

## 49-Ephesians-01-Transcript

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sorry about that brethren i was hoping to use the camera on my iphone and when i was testing it it worked it's a much sharper image unfortunately for some reason it's not working now so i'm going to have to continue to use my um just remove this i'm going to have to continue to use my laptop camera so that's fine we'll do that and we're doing uh if the book of ephesians and we are now in ephesians chapter one and remember uh what we said yesterday and hopefully just give me confirmation that my sound level is is working well here um but what we said yesterday was that uh we're commanded to rejoice here at the feast and in deuteronomy 16 verse 15 the command to ancient israel seven days shall you keep a solemn feast unto the lord your god in the place which the lord shall choose because let me just add this because the lord your god shall bless you in all your increase and in all the works of your hands therefore you shall surely rejoice so because the lord was going to bless ancient israel in their physical increase in their harvest and also in all the works of their hands therefore they should surely rejoice and much the

way uh  
christ and the apostle paul and the  
rabbis would reason from the lesser  
to the greater we can do the same use  
the same rationale here  
if ancient israel was to rejoice  
because of their physical increase and  
if ancient israel was to rejoice  
because of the works of their hands how  
much  
more should we first fruits israel  
rejoice because of the spiritual  
blessings  
that we have received at the works of  
god's hands  
that this is not this is not the work of  
our hands that we've received these  
blessings but the works of god's hands  
so there's a far greater reason for us  
to rejoice  
and to rejoice much more deeply than  
ancient israel did  
so with that as context and what we  
covered yesterday  
let us get into ephesians chapter one  
and again just looking for okay so  
thanks uh john i just saw  
our brother john say that everything's  
working there christine  
christie thank you it can hear perfect  
okay so ephesians 1  
and verse 1 paul paulus  
an apostle once sent by jesus  
christ an apostle of jesus christ by the  
will of god  
this this is something that god  
orchestrated  
to the saints which are at ephesus and  
we read the context yesterday  
of how this how he started this church  
in  
ephesus and some of the challenges that  
were there  
in that very wicked city in that city of

witchcraft

so now this this called out um group  
within that city he's writing to them  
and to the faithful in christ jesus so  
it looks like this letter  
although it was written to the saints in  
ephesus that he intended it to have  
a broader audience and certainly by  
extension it is reaching us today  
grace be to you the greek charis  
and peace which is more of the hebrew uh  
greeting shalom  
from god our father and from the lord  
jesus christ so there's this grace  
there's this  
this favor that is coming from god  
and this shalom again this favor this  
this freedom from any worry  
by being in god and this is something  
that god had intended for his people  
from the very beginning  
unfortunately they rebelled they  
broke the covenant they disobeyed and  
never experienced that shalom  
and that grace that charis as god had  
intended but now this called out group  
paul is saying that this grace and this  
peace  
should be upon us them and us from  
god our father from the top and from the  
lord jesus christ and notice there's no  
mention here of the holy spirit as a  
third person in the trinity  
that just doesn't exist the holy spirit  
is the power of god and these two beings  
extend to us both grace and  
peace now he begins  
blessed be the god and father  
of our lord jesus christ so god is over  
christ he's the father of christ  
and he says blessed be the god and  
father of our lord jesus  
christ now listen to this  
blessed be the god and father of our

lord jesus christ  
who has blessed us with all  
spiritual blessings in heavenly places  
in christ in  
places is in italics it's italicized to  
say that it's not there in the text  
so somebody's adding it hoping that it  
helps us uh to understand  
better what is meant and of course these  
people who believe in you know we're  
going to die and go to heaven  
uh that that's what they're believing it  
play this place called heaven  
but let's take places out and it's  
really  
uh with all spiritual blessings in the  
epireneus which is in the in the  
spiritual dimension  
so there's a spiritual dimension here  
we're in the physical dimension but  
there's a spiritual dimension  
and blessed be the god and father and  
our lord jesus christ who have together  
blessed us with all spiritual blessings  
in the heavenly in the spiritual  
dimension in christ  
now if ancient israel was to rejoice  
because of the increase in their harvest  
that god blessed them with a physical  
increase  
by the works of their hands how much  
more  
during these this feast of tabernacles  
how much more should we  
as the first fruits of god of god's  
harvest  
rejoice because we've been blessed by  
god and by christ  
with all spiritual blessings  
in the heavenly in christ  
according as he has chosen  
us okay now we're getting into something  
that we who are receiving  
all spirit he's not holding anything

back  
we're receiving all spiritual blessings  
according as he has chosen us  
in him so the blessings are in the  
spiritual dimension  
and they're in christ according to the  
fact that he's chosen us  
in him before  
the foundation of the world that we  
should be holy  
and without blame before him in love  
now we're we're wading into some very  
deep waters here  
he's chosen us before the foundation of  
the world  
that we should be holy and without blame  
before him  
in love having predestinated us  
unto the adoption of children by jesus  
christ to himself  
according to the good pleasure of his  
will  
now this is getting really really deep  
and in the first century second century  
third century fourth century  
if we were converts  
to the church and particularly if we  
were greek philosophers  
then we can go very deep and heavy into  
this we can blow people's minds with our  
socratic platonic aristotle and logic  
and just come up with this this concept  
of predestination  
that basically i i'm i'm just so special  
that before the foundation of the world  
god predestined me  
for this heavenly outcome  
and because you know according to  
aristotle he's the first mover  
and and nobody can change him then we  
can go deep into this once saved always  
saved  
with this aristotle and logic because  
hey we're predestined

