

## 49-Ephesians-03-Transcript

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well greetings brethren and welcome to  
another uh feast of tabernacles uh bible  
study

uh god willing we're going to cover  
chapter three this morning  
i hope that your feast is going  
wonderfully uh amazing that we're  
already halfway through the feast  
and that's just the way it goes that  
this really does picture the time  
that just pictures how time really does  
fly

and even the millennium the  
thousand-year reign of jesus christ will  
pass

in an instant it'll when we look back  
and be like wow was that a thousand  
years

uh let's open with prayer and then we'll  
get into today's study  
father we come before you ever so  
thankful lord that you have  
opened our hearts and our minds to jesus  
christ

open our hearts and our minds to  
understanding your will and your word  
and father we just thank you for showing  
us the way to to keep these  
high holy days and here we are now  
through the feast of tabernacles looking  
forward to the last great day  
and we just thank you lord that the  
knowledge the understanding  
that we're able to to gather and then to  
comprehend

as a result of our faithfulness to your  
word father we pray that you'll help us  
as we study now the book of ephesians  
help us to to dig into it lord and to  
begin to understand and

you know go below the surface and that  
that would lead us to even greater  
understanding father  
that each bit of understanding leads to  
greater understanding not just of this  
book  
but of all the books in your word we  
praise you lord and thank you  
ask be with us now we're praying in  
jesus most holy name  
amen so hopefully my sound is coming  
through very well and we have uh changed  
locations now we're up in  
with the collingwood brethren and we  
want to cover  
ephesians chapter 3 today  
and uh again what i want to do is just  
pick up a couple of the verses  
from chapter one uh and again it's hard  
to break into chapter one because it's  
just one beautiful almost poetic  
uh stream of thought that paul has as he  
introduces this book and then prays for  
the brethren  
in ephesus but you know we went through  
that so let's just pull out some of the  
verses just to really zero in  
on some of the concepts that he pulls  
forward in this part  
of the letter what we call chapter 3. in  
ephesians 1 and verse 10 he says that in  
the dispensation  
of the fullness of times he might gather  
together  
in one all things in christ both which  
are in heaven  
and which are on earth even in him so  
there is this plan  
through the fullness of the dispensation  
of time that god will  
christ is the focal point and god will  
gather everything together in one  
under christ and everything else will  
cease to exist

now part of that process begins with the  
gathering together in one  
the jew and the gentile and that's  
certainly what we see here  
with paul founding the church in ephesus  
in verse 17

he says that the god of our lord jesus  
christ the father of glory  
and he's praying now may give unto you  
the spirit of wisdom  
and revelation in the knowledge of him  
so obviously the apostle paul  
is on a completely different level here  
and he's praying that the understanding  
the comprehension that he has  
that god would grant this to the  
brethren in ephesus  
that the eyes of your understanding  
being enlightened  
that you may know what is the hope of  
his calling  
and what the riches of his glo of the  
glory of his inheritance in the saints  
so there's this understanding that they  
he's praying that they will have and  
this is as gentiles grafted in  
which we understand we you know  
vis-a-vis the  
the curse on the jews that they would be  
blind  
until the abomination that makes  
desolate here he goes  
in verse 19 and what is the exceeding  
greatness of his power to us word or  
toward us so this is a key concept  
that he's going to pull forward that  
there is the succeeding greatness of  
power  
that is toward us who believe  
according to the working of his mighty  
power which he wrought  
in christ when he raised him from the  
dead and set him  
at his own right hand in the heavenly

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 which we are picturing  
as we observe this festival of  
tabernacles  
now this is a really key concept  
that god used his tremendous power  
to raise christ from the dead and not  
just raise him from the dead but to  
raise him from the dead and set him  
far above all principalities and powers  
and that same power  
he is using toward us so this should  
give us great confidence whatever  
you know we're all in different seasons  
of our lives  
we're all facing different trials  
different blessings having different  
blessings  
wherever we are wherever you are  
whatever you're facing  
this should give you great encouragement  
that  
this power this exceeding great power  
that god used to raise christ from the  
dead  
and not just raising from the dead but  
to set him in the heavenly in the  
highest place  
far above all principalities and powers  
that same power he's using toward us  
in other words there is no power there  
is no principality there is no dominion  
that is greater than the power that  
resides in you  
if you have god's holy spirit then we  
went into chapter two  
and um i just i just want to pick up the  
tail end of chapter two  
for context as we now go into chapter  
three so we covered chapter two

