

46-1Corinthians03

1:04 Well, greetings brethren, and welcome to another Wednesday night Bible study, where together we studied the scriptures line upon line this evening, God willing, we will cover chapter 3 in 1 Corinthians in the epistle to the Corinthians, the first letter that we have here, 1 Corinthians Chapter 3.

1:26 I hope I'm coming through loudly and clearly after a couple of minutes late, just some technical issues, but I hope I'm coming through.

1:34 Loudly and clearly.

1:34 Let's open with a word of prayer.

1:36 Then I'll check the chat to ensure that you can hear me.

1:41 And if not, well, we have the recording in the archive.

1:44 Our loving heavenly Father, we pause, as is our custom, we want to acknowledge just the miraculous nature of the human mind comprehending divine scripture.

1:58 We thank you Father, for the prophets.

2:02 We thank you God for the apostles.

2:04 We thank you for all of your servants through time, who have enabled this moment in time for us to be a part of this covenant community.

2:13 Most of all, Father, we thank you for Jesus Christ, Yeshua.

2:18 We thank you God for His sacrifice, for his faithfulness.

2:21 And we just thank you God for the deep covenant love that both you and Christ have for Israel.

2:28 We praise you, Lord, we thank you.

2:30 We pray in the mighty name of Jesus Christ that you'll bless our study.

2:34 Amen.

2:35 Very, very good.

2:36 Let me just check the Chat here, you'll see me moving my arm over here because my mouse or my mice, I have two mice, neither of them is working.

2:49 I don't know what that's about, but let me just see here.

2:51 Audio and video are good.

2:52 Thank you, Pastor Murray.

2:53 Very, very good, greeting Sister Rosebud, Sidfried, Brother Jeff, Chaw Jaws, Bruce.

3:02 Judy and Chuck, JD.

3:05 Rick for Carlotta.

3:09 Pip square Ian Palmettier and Pastor Murray greetings for those of you who check in, and greetings to the rest of you who are joining us.

3:20 We're grateful to have you.

3:21 As I mentioned, we want to cover 1 Corinthians chapter 3.

3:25 Let me go ahead and share my screen.

3:29 And make sure that you can see the scriptures.

3:33 With me?

3:35 As we go through Chapter 3.

3:40 And let me just see if I can do this.

3:43 There we go.

3:45OK, Chapter 3.

3:46Now, Sister Danuta in our local Burlington congregation, she raised the question, on Sabbath to ask me to explain two verses in particular in chapter 3, and I'm, I'm grateful for the question, Sister Danuta.

4:04the answer to your question or or the understanding of verses 15 and 21.

4:12Really govern our understanding of the entire chapter.

4:17So, let me just read these two verses or 3 verses, 21 and 22 and also verse 15.

4:24And, and just think about what do these verses actually mean?

4:28Because as I say, our, our interpretation of these two verses actually unlocks the understanding of the whole chapter.

4:35So, verse 15.

4:37If any, if any man's work be burned, sorry, let me just switch the view here.

4:44That's better.

4:45If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss, but he himself shall be saved, yet so as by fire.

4:54What does that mean?

4:55If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss.

4:59But he himself shall be saved, yet so as by fire.

5:04Almost sounds like once saved, always saved.

5:07So is that is that what Paul is saying?

5:09And then in verse 21, He says, therefore, let no man glory in men, for all things are yours, whether Paul or Apoulus or Cephas or the world or life or death or things present or things to come, all are yours.

5:30What does it mean?

5:32Because the right interpretation of these three verses will govern our understanding of the whole scripture.

5:40So I'm grateful for the question.

5:42Now, in order to answer the question, I need to go back to chapter one.

5:47And chapter 2, where we were the last couple of weeks, I could pull a lot of scriptures from chapter 1 and 2.

5:53Paul has a lot to say about speech, and about preaching, and about the reception of his speech and his preaching in Corinth, this horrible, horrible, sinful, sin sick city.

6:09, his, his preaching was accepted, and he has a lot to say about that.

6:14But I don't want to belabor the point, but let me at least make the point.

6:18By going to verse 5 and 1 Corinthians chapter 1, where he praises God that in everything.

6:28The Corinthian brethren are enriched by God in all utterance and in all knowledge.

6:35So miraculously, in the middle of this sin sick city, There are a people that have been enriched by God.

6:45They have received knowledge, and they've received gifting to speak in an inspired way with this knowledge.

6:54So he's thanking God for that, and he says that they came behind in no gift.

7:00So he's a man that traveled around different congregations, different cities, and saw the miraculous working of the Holy Spirit, and he declares that in Corinth, They, they have come behind in no gift, that all the gifts are there.

7:15 And we actually see that in chapter 12, when we get there in 1 Corinthians, but it's a chapter we're all familiar with.

7:23 Then he says, so, so while you have this miraculous working of the Holy Spirit, waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7:31 So that's gonna carry you right through to the appearing of the Lord.

7:36 In verse 17, he says, for Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel.

7:42 That that that was my mission or my commission.

7:45 It is and not not to baptize, just to go in and and preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words.

7:52 Lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

7:58 And there's so much more that he has to say.

7:59 I think I would recommend reading the first two chapters fully.

8:03 And then reading chapter 3 fully, but let me just pull pull from here to say when he preached, he was very deliberate not to use rhetoric, although he was capable of speaking with with speechcraft.

8:18 He didn't use speechcraft, because if he did use speechcraft, the conversion or the convincing of the Corinthian people would have been down to his talent.

8:29 So he wanted to subtract his talent from the equation, and make sure that if there was any conversion taking place, it truly was the work of the Holy Spirit, because of the way, the simplicity.

8:41 With which he preached.

8:44 He says, for the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness.

8:51 But unto us, which are saved, it's the power of God.

8:55 So he, he, he creates this separation.

8:58 By by in terms of how people respond to his preaching, that there's a separation.

9:04 There are people who are going to perish, and there are people who are going to inherit eternal life.

9:10 And how you know the difference is how they respond to the gospel.

9:15 So this way that he's preaching the gospel to those that are perishing, it's ridiculous.

9:21 But through the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit and the mercy of God, those who actually respond.

9:27 To the preaching of the gospel.

9:30 The only way that they can do that is by the power of God.

9:34 It's not because of his rhetoric, it's not because of his talent, his speech craft.

9:38 He just speaks plainly, and and those that God is drawing to Christ, they will respond.

9:46 Then in chapter 2, again, he says, my speech and my preaching were not with enticing words of man's wisdom.

9:54 But in demonstration of the spirit and of power.

9:56 I, I, I just spoke very, very plainly, and the truth of what I was saying, convicted you, and God has now endowed you with miraculous powers of the Holy Spirit.

10:10 So we know you're part of this covenant community that God has, has faithfully covenanted to, to bring to salvation.

10:17 You're in.

10:19 And we know you're in, because you've received the gifts of the spirit.

10:24And, and, and this faith that you now have in responding to the gospel, this faith doesn't stand in the wisdom of men.

10:32The only reason you believe.

10:35It is because of the power of God.

10:36I was sent to preach the gospel, not to baptize.

10:39So, I just came and I just preached the gospel.

10:41I preached a very basic, very simple, no flourish, no rhetoric, no, no special craft.

10:48I just spoke plainly, you responded.

10:52And now with your response and your faith and your baptism, and your receipt of the Holy Spirit, you've received gifts, and this is miraculous.