but this is coming from the apostle paul  
it's not coming from greek philosophers  
it's coming from rabbi  
paulus we got to ask ourselves the  
question  
would this incredibly educated rabbi  
who had a full understanding of torah  
and the prophets and the writings and  
the history of  
israel who then came to know christ  
and christ revealed to him how he is in  
all the scriptures  
and christ revealed to him how to  
understand torah and how to understand  
the prophets  
and the history of israel would this  
rabbi  
then throw all of that away because now  
he's got a gentile audience  
and just basically switch to socrates  
plato and aristotle to speak to  
the gentile audience and come up with  
some new greek philosophical  
concept that has a new choosing or  
would he help the gentiles who have been  
grafted in  
to this covenant would he help them to  
understand what they've been grafted  
into  
i think the latter i think the rabbi  
is trying to help the gentiles  
understand what they've been grafted  
into  
so if we put on this hebrew mindset  
to say that we are receiving all of  
these spiritual blessings in the  
spiritual dimension  
according as he has chosen us well who  
did he choose  
who are his elect does he choose  
and then drop that choice and then  
choose again and then drop that choice  
and then choose again and then drop that  
choice

or does he choose once from the  
foundation of the world  
knowing everything that could happen and  
and and not  
allowing anything to frustrate his plan  
i think there's only one choice and so  
when the the rabbi when the apostle here  
is telling us  
that these blessings are in accordance  
with the fact that he's  
chosen us in him before the foundation  
of the world  
and we know that the lamb was slain  
before the foundation of the world  
so we know that he had a plan before  
creating adam  
before the foundation of the world there  
was a plan  
he knew he had a will of how he would  
create  
this being called man and also how he  
would save man  
and that he would choose for himself a  
people that he would work through  
to bring redemption to all mankind and  
so he has chosen  
israel in him before the foundation of  
the world  
there's a set of people that he had  
masterminded in his plan  
this people that today we call israel  
were chosen from the foundation there  
was a man  
one man that the seed would that this  
holy seed would come through this man  
and these people would be set apart from  
the rest of mankind  
in order to bring this seed to mankind  
and then through these people bring  
redemption to mankind  
so he has chosen us that's israel in him  
that's christ before the foundation of  
the world  
that we should be holy and without blame

before him in love this is the plan from  
the foundation  
that there would be a seed a holy seed a  
holy people  
a people set apart for holy use and that  
this people despite  
their sinfulness that there would be a  
way  
to present them before himself without  
blame  
and all of this was designed before the  
first man was even created  
and that's why the lamb was slain from  
the foundation  
of the world having predestinated us  
unto the adoption of children by jesus  
christ to himself so  
israel is god's firstborn  
israel is god's son  
and this plan of having a people that  
would come from a man  
that would be set apart and be adopted  
as  
as his family this was set from the  
foundation  
this is the predestination it's not that  
i i'm just so special  
that no one can take salvation away from  
me that's not what this is saying  
this is saying that the plan for israel  
as the holy set apart people  
was set from the foundation of the world  
and we have been grafted into  
this predestination this predestined  
plan  
having predestinated us unto the  
adoption of children by jesus christ  
to himself according  
to the good pleasure of his will this is  
so important  
so let's just uh bank that that phrase  
that all of this is according to the  
good pleasure of his will because we're  
going to come this is going to come back



that he has a will and it's his good  
pleasure  
to execute this will and that's what  
this that's what this predestination is  
about  
that no matter what happens he has a  
will  
and it's good it's his good pleasure to  
bring about  
this predestined plan now  
who are the who who are these people  
that he has chosen  
let's go to the torah deuteronomy 7  
verse 6  
for you are a holy people well how many  
whole people are there  
how many choices does god make is god  
promiscuous  
god forbid he covenants with one people  
that's it  
and he preached he's predestined that  
these people in the end  
will be victorious deuteronomy 7 verse 6  
for you that is israel are a holy people  
that is set apart for holy use  
unto the lord your god the lord your god  
has chosen you this is what rabbi shaol  
the apostle paulus this is what he is  
bringing to light  
he hasn't thrown out the old testament  
the way the greek fathers  
the greco-roman pagan christian fathers  
they throw out the old testament  
they come to ephesians 1 and they just  
make things up  
because they have no foundation we learn  
that we read the scripture everything is  
based in torah  
we always go back to torah then  
everything has to  
integrate with torah we have isaiah as  
the  
ultimate switchboard isaiah captures the  
whole bible from genesis to revelation

so any understanding we have we root it  
in torah we reconcile it with isaiah  
and it has to line up with revelation  
torah isaiah revelation  
torah isaiah revelation everything that  
any understanding we have if it doesn't  
line up with that  
then whatever book we're reading we we  
don't have the right understanding  
so here we are in torah that the lord  
your god has  
chosen israel one choice  
to be a special people unto himself and  
we understand now this is this was  
before the foundation of the world  
so it's not that something happened  
after god set the foundation of the  
earth  
the world that he he got caught off  
guard  
he just wasn't expecting this and so now  
he's got to come up with something new  
ditch the old plan come up with a new  
one no from the very foundation he had  
considered every eventuality he had  
considered  
every possibility and he set his plan in  
motion  
that no matter what  
as he declared it that's how it's going  
to happen  
so the lord your god has chosen you that  
is israel  
to be a special people unto himself  
above  
all people that are upon the face of the  
earth  
and that is to the benefit of all people  
that he has chosen these people  
to benefit the rest of mankind so  
we this is a blessing this is not  
something to be upset about  
this is something to praise god for in  
his great wisdom