yesterday  
and then the tail end and came and  
preached peace to you  
which were afar off and them that were  
near so the gentiles were far  
off the jews were near  
and peace was preached to both  
for through him we both that is jew and  
gentile  
have access by one spirit unto the  
father so remember he's going to gather  
together in one all things under christ  
but it's going to begin with the jew and  
the gentile  
and then ultimately all creation will be  
under christ  
for through him we both have access by  
one spirit  
unto the father now therefore  
you gentiles are no more strangers and  
foreigners  
but fellow citizens with the saints it's  
almost like we shouldn't really call  
us gentiles anymore because we're all  
now one  
we're all spiritual jews now therefore  
you are no more strangers and foreigners  
so they had nothing to do with this but  
now fellow citizens with the saints  
and of the household of god so god has a  
household  
and we're now fellow citizens with the  
saints and we're part of the household  
of god  
and are built upon the foundation of the  
apostles and prophets  
jesus christ himself being the chief  
cornerstone in whom all the building  
jew and gentile male and female  
every part of this body is fitly framed  
together  
to grow unto a holy temple in the lord  
in other words god himself will dwell  
in the body of believers this is this is

mind-blowing again if the ancient  
israelites were to rejoice  
in the feast because of their physical  
increase that came at the work of their  
hands  
how much more should we rejoice because  
of the spiritual increase  
the spiritual blessings that comes at  
the work of god's hands  
so that is the context then remember  
these chapter breaks are unnatural  
they're not they're artificial  
and so we just continue in the letter  
now with that understanding of how god  
has brought  
jew and gentile together we now come  
into chapter 3 verse 1.  
for this cause for this reason this is  
the purpose  
i paul the prisoner of jesus christ for  
you gentiles  
and then he breaks his thought he he's  
about to say  
something this is the reason that i  
am imprisoned for jesus christ for you  
gentiles  
and then he's about to continue and then  
he breaks off his thought  
and it's almost like as he writes that  
he's the prisoner of jesus christ he  
realizes that that's an issue  
that there may be some that think that  
he's done something  
illegal or immoral and that's why he's  
in prison  
and so it's like he stops himself to  
clarify that he's the prisoner of jesus  
christ he's not the prisoner of rome  
he's not imprisoned because of  
some law that he broke some hate speech  
and that's why he's in prison no he's  
imprisoned by the design of christ  
and because he would not back down  
preaching the truth of christ

and we have here we saw that he  
in acts 19 he was known  
to the principalities and powers the  
principalities and powers talked about  
him  
as they talked about christ when they  
were having their  
their meetings and their  
conferences this wasn't  
jesus christ was an issue to them and  
and paul was an issue to them  
but the sons of skeva who are running  
around uh  
exercising people and claiming to remove  
evil spirits from people  
they were these sons of schever were not  
on on the  
demonic radar at all they were puppets  
of the demons even though they claimed  
to be removing demons  
what made paul a thorn in the side  
of the demonic world was his preaching  
was his enlightenment was the fact that  
he was bringing people out of the  
darkness of the mysterious arts  
the curious arts his preaching brought  
light  
and brought them out of this this  
darkness  
and that's why he's being imprisoned  
hate speech which is really love speech  
because it's an  
orwellian world this isn't new and so  
you know we have to be careful of people  
who have the skeva syndrome  
where they are heaping upon themselves  
self-importance  
but the demonic world doesn't recognize  
them because they're not doing anything  
to oppose the demonic world paul was  
opposing  
the demonic world so lest people think  
that he's in prison  
for something that he has done wrong he

clarifies  
that he's wrestling not against flesh  
and blood it's not about rome and being  
in prison  
it's about the principalities and powers  
so he he breaks off now and says if you  
have heard  
of the dispensation of the grace of god  
which is given to me toward you and  
there's that same language to you word  
that this great mighty power that we saw  
in ephesians 1  
that raised christ from the dead is now  
working toward us  
and now paul is saying my imprisonment  
is part of this mighty working  
because i was empowered and inspired  
to preach this truth which is liberating  
you  
from the chains of the demonic world and  
because of this preaching the demonic  
world  
orchestrated things to imprison me but  
my imprisonment is actually furthering  
the gospel  
so this is the great mighty power of god  
that's at work so  
so these people he has not met all he  
founded the church but obviously the  
church has continued to grow  
uh perhaps in the three or so years that  
he had been there  
and so it's grown and so some of them  
may have known him some may have just  
heard of him  
they certainly heard of his preaching  
and and he's saying it's  
the grace of god again he opened the  
letter saying grace and peace to you  
this is part of the grace to you how  
that  
by revelation he made known unto me  
the mystery and remember this is a city  
that was steeped



in the mysterious arts was steeped in  
mystery  
and they they burnt all of that they  
repented of all of that  
because this is the true mystery and  
he's saying it came to him  
by revelation and we know that from acts  
on the road to damascus when he was  
struck down and god revealed to him  
who he was and and so he says how that  
by revelation he made known unto me the  
mystery  
as i wrote before in few words so  
earlier in the letter he has mentioned  
this  
whereby when you read you may understand  
my knowledge in the mystery of christ  
so it's really just really critical like  
there's a level of understanding that i  
have here  
that i have to impart to you and you  
have to receive  
i really am praying that you will  
understand what i understand  
in this mystery which  
in other ages was not made known  
unto the sons of man so this is so  
deep and profound that previously  
nobody knew about it as it is now  
revealed  
unto his holy apostles and prophets by  
the spirit  
so there's some understanding that the  
apostle has  
that prior to this nobody had  
but it has now been revealed unto the  
apostles so prior to christ  
sending these apostles and recruiting  
and training these apostles  
and notice he says and prophets so there  
were prophets of  
old and we searched the prophets we  
study the prophets  
they had so much understanding but the

