62-1John-06-Transcript

0:50Well, greetings brethren and welcome to another Wednesday night Bible study.

0:54We're together, we study the Scriptures line upon line this evening.

1:00God willing, we will be covering together.

1:04First John chapter four, perfect timing just before Passover Passover just days away.

1:10Now, I'm on the road.

1:12Hopefully I'm coming through clearly in the internet is working properly.

1:17Pastor Murray is also on the road taking a much anticipated trip to meet his grandson in person.

1:24So he won't be with us this evening.

1:27He's with us in spirit, but won't be on the chat tonight.

1:31So I'm gonna open with prayer and hopefully somebody can just confirm that I am in fact, coming through loudly and clearly our heavenly father.

1:41We thank you.

1:43We acknowledge you.

1:45We just so incredibly privileged to have access to you through the sacrifice of our Lord and our Savior Jesus Christ.

1:55Thank you God for everything that he has accomplished that he is accomplishing and that he will accomplish just, it's just amazing father.

2:04We're a part of this.

2:06We thank you for the approaching Passover and holy day season.

2:11It's amazing to know that these days have been observed for thousands of years by our spiritual ancestors and that we're now a part of this and we're running this, this leg of the relay race.

2:27Thank you, Lord.

2:28We pray that you will bless us in this study that you'll bless our faith and our understanding and that you'll bless our observance of the coming spring holy days and that they will truly be transformative for us.

2:43Thank you for all the brethren.

2:45Please.

2:46bless them and enrich them father.

2:48And we just want to thank you again for your love for us and the love that you have put in us for each other.

2:55We praise you Lord and we pray in the holy and the mighty name of Jesus Christ. 2:59Amen.

3:01So let me just go ahead and check the chat loud and clear, Dave and Dev, thank you. 3:08The video is a little blurry.

3:10Yes, I realized that I'm not using, I'm using the built in camera of the mic of the laptop.

3:18So I apologize for the video.

3:21Hopefully, the scriptures will be clear.

3:24If I'm a little bit blurry, I think that is OK.

3:27So greetings everyone, let me just quickly see who's here, our brother and, and sister, the Palme, the older palmes, Rosebud, Griselda and Dave and Deb Julian Chock.

3:45And who else is here?

3:47That's pep Square siefried brother Jeff Flann C G I Burlington.

3:54Not sure which one of us.

3:55That is but glad to have you here and very, very good.

4:00So, oh and also Donna Banta.

4:03So greetings to all of you who are signed in and greetings to all of you who are not signed in but faithfully join us each week.

4:11Let me go ahead and share my scripture.

4:14We're in first John chapter four.

4:16It's perfect that we've landed here before the spring holidays and specifically before Passover, I think this is just the perfect chapter for us to dwell on and meditate on as we approach the Passover.

4:33I should mention that no Bible study next week.

4:39And also we are not broadcasting on the high days.

4:44So our next service God willing will be the Sabbath during unleavened bread, which actually then that evening kicks off the count to pass over April 27th.

4:57And if I'm not mistaken, I don't think I am deacon Jan will be bringing the sermon on April 27th.

5:06So please pray for us.

5:07We'll be praying for you.

5:09Also want to thank our brethren in the Wyoming congregation.

5:14Wow, so hospitable and what a great treat to meet everybody in person to put faces and names together.

5:22So just thank you so much.

5:24What a wonderful Sabbath we had together.

5:27Let me jump into today's passage.

5:31So the audio is clear, maybe you could just confirm that the scriptures are clear and you're able to read the scriptures as Well, and I see Cha Jaws and Bruce Ellis and Joe Petty have joined us and, and says the picture is good.

5:49So I think we're we're good with the scriptures.

5:52OK.

5:52First John four, beginning in verse one and he just warns us now, beloved.

5:57So he's speaking to the brethren that have remained faithful.

6:03There's been a split, there's been an apostasy and there are those that went out and he's speaking to the brethren that have remained truthful and faithful and really encouraging them that that's not the end of the story.

6:17We have to remain truthful and faithful to the finish line.

6:21Whether it's our personal finish line or the actual finish line of the Lord's appearing beloved, don't believe every spirit believe not every spirit but try the spirits test the spirits whether they are of God.

6:37Imagine that.

6:39Imagine that, I mean, I would like to believe that everybody that opens up the Bible and everybody that proclaims Jesus Christ that we can just trust everybody because I mean, they're proclaiming Jesus, but he's telling us beware, be careful. 6:56There are those that are proclaiming Christ, but they're coming from a different spirit.