the lord did not set his set the lord  
did not set  
he's not frivolous he's not promiscuous  
he is faithful the lord did not  
faithfully set his love upon you  
nor choose you there's that word again  
because you were more in number than any  
people  
in fact you were the fewest of all  
people you were you were enslaved  
you were nothing and god chose you  
why but because the lord loved you  
and because he would keep the oath  
which he had sworn unto your fathers  
god doesn't need help he's not desperate  
trying to keep his word god declares his  
word  
and then he keeps it that's what makes  
him god  
and so he he loves israel because he  
would keep the  
oath this covenant that he entered into  
which he had sworn  
unto your fathers that is abraham isaac  
and jacob  
has the lord brought you out with a  
mighty hand and redeemed you  
out of the house of bond men from the  
hand of pharaoh king of egypt you guys  
were nothing  
but god chose you to set you apart and  
to make you above all people  
because of the oath that he swore to  
abraham isaac and jacob and that's what  
we need to understand that  
from from genesis 1 god is the god of  
all mankind  
and he's the god of all mankind until  
genesis 12.  
in genesis 12 we sort of slam on the  
brakes  
we make a sharp right turn everybody off  
the bus except abraham  
and in genesis 12 after this sharp right

turn and everybody disembarks  
god is no longer the god of all mankind  
beginning in genesis 12 he's now the god  
of abraham he's the god of abraham  
isaac and jacob forever  
he will be known as the god of israel  
forever and that began in genesis 12.  
he's not figuring this out as he goes  
along oh what should i do now  
this has been predestined that he would  
choo he would create mankind  
it was obvious that mankind was no match  
for satan  
mankind would fail that's why the lamb  
had to be slain from the foundation of  
the earth  
but the lamb slain from the foundation  
of the earth would come  
into the realm of mankind through  
mankind  
through the through the seed of eve and  
he prophesied that in genesis 3.  
so there had to be a people that would  
become holy and set apart  
so that the holy seed could come through  
that people  
and through that people presented to the  
rest of mankind  
god is not figuring this out as he goes  
along this was predetermined  
and predestined before he created adam  
genesis 12 verse 1 now the lord has said  
unto abram  
get you out of your country and from  
your kindred and from your father's  
house  
unto a land that i will show you and i  
will make of  
you a great nation i'm not going to make  
great nations out of multiple people  
i have now become in covenant  
relationship  
with you and i will make your seed  
a great nation above all other peoples

and through that seed bring salvation  
and redemption  
to mankind i will make of you a great  
nation and i will bless you  
and make your name great and you shall  
be a blessing  
and i will bless them that bless you and  
curse him that curses you so we need to  
be very careful we need to know who this  
seed is  
because we never want to be in a  
position where we're cursing  
this holy seed because god guarantees he  
will curse us  
we want to be in a position that we are  
blessing this holy seed because god says  
he will bless them that bless this seed  
he says notice this and in  
you i'm going to set you apart i'm going  
to set your seed above  
all the rest of mankind and in your seed  
in you  
shall all families of the earth be  
blessed  
so so this this plan from the foundation  
is for the benefit and the blessing of  
all mankind  
continuing in the torah deuteronomy 10  
and verse 14  
behold the heaven and the heaven of  
heavens is the lord's  
your god he created the whole universe  
the earth also  
with all that therein is only the lord  
had a delight in your fathers  
abraham isaac and jacob  
he had a delight in your fathers to love  
them and  
he chose their seed  
this is the choice he doesn't choose  
change his mind  
choose again choose change choose no  
this is the choice he delighted in your  
fathers to love them

and he chose their seed meaning he  
didn't choose anybody else's seed  
this is who he's chosen he chose their  
seed after them  
even you above all people  
as it is this day is this just to  
you know annoy other people no we just  
read it  
that in you in his seed shall all  
families of the earth  
be blessed as it is to this day now in  
amos  
3 in verse 2 through the prophet amos he  
says  
you only this is israel this is the seed  
now  
this is the seed this is the chosen seed  
these are the holy people  
you only have i know of all the families  
of the earth  
he doesn't know all the families so  
the holy seed which is christ  
will come through the holy seed which is  
israel and that's why you see them you  
know and judah specifically  
you see them so careful in in the uh  
the genealogies because of the prophecy  
in genesis 3.  
they knew that this messiah is going to  
come through them  
that they've been set apart so here amos  
3 verse 2  
you only have i know this intimate  
intercourse this intimate relationship  
is between the god of the universe and  
only this this people  
israel you only have i known of all the  
families of the earth  
all the families of the earth will be  
blessed through you but  
you're the only ones that i know  
therefore  
i will punish you for all your  
iniquities

so when we understand this that these  
are the people that have been chosen  
but they are full of iniquity and they  
deserve great great punishment  
when we understand this then when we  
come to the apostle paul's writing in  
ephesians  
where he says grace charis  
and peace shalom be unto you  
this is amazing that this curse  
of the covenant has been lifted through  
christ  
through the blood of christ it's the  
same  
covenant that is being renewed  
and the curses have been re replaced  
with the blessings  
because of christ's redemption so this  
family that's been selected  
is under curse it's to be punished  
but then christ comes same selection god  
hasn't changed his mind  
oh i chose israel  
oh but they were disobedient so i threw  
them away  
and then i chose the church oh but they  
were disobedient  
so i threw them away and then i chose  
the arabs  
and according to the arabs now this is  
his final choice  
uh because arabs can do no wrong and  
they're just beautiful wonderful  
perfect people because muhammad was just  
perfect and so now finally god stops  
choosing  
no that's not the way it goes there's no  
replacement theology  
because from the foundation of the world  
this choice was made  
and they have been predestined to be  
this people they  
have they have come into from adam from  
abraham