apostle paul is saying  
prior to christ any prophets  
that received revelation and were taught  
prior to christ they  
have a different understanding than  
those apostles and prophets that come  
after christ and yes there were prophets  
after christ and there will be prophets  
we know that the  
in in the the revelation  
there will still be prophets so  
there are apostles and prophets that  
understand things that the prophets  
anciently didn't understand and what is  
that  
well first of all we see daniel saying  
he heard it but he didn't understand  
and so he said oh my lord what shall be  
the end of these things  
and we know that he was told to go his  
way  
that these things that he didn't  
understand would be revealed  
in the end time so so we shouldn't be  
surprised  
if there are things that we can come to  
understand in the end time  
that the ancient great prophets did not  
understand  
but what is it specifically what is the  
mystery  
that the ancient prophets didn't  
understand that the prophets after  
christ's return  
after christ sorry uh first coming that  
they understood  
with the apostles well look what paul  
writes in romans 11 and verse 7 he says  
what then  
israel has not obtained that which he  
seeks for  
but the election has obtained it and the  
rest were blinded  
so there's a partition in israel

where there is a part of israel that  
obtains  
what they're seeking for but the rest  
are under this curse of blindness  
according as it is written god has given  
them and this is what's written in  
isaiah 6  
this is the curse given to isaiah over  
god's people according as it is written  
god has given them  
the spirit of slumber eyes that they  
should not see  
and ears that they should not hear unto  
this day  
and this is starting to get at the  
mystery that none of the ancient  
prophets knew or  
understood that israel  
would be blinded and in that blindness  
god would turn to the gentiles and god  
would bring the  
gentiles in to give the gentiles light  
and understanding so that the gentiles  
could preach  
to israel could bring judah back into  
the truth  
nobody understood this this was hidden  
this was a mystery that was hidden  
but it's not something that god had to  
figure out along the way  
this was determined from the beginning  
that god would do this  
but it was hidden so all the revelation  
that the prophets received  
they didn't see this they could never  
envision this  
the gentiles were the gentiles and yes  
there were prophecies  
we even read them in isaiah where god's  
people  
would be the light to the gentiles and  
all around the world the gentiles would  
come  
to the light of israel and come to know

the truth the prophets understood that  
but they never in a million years  
would they come to see  
that the the israelites the jews  
would be blinded and and and cut off  
from understanding this truth  
the gentiles would be brought in and  
enlightened  
and the gentiles would then preach to  
the jews  
this this is like beyond comprehension  
now that there are prophets in the  
church  
paul wrote to corinthians in first  
corinthians 12 and verse 28 and he says  
and god has set some in the church god  
has done done this  
first apostles secondarily prophets  
thirdly teachers after that miracles  
then gifts of healings helps governments  
diversity of tongues  
are all apostles are all prophets  
are all teachers are all workers of  
miracles so clearly  
in the design of god and in this mighty  
power that he's working within the  
church  
there's a role for prophets but be very  
careful  
of anybody who's a self-proclaimed  
prophet  
be very very careful be very suspicious  
of anybody who comes to you saying i am  
a prophet  
self-defeat like who who how did you  
come to this knowledge  
do you speak this of yourself or do  
others say this of you  
so we want to be very very careful  
anybody who says they're an apostle  
anybody who says they're a prophet even  
even teachers because christ says  
there's going to be  
many false teachers and many will be

deceived  
so this is not by self-declaration this  
is by edification  
that the body that is edified will come  
and say this person must be a prophet  
clearly this is the apostle or  
paul was an apostle clearly because of  
the edification  
because of the feeding and the building  
up of the body so let's be very careful  
about the skiva syndrome  
people running around thinking they're  
doing something important when they're  
not on the radar  
at all in verse  
29 of chapter 14 he says let the prophet  
so again  
uh here he's there's an acknowledgment  
that there were prophets  
in the church in corinth in the  
congregation according he says  
let the prophet speak two or three and  
let the other judge  
and then in verse 32 he says and this is  
really important  
that the spirits of the prophets are  
subject  
to the prophets there is no and be very  
careful we've got so many false teachers  
out there  
you know so many people just pounding on  
their chest saying i'm the last prophet  
i'm the prophet i'm an apostle  
whoa easy slow down  
because the spirits of the prophets are  
subject to the prophets  
there's no way you know even if you look  
at islam  
where they have their prophet who who  
speaks something completely  
contradictory  
to the previous prophets this is  
impossible  
because the spirits of the prophets are