7:02So we have to test the spirits and Christ warned us by their fruits, you shall know them.

7:08So as far as teachers and preachers go, we wanna see fruit.

7:13So rhetoric is fine, back it up with fruit because that's Christ didn't tell us, hey, just go by what they say, go by their words.

7:23Sometimes the words are going to be hard in the moment.

7:27It's gonna be hard in the moment to say who's actually telling the truth here?

7:31Both sounds both sides have arguments.

7:36Both sides are making a compelling case.

7:38It's a bit confusing right now.

7:41Christ said you'll know them by their fruits because the work of God, one must be spiritually endowed to perform this work and they're just not going to be able to do it because God is not with them.

7:57And it's up, it's up to us to test the spirits to still those that say they are apostles and they're not beloved.

8:05Don't believe every spirit be, be a bit more mature, be a bit more circumspect.

8:12Try the spirits test the spirits whether they are of God.

8:16Now, that doesn't mean that these are spirit beings that are coming into our lives and oh, a spirit being a parrot, I got to test this to see.

8:26Is this a demon or an angel?

8:28That's not what he's saying.

8:29These are human beings, but they're being animated and activated and influenced by the spirit world.

8:38And their spirit can be, can be discerned the spirit that they're coming with.

8:44So when we say test the spirits, we're testing the human beings that are saying they represent God to see if in fact, they do try the spirits, whether they are of God. 8:56Why?

8:58Because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

9:04And remember he said earlier, we were there last week that he said, we know it's the last time because the antichrists have gone out from us.

9:16We're not saying yes, the anti-christ is coming and we're totally expecting that Nimrod like figure in the end time.

9:24But he says, yes, they went out from us.

9:27These are antichrists and they went out from us and they are false teachers.

9:35And so this is very, very serious brother that within the covenant community, there are

going to be those with authority saying they speak on behalf of Christ and it's the wrong spirit.

9:50So we have to be able to test the spirits because it's not a few say it with me.

9:57Many ma all different stripes, sizes, shapes, many false teachers have gone out from us into the world.

10:11Jesus says, so they have to be kind of partially educated by us in order to have the rhetoric that can fool us.

10:19He says, Christ says, and John was taught by Christ.

10:22Jesus answered when they asked him well, when will these things be and the sign of the end of the world, end of this age, Jesus answered in your return and said, unto them, beware the the order of the day in the end time is going to be deception.

10:40And there has to be a fundamental understanding that we have founded on Torah reinforced by the prophets in the writings that when somebody comes along and starts preaching something, it's like this is off, this is, this doesn't square beware that no man, that's what Satan is going to do.

11:02It's not like Satan's gonna come and hit us over the head.

11:04He eventually he's gonna animate people to do that.

11:08But long before that, it's about taking us out through deception.

11:13Take heed that no man deceive you.

11:14Why?

11:15Because many, not a few, unfortunately, many different shapes, stripes, sizes, ages, aspects, angles and they're all wrong.

11:30Many shall come in my name representing me saying in fact that I am Christ and they're still going to manage even though they're saying that I'm the Christ.

11:40He's not saying that they're Christ.

11:42They're saying that Christ is Christ and still they're going to deceive.

11:46Many again, Paul was taught by Christ and he said to the Corinthians in Second

Corinthians 11 3 that he was afraid there's no one saved, always saved here.

11:58He was genuinely concerned that the brethren he says, but I fear lest by any means by some angle because it's many coming from different angles as the serpent.

12:10The same way the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety.

12:16Isn't that something?

12:18So we understand the, the, the strategy of the devil?

12:23It's subtlety.

12:24It's just, this sounds like that, but there's a little nuance, a little twist that's off and we don't detect it.

12:33So some way he's gonna come, there's many angles.

12:37He's gonna come at us with an angle through a spirit that the same way he beguiled Eve through his subtlety.

12:46In the same way your minds should be corrupted from what?

12:53From the simplicity that is in Christ.

12:56There's a fundamental truth in Christ that begins in Genesis and runs all the way through the Hebrew Bible and all the way through the gospels and the apostolic writings and revelation.

13:11It's one single threat from Genesis to Revelation and it shows up everywhere.

13:19So when a true teacher is teaching, you're hearing this truth and you're like, wow, that actually reminds me of Isaiah.

13:29Oh, I see that in Ezekiel, you know, I'm seeing this in Leviticus.

13:32I'm seeing it in Exodus.

13:33It's in Genesis.