entered into this covenant with god then  
his seed  
have come into this predestined plan  
ephesians 1 verse 6 so  
all of this is happening these these  
spiritual blessings that we have  
inherited this this curse of the  
covenant that's been lifted  
but the blessings the full blessings of  
the covenant and the intention from the  
foundation of the world  
all of this has come to us to the praise  
of the glory of his grace  
this is what we have to come to  
understand and why we're going to just  
rejoice during this feast  
because he has grace  
there is a graciousness to god  
there is this just he's not he's not a  
human being  
if he was a human being that's it it's  
all over you know  
burn the whole earth and start all over  
again  
but he's not human he's god and he's  
faithful to his word  
and because of that there is a grace  
that he bestows upon  
us which is glorious  
and by us coming into this grace it  
brings praise  
to the glory of this grace  
wherein he has made us accepted  
in the beloved what is the beloved the  
beloved is israel  
the beloved is the covenant and through  
the glory of this grace  
he has made us accepted now in the  
beloved and when he's saying us  
it's israel but there are no  
gentiles that have also been  
accepted in this beloved in whom again  
he says of all the families of the earth  
only israel he's known



israel is the beloved and now we've been  
accepted  
into this beloved in whom we have  
redemption through his blood  
so again we can throw out the old  
testament and then suddenly  
the whole pagan gentile world has  
redemption through his blood  
or we can say no this is a rabbi's  
teaching  
who now understands from christ the old  
testament in its fullness  
and understands from the old testament  
that god had always planned  
a redemption for israel and a new  
covenant relationship  
with israel and judah and that unless we  
could destroy the sun and the moon  
that we will never replace the covenant  
relationship  
that he has with israel and judah so in  
in whom now in christ we have we israel  
have redemption and those grafted into  
israel  
because the redemption is only through  
israel we have redemption through his  
blood  
so he came as the holy one of israel  
to redeem israel and through israel this  
set apart people  
to redeem the world so in him we have  
redemption through his blood  
the forgiveness of sins so he says you  
only have i known  
therefore i will punish you for your  
iniquity  
and now we have the removal of this this  
this iniquity because christ took that  
upon himself  
so that we could escape it and have the  
blessings of the covenant  
through his blood the forgiveness of  
sins according to the riches  
of his grace wherein he has

abounded toward us in all wisdom  
and prudence so this this incredible  
grace  
he is just bestowing it there's nothing  
holding back now  
he's not holding anything all the  
spiritual blessings  
are coming down upon this first fruits  
covenant israel  
so we're in he has abounded toward us in  
all wisdom and prudence this is by  
design he knows what he's doing  
having made known unto us the mystery  
of his will so this is the ephesus  
full of the mysterious arts in the  
mystery babylon religion  
but he's made known unto us the mystery  
of his will  
so he has a will and this will of his  
brings him good pleasure he's happy to  
do it  
but nobody knows about it and it was set  
from the foundation of the world  
but now he's made known unto us the  
mystery of this will  
according to his good pleasure which he  
had purposed in himself so there it is  
again  
he has a will and he has a good pleasure  
to carry out this will and now he's made  
it known to  
us although it is unknown to everybody  
else  
it is a mystery and and because he's not  
holding  
any blessings back from us he's bringing  
us into this mystery  
so that we can understand it according  
to the good pleasure  
which he has purposed in himself  
he has purposed this in himself from the  
foundation of the world  
and the lamb was slain from the  
foundation

of the world because of this will which  
he purposed in himself  
and it's his good pleasure to carry it  
out  
that in the dispensation of the fullness  
of times  
he might and this is the feast of in  
gathering and so here we're seeing this  
this will of in gathering that in the  
dispensation of the fullness of times  
he might gather together in one  
all things in christ  
this this is this is the will the good  
pleasure of his will  
and this is the mystery that nobody  
understands but he's making it known to  
us  
that here we have this good pleasure of  
his will from the foundation  
and now we see gentiles being brought  
into  
the good pleasure of his will and now  
we're being told  
that in the dispensation of the fullness  
of times  
eventually everything  
will be gathered in one in christ so  
right now we're seeing  
some gentiles being grafted into israel  
into one so they're now one but  
ultimately everything  
will be brought together in one in  
christ  
both which are in heaven and which are  
on earth  
even in him christ is the focal point  
christ is the central point of this plan  
from the foundation of the world  
and we're now beginning to understand it  
it's his good pleasure to carry this out  
and he's making it known to us and in  
the process of making it known to us  
he's not holding back any spiritual  
blessing

he is pouring out all the spiritual  
blessings upon  
he says in whom also that is in christ  
in whom also we have obtained  
an inheritance being predestinated  
there's that word again  
where again we can reject the old  
testament and come up with  
okay greek philosophy this is aristotle  
this is the logic of aristotle  
once he's chosen us that's it once saved  
always saved  
meanwhile we saw in ephesians 20  
the dire warning that the apostle paul  
gave to the elders in ephesus to say i'm  
free from the blood of all men but you  
men better watch your  
if you don't repent so with this saint  
paul who gave such a  
a dire warning to the elders of ephesus  
now write to ephesus  
saying oh one saved always saved  
or would he tap into his deep knowledge  
of torah his deep knowledge of the  
prophets  
and the history to bring this gentile  
church into the understanding of what  
what the covenant is that they've been  
brought into  
in whom also i think you know the answer  
in whom also  
we have obtained an inheritance israel  
has an inheritance in fact israel is the  
inheritance of god  
and they're going to inherit the  
promised land and and jerusalem and all  
of this that goes with it  
the the the priesthood of all the  
nations so now  
in christ we have obtained this  
inheritance being predestinated  
it was somebody was going to fulfill  
this plan from the foundation of the  
world and here we are being grafted into