subject to the prophets  
we are built upon the foundation of the  
apostles and the prophets  
and the cornerstone being jesus christ  
so jesus christ  
the prophets the apostles are all  
speaking the same thing  
and we are building upon that thing it's  
not suddenly we're teaching something  
totally contradictory to what the  
prophets taught  
back to ephesians ephesians 3 verse 6.  
so all of this as he's come into this  
revelation  
that he's now explaining what this great  
mystery is  
that the gen this is what none of the  
prophets would understand  
none they were not give this this  
knowledge was hidden until christ came  
and died and then this door was open to  
the gentiles and  
the church that the early believers had  
difficulty with this it made no sense to  
them  
but then the proof was in the holy  
spirit  
that the gentiles should be fellow heirs  
it's not that the the the the jews or  
god's people judah and israel  
are then established and the gentiles  
come to learn of god  
no the gentile when christ returns  
he has made jew and gentile one that the  
gentiles should be fellow heirs  
and of the same body and partakers of  
his promise in christ by the gospel  
this preaching that paul is doing  
whereof  
i was made a minister i i made a minute  
a minister by this mystery that god  
revealed this to me so i could go to the  
gentiles and begin this  
this uh grafting in process

wherever i was made a minister according  
to the gift of the grace of god  
given unto me by the effectual working  
of his power and he explained to us how  
powerful  
this power was or is this same power  
that rise  
raised christ from the dead and set him  
far above all principalities and powers  
this same power struck paul down  
and turned him around and enlightened  
him  
and then sent him out by the grace of  
god  
and and we have to understand that he  
wants grace and peace upon us  
so we have to understand this grace and  
it's by this grace  
that god was god put paul  
into the apostleship and into the  
ministry and he's saying  
unto me this great power  
used me who am less  
than the least and he doesn't say of all  
apostles  
i am less than the least of all saints  
so it's this is is this grace given so  
he's like what he's saying here is god  
chose the worst that's me  
to do this mighty work by his mighty  
power  
so it don't don't look at the vehicle  
i'm not some spectacular person don't  
look at me  
look at the power behind me  
and this is why you know we're going to  
come to chapter six which reverse that's  
uh  
uh a verse that's quoted often that we  
wrestle not against flesh and blood but  
against principalities and powers and  
yes this is true  
but by the time we get to chapter six  
we'll have the full

context of chapters one to five  
to really understand what he is saying  
but this wrestling that he  
is very much involved in he's like an  
olympic spiritual wrestler here  
a professional wrestler this is all he  
does  
that he's the least of all saints  
and yet this mighty power is working  
through and  
in him to put down principalities and  
powers and false doctrines  
and to liberate people unto me  
who am the least of all saints is this  
grace given  
that i should preach among the gentiles  
the unsearchable riches of christ  
this thing that we're a part of we  
cannot take it for granted  
this is the mystery that has been hidden  
from the beginning this is the mystery  
of the ages  
nobody understood even the prophets did  
not understand this  
but it was written from eternity  
it was written from time past that  
when god looked at this i shouldn't say  
from eternity past but from time past  
from being from the from the foundation  
of the earth  
that when god set everything in motion  
that this was part of the plan  
and paul has now been recruited into  
this to preach among the gentiles  
these unsearchable riches that nobody  
would ever understand this  
and it's great great wealth and to make  
all men see what is the fellowship  
of the mystery so the apostle paul is  
working extremely hard  
non-stop effort because of this power  
that's working in him  
to show all men the mystery of this  
fellowship



between the jew and the gentile that the  
jew and the gentile have been made one  
and this was from from the foundation of  
the world this was predetermined  
and so he's this this grace has been  
given to him even though he's being  
imprisoned for it  
he's saying this is grace even though  
he's being persecuted and stoned  
and left for dead this is grace to make  
all men  
see what is the fellowship of the  
mystery which from the here it is  
which from the beginning of the world  
has been hidden god  
who created all things by jesus christ  
your presence  
if you're not a natural-born jew because  
remember god divorced  
israel but he held onto the covenant  
through judah  
if you're not a natural-born jew you're  
a gentile  
all of northern israel considered  
gentiles  
and god is grafting gentiles back into  
the covenant through this blunt  
instrument by opening this door  
to the gentiles so if you're not a jew  
you're a gentile i'm a gentile  
and our presence in this  
way in the body of christ with this  
knowledge  
is miraculous it's miraculous  
it's mysterious and it's a mystery  
that comes from the foundation of the  
world that from the foundation of the  
world  
god predetermined that he would do this  
and here we are so again i don't know  
what's going on in your life  
paul was in prison paul had many reasons  
to be discouraged  
and he was not at all discouraged we all