11:00In fact, I, I'll tell you, based on everything I've seen, you have fallen behind in no gift.

11:07Then he says, how be it we speak wisdom.

11:11Among them that are perfect or mature, yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world that comes to nothing.

11:21Then in verse 12, now we have received this this community that has responded to the gospel.

11:29We have received not the spirit of the world.

11:32But the spirit which is of God.

11:34This, this is what we have this, this is miraculous.

11:37Yes, we're human beings, yes, we're sinful creatures.

11:41Yes, we have whatever our past is, and, and hang ups and problems.

11:47But you know what?

11:49Despite all of the faithlessness of Israel, God reserves for himself a remnant.

11:57And that remnant God says, my sheep know my voice.

12:03And they respond And so we have received this another spirit of the world, and you see very capable people in the world.

12:11We don't have that.

12:12We have the spirit which comes from God.

12:15Why?

12:15So, so, and in receiving the spirit, so he's preaching.

12:20We've received the faith and the spirit and respond and we gift of repentance.

12:26And we have the spirit of God now.

12:28Why do we have the Spirit of God?

12:29What's the purpose of receiving the spirit of God?

12:32He tells us that we might know the things that are freely given to us by God.

12:39This, this, we understand, we, we know.

12:42The whole world is perishing, and they have no clue, they have no idea.

12:48But through this miraculous power of God and His Holy Spirit, and the sort of reconfiguring of our mind and conforming to the mind of Christ, we actually understand things.

12:58And we understand the will of God and and and what he's going to provide for us.

13:04And this is only possible.

13:07By receiving the Holy Spirit.

13:09 So these Corinthian brethren, you're in, you're in, like you, you have received the Spirit, you have understood the preaching of the gospel, you yourself are now preaching the gospel, you've fallen behind in no gift.

13:24 And then in verse 13, he says.

13:27 Which things these things that this miraculous mystery, which things also we speak, but there's a way that we speak it.

13:36 Not in the words which man's wisdom teaches.

13:40 But which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

13:45 So we speak in a certain way.

13:48 The world thinks what we're saying is foolishness.

13:50 They're not able to receive it.

13:53 You've been able to receive it, even though what we're we're being ridiculed, we're being laughed at, we're we're being dismissed.

14:02 Because we don't speak with any sort of speech craft, we just speak plainly.

14:07 And so we're rejected.

14:10 But miraculously, you did not reject us.

14:14 Miraculously, you responded.

14:17 You, you, you saw the wisdom of what we are saying.

14:20 And because you did, you've received the Holy Spirit, and because you've received the Holy Spirit, you now understand the plan of God.

14:29 He says, conversely, the people who are perishing, he says the natural man doesn't receive.

14:37 The things of the spirit of God.

14:39 So, so it's impossible.

14:41 For the natural man, the natural person, to understand what God is doing, to understand what the future.

14:49 Looks like It's impossible, but you understand.

14:53 But to them it's impossible.

14:55 Why?

14:56 Because these things are foolishness to them.

14:58 They they they just, they're nonsensical.

14:59 They, they dismiss it out of hand.

15:02 Neither can he know them.

15:05 Because they're spiritually discerned.

15:08 You, you've come behind and no gift.

15:11 You've received all knowledge, and you're able to speak this knowledge.

15:15 This is a miracle.

15:16 And and it's because you accepted the simplicity of my preaching.

15:21 They, no matter how wise they are, they cannot receive this knowledge.

15:28 Why?

15:28 Because it can only be received if you have a spiritual battery working in your brain.

15:35 It can only be received if you have a spiritual filter.

15:39 Otherwise, it's ridiculous.

15:41 So this is the backdrop, the context of chapter 3.

15:46 Now All of this backdrop and context is part of an argument that Paul is making, and it takes him 4 chapters to make this argument.

15:58 When we get to chapter 5, We already know it's coming in chapter 5, but when we get to chapter 5, we are going to be confronted.

16:06 With a level of sinfulness.

16:09 That is so egregious.

16:11 It's not even something that's seen among the Gentiles.

16:15 It's, it's like a depth of depravity.

16:18 That Paul is saying this is beyond the pale.

16:22 So this is the 11.

16:25 With which we need to make sure we're removing from our congregations, and it's a congregational responsibility and obligation.

16:32 So we're gonna come to some heavy, heavy sin.

16:35 Heavy deep leaven to remove when we get to chapter 5, but it is secondary.

16:41 To the Len that Paul addresses immediately and addresses for 4 chapters.

16:47 This is the biggest Len, and if we don't deal with this Len, then we can't deal with chapter 5 and all the other Len that comes afterward.

16:57 This is the big one.

16:58 So this is this this is upfront.

17:01 And he begins it after thanking God and praising them for, for the miracles that are working in in them.

17:07 But this is the big 11.

17:09 And he's begging them right up.

17:11 This is priority number one.

17:13 I'm begging you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

17:18 That you all speak the same thing.

17:20 You've come behind in no gift, you're you're you're you're spiritually empowered.

17:25 And endowed, but Speak the same thing.

17:30 That that there being no divisions among you.

17:33 This, this is the big 11, and he takes 4 chapters dealing with this, and everything that we just heard, and I, I had to abbreviate it, but everything we, we, he's speaking about in chapters 1 and 2, about this ability for them to comprehend and digest and understand and speak in a gifted way.

17:55 All of that is part of this argument that he's making, that they've got to stop being divided.

18:00 That instead they should be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

18:07 We can't get to chapter 5.

18:10 And removing this horrific Len from the congregation, if we are divided in judgment.

18:17 If we're not joined together with the mind of Christ, if we don't deeply understand.

18:23 The word of God.

18:24 This is the big one.

18:26 Let let's let's deal with this, so that when we deal with this, we then have the strength and the shared judgment to deal with everything else.

18:36 This is the big one.

18:40He says, is Christ divided?

18:43Like, and, and he asked the question in such a way, you know, you say Christ divided, we could say, have you lost your mind?

18:52Are you, have you gone insane?

18:54That that's the, the implication of this question.

18:57It's, it's like it's so obvious.

19:00How on earth did you guys come to the conclusions and the positions that you're taking?

19:06When you don't understand something as basic as this, Christ is not divided.

19:12Was was Paul crucified for you?

19:15Or or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

19:19So, so does your salvation belong because of me, because of the, the, the sacrifice that I made?

19:27Or, or when you were baptized, did the person who was baptizing you, did he baptize you in the name of Paul?

19:33Why are you exalting me and, and creating factions within the congregation by exalting me.

19:42So, with that then, as context, let's begin chapter 3.

19:49With an intention to understand what what does verse 15 mean?

19:55And what do verses 21 and 22 mean?

19:58So let's begin chapter 3.

20:03So, remember the backdrop, and I abbreviated it, but chapters 1 and 2, he's making an argument, and it has to do with he's begging them to not be divided, and he's acknowledging their spirituality.

20:15or the the the miraculous nature of their spiritual comprehension.

20:21Having said all of that, and they've come behind in no gift.

20:26Having said all of that, he says, and, and by the way, brethren.

20:31I couldn't speak unto you.

20:34As unspiritual.

20:37But as unto carnal.

20:40Even as unto babes or infants in Christ.

20:43This is, this is.

20:45This is bone shaking.

20:48They are so advanced in their own mind.