it  
being predestinated according to there  
it is again the purpose of him  
there's a plan and a purpose who works  
all things  
after the council of his own will  
this is the mystery that we're coming to  
understand  
that god has a will and he's come up  
with a plan  
or a council to carry out this will  
and it's his good pleasure to execute  
this plan to carry out his will  
according to his purpose laid from the  
foundation of the world  
and we have now come into this plan  
now let's understand this council of his  
will  
let's go to the prophets let's go to  
isaiah and again second isaiah  
is in the archives god willing will  
cover the first isaiah uh shortly  
but second isaiah we did isaiah 40 to 66  
which is sort of  
new testament isaiah there's 66 chapters  
in isaiah 66 books in the bible  
27 of them are in the new testament  
that's second isaiah 39 old testament  
that's first isaiah  
so second isaiah is in the archive if  
you haven't seen that please  
go ahead and access that and even if we  
have it's  
worthwhile to go back over these because  
as we study other books  
and then we come back we have a deeper  
understanding  
and then we have a deeper understanding  
we go and study other books we have a  
deeper understanding of the other books  
it's all interconnected isaiah 46 and  
verse 9  
remember the former things of old  
he's speaking to israel for i

am god and there is none  
else how do i get this israel how do i  
get this into your head  
i am god stop chasing other gods there  
is no other god  
i am god and there's none else i am god  
and there is none like me and what is it  
that makes this god unique  
how do we know that this truly is god  
and the other gods are false  
he tells us here in verse 10. i'm god  
and there's none like me what makes me  
unique i declare  
the end from the beginning  
and from ancient times things that are  
not yet done  
saying my counsel  
my plan my design  
for the redemption of mankind my counsel  
shall stand  
and i will do all my pleasure  
this is what the rabbi this is what the  
apostle  
is accessing when he's writing to  
ephesus  
to say there's a mystery here that we're  
being brought in to understand  
that there's a good pleasure of the  
council of his will  
and this is it we see this here when he  
when god is speaking to his people  
israel  
saying stop chasing other gods  
i'm the only god and what makes me  
unique  
is i declare and then i fulfill  
so i have covenanted with abraham isaac  
and jacob your fathers  
and i will be the god of jacob i will be  
the god of israel forever  
and nothing can frustrate this so we  
can't come to the new testament now  
and say oh god made a promise but he had  
no clue what he was doing

so we had to drop that promise and  
become a liar  
and come up with some other idea no we  
can now come into the new testament  
safely understanding that from the  
beginning  
he declared how all of this was going to  
end  
from the beginning he declared how it  
was going to end  
and so here we are there's a council  
there's a design there's a plan  
and he says it shall stand  
notwithstanding the efforts of satan and  
the demonic host  
notwithstanding the efforts of evil men  
this council shall stand  
and he will do all his pleasure so this  
good pleasure that we're reading of in  
ephesians 1  
he's going to do it he is doing it in us  
verse 12 ephesians 1 that we should be  
to the praise of his glory who first  
trusted in christ so we are the first  
fruits of israel  
who actually trust in christ israel has  
never trusted in christ  
they've always turned their back on him  
they've always slid back  
he's constantly trying to work with them  
and now he has a people who finally get  
it  
who are the first fruits of the new  
covenant  
where he has now put his spirit in us  
so that it enables us to believe him  
like abraham and to trust him like our  
father abraham  
and so here we are jew and gentile alike  
grafted in to these covenant this  
covenant community and in  
in partaking in the renewed  
covenant which ultimately all israel  
will partake in

if they repent that we should be to the  
praise of his glory so there's that  
phrase again  
that all of this this this will that  
he's carrying out  
it ultimately results in the praise of  
his glory  
that as mankind comes to see what god  
has orchestrated from the very beginning  
they will see the glory of his grace and  
they will all  
join us in praising the glory of his  
grace  
so that we should be the praise of his  
glory who first trusted  
in christ and god will be praised in  
israel he will be glorified in israel  
we are the first fruits of this praise  
verse 13 in whom you also trusted  
after that you heard the word of truth  
the gospel of your salvation this is the  
good news that  
that gentiles can now participate in  
this  
this divine plan of god and and gentiles  
have come in and have also trusted also  
meaning you know the jews trusted first  
they then  
through paul took it to the gentiles to  
be grafted into this trust  
in whom you also trusted after that you  
heard of the word of truth  
the good news of your salvation in whom  
also  
after that you believed you were sealed  
with that holy spirit of promise so this  
holy spirit that we've been given  
it's the seed it's the it's the deposit  
it's the down payment  
ultimately our whole bodies will be  
changed  
into this pneumatic this this spiritual  
body  
but now we have the down payment of this



the seal of promise  
which is here it is which is the earnest  
or the down payment or the deposit  
of our inheritance until the redemption  
of the purchased possession so there's a  
purchased possession  
there's a possession that he has  
purchased with his blood  
unto the praise of his glory what is  
that possession  
what is that possession that he's  
purchased with his blood  
let's let's the rabbi would know the  
prophets so let's go back to the  
prophets to try to understand what is  
the rabbi  
shaol apostle paulus  
what is he trying to tell us this is a  
down payment of our inheritance  
who has the inheritance israel has the  
inheritance  
but this is the down payment of it until  
the redemption of the purchased  
possession so he came to earth  
and he shed his blood to purchase  
something  
what did he purchase isaiah 49 and verse  
14  
but zion said the lord has forsaken me  
yeah you know what rightly so you  
brought this upon yourself because of  
all of your iniquity so zion said the  
lord has forsaken me  
and my lord has forgotten me they were  
in this intimate relationship  
and zion betrayed zion committed  
whoredoms  
and adultery and broke the covenant and  
so now they say realize  
okay all of this tribulation has come  
upon us  
and god has forsaken us and he's  
forgotten us  
god's answer can a woman