have many reasons to be discouraged  
you know with this pandemic and every  
other the riots and everything  
people are losing their businesses  
they're losing their homes they're  
losing their families  
this is horrible and it's and it's being  
dialed up  
the principalities and powers at work  
it's being dialed up  
and so you may be suffering immensely at  
this time  
but look at what we're a part of that  
this  
mystery was hidden in god  
from the beginning of the world and now  
it's being declared that we have  
fellowship  
with judah and gentile  
together in this mystery now why  
why why is paul proclaiming  
to make all men see the fellowship of  
the mystery which was hidden  
notice this in verse 10 very important  
verse  
to the intent here is the purpose  
to the intent that now  
unto the principalities and powers  
in the heavenly places or just in  
heavenly in the spiritual dimension  
might be known by the church  
the multifaceted the manifold wisdom  
of god let's not read over this verse  
superficially or quickly let's try to  
digest what he's saying here  
that all of this is to the intent  
that now that this mystery has been  
revealed  
and jew and gentile can fellowship  
together in this mystery  
that this is that the church  
it's by the church we the church  
are making known to the principalities  
and the powers

in other words to the demonic realm we  
are making known to them  
this multifaceted wisdom of god  
wow the spiritual dimension  
the evil spiritual dimension that  
the course of this world all the people  
around us  
are have been hijacked and are running  
headlong  
into destruction through the power of  
the prince of the air  
that we have been relieved from that we  
have been we have escaped that  
to the intent that our unification  
our unity teaches them something  
something they never knew something that  
was hidden  
that all the the prophecies and  
revelation that were given to the  
prophets  
that the demonic world would have had  
access to would be listening to  
in all of that there was knowledge that  
was hidden  
that none of the prophets understood  
this that  
now has been revealed that the gentiles  
should be grafted in and have full  
rights  
to the promises and be part of the  
inheritance  
that you and i are now a part of and our  
unity  
and opposition to the demonic realm  
is teaching them something that these  
gentiles that were  
steeped in the babylonian mysterious  
mystery mystery religions they were  
steating it  
they've now been pulled out of it and  
stand in  
opposition to it in unification together  
in opposition to the demonic realm  
and and this is this is they did not

understand  
that in crucifying as they worked you  
know christ gave them issues  
and they stirred men up to cause christ  
to be put to death  
and they didn't understand what they  
were doing and when they put  
christ to death not only  
did that open up access to the jews  
to now inherit the promises if they will  
accept christ  
as their savior now misery upon misery  
for the demonic world  
not only did it make the way of  
salvation available  
to judah but it also now  
has opened up the way of salvation to  
the gentiles before christ returns  
they knew that the gentiles would have  
salvation once christ returns  
that was in the scriptures what they  
didn't know  
is that we gentiles would be grafted in  
now before christ returns to be part of  
the inheritance and part of the  
priesthood  
to bring the rest of the world to christ  
and so brethren we cannot  
allow ourselves to get caught up  
in demonic teachings any so marxism  
and all its derivatives i'm going to  
focus on that particularly  
because karl marx the root of karl marx  
ideology  
is something called conflict theory  
conflict  
theory that is at the root and that's  
where the neo marxists  
they went to the root to say okay the  
economic  
opposition of the bourgeoisie and the  
proletariat that failed we could not  
make a global movement out of that  
but let's go to the root of his teaching

which is conflict theory  
that he was putting the classes in  
conflict with each other economically  
let's take that theory and apply it to  
everything  
let's set men against women let's set  
black against white  
let's set you know the different sexual  
orientations against heterosexual  
orientation or or design let's let's  
conflict theory  
and so people are getting caught up in  
causes  
thinking this their social justice we  
need social justice now  
social justice now i'm hurt social  
justice  
and we're pitting ourselves against each  
other  
not understanding this mystery that we  
are now a part of  
and our fellowship our unification  
with each other with the jews with with  
the prophets in times past  
our full unity is teaching  
the demonic world something they had no  
idea was coming  
we cannot allow ourselves to be seduced  
we cannot allow ourselves to be seduced  
in any way  
that destroys our unity in the truth  
and we'll come to that uh when we study  
god willing tomorrow  
ephesians 4 that our unity is just not  
unity we unite with everybody  
it doesn't matter what crazy ideas  
they're teaching we just need to hold on  
to you no  
no no no we are uniting in this truth  
and in this truth we will not allow  
anybody or anything to get between us  
and in this unity this true unity we are  
teaching something  
to the demonic realm this is

mind-blowing this is mind-blowing  
and the power of god that raised christ  
from the dead and set him high above  
these principalities  
that's the power that's in us to bring  
down these strongholds  
to speak against this deception and not  
allow  
any of it to creep into the body of  
christ  
here in 1st corinthians he says  
in chapter 2 verse 6 speaking of the  
human realm  
but remember he says we're not wrestling  
with humans but of the human realm he  
says  
howbeit we speak wisdom among them that  
are perfect  
yet not the wisdom of this world nor of  
the princes of this world so these are  
the dominions of this world that come to  
nothing  
but we speak the wisdom of god in a  
mystery  
even the hidden wisdom which god  
ordained  
before the world unto our glory  
so before the world began this mystery  
was already  
which none of the princes of the world  
knew and  
none of the principalities and powers  
behind them  
knew either for had they known it  
they would not have crucified the lord  
of glory and the principalities and  
powers would not have activated them and  
influenced them to do this but this was  
hidden  
so that they would do it and this also  
speaks to  
you know uh again when we're contending  
with the islamic false doctrine  
that they'll say where in the gospels