20:52But whatever they have, it is truly miraculous.

20:56It's truly the work of God, and he calls them brethren.

21:01So, so we're family here.

21:02You're my brothers, you're my sisters, you're brethren.

21:05We're, we're a family.

21:07But even though we're a family, and you're my brother, you're my sister.

21:12You are like suckling infants.

21:15Yes, you're part of the family, but you're not a functioning part of the family.

21:19You're, you're not actually capable of doing anything.

21:22You're not, you're not capable of giving anything.

21:24You're just capable right now of receiving.

21:27And, and in fact, even though all you can do is receive, you're not able to give, all you can do is receive.

21:33It like, what are you able to receive?

21:36He says here, I couldn't, I I had to communicate with you, the way I would communicate with the carnal mind.

21:43Even though you've received you you have the miraculous receipt of the Holy Spirit.

21:47So I have to communicate with you as a carnal mind, understanding you're part of the family, but not a functioning part of the family, and you're only capable of receiving.

21:57And what is it you're capable of receiving?

21:59I have fed you with milk.

22:02And not with meat.

22:04For up to now, you were not able to bear it.

22:08Even now, you're not able to bear it.

22:11So, so the the preaching that I came and I gave to you, by the way, and it is miraculous that you received it, but I just want you to know as drunk as you're getting on this knowledge, as puffed up as you're getting on this knowledge, by the way, it's just milk.

22:27It's just milk.

22:28It's like the the Hebrews, you know, but by now you should be teachers.

22:32But, but I have to go back and go back to the fundamentals and, and give you milk.

22:37So, yes, you are getting nutrition.

22:41Yes, it's a family affair.

22:44But I'm, I'm actually having to give you milk and deal with you the way I would deal with a carnal mind.

22:51The the carnal mind is actually competing with the the the the presence of the Holy Spirit.

22:57And and there's so much meat that I long to give you, but you're not, you you you back then, when I, when, when I founded the church, you weren't able to bear the meat.

23:07So I had to dial it back and give you milk.

23:10And now here we are some maybe 18 months later, and you're still not able to to to digest the meat.

23:16I still have to give you milk.

23:19So this must have been a real shock to them because they were kind of following along in chapters 1 and 2 of the letter to say, yeah, we're great, we're wonderful, we, yeah, they don't get it, they're perishing.

23:28We're we're the ones who were able to receive and we we're behind in no gift, and we're able to speak in miraculous ways.

23:35But then he says, oh by the way, there's so much more.

23:39But I can't give it to you because you're like carnal people.

23:42He says, For I, so I can't feed you now.

23:46What did he say?

23:47He said, you're not, you weren't able to bear it back then, and you're not able to bear the meat even.

23:51You can't digest the meat even now, because even now, you're still carnal.

23:57How do I know you're carnal?

23:59He says, for whereas there is among you envying and strife and divisions.

24:06 Look at yourselves.

24:08 Aren't you carnal?

24:10 And don't you walk like men.

24:12 So, so the men are the people that he said, they can't receive this spiritual comprehension.

24:19 They're there it's it's they're not capable of comprehending what I'm saying, because they haven't received the Holy Spirit.

24:25 You have obviously received the Holy Spirit.

24:29 Notwithstanding, you still behave like them.

24:32 This sort of party spirit, this this envying one another, this strife and this, I'm of Paul and I'm of a Paulus and creating factions, that's what I expect in the world, and that's what I'm seeing in the church.

24:45 So even though you have the Holy Spirit, you walk like carnal men.

24:50 Now, notice this, envying and strife and divisions.

24:55 When he is speaking to the Galatians, he makes it clear to them that the works of the flesh are obvious, which are these?

25:04 Adultery, so of course, we, we're not getting there yet, so adultery will be in chapter 5, and fornication, and uncleanness and lasciviousness.

25:13 This is the work of the flesh.

25:15 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred.

25:17 These three words here, variance, emulations, and seditions are the same three words here, envying strife and divisions.

25:25 So this envying strife and division, which is within the Corinthian congregation, Paul makes it clear in the letter to the Galatians, this is a work of the flesh.

25:35 And that's why he says, even though you've received the Holy Spirit, you walk like carnal people.

25:41 And because of that, I can't give you the meat.

25:45 So he comes back now.

25:48 So, even though they have the Holy Spirit, they're actually performing works of the flesh.

25:52 And this, this division, this, this envying this party spirit, this is the big, big 11.

26:00 And and we cannot get the rest of the 1 out if we don't get this 11 out first.

26:05 So he says, so he's giving them proof of their carnality.

26:08 For while one says, I'm of Paul.

26:12 And another, oh, no, no, I'm, I'm of Apollo.

26:16 Like, is Christ divided?

26:20 Don't don't you see this behavior?

26:23 That you're carnal, this is the carnal mind.

26:26 Even though you've received the Holy Spirit, you're still operating from the natural mind.

26:34 And then he says, Who then is Paul?

26:40 And, and who's the Paulus?

26:42 Like what are you doing?

26:44 This is, this is the carnal mind.

26:47 It would be like today in our congregation, if somebody were to say, oh, I'm of Adrian, oh no, I'm of Murray.

26:53 No, no, I'm, I'm of Jan.

26:55 So we 3 are the teachers here in Burlington, or even I'm of Burlington, and I'm I'm not following the other churches of God, or I'm of church God of an international.

27:06 I don't follow the other churches of God.

27:09 This is carnality and party spirit.

27:13 We just need to understand there are different administrations.

27:17 But if the Holy Spirit is at work, it means God is at work.

27:21 So if God is at work, God, the Creator, is at work.

27:26 Who's Paul?

27:28 Who's a Paulus?

27:30 Who's Adrian, who's Murray, who's Jan?

27:35 What is CGI Burlington?

27:39 What is this?

27:40 This is just we're we're just men.

27:43 So who are we?

27:44 he says.

27:45 We're just servants by whom you believed, because clearly you have believed.

27:50 The miracle is taking place within you.

27:53 So, who are we?

27:54 We're the servants, we're the ministers, we're the ones who preached and taught, so that you could receive this faith.

28:00 Faith comes by hearing.

28:01 So we're the ones who spoke.

28:03 That's all.

28:04 Even as the Lord gave to every man.

28:08 And I think we just have to be careful when we see the word man.

28:11 Often it's not there, it's implied, it's not there in the Greek, it's implied.

28:15 But here, when he says to every man, I'm gonna just put a little nuance on this, to say, we're nothing but teachers by whom you believed, even as the Lord gave to every teacher.

28:29 We're the teachers.

28:31 We're the ones who teach.

28:34 And you believe because God gave us the ability to teach, not, not everybody can teach.

28:42 Not everyone can preach, not everyone can speak, not everyone can be clear, not everyone can be logical and and speak in a very plain way.

28:51 Not everybody has this, to take complex concepts and make them plain.

28:57 That comes from God.

28:59 So the fact that you heard from Paul and responded.

29:03 Or you heard from Apollos and you grew.

29:08 This is actually the work of God.

29:10 It's, it's a, it's the same way it's a a gift and a spiritual miracle to receive the knowledge.

29:19 In the very same way, it's a gift and it's a spiritual miracle to give the knowledge, to speak the knowledge.

29:25 So God is the one that gave this ability to these men, and then he gave you the ability to digest what they're saying.

29:33 Why are you creating divisions in the body of Christ over these men?