forget her sucking child that she should  
not have compassion  
on the son of her womb yeah they may  
forget  
yet will i not forget you i'm entered  
into i've entered into an eternal  
covenant with you i won't forget you  
behold i have graven you  
upon the palms of my hand there is the  
purchase  
there is the blood purchase he came to  
earth to purchase something  
what did he purchase he purchased israel  
he purchased israel with his own blood  
and this was predestined  
the lamb was slain from the foundation  
of the earth  
behold i've graven you israel upon the  
palms of my hands  
your wall zion's walls are continually  
before me the  
because the plan from the beginning this  
again we just really have to drive this  
home from the beginning it was  
understood  
that jerusalem  
would be the throne of god the seat of  
god the tabernacle god would tabernacle  
with man  
from jerusalem so all of this was set  
from the foundation of the world and  
that's what we need to fully fully grasp  
and understand  
he says zion's walls  
are continually before because when we  
go to the end  
the new jerusalem comes down and the  
walls of zion  
have 12 gates each gate with one of the  
names of israel one of the names of the  
tribes of israel  
and so the rest of mankind when they  
come into the new jerusalem  
they will be assigned one of the tribes

because these people have been set  
over over as a special people over the  
rest of mankind  
and so from the beginning this plan this  
council of his will  
has been on his mind and zion says oh  
he's forgotten us  
god no no no no your walls  
i have a plan and your walls are  
continually before me  
and here we are in the millennium so  
there's going to be a jerusalem restored  
jerusalem  
so right now there's a violent jerusalem  
a jerusalem that's completely degraded  
and we're watching to see when the  
abomination that makes desolate  
is set up to completely destroy and make  
desolate jerusalem in all the cities of  
judah  
so there's there's jerusalem today  
then there will be jerusalem through the  
millennium when christ will return  
and cause jerusalem to be restored  
and to be rebuilt and to be upgraded and  
it's gonna be spectacular  
but that's not the new jerusalem that's  
the millennial jerusalem  
then at the end of the thousand years  
satan will make one final push to try to  
destroy jerusalem in the holy city and  
the people of god  
he though those people will be  
completely vanquished immediately  
and satan will be finally destroyed and  
then after all of that  
then the new jerusalem will come down  
and it will have this the walls of  
jerusalem  
and this has been on god's mind from the  
foundation of the earth  
in isaiah 43 and verse 1  
but now thus says the lord that created  
you

o jacob and he that formed you o israel  
he doesn't say this to anybody else only  
israel  
fear not for i have redeemed you  
christ came to earth to redeem israel  
and through israel the rest of mankind  
each in his own order for i have  
redeemed you  
i have called you by your name  
you are mine i have chosen  
you you're mine when you pass through  
the waters  
i will be with you we saw that as a  
first time with moises but any trouble  
that comes upon  
israel god is promising israel i'll  
never forget you  
i'll be with you and through the rivers  
they shall not overflow you or overtake  
you  
when you walk through the fire and we  
know the great tribulation is just ahead  
of us now  
we're waiting for this when israel goes  
through this great trip it's the time of  
trouble such no nation has ever seen  
this type of this level of trouble  
this nation of jacob is going to see  
trouble the likes of which the world has  
never seen  
but when they go through this time of  
great trouble  
it's also a time when they'll be saved  
out of it  
and that's what isaiah is saying here  
that when you walk through the fire  
you will not be burned you will not god  
says in malachi 3  
i am the lord therefore you sons of  
jacob  
are not destroyed i change i'm the lord  
i don't change  
that's why you sons of jacob are not  
destroyed again greek philosophers get a

hold of that  
and come up with aristotle and logic to  
say that god you know  
he just never changes he doesn't learn  
he's the perfect the unchanging perfect  
for god and that's why that's what that  
means no  
just go to the torah all that means is  
god has entered a covenant  
and he never goes back on his word i  
entered a covenant and i don't go back  
on my word that's why  
you sons of jacob are not destroyed so  
we see the covenant  
in in place here that even though israel  
has to go through the fire  
they will not be destroyed neither shall  
the flame kindle upon you  
for i am the lord your god forever  
i am the lord your god the holy one of  
israel and we have to understand this  
as as the tribulation comes down upon  
this earth and comes down upon jacob  
somebody needs to be telling jacob do  
not fear  
do not work only repent and turn to the  
lord  
because he is the holy one of israel  
he's the one that came to fulfill all  
the covenant  
with israel everything that you see in  
deuteronomy  
christ came and was very careful to fill  
to fulfill it perfectly  
for i am the lord your god the holy one  
of israel your savior  
here's here's the purchase i gave egypt  
for your ransom  
ethiopia and sheba for you i i will  
throw these gentile nations into  
tribulation  
in order to take you out of the  
tribulation  
since you were precious in my sight you

have been honorable and i have loved you  
therefore i will give men for you  
and people for your life go back to  
deuteronomy 30. moses said this isaiah  
is just repeating what moses said  
fear not for i am with you somebody  
needs to tell  
israel and judah this as we go through  
these great times of trouble we need to  
understand the full counsel of god  
so that we can say look this is the  
council of god it's his good pleasure to  
carry this out  
fear not for i am with you i will bring  
your seed from the east  
and gather you from the west and we see  
this in matthew 24 when god says  
you know unless those days were  
shortened no flesh and specifically when  
read it in context  
no flesh of judah no flesh of israel  
would survive because the whole design  
is to destroy these people  
and yet god has chosen them and he's  
saying even though you go through the  
fire  
you won't be destroyed so god will cut  
these days short  
and then he will gather israel from the  
four corners of the earth  
fear not for i am with you i will bring  
your seed from the east and gather you  
from the west  
so this is the the the context  
that the rabbi would be bringing into  
light  
into the ephesian the church at ephesus  
and the other the other christians that  
he's writing to  
who have come into this renewed covenant  
who are the first fruits of this renewed  
covenant  
verse 15. therefore i also  
or wherefore i also after i heard of