does does christ say  
i'm the son of god well actually this  
shows you why  
it was a mystery so he was very careful  
not to say that  
explicitly because had they understood  
that they might not have crucified him  
so he had to set it up in such a way and  
keep the mystery a mystery  
so that the demonic powers would  
activate the human powers  
to put him to death because had they had  
known this they would not have  
crucified the lord of glory so this  
mystery is profound we better not take  
it for granted  
verse 11 according to the eternal  
purpose  
which he purposed in christ jesus our  
lord so our presence  
in the body of christ as gentiles  
was predestined it was predetermined  
before the foundation of the world that  
god would  
choose a people for himself exclusively  
and  
especially people far above all other  
peoples but  
also in the plan was that the hardness  
of heart that  
god knew he would encounter in man it  
doesn't matter which group he selected  
that because of that hardness of heart  
he would cause  
a portion of them a significant portion  
of them to be cut off  
and not have access to this and he would  
open the door  
to the to the rest of mankind those  
willing to come  
in to preach to those who harden  
themselves  
to provoke them to jealousy to bring  
them back in

so that ultimately all israel this  
select people would be saved by the  
grace of god by the power  
of god this was this is eternal purpose  
this isn't something god is making up as  
he goes along  
in whom we have boldness  
and access with confidence  
by the faith of him so we should have  
this boldness  
because of the powers that we have  
access to  
that raised christ from the dead and set  
him far above all principalities and  
powers  
now in the end time we have in the book  
of revelation  
the different types of congregational um  
strengths and weaknesses that we will  
see  
and i just want to touch on the the  
weakness in thyatira  
because it ties into all of this and  
it's it's a it's a personality type of  
you know personality congregations have  
their personalities  
and and christ gives us a type of each  
type of congregational personality  
in the end time and so here at thyatira  
if you look at the personality of this  
congregation  
it's a warning to us he says unto the  
angel of the  
church in thyatira right these things  
says the son of god so this is coming  
from the son of god  
who has his eyes like unto a flame of  
fire  
he's a he's coming with wrath we need to  
be we need to have a healthy  
awe and respect and fear of god and many  
of us  
unfortunately many people many think  
just read of christ's first coming



and we think we can take him for granted  
we need to read about his second coming  
and his feet are like fine brass i know  
your works  
and charity and service and faith and  
your patience and your works  
and the last to be more than the first  
so unlike ephesus that lost their first  
love here thyatira their last works are  
more than their first  
notwithstanding so that has no standing  
now  
notwithstanding i have a few things  
against you this could  
this could destroy you it's great that  
you have these good works  
but they're not withstanding because i  
have a few things against you  
what is it because you allow  
that woman jezebel which calls herself a  
prophetess  
to teach and to seduce my servants to  
commit fornication  
and to eat things sacrificed to idols  
this was saying earlier  
within this mystery when unity is not  
the highest value  
truth is the highest value  
love and truth are the highest value  
true love  
love and truth true love not just unity  
for the sake of unity  
so here's a congregation that has  
jezebel  
a modern-day jezebel within their midst  
declaring herself for prophetess we know  
that there are prophets in the new  
testament  
but she's self-declared and she's  
teaching  
to seduce the servants she's part of the  
principalities and powers  
and and the problem jezebel is not the  
problem

there will always be jezebels the  
problem is the church the problem is the  
congregation  
that allows her to do this  
and to eat things sacrificed to idols  
and god gives her space to repent of her  
fornication but she doesn't repent  
so while he's giving her space these  
false teachings  
are continuing so god is giving her  
space to repent  
but the leadership and the brethren  
are being held accountable for this that  
we have to be known  
to the principalities and powers as  
having an adversarial relationship with  
them  
not with each other with them and this  
is part of what's meant by the  
wrestling not against flesh and blood  
it's not jezebel  
it's the principalities and powers  
behind her and the understanding of  
knowledge the knowledge of christ  
and the knowledge of the babylonian  
mysteries  
and which one do we allow to creep into  
the church  
so i mentioned earlier marxist  
theory is rooted in conflict  
theory pitting one against the have's  
against the have-nots basically  
and you define the have's economically or  
culturally or racially  
whichever way you want it let's just  
define the have's and the have-nots  
and have the have-nots covet what the  
have's have  
and put them against each other well  
if we're not preaching against this if  
we as  
the body of christ are not preaching  
against this we're not known  
to the principalities and powers we're