29:37He says, listen.

29:41We're we're just ministers, we're just teachers that God worked through, so that you could believe.

29:47He says, I'm the one who plans it.

29:50And Apollos watered.

29:52But it's God who gave the increase.

29:55So he's saying a lot here just in this single verse.

29:59First of all, he's saying, You're, you're, you're dividing the church over me and A Paulus.

30:08When Apollos and I actually worked together, but we work in stages.

30:13I'm the one who came through.

30:14I didn't do any baptizing, very little by exception.

30:17I didn't do the baptizing.

30:19I just came to preach the gospel.

30:21So I planned it.

30:22I, I initiated the conversion of Corinth.

30:25And then Apollos came after me, and he fed you so that you could grow.

30:30But we're actually on the same team.

30:33It, it's, it's this farmland.

30:36That we have to cultivate and imagine if a Paulus, you know, water, water is heavy.

30:42Watering a whole field is a lot of work.

30:45Imagine if apous came into the field and did all of this heavy work of watering.

30:51And then after maybe weeks of heavy work and he's exhausted.

30:57Then somebody comes to him and says, Paulus, what were you doing for the last couple of weeks?

31:00Oh, I was watering the field.

31:02Do you know that there were absolutely no seeds planted?

31:05Paul Forgotti, he missed the city altogether, and so you were just watering soil.

31:10And now there's a whole bunch of weeds that are gonna grow.

31:12There's there's nothing to grow because there was no planting.

31:16Or vice versa.

31:17Imagine if Paul, after doing all of this, this labor, this backbreaking labor of doing all of this planting and making sure that the soil is cultivated and ready to receive the seed and then sowing all the seed, that after all of that, when he came back, we just say to him, oh, we, we forgot, we didn't realize that it needed watering.

31:38And so all of that work is invade.

31:39So the the the men actually need each other.

31:43And and regardless of what they do, the field could still be unproductive, could be overtaken by locusts or pests of any kind, the weather might not cooperate, the soil might not cooperate.

31:58The the the miracle of of food growing out of the ground.

32:04Comes from God.

32:06And so regardless of what the men do.

32:09They're servants of God, and it's God who gives the increase.

32:14 So the fact that you and Corinth have responded and and received gifting, God is the one who gets the credit for this.

32:21 The men are just servants.

32:24 Listen to Isaiah in terms of this notion of the field.

32:29 And one planting and the other watering.

32:32 He says for the vineyard or the farmland.

32:36 The the the the soil.

32:38 That that is productive.

32:40 The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.

32:45 Corinth is being grafted in.

32:49 To the vineyard of the Lord.

32:51 And the men of Judah, his pleasant plant.

32:55 These are now spiritual Jews.

32:58 And he looked for judgment, but behold oppression, for righteousness, but behold a cry.

33:03 So, because the men of Judah were vicious and stubborn and and couldn't receive the gospel, God then opened it up, not just to Jew, but also to Gentile, but it is still the vineyard of the Lord.

33:17 And, and, and Paul says, I came and I planted, and the poll is watered, and we were, we're on the same team, and, and God recruited us to be on the team, but he's the one who brings the increase.

33:28 Back to 1 Corinthians 3 and verse 7.

33:31 So then Let's be logical here.

33:40 If I plant it.

33:43 And Apollus watered And we're on the same team And what we do comes to nothing unless God is the one that gives the increase.

33:53 Then you people with your party divisive spirit, it's nonsensical, it's insane.

34:00 So then, neither is he that plants anything, neither he that waters.

34:06 But God, let's give praise to God.

34:09 That gives the increase because it's it's the miraculous work of God that makes Corinth possible.

34:17 Now, even though we're nothing, so I, I'm nothing, and Apollo is nothing, he says.

34:24 Now he that plants, and he that waters are one.

34:32 It's the same work.

34:33 You need both.

34:34 You need somebody to plant.

34:36 And that's backbreaking.

34:38 And then once that's done, you need someone to water, and that's backbreaking, and one with the the other is is vain, it's fruitless.

34:48 Now, this work, this backbreaking work, one's planting, one's watering.

34:54 They each have their own job.

34:57 And every teacher.

35:00 This this whole section is about teachers.

35:02 Every teacher shall receive his own reward according to his own labor.

35:09 God is recruiting teachers.

35:12 Some plant, others water, they have different functions according to how they've been gifted.

35:17 But then once they're gifted, they have to apply the gift.

35:21 They God God is not gonna do the work for them.

35:24 He he recruits them, he equips them, or equips us, but then we actually have to do the work.

35:31 And then, as we do the work, he will reward us for this work.

35:36 The emphasis here is on teachers.

35:39 Sometimes when we read every man, we think it's speaking about every man in Corinth.

35:42 It's not and and therefore every man in the church, or every person in the church.

35:46 No.

35:47 It's not speaking about every man in Corinth.

35:49 Paul is speaking specifically about the leaders, the teachers.

35:53 And these teachers are creating a division.

35:57 In the in the congregation over Apoulus and Paul and Paul is saying, don't do this.

36:06 Your miraculous standing is not because of us, it's because of God.

36:13 But we do have labor.

36:14 Each one has been gifted in a different way, and we are going to be rewarded for our labor.

36:20 This is just the opportunity to serve, and then there's a huge reward that comes with faithful service.

36:26 He says, so he says.

36:30 Yeah, so each one of us is gonna be receiving our own reward.

36:33 It's, it's you, you know, Paul's work is Paul's work, Apollo's work is Apollo's work.

36:37 Paul's reward will be Paul's reward.

36:39 Apollo's reward will be his.

36:43 He says, For we are laborers, Paulus and I.

36:48 Our laborers together with God.

36:51 We, we understand that we can do nothing but of God.

36:55 And God has given us complementary skills.

36:59 So that we can work together, and he can work through us in you, and you are God's vineyard.

37:07 You are God's farmland.

37:10 You are God's building.

37:12 So he's actually using two different metaphors here.

37:15 Metaphor one, you're a field that's being cultivated to bear fruit.

37:20 Metaphor 2, you're a building, you're a temple that needs to be built up.

37:27 And we are laborers that are doing this work.

37:31 But it's actually God doing the work through us.

37:35 And he says So we're doing this, we're laborers and you're the project.

37:42 According to the grace of God, Which is given unto me.

37:48 As a wise master builder.

37:49 So whether we, I use the metaphor of a farm, or the metaphor of a building, if I'm Paul.

37:58 I've been gifted in a very unique way to lay the foundation.

38:03 I'm the one that came through preaching the gospel initially, and initiated the church in Corinth and elsewhere.

38:13 So now he focuses on himself.

38:16 So I've been given this work, me personally, of laying the foundation.

38:24 Apollos has been given another assignment to build on the foundation.

38:28 And other teachers have to build on the foundation.

38:31 But by the grace of God, I'm not bragging, I'm just acknowledging.

38:36 That I am gifted by God.

38:38 Says Paul, according to his grace, which he's given to me.

38:44 As a wise master builder.

38:47 He, he's made me like a master architect that understands the big picture and the whole project and how it, how it's all supposed to look in the end.

38:56 So, based on how it all is supposed to look and function in the end, and we went through Ezekiel's temple with an amazing amount of detail in chapters 40 to 48.

39:06 It's like Paul understands all of that.

39:09 The end result.

