spiritual life.

43:32If they're bringing something else is this, this is John, this is John, this is John the elder after a very long life and, and lots of understanding, warning the brethren beware, take heed, look to yourselves now in looking to yourselves.

43:54If there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine, this teaching, receive him, not into your house, neither bid him godspeed.

44:05Have nothing to.

44:06This is serious.

44:07This is deadly.

44:10This is wiping people out spiritually.

44:12It's taking them out of eternal life.

44:14So when you see people deviating and maybe starting to preach that, you know, Christ didn't exist in eternity past that, that Christ was actually created and that he's not really God and he's not, he, he didn't really come in the flesh and he didn't really die.

44:33Have nothing to do with this.

44:37If I don't bring this teaching, don't receive him into your house.

44:41Don't even bid him godspeed for he that bids him godspeed is partaker of his evil deeds.

44:51So this is really interesting within the body.

44:58If somebody is causing satanic destruction in the body and we support that in some way, we have them over, we support them, we wish them godspeed, we wish them.

45:12Well, John is saying you're included in the satanic destruction.

45:17You are part of the guilt is on you.

45:22So we have to be very careful about what we support.

45:26And again, through fear, we can find ourselves supporting Satan himself, supporting his puppets, supporting globalism and bringing that agenda into the body.

45:37And if we do that, according to the scriptural understanding that John has, we're partakers of the evil deeds.

45:46So we can't allow fear to rule us.

45:48And it's, it's human.

45:50Abraham was fearful.

45:52His son Isaac was fearful throughout the, the history of God's people.

45:58There's been fear but Christ came and said fear, not, don't fear them.

46:03 So we really have to feed on the word of God to develop this spiritual muscle and spiritual backbone that we are certain.

46:12 We have, we've come into an understanding and we're not backing down.

46:17 We're, we're, we're teaching this gospel.

46:20 And now if this is exclusion, when somebody comes not teaching this doctrine, then we exclude them.

46:31 John sorry, Jeremiah, this is ancient, same thing Jeremiah says in 23:14, I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem.

46:40 A horrible thing in the very prophets of Jerusalem.

46:44 Jeremiah is saying, I've seen something terrible, they commit adultery and this is often, you know, sometimes you don't, ministers will not preach on the the evil of adultery because they themselves are committing it.

47:00 And so they don't want to talk about this.

47:02 So these prophets are committing adultery and walking in lies, they strengthen also the hands of evildoers many times through fear.

47:16 We can't do this.

47:18 Evil is evil.

47:20 We're not, we're not gonna support evil.

47:22 And then you see brethren getting swept up and supporting social justice and these causes and bringing this into the body and causing division and and doing the bidding of the devil.

47:32 That's what the devil wants to create confusion in the body, to divide the body, to turn us against each other.

47:38 And so we have brethren fighting brethren over social issues and strengthen the hands of evildoers that none does return from his wickedness instead of rebuking these evil doers and making it clear to them the way John is so black and white, they begin to mollycoddle evil and to make excuses and evil is happening right under their noses and and we're not addressing it and we're strengthening the hand of evil doers so that nobody repents.

48:08 They are all of them unto me as sodom.

48:12 They are so distasteful, the whole pack of them are unto me as sodom and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.

48:20 And so Jeremiah had nothing to do with them.

48:24 And John says, to us, have nothing to do with them.

48:27 In, in Romans, Paul says, chapter 16 and verse 15, I'm begging you brethren mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which you have learned, mark them.

48:46 And again, I said many times, this is not for the ministers to announce from the podium.

48:52 And when I was a younger follower of Christ, I would hear these announcements from the podium that we, we have dis fellowship and marked.

48:59 So and so and so you should have nothing to do with them.

49:02 They're marked and they're just fellowshipped.

49:05 What, what Paul is actually saying is you, the brethren need to discern and you, the brethren need to see like this person is causing division.

49:17 This person is not embracing a fellow child of God.

49:26 They're, they're, they're not loving the one who is begotten of God.

49:31 So therefore, it's impossible for them to love God and they're causing all these offenses and they're not abiding in the doctrine of Christ.

49:41 In fact, this is contrary to the doctrine of Christ.

49:44 Paul says to the brethren, you mark them, you put a scope on them and avoid them.

49:53 You, you do this, you're empowered to do this for they that are such serve, not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly.

50:04 Well, I know God's word says that, but let me tell you the way I see it.

50:09 They have an agenda.

50:11 There's something that's, they have an agenda that's important to them.

50:14 They do not want to conform to the word of God.

50:18 They are such that serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, their own interests and by good words and fair speeches, they deceive the hearts of those who are not abiding in the doctrine of Christ.

50:32 Part of which is you shall know them by their fruits by good words, rhetoric and fair speeches.

50:39 That sounds good.

50:41 Even though the way of of truth is being evil, spoken of, it's being evil, spoken of so eloquently.

50:47 It sounds so nice.

50:49 It, it just fits it with what I want to believe anyway, by good words and fair speeches, they deceive the hearts of the simple Titus are two.

50:58 Titus.

50:59 Paul says a man that's a heretic after the 1st and 2nd.

51:04 Admonition reject.

51:07 So now this is serious.

51:09 This is not.

51:10 Oh yeah, everybody's included.

51:12 It's all about unity no matter what we just have to, you know, Paul John says it's about truth.

51:17 We love in the truth.

51:20 So we have somebody who's a heretic and rejecting truth, warn them.

51:24 That means ministries.

51:25 We gotta have a bit of backbone here.

51:27 A bit of muscle, bit of commitment, bit of hardness can't all be just soft everywhere.

51:39 What I love about this ministry is soft everywhere.

51:43 That's no Minister of God.

51:46 Yeah, we're gentle.

51:48 But when it's time to be hard.

51:49 We're hard when it's time to rebuke, we rebuke and when it's time to reject, we reject second John just finishing this chapter.

52:00 He says, having many things to write unto you.

52:02 There, there's a lot I have to say I would not write with paper and ink, but I trust to come on to you.

52:09It's just, it's just so much better for me to come in person and share what I have to say and speak face to face that our joy may be full.

52:19So face to face is always best.

52:23But sometimes it's not possible and therefore we don't forego communication.

52:29We then and we saw this with Paul with the Corinthians.

52:32He said to them first Corinthians 11.

52:35This is a lot more that I need to sort out but get the or sorry that you need to sort out.

52:40But prioritize this, I'm going to write to you about this, fix this.

52:44The rest I'll, I'll address I'll, I'll sort out when I'm when I come.

52:49So the the rest will put in order later.

52:51But you prioritize this.

52:52I'm I'm writing on this same thing here, John, he's writing to say you've got to address this.

52:57There's a lot more, I have to say I'll do that when we're in person, but we're not in person now.

53:00I got to write to you.

53:02So we cannot say that only face to face communication is, is the way to go.

53:07No sometimes things have to be written and sometimes they have to be written out clearly without any interruption so that the train of thought can be fully appreciated and then we can talk later.

53:21So we have two modes of communication here.

53:23But things in this case, John is saying, this is what I have to write into a very short letter.

53:28There's a lot more I have to say, digest this and act on this