your faith in the lord jesus  
and love unto all the saints so so they  
get it they've received the holy spirit  
the apostle hears of this because of  
this i cease not to give thanks for you  
making mention of you in my prayers now  
he shares with them it's not just hey i  
mention you in my prayers  
he actually shares with them now what he  
prays about  
what is it that he's making mention of  
them as he  
he hears of their love for the saints of  
their acceptance of this great truth  
that they have been grafted into this  
covenant and he's just  
thrilled and he makes mention of them  
constantly  
gives thanks and makes mention of them  
in his prayers what does he pray  
here it is that the god  
of our lord jesus christ so jesus has a  
god  
jesus has somebody over him and there's  
no trinity here  
none that he's co-equal trinitarian  
formula formulaic not greek  
philosophical nonsense  
that's not at all what the bible shows  
shows that jesus has a god there's one  
god  
and the lord jesus christ that the god  
of our lord jesus christ the father of  
glory  
may give unto you this is his prayer  
that god may give unto you  
the spirit of wisdom  
and revelation  
in the knowledge of him so remember  
in acts 20  
sir acts 19 that they came  
and they burned all of their books  
about the mysterious magical arts they  
had a lot of knowledge

of the mysteries of babylon and they  
were using this knowledge  
and then paul came and frustrated the  
demonic agenda  
by preaching the truth and they came  
into this understanding and they burned  
all of that they destroyed all of that  
knowledge they forsook  
all of that nonsense that demonic evil  
nonsense and they  
embraced christ and now he's praying  
that may god give unto you the spirit of  
wisdom and revelation  
in the knowledge of him now  
the eyes of your understanding  
being enlightened this is really  
important if we  
if we look here in matthew 13 when  
christ  
christ was asked by his disciples why  
are you speaking to our fellow jews  
in parables why don't you speak to our  
fellow jews plainly  
and christ answered blessed are your  
eyes  
so they he cursed the jews he said  
seeing they see not  
hearing hearing they hear not and the  
heart  
of this people has grown dull  
but blessed are your eyes you're  
different for they see  
and your ears for they here and so  
the apostle now is praying that they  
come into this spirit of no  
of wisdom and revelation the eyes of  
your understanding  
being enlightened this is the reverse  
of the curse that we see here christ  
quoting in matthew  
13 which we find in isaiah 6  
that these people were cursed with  
blindness  
and deafness and arrogance



until jerusalem and the cities of judah  
are destroyed with the abomination of  
desolation  
that at that point the curse would be  
lifted but until then there's no  
repentance available to them  
with with the exception of those  
who accept christ and there  
the curse is lifted and this is why in  
revelation  
christ says to the church at ephesus and  
to all seven churches  
he who has an ear let him  
hear what the spirit says to the  
churches  
to the first fruits of israel  
because israel is deaf and here  
paul is praying that the eyes of our  
understanding be  
enlightened that although israel is deaf  
dumb and arrogant and blind  
that there's a first fruits israel  
that can hear what the spirit says to  
the churches  
and there's a first fruits israel that  
can see our understanding being  
enlightened  
why that you may know what is the hope  
of his calling so again this is from the  
foundation of the world this has all  
been predestined this plan has been set  
in place this council  
of his good pleasure of the will of his  
will has been put in place from the  
foundation of the world  
and now paul is praying that we have the  
spirit of wisdom and revelation  
that our eyes would be enlightened that  
we may know what is the hope  
of his calling why did he call us and  
what the riches  
of the glory of his inheritance in the  
saints  
this is what we must come to understand

and he's not holding anything back  
and this is why we rejoice and  
in addition to that what is the  
exceeding greatness of his  
power to us word or toward us  
like this this is something else we've  
been blessed with all spiritual  
blessings in the heavenly dimension  
in the spiritual dimension and now he  
wants he's praying earnestly  
that we would come by by the spirit of  
revelation  
and wisdom that our eyes of  
enlightenment would be opened  
and and we would see and come to  
understand  
what is not just the greatness of his  
power but the  
exceeding greatness of his  
power toward us who believe  
now these are people from the city of  
ephesus  
who were surrounded by witchcraft  
surrounded by witches and warlocks  
and people who go around saying a spirit  
has attached itself to you  
and you have no hope unless you come to  
me to exercise you  
and we saw the sons of skiva playing  
around with this and making money off  
people  
but the spirit world the demonic world  
didn't even recognize them  
they were they were under the control of  
the demonic world they were not giving  
any trouble  
to the demonic world although they were  
going around exercising people  
because they were not withstanding and  
confronting and destroying  
the chief tool of the demonic world  
which is deception  
which is what christ did which is what  
paul did