39:11 And with that in mind, he's laying the foundation, so that others can do their part.

39:16 So God has given gifted him with this vision, and this ability to be a wise master builder.

39:23 So he's pivoted now to the building metaphor.

39:27 Now according to this gifting that God has given him, he says, I have laid the foundation.

39:34 Oh, I'm of Paul, I'm of A Paulus.

39:36 No, I'm of Cephas.

39:38 Guys, let's be clear here.

39:40 My role was to lay the foundation.

39:45 My role was to plant another waters.

39:48 My role was to lay the foundation and other bills thereon.

39:52 And then he gives this very dire warning.

39:54 But let every man take heed.

39:57 Beware how you build on the foundation that I've laid.

40:01 God has gifted me.

40:04 To lay this foundation as a wise master builder, understanding the big picture, understanding the vision, understanding what God, how how the temple will actually function and what will be done in it.

40:15 I've laid the foundation.

40:17 I did my job.

40:19 The rest of you Now, Apollo and I are on, we're on the same team, but there are other leaders now.

40:27 That are creating division in the body, teaching things they ought not to teach.

40:33 He says, beware, and he says, every man, again, let me be a bit nuanced, but let every teacher.

40:40 Beware About how you build on the foundation I've laid.

40:45 I've laid this foundation, you come after me.

40:49 Beware how you teach.

40:52 For I, so, and look at Romans 12.

40:57Romans 12:3.

40:59So he's saying, I'm a master builder.

41:01Others come after me to build.

41:03They better be careful about what they're teaching, and it better align with the foundation that I've laid, because I've laid as a wise master builder, I've laid the foundation faithfully.

41:14In Romans 12:3, he says, for I say through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you.

41:23They can say here every teacher, but here let's say every man.

41:25Not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly according as God has dealt to every man the measure of faith.

41:37So every man receives miraculously this faith from God and miraculously different gifts, and we, we ought to be sober.

41:47And not be puffing ourselves up, not be trying to get a following after ourselves, just doing the work that God has assigned us.

41:55According to his grace, he says, for as we have many members in one body and all members have not the same office, so we, being many.

42:07Our one body in Christ and every everyone members of one another, having then gifts.

42:16Differing according to the grace that it's given to us.

42:20So, Paul is making it clear, the grace that was given to me is to be a wise master builder and to lay the foundation.

42:27The grace that was given to Apoulus is to be a waterer, building on the foundation that I've laid, kind of mixing the metaphors, to to be a builder, to build on the foundation, or to be a waterer to water the seeds that I've planted.

42:43But we have different gifts and different roles and different rewards.

42:48So, having been, this is just a reality we need to accept that we have gifts that differ according to the grace that's given to us.

42:57Whether prophecy, let us prophesy, according to the proportion of faith.

43:02Don't don't go beyond.

43:04The faith that God has given us and the gifts that God has given us, let us be faithful to what God has given us, or ministry, let us serve based on our ministry, or he that teaches on teaching.

43:17Teaching is a gift.

43:19And, and, and it's not given to everybody, but to those that it is given.

43:24We need to teach faithfully.

43:27And, and cultivate that gift.

43:30So then he says back to.

43:32Let me go back to verse 10.

43:38Paul has been given a very unique gift.

43:41To be the master builder.

43:43To teach in a very foundational way, the gospel.

43:47So he says, according to the grace of God, which God has given to me.

43:52He, he, he didn't give this to anybody else.

43:53He gave it to me as a wise master builder.

43:56So based on that gift, I laid the foundation in Corinth.

44:01 And others are building there on.

44:04 So while Paulus obviously was a faithful builder, but there are other men that are teaching, that their teaching is questionable.

44:12 So, let every man beware how he builds on the foundation that I laid.

44:19 For there's no other foundation.

44:21 That a teacher can lay than that which I've laid, which is Jesus Christ.

44:27 So you better not be tearing up my teaching.

44:30 Because I know that as a wise master builder, I set the foundation properly, the foundation is Christ.

44:37 So if somebody's coming along now and tearing up that foundation and saying no, the foundation is Paul.

44:44 Oh, no, no, you're wrong, the foundation is A Paula.

44:46 So you guys are crazy.

44:47 The foundation is Cephas.

44:48 Let's let's build over here on CEFAs.

44:50 No, no, no, let's build over here on Paul.

44:53 You, you can't, this is, this is, Delusion There is no other foundation, except Jesus Christ.

45:02 Now, so, so I laid the foundation, it's Christ.

45:06 Now, if any teacher Build upon this foundation.

45:12 So you, you can't build the foundation.

45:13 There's only one foundation, I put it in place.

45:16 So now any other teacher that comes after me.

45:19 If any teacher build upon this foundation, which is Jesus Christ, gold, silver, so he says there's no other foundation.

45:27 This is the foundation.

45:29 So the teachers that come, are you building gold, silver, precious stones, or is it wood, hay, or stubble?

45:36 So he's acknowledging there will be other teachers.

45:40 They will have their giftedness, they will have their work, but the quality of the work now is going to be called into question.

45:48 I laid the foundation as a wise master builder.

45:52 What is it that the others are teaching?

45:54 And and what is the quality of their work?

45:59 Well, it says here.

46:02 Every teacher's work.

46:04 Shall be made manifest.

46:06 So right now there's a bit of confusion.

46:08 Paul is saying one thing, the other people are saying something else, they're trying to separate A Paulus and Paul.

46:15 It's kind of unclear right now.

46:17 Who, who, who, who is right?

46:19 And in fact, some of these teachers in Corinth, if they're Greeks, they may have incredible rhetorical power and rhetorical skill.

46:28 And they may be able to make really strong emotionally charged.

46:35sermons and messages that that they're using their gift combined with their talents to really move people.

46:43In a way that's incorrect.

46:46In a way that is lacking understanding.

46:48It's it's based on milk, not meat.

46:51And and we can get ideas in our head that are based on milk, and when we finally start to digest the meat, it's like, oh wow, that could never be true.

47:00Now I understand how the scriptures go together.

47:03So, every teacher's work.

47:05Remember the focus here that Paul is having right now is on the teachers, the leaders.

47:10That are causing this division.

47:12Every teacher's work shall be made manifest.

47:15We're gonna see who's who and what's what.

47:19For the day shall declare it.

47:22So the day is the judgment day.

47:25When judgment day comes, we're going to see the quality of the teaching.

47:31Right now, there may be a little bit of Uncertainty One teacher's teaching one thing, another teacher's saying something different.

47:39I'm not sure who to believe.

47:40Paul is saying, don't worry, it's gonna be crystal crystal clear.

47:45The day shall declare it.

47:47Because It shall be revealed by fire, and and this is really the the the day is going to come by fire.

47:55So, so the day, judgment Day is coming by fire, and the fire that it comes with shall try every man's teaching of what sort it is.

48:06So, I, I laid a foundation that I'll tell you what, there's no other foundation than what I've laid, and when judgment day comes, I'm feeling quite confident that my work will be revealed.

48:19The quality of the foundation that I laid will be revealed, and I will be rewarded.

48:25I can't speak for other men.

48:28Especially if they are not building wisely on the foundation that I've laid.

48:33When judgment day comes, we will see what kind of teaching, the quality of their teaching, because judgment Day is coming with fire, Peter says.

48:42In 2 Peter 3:10, that the day this judgment day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise and the elements shall melt with fervent heat.