actually doing their bidding  
and so jezebel comes along modern day  
jezebel  
is not going to oppose this she's going  
to have her own doctrines  
and the fact that the church this this  
particular congregation  
tolerated this because this is that this  
is the  
the ethic that we're in now tolerance is  
the highest value  
we tolerate everything except christ you  
know we tolerate everything and then  
once they get into place  
they have no tolerance for christ and  
and christians  
so he says behold i will cast her into a  
bed  
and them that commit adultery with her  
into great tribulation this is end time  
prophecy jezebel in the spirit of  
jezebel  
is an issue for the church in the end  
time  
and unless we understand this mystery  
that we are a part of  
and this truth around which we are  
united  
then we run the risk that thyatira  
ran into that god's giving her  
space to repent of her her adultery  
but in giving her space to repent many  
are going down with her  
because she's not repentant and many are  
getting caught up in false ideologies  
because she's not repenting and this  
spirit when i say she it's a spirit  
it's a spirit of jezebel that calls  
herself a prophet test that is  
into self-promotion that weakens the  
ahab  
so ahab her husband she she works with  
him to get into position of authority  
and then when she's in a position of

authority she completely neutralizes him  
takes all the masculinity out of him  
and she takes the upper hand and then  
seduces the servants of god  
we cannot have this and we're going to  
see in ephesians 5 the proper role  
the godly role of men men and women  
within a marriage that god will bless  
the marriage that is structured properly  
but the marriage that's unstructured or  
structured improperly  
that opens the door to the spirit of  
jezebel  
and the principalities and powers behold  
i will cast her into a bed so  
she doesn't repent she's going to be  
cast into a bed but this time this extra  
time that god gave her to repent  
she took many many saints with her so  
god is not going to cast her into the  
bed we should all know better  
and them that commit adultery with her  
integrate tribulation  
except they repent of their deeds so we  
have to be aware of all of this  
we have to highly prize the mystery that  
we are a part of  
and not tolerate this i will kill her  
children with death so then oh so now  
it's just not jezebel jezebel has  
children  
jezebel has children and no doubt that  
the skeva syndrome  
falls victim to the jezebel syndrome and  
the children of jezebel  
we need to be very aware of this and  
very clear about the structure that god  
works through  
which we're going to see tomorrow in  
ephesians 4 and the next day god willing  
in ephesians 5.  
and we struggle to maintain the proper  
structure so god can bless his mighty  
power can work

through the church and i will kill her  
children with death  
and all the churches so again this this  
what what is written to thyatira  
oh that's i'm we're not thyatira ignore  
ignore  
don't need to pay any tent no this is  
this concerns all of us  
and he makes that very very clear in  
this phrase and all the churches  
shall know that i am he which searches  
the reigns in the hearts  
and i will give unto every one of you  
according to your works  
so we're in this mystery according to  
god's works  
but once we're in this mystery god  
expects us to have works  
we are brought into this mystery to do  
these works that have been foreordained  
all of this has been pre-written it's  
just who will do it  
and so we put our hand up and say yes  
lord like isaiah send us  
we'll do it but unto you i say and unto  
the rest in thyatira  
as many as have not this doctrine again  
this is what i was saying  
unity is not the highest value  
truth and love are higher than unity  
so if somebody has this false doctrine  
we're not going to tolerate it look look  
at the destruction that comes upon the  
church  
from the mouth of christ himself for  
holding this doctrine  
so we cannot tolerate the doctrine  
and i have no so and which have not  
known the depths of satan  
as they speak i will put on you no other  
burden so these doctrines  
are going to plunge us into the depth of  
satan  
and i would say getting caught up in

marxist ideology  
whatever flavor to then be in  
opposition to the ministry of god  
to the brethren of god to cause brethren  
to be put to death  
this is the depth of satan we want  
nothing to do with it we stand in  
opposition  
to the principalities and powers as paul  
did  
back to ephesians 3. therefore  
so this actually now is getting to the  
heart of why he broke off  
in ephesians 1 when he says i'm the  
prisoner of the lord and then he's like  
he's i've got to explain this don't  
don't feel sorry for me  
this is a great thing toward you this is  
god's great power working toward you  
so see my imprisonment in context and  
now he says now in verse 13 kind of  
coming back to his train of thought  
therefore i desire that you faint not  
at my tribulations for you  
which is your glory in other words  
there's no way i'm letting up  
on what i'm doing and what i'm preaching  
regardless of the consequences  
because look at you all of you in  
ephesus  
are in this mystery because of my  
preaching  
this is to your glory you are now part  
of this mystery  
you are now a full-fledged member of the  
household of god  
and a fellow saint a fellow citizen in  
in  
in this household of god because of my  
preaching  
standing against in opposition to the  
principalities  
and powers pulling you out of the  
mysteries of babylon