which is what the true church does and  
as we go deeper into ephesians  
we're going to come to understand this  
adversarial relationship  
that the church must have with the  
demonic world  
that the church is not the church if it  
does not have this adversarial  
relationship  
with the demonic world and all of the  
deception  
that comes through the demonic world and  
so here  
it's very important for paul to  
understand that you don't need to go to  
men  
to help you achieve your salvation  
you just need teachers who will help you  
to understand  
and access this exceeding greatness of  
his power  
which he's not holding back it's  
available to us who believe  
and it's the same exceeding great power  
that  
was according to the working of his  
mighty power  
which he wrought in christ when he  
raised christ from the dead  
and then set him at his own right hand  
in the heavenly  
in the epiranius in that spiritual  
dimension  
so here now this power imagine this  
think about this  
this power that god used to lift  
christ christ was dead for three days  
and three nights  
and god used this power to raise him  
from the dead and not just bring him  
back to life and  
put him on his feet on the earth but to  
then lift him from there  
and set him at his own right hand

in the heavenly far above  
all principality and power this is going  
to be very very important he's laying a  
foundation  
here that he's going to build upon  
through the rest of the book  
so we've got to get this foundation so  
that when we read the rest of the book  
we read it in the context  
of the foundation that he's laying and  
so he's laying this foundation that  
there is an exceeding great power  
that he's not holding back from us and  
and paul  
paul is praying earnestly that the  
church would come to understand the  
access that we have to this great power  
in a city full of witches and warlocks  
who are running around making money off  
people by  
making them afraid and that's something  
that people don't understand  
witchcraft is about control witchcraft  
is about people  
reading things into your life that make  
you panic  
and make you fearful and allow them to  
exercise control over you when i was a  
young man  
i mentioned this to our brethren here in  
ottawa when i was a young man  
i was a taxi driver this was very early  
in my  
my spiritual awakening and i had taken a  
woman  
uh affair for this woman and dropped her  
off and she started to say she didn't  
have the money for the fair  
and it was about 10 or 15 or something  
like that she didn't have the money for  
the fair but she would barter with me  
she was a palm reader  
and and and if i was happy i could come  
in and she would read my palm and not

charge me  
so i i agreed so i went in and she read  
my palm and she started seeing nice  
things and they were saying nice things  
and then she looked at a certain line in  
my palm and her countenance changed  
and she became very dramatic and started  
to fear for my life  
of something terrible that could happen  
to me well that would happen to me very  
soon  
and that i should come back and she  
could go deeper into it and give me host  
potions and lotions and whatnot to  
escape this great trap  
this is witchcraft this is witchcraft to  
gain  
to gain control and the 50 all the books  
that these  
ephesians came and they burned they were  
reading these books  
to learn how to put fear into people  
when you when you study voodoo  
it's about putting fear into people they  
would they would know the tree barks and  
the herbs  
that could paralyze people and turn them  
into zombies  
and then you know put some spell on them  
so that everybody else is terrified and  
pays them to avoid that happening to  
them  
witchcraft is about control and  
merchandising human beings  
and it comes from the demonic world so  
when people come and try to put  
witchcraft on you by trying to tell you  
in some way you're cursed  
unless you come to them this is  
witchcraft  
and the apostle paul is saying he wants  
us to understand  
the power that we have in christ  
the power through the holy spirit the

same power that raised christ from the  
dead  
he's not holding that back we have full  
access to that power  
and when christ when god raised christ  
from the dead he set him at his right  
hand far above all principality and  
powers  
every demonic satan himself is nothing  
to christ  
and the the antichrist and the beast  
power  
these kingdoms of the earth are nothing  
to christ  
because christ has been set far above  
all principality and power and might and  
dominion  
and every name that is named not only in  
this world  
but also in that which is to come and  
that's the exact same teaching to the  
philippians  
that he was found in fashion as a man  
and he humbled himself  
and became obedient to death even the  
death of the cross  
therefore god also has highly exalted  
him  
and given him a name which is above  
every name and every knee will bow to  
christ and that same power  
that has done this for christ when we  
follow him  
faithfully even unto death  
this same power this is what we have  
access to this is what is operating in  
our lives  
and this is why the apostle wants us to  
rejoice  
verse 22 as we finish now and he has put  
all things under his feet  
this same christ this same power that  
has done all of this  
is available to you whatever you have

going on in your life  
you have this power i have this power in  
christ  
and this is this is the understanding he  
is praying earnestly  
that we will have and we will rejoice in  
the good pleasure  
of the council of his will to bring us  
into this and he has put all things  
under christ's feet  
and then gave him this same powerful  
christ  
who is above all principalities and  
powers and dominions and every ruler  
this same christ he gave him to be the  
head  
over all things to the church  
he's our head this power  
it's not just that we have access to  
he's our head and he  
orchestrates he's all things to the  
church which is his body we're his body  
so the power that he has he's working  
through his body  
which is his body the fullness of him  
that fills  
all in all and so we'll conclude today  
as we get ready for chapter two god  
willing tomorrow  
but this is this is an amazing letter  
that if we can just take some time to  
meditate upon it  
we will rejoice and rejoice and rejoice  
and as he said to the philippians and so  
i repeat to us now  
rejoice in the lord always you have  
access i we have access i have access  
you have access  
all first fruits israel  
have access to this grace and the glory  
of this grace  
being being grafted in to this  
predestined counsel of his will  
upon what is his good pleasure to carry

it out and he is not holding back  
any spiritual blessing so if israel was  
to rejoice  
for the physical blessing and the  
physical increase through the works of  
their hands  
how much more should we rejoice  
as first fruits israel whom he is not  
holding back  
any spiritual blessing that we have  
access to this this exceeding  
great power with which he used to raise  
christ and set christ above  
every principality and power and then  
that same christ is our head we are his  
body  
what should we fear we we have  
the the future is right there  
hold on be strong rejoice in the lord  
always  
and again i say rejoice god bless you  
brethren  
have a great feast have a wonderful  
feast and  
remember jesus christ is king he's lord  
he's above  
all and he's in us all have a great  
feast  
you