48:59The earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

49:06This this day that's coming.

49:09There will be no carnal mind, no carnal work that will withstand the fire that's coming.

49:17But Truth And good teaching.

49:23And and foundational.

49:26Instruction is going to produce works of gold, of silver.

49:33That when the fire comes, you the refinement is is what the fire will bring, and the quality of the work will be will be known, but wood can't stand in fire.

49:44So he says, And and look at John.

49:502 John 8, look to yourselves.

49:53That we lose not those things which we've worked for, but that we shall receive a full reward.

50:00So, so there's a work.

50:03That were each assigned.

50:05And there's a reward that's associated with that work.

50:08So we have to make sure that we work faithfully so that we receive a full reward.

50:13Meaning, we don't have to, God is not obligated to give us a full reward.

50:18We will be judged according to our works.

50:21And maybe we'll get a partial reward, or maybe we'll get no reward at all.

50:26Going back to Corinthians and 2 Corinthians 5:10, he says, for we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, every one of us.

50:37That everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that which he has done, whether it be good or bad.

50:44There there's judgment coming.

50:47So we need to be working with this in mind.

50:50And again, this is a sort of a spiritual comprehension.

50:55That We're called, we're part of this covenant community.

50:59God is faithful.

51:01He's, he's eternally bound to the covenant community.

51:04He's faithful that promised, and within the covenant community, we all have different assignments and different work and different rewards.

51:15And these rewards or this work will be judged and will be rewarded according to our works.

51:20And so in verse 14, 1 Corinthians 3 and verse 14, he says, if any teacher's work, Abide Which he has built thereupon he shall receive a reward.

51:33So be very, very careful.

51:36As you are teaching, he's saying to the Corinthian leaders.

51:40As you're teaching, beware.

51:43And make sure your teaching is faithful.

51:46And in compliance with the foundation that I've laid.

51:49And you'll receive a full reward.

51:53In 1 Peter 5:1, Peter says, the elders.

51:58Which are among you.

51:59I exhort, who am also an elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed.

52:09He's looking forward to this glory that will be revealed, and he's gonna partake in it.

52:13And then he says, feed the flock of God, which is among you.

52:18Taking the oversight thereof, nobody's forcing you.

52:22Not by constraint.

52:23You don't wanna do it, don't do it.

52:25But you should have a willing heart to do this.

52:28It, it should be part of the giftedness that God has given you, that you can't help but look after the flock.

52:34Do it willingly, and not for money, but of a ready mind.

52:40Neither is being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock.

52:46That when the chief shepherd shall appear, you shall receive a crown of glory, that fades not away.

52:52There is a reward.

52:54There's 2 different 2 different things happening here.

52:57Everyone has salvation.

52:59This is for for the covenant community.

53:02Within the covenant community, there are different laborers, different levels of labor, and here, Peter is speaking to the overseers.

53:11To the to the elders, to say, there's a crown of glory for this work that you've been called to.

53:16Don't do it grudgingly.

53:18Do it willingly and don't do it for money.

53:22Do it, do it for the love of the brethren.

53:25And understand that when you do this work from a spirit of love, there's a reward for you as elders, which is separate and apart from your salvation.

53:36And it's a crown of glory that will never fade away.

53:40So, Paul now, that was Peter.

53:43Paul is saying to the Corinthian leaders, Who are causing this division.

53:51If any teacher's work shall be burned.

53:55He shall suffer loss.

53:57You, you, there's a reward, there's a full reward you could have gotten.

54:02As an elder.

54:03As a teacher.

54:06But if you didn't build on the foundation properly, if you, instead of building gold and silver, the quality of your work was wood and stubble.

54:15When judgment comes.

54:17The poor quality of your workmanship will be revealed, and your work will be burned.

54:22It will, it will not withstand the fire of judgment that's coming.

54:26And you will suffer loss.

54:28It it's gone.

54:28It's like, what could have been here.

54:31It's, it's not your reward, and there's no way you can get this reward.

54:34It's like when we were studying Ezekiel.

54:37And to see the temple all set up and the functions and the functionaries, and and it's like, you know what, the priests of Zadok, they will come and minister unto me, and they will have this pride of place.

54:50The Levites, yes, you'll have a function, but you're not getting this reward.

54:56You will serve at a distance, and this is eternal, like, you will, the Levites will never be in the holiest of holies.

55:05That that just blows my mind.

55:07That the decisions that we make in this life have eternal consequences.

55:12And so here the assumption.

55:15Is that the teacher is a believer.

55:18Paul has been speaking to the Corinthian brethren as believers who this miraculous nature of the Holy Spirit is at work in them.

55:26And he's a wise master builder, and he understands the end.

55:30He has a vision of the end.

55:32And he's confident that Corinth will come through.

55:36The Corinth will receive salvation.

55:39That these are immature brethren, but they are brethren.

55:42They're babes, but they are brethren, and they will grow up and they will mature, and he's working with them, and he hasn't given up on them, and he's shepherding them, because he has this vision of their success, without spot or wrinkle in the end.

55:56So, having said that, he's dealing with brethren who are spiritually immature and carnal, but they are brethren, and they are believers, and they are teachers among them who don't really understand what they're doing.

56:08So he's not questioning their sincere belief.

56:13He's questioning the quality of their work.

56:16It's shoddy.

56:17He, as a master builder, put in a really solid foundation.

56:21They've come along to teach.

56:23And their the quality of their work is poor.

56:26It's like, you know, you're listening to a sermon.

56:30And it's like, how long is this minister just gonna go around in circles?

56:34This, this isn't going anywhere.

56:36This this is a shoddy sermon.

56:39This is poor quality work.

56:42We're we're not questioning the sincerity of the minister.

56:45We're questioning the quality of his work.

56:48And, and, and here Paul is saying, look, you might be sincere, and I, I, I take it you've received these gifts and you're, you're very enthusiastic about using these gifts, but the quality of as teachers, the quality of your work is questionable.

57:03And we, it will not stand the fire of judgment that's coming.

57:07So, the the the judgment day will reveal the quality of your work and your work will be burned, and you will suffer loss.

57:13The Levites suffered loss.

57:17The the sons of Zadok got a full reward.

57:21But the Levites were still part of the plan.

57:25So he himself shall be saved.

57:27Yet so as by fire.

57:29It's like the righteous man shall scarcely be saved.

57:34So there's nothing.

57:35So the, the fire burned up the quality of the work.

57:38It drove the man to deep repentance, and he will be snatched out of the fire and saved.

57:45But there's no reward.

57:47The, the, the reward, yes, you'll have salvation, you're not getting a reward.

57:51 Christ says in John 15 and verse 16, you've not chosen me.

57:57 I've chosen you to be teachers, and I've ordained you to be teachers, that you should go forth and with your preaching and teaching, bring forth fruit.

58:06 And that your fruit should remain.

58:11 That whatsoever you shall ask of my father in my name, he may give it to you.

58:16 So the intention of giving these men, or calling them, choosing them, empowering them with the Holy Spirit as teachers, was to bear fruit that will remain.

58:28 But if they're shoddy, they might be sincere, but if their workmanship is shoddy, that fruit won't remain.

58:34 In 1 Corinthians 9:1, Paul says, Aren't I an apostle?

58:39 Aren't I free?

58:41 Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord?

58:43 Are not you my work in the Lord?