and into the mystery of christ so don't  
feel sorry for me because i'm a prisoner  
of the lord  
it's to your glory now he can get back  
to  
what he wanted to say for this cause  
i bow my knees unto the father of our  
lord jesus christ  
so he's now praying for ephesus  
of whom the whole family in heaven and  
earth is named so that  
god is building a family and now the  
gentiles have been brought into this  
household  
that he would grant you here's the  
prayer now coming back to we had a  
prayer in  
ephesians 1 he's now doubling down and  
continuing further here in ephesians 3  
that he would grant you according to the  
riches of his glory brethren  
the ancient israelites were blessed with  
physical  
abundance with physical increase  
we are blessed with spiritual increase  
they were blessed according to the works  
of their hands  
we are blessed according to the mighty  
working of god's hands  
that he would grant us according to the  
riches of his glory  
to be strengthened with might by his  
spirit  
in the inner man this is the power  
brethren that you have access to that i  
have access to  
it is a power that is far above  
any human power far above  
any demonic power including the prince  
of the power of the air himself  
the power that is within us is far above  
all of this  
and so he's praying that god would grant  
us the ephesus and us by extension

according to the riches of his glory to  
be  
strengthened may you be strengthened  
brethren during this feast  
be strengthened with might  
by his spirit in the inner man  
that christ may dwell in your hearts  
with faith  
that you being rooted and grounded in  
love  
may be able to comprehend with all  
saints  
what is the breadth and length  
and depth and height  
this power that he opened with in  
ephesians 1  
that he said is just exceedingly great  
and far above all powers  
can work within us in fact we've been  
brought into this mystery so that it  
would work within us  
and so he's just praying praying to god  
he's on his knees praying to god  
that this power would be fully realized  
in us and that  
in this way we'll come to fully  
comprehend  
this is work brethren we can't be  
running up and down getting caught up  
and being distracted with  
nonsense of this world when we have been  
called  
into a mystery to activate  
what is coming in the new age in the  
next world  
this is our focus and we do this  
together we are united  
by the spirit not just with each other  
but with judah  
and with the ancient prophets and the  
apostles and with christ himself  
and that once we understand this it is  
it is through the teaching  
that this power is activated



that's why that's why having paul as our  
teacher is so important  
because it's through his teaching that  
the comprehension comes  
and that this is this is where the power  
is fully realized  
and to know the love of christ  
which passes knowledge that it has to  
come by revelation  
that you might be filled with all the  
fullness of god  
and that's why we gather during the  
feast so as part of this process  
year upon year holy day upon holy day  
sabbath upon sabbath  
uh in our own time our studies  
searching the word of god and building  
upon our understanding  
that we might be filled with all the  
fullness of god  
and here we have the apostle writing to  
us from prison and not the least bit  
feeling sorry for himself but  
understanding from the spiritual  
dimension  
what he's a part of and how important  
although he's the least of all the  
saints  
how this mighty power is working through  
him to us  
to us word to use his phrasing  
that we might be filled with all the  
fullness of god  
now unto him remember he's praying now  
for ephesus  
now unto him that is able to do  
exceeding abundantly above all that we  
ask our things so this we have to go  
back to ephesians 1  
to see that this exceeding greatness of  
his power  
that raised christ from the dead is at  
work in us we just have to realize it we  
just have to tap into it

stay above the fray operate in the  
spiritual dimension  
understanding that our unity in the  
truth  
in this mystery is to the intent that  
the principalities and powers can learn  
something  
about the multifaceted wisdom of god  
that they never knew  
they're looking at us and scratching  
their heads and saying now what do we do  
jesus we know paul we know and the  
church of god we know  
what do we do about this how do we deal  
with this  
excuse me  
when they're having their meetings they  
say well we tried that with jesus it  
didn't work we tried that with paul it  
doesn't work  
does anybody else have any ideas what we  
can do with the church of god  
because they are deep into this mystery  
they understand this  
and now by them we're coming to  
understand this plan of god from the  
beginning that was that nobody  
understood that caught us by surprise  
and now look at the church of god go in  
the fullness of his power  
we don't get caught up in this world  
brethren  
stay above the fray stay focused  
now unto him and this is our prayer that  
god can lift us from any  
uh nonsensical marxist ideologies  
now unto him that is able to do  
exceeding  
abundantly above all that we ask or  
think according to the power  
that works in us unto him  
be glory in the church by christ jesus  
throughout  
all ages including our age now upon whom

the ends of the world have come  
two thousand years after paul wrote all  
of this unto him be glory in the church  
by christ jesus throughout all ages  
world without end amen and amen  
and amen what a wonderful wonderful  
uh teaching brethren by our apostle paul  
let's hold on to this let's understand  
what we are a part of  
and let's not allow the spirit of  
jezebel which by the way much of these  
marxist movements  
it's witchcraft it's witchcraft it's the  
spirit of jezebel  
they have removed any sort of patriarchy  
they have removed any sort of  
masculinity  
it's all witches running these movements  
and we and we cannot allow ourselves to  
get caught up  
in the spirit of jezebel let's stay  
caught up  
in this mystery that was hidden  
from the beginning of time that has been  
made known now  
and the principalities and powers are  
coming to understand this mystery  
through the church what we are part of  
is profound brethren  
let's hold on to it tight let's hold on  
to each other  
and let's hold on to christ and this  
mighty power  
that works through us jesus christ is  
lord  
amen have a wonderful feast day today  
brethren god willing we'll see you  
tomorrow  
you