58:48 So my teaching, my workmanship is you.

58:53 You're my reward.

58:55 So as we teach and brethren receive the teaching, and they become stronger in the spirit, and they grow and they bear fruit, all of the fruit that they bear is to our accounts.

59:09 So when God comes with a reward, their fruit is our reward as well.

59:13 We rejoice in their growth, cause this is our reward as well.

59:17 But if they fail, if they fail to produce, If their work is shoddy, cause our teaching is shoddy.

59:25 Then there's no fruit.

59:28 And so there's no, there's a lesser reward or maybe no reward.

59:32 In 1 Thessalonians 2 and 19, Paul says to the Thessalonians, what is our hope or joy?

59:40 Or crown of rejoicing.

59:43 Are not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ that is coming.

59:48 This, this is our rejoicing, that when Jesus Christ returns at his appearing with all of this fire.

59:55 And burning up everything.

59:57 That we can present you to the Lord without spot and without wrinkle because of our teaching, the quality of our teaching.

1:00:03 For you are our glory and joy.

1:00:07 In Philippians 2:16, he says to the Philippians, holding forth the word of life, that I may rejoice in the day of Christ.

1:00:16 When he returns and the whole world panics.

1:00:19 I'm gonna rejoice in that day that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain.

1:00:24 Nevertheless, Whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule.

1:00:33 Let us mind the same thing.

1:00:35 OK, this is, I've got to fix something here.

1:00:39 I just wanted the one verse in Philippians, so let me just make sure I put in here, sorry, I wanted to go back to First Corinthians.

1:00:51 So let me just do that.

1:00:54 Sorry about that.

1:00:55 I just wanted the, the one verse there that, let me just pick that up again.

1:01:01 In Philippines Here That Holding forth the word of life, that I may rejoice in the day of Christ.

1:01:16 So I wanted to pick that up, and then, sorry, this was Philippians 2:16.

1:01:23 Where am I here?

1:01:27 Mhm.

1:01:31 Let me just pick it up from here.

1:01:44 OK.

1:01:49 OK, that's where I wanted to go.

1:01:51 Very good.

1:01:54 OK, so going back to chapter 3.

1:01:58 Now he shifts, so first he was speaking specifically exclusively of the teachers.

1:02:04 But he's speaking to the Corinthian brethren about the teachers.

1:02:08 Now he speaks to the brethren as a whole.

1:02:10 So, so, first he said, and sorry, let me just go back a couple of verses.

1:02:28 So, so first he said that every man's work is going to be made obvious, and it's going to be judged.

1:02:37 If you, if your work abides, you'll receive a full reward.

1:02:40 So the, the implications, the, the downstream consequences of our teaching matter.

1:02:45 So the quality of our teaching matters.

1:02:48 If the man is sincere, But his work is shoddy.

1:02:53 His work will be burned up and he's not gonna receive a reward.

1:02:56 And he, he himself though will be saved.

1:02:58 He's part of this covenant community, but, but he'll scarcely be saved as if pulling him out of the fire.

1:03:06 Now, Is he saying once saved always saved?

1:03:11 Absolutely not.

1:03:13 In that case, the man was sincere.

1:03:16 His his workmanship, the quality of his work wasn't great.

1:03:20 It could have been better, and so no reward, or half a reward or less reward.

1:03:26 But again, like the Levites, you're still included.

1:03:30 No.

1:03:31 Verse 16 shows us there's no one saved, always saved here.

1:03:37 Don't you know that you're the temple of God?

1:03:40 So he's the wise master builder.

1:03:42 He's laying a foundation.

1:03:43 Why?

1:03:44 Because you're the temple of God.

1:03:46 You, the, the whole congregation together.

1:03:49 And that the spirit of God dwells in you.

1:03:52 This is really important.

1:03:53 He's he's removing Levin from the temple of God.

1:03:56 And it's not you as an individual, don't you know that you?

1:04:00 Wholly you, as an individual.

1:04:03 Don't you know that as an individual, you're the temple of God?

1:04:06He's not saying that at all.
1:04:08He's the body together.
1:04:11The different members of the body coming together.
1:04:14You're the temple of God as one, and these teachers that are dividing you, this is dangerous.
1:04:21Christ is not divided.
1:04:23You're the temple of God.
1:04:25And, and as the temple, as as a congregation, the spirit of God dwells in your midst.
1:04:32In you plural.
1:04:37Is he teaching once saved, always saved?
1:04:40No, he's saying, if the teacher is sincere, But the quality of his work is not great.
1:04:47That work will be burned up, but the teacher is part of this community.
1:04:51For it but it's not one saved always saved.
1:04:55He says very clearly, on the other hand, Not just teacher but anybody.
1:05:01If anyone defiles the temple of God, him shall God destroy.
1:05:09This there's no one saved always saved here.
1:05:12You defile the temple, the holy temple of God.
1:05:15God will destroy you.
1:05:18For the temple of God is holy.
1:05:21Which temple you are.
1:05:23I'm gonna deal with the man sleeping with his his father's wife.
1:05:27That's horrendous and egregious, and I'm gonna deal with that, but let me deal with this egregious sin first.
1:05:33Let's, let's put things in order.
1:05:36Dividing up the temple of God, destroying the temple of God.
1:05:41If you're doing that, God will destroy you, because this is a holy temple.
1:05:49Let no man, let, let no man, let no teacher deceive himself.
1:05:54If anyone, if any teacher among you seems to be wise in this world.
1:05:59So, you got some wealthy people in Corinth, you've got some movers and some shakers, hobnobbing connected with high society.
1:06:07You wanna go down that path?
1:06:09And then come with your rhetoric and your partial spirit.
1:06:16And and esteeming people of this world with with goods.
1:06:22And and out outward wealth and status, and you wanna play that game in the church?
1:06:30Don't deceive yourself.
1:06:32If any teacher among you seems to be wise in this world, using all the Greek rhetoric.
1:06:39Let him become a fool.
1:06:41That he can in fact be wise.
1:06:44I, I came I, I could have put on a show for you.
1:06:49I just taught very simply.
1:06:52And I face the consequences, whatever they are.
1:06:55You've got these people now nuancing the words so they don't offend anybody and all of this nonsense.
1:07:01Stop it.

1:07:02 Become a fool like us.
1:07:05 So that you can be wise and and digest meat.
1:07:10 Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.
1:07:15 It's, it's coming to nothing, and it's nonsense.
1:07:18 For it is written.
1:07:20 This is in the scriptures, brethren, it's in the scriptures.
1:07:23 He takes the wise in their own craftiness.
1:07:27 And this is coming from the book of Job in the writings.
1:07:31 And this is in the discourse between Gob and his friends when he's going through this trial, and it's written.
1:07:38 He disappoints the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform their enterprise.
1:07:44 He takes the wise in their own craftiness.
1:07:47 And the council of the froward is carried headlong.
1:07:51 And so we can see that today, their, their plans just fall apart.
1:07:55 So he takes the the the crafted the the wise in their own craftiness.
1:08:00 So that's where he says it's it's written.
1:08:04 He takes the wise in their own craftiness, and so that's written in Job.
1:08:08 And again, The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise.
1:08:13 That they're vain.
1:08:14 It's nothing.
1:08:14 It's coming, don't know, don't go down that path, and that's written in Psalms 9411.
1:08:20 The Lord knows the thoughts of man.
1:08:22 But their vanity.
1:08:23 So don't, don't chase after men.
1:08:26 Verse 21 now, so we dealt with verse 15, Sister Danuta.
1:08:30 Hopefully that's clear.
1:08:32 And then you asked about verse 21.
1:08:35 Therefore Because of all of this that I've just explained to you.
1:08:40 Do not glory in men.
1:08:42 I am of Paul.
1:08:43 I am of A Paulus.
1:08:44 I'm of Cephas, and again in our congregation, I am of Adrian.
1:08:48 No, I'm of Murray, I'm of Jan.
1:08:51 We're all, we're on the same team.
1:08:54 We, we all compliment each other according to how God has gifted us.
1:08:59 I, I think I tend to be bigger picture, trying to understand everything, how everything fits together.
1:09:05 Murray is very, very logical.
1:09:07 Jan is very, very technical, and we all compliment each other.
1:09:12 I found sometimes I'm teaching something.
1:09:15 And it doesn't land.
1:09:17 And then Murray or Jan come along, and they present it, and people get it.
1:09:21 They're like, wow, this is amazing.

1:09:22I've never heard this before.
1:09:25This is how God works.
1:09:27Who are we?
1:09:27We're nobodies.
1:09:29The Holy Spirit is the one that's at work.
1:09:34And it's at work for the edification, the building up of God's temple.
1:09:40And so he's saying to the Corinthian brethren, stop this.
1:09:44Don't glory in men.
1:09:46For everything is yours.
1:09:48The these men belong to you.
1:09:52He says, listen to Ephesians.
1:09:54I think this is help, help us understand verse 21 if we listen to Ephesians.
1:09:59Verse 7 of chapter 4.
1:10:01Unto everyone is given grace.
1:10:04According to the measure of the gift of Christ.
1:10:08So as we receive the Holy Spirit, we receive a measure of faith, we receive a measure of giftedness.
1:10:15In verse 11, he goes on to talk about these gifts.
1:10:18These are gifts.
1:10:20He gave these gifts.
1:10:21He gave some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers.
1:10:30So if we have teachers among us, this is a gift of God.
1:10:35And unfortunately, because of our carnal nature.
1:10:40Sometimes we resent seeing giftedness in others.
1:10:45Sometimes we want to compete.
1:10:48At a carnal level.
1:10:50With giftedness in others.
1:10:52And Paul is saying, this is ridiculous.
1:10:54So you're trying to compete with God?
1:10:56And and by the way, if somebody's gifted, They're not gifted for themselves, they're gifted for you.
1:11:03So, so their ability and their gift, yeah, their giftedness, God is packaging a gift for you in them.
1:11:12So why would you be envious?
1:11:13Why would you try to destroy them?
1:11:16When they're here for you, they belong to you.
1:11:18So when, when he's saying he gave, he's giving them to you.
1:11:21He's given them to me.
1:11:23Why?
1:11:24For the perfecting of the saints.
1:11:26For the work of the ministry, for the building up on the on the wise foundation, for the building up of the body of Christ.
1:11:35The that that's what these gifts are for.

1:11:38 So that's why he says here in verse 22, whether it's speaking of these teachers, whether Paul.

1:11:46 Or apous Or Cuss Or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come.

1:11:54 He says all things work together.

1:11:57 For good.

1:11:59 For those who love God, And are called according to its purpose.

1:12:03 So if you love God.

1:12:05 And you're called according to the purpose.

1:12:07 Everything is yours.

1:12:09 Including the men who get up to speak and teach you.

1:12:12 We're your servants.

1:12:14 We're we're, we're here by the miraculous power of God.

1:12:17 To edify you.

1:12:19 That's the same way it's miraculous.

1:12:24 The the same way that it's miraculous.

1:12:28 And Paul acknowledges.

1:12:30 The miraculous nature.

1:12:32 Of Corinthians.

1:12:34 In the midst of all of this, this sea of sinfulness in this sick city.

1:12:40 In the midst of all of this, these brethren received miraculously the word of God.

1:12:46 Even though it wasn't given with any fanfare.

1:12:49 It wasn't packaged, he didn't try to put any craft to it, just spoke it plainly.

1:12:54 Miraculously, these brethren received this truth.

1:12:59 And and are turning their lives around.

1:13:02 And are on track to understand and to act on these teachings in the very same way it's a miracle for them to receive the teaching, and that's how Paul knows their brethren.

1:13:15 In the very same way, it's a miracle for them to receive the teaching.

1:13:19 It's a miracle for the teachers to teach.

1:13:23 According to their giftedness.

1:13:25 So if we have if we have teachers.

1:13:29 who are not gifted to be teachers.

1:13:32 But they have a party spirit, they have a competitive spirit, and they insist on being at the podium when they're not gifted in this way.

1:13:41 Then their work will be burned up.

1:13:44 It doesn't mean they're gonna lose salvation.

1:13:46 It just means that the the work is not, you know, Paul says, I, I planted apous water.

1:13:54 According to the grace of God.

1:13:56 So the planting that I did.

1:13:58 It was miraculous because God was behind it.

1:14:02 The watering that A Paulus did was miraculous.

1:14:06 Because God gifted him to do that function.

1:14:10 If I saw what he was doing, and then I felt like I have to compete.

1:14:15 Get out of the way, A Paulus.

1:14:16 I'm gonna do the baptizing, because I, I feel like you're getting a following.

1:14:21 And then Paulus is like, I can't work here because Paul laid this foundation.
1:14:25 I'm gonna run and try to do a foundation somewhere else.
1:14:28 When he doesn't have that ability by God.
1:14:31 Then yeah, he's busy, he's active, he, he seems to be doing work, he seems to be busy.
1:14:36 But the the quality of the work will not be gold.
1:14:39 And it will not be silver.
1:14:42 Because it's not ordained by God for you to operate in that role.
1:14:48 But if we find ourselves operating according to our gift, Then we just do what we do, and it's God who gives the increase, because he's the one that's using us in the way that he has designed us to be used.
1:15:04 So hopefully, this is a clear and again Sister Januta, I thank you for your question.
1:15:09 I think those two verses that you were struggling to understand, they're the key to understanding the whole chapter.
1:15:16 And, and, and we're, we're at chapter 3, so we're 75% of the way to dealing with this major issue of Len in Corinth.
1:15:27 And this is the issue that must be resolved first in order to deal with the rest of the Len.
1:15:33 So brethren, I thank you so much for your attention and, and interest in this great word of God.
1:15:41 Let me just see if there's anything that I need to respond to.
1:15:46 And this Sabbath, Pastor Murray will be bringing us the sermon, so please join us at 1:30 this coming Sabbath, and let me just see if there's anything that I need to respond to here.
1:15:59 Thank you, Sister Rose.
1:16:01 Thank you, Dave and Deb and brother Nate.
1:16:04 Great study.
1:16:05 We're a great week.
1:16:06 Thank you very much.
1:16:09 Miracle of understanding.
1:16:10 Amen.
1:16:11 And we are very, very close to the Passover, and so we're looking forward to really diving in in these upcoming days of unleavened bread.
1:16:22 We'll have the Passover, the night to be much observed, and the days of unleavened bread, and God willing brethren, we plan to do a live study or a study every single night of the days of unleavened bread.
1:16:34 God be praised.
1:16:36 God bless you.