13:34It's, it's like, oh, wow, now that I'm reading Ruth, I'm seeing something there that I didn't see before.

13:40And as Pastor Murray and his message just this past Sabbath growing, not just in grace but in knowledge.

13:47And he asked the question, what's your favorite book in the Hebrew Bible?

13:52And then he followed that up with great Can you preach Christ from that book?

13:58Because Christ is everywhere.

14:00And so when we understand the simplicity of Christ, he's everywhere in the Hebrew Bible and in the gospels, the Apostolic writings as well as revelation.

14:11But what Satan wants to do is come with some philosophy, some angle that, hey, it sounds pretty good, but then it doesn't square with the rest of the scriptures.

14:26So he says here again to the Corinthians for if he that comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached.

14:38So the implication here is hopefully we were listening to the preaching of the true Jesus.

14:44Somebody just reminded me the other day that when people are responsible for catching counterfeits, they study the original, they study the true currency in detail.

14:56So that when something comes in, that's slightly off, they can detect it right away.

15:03So we need to hear true preaching, we need to hear the, the understanding of the true Christ.

15:12So now when somebody comes in with this little twist, this little angle, we're like, wait a minute, that's not what Moses would have understood.

15:22That's not what the prophets would have understood.

15:25And that's a different gospel and that's a different Jesus.

15:29We have to understand that Jesus is furious.

15:35We can't leave Ezekiel come into the epistles of John and forget everything that we read in Ezekiel.

15:44No, we have to put the two together because it's one Christ from Genesis to revelation.

15:50So he feared that he that comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached or what did John say?

16:00You have to test the spirits or if you receive another spirit which you have not received. 16:07So you've received the true apostles and they're teaching and now John's afraid that someone else shows up.

16:15It's a different spirit and you'll actually receive them too.

16:18And you know, sometimes, my brothers and I will just remark that we're, we're concerned when we hear brethren say, then we would hear this often, great, great mess, great message, great sermon.

16:33And then somebody comes along a week later and it's subtle but they're preaching the opposite.

16:39It's the opposite of what we just taught.

16:41Oh, wasn't that a great sermon?

16:43Who didn't you hear what he was actually saying?

16:47So there is a, I guess it's maybe it's this sort of wanting, wanting to come in good faith and we want to believe every spirit we want to believe, oh, this person is preaching a great message, but the internet is very dangerous where we can be all over the place and sometimes people are coming with something that sounds interesting, but it's another Jesus, it's another spirit.

17:17And so there are true teachers out there.

17:19We're not saying only listen to, you know, C G I, hey, there's true teachers out there.

17:25But that means that we have to develop a level of maturity and discernment that we can, we can, we can hear the fraud.

17:34We know when this, this is and sometimes it's not even a fraud.

17:36Sometimes somebody is sincere but they're sincerely wrong.

17:40And we need to detect that he was afraid that you might receive another spirit which we have, which you have not received up to now or another gospel.

17:51And sometimes we don't connect the dots and we don't understand that.

17:54If this, if they're changing this, they're actually changing the gospel that you received a different, a different preacher that you'd receive a different spirit.

18:06And that ultimately, you'd receive another gospel.

18:09So he says, so, so they receive the right creatures, they receive the right spirit or spirits and they receive the right gospel.

18:22And now because of the subtlety of Satan Paul is really concerned that they're going to shift and be led astray by a wrong preacher, by a wrong spirit and by a false gospel.

18:38So you, you have not received a false gospel.

18:40You, you, you have the right gospel, but it's not once saved, always saved.

18:44And so you might receive a false gospel and that in all of this, you might well bear with him instead of detecting it right right away and pushing back and say, we don't tolerate this. 18:55It's like we're entertaining this and being led away in revelation.

19:00Ultimately.

19:00Where does this lead?

19:01Well, the end of the story, Revelation 16, and there's a blessing for us to keep going back into revelation.

19:07Revelation 16.

19:09How does, how does the story end?

19:10Verse 13?

19:12John says, he saw talking of spirits.

19:15Now, now we're getting to it.

19:16What's the, what's the the force behind all of this?

19:21John says, I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon.

19:27So they are right, coming right from the source and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophets.

19:36So the dragon, the beast, the false prophet for, they are the spirits of devils working miracles.

19:46So this is where people are looking at the, the, the cosmetics, they're looking at the surface.

19:51Wow, look at that amazing.

19:54And they're not saying no, there's a simplicity in Christ and it runs from Genesis to revelation and I don't care what the miracles are, this is off.

20:03But these people are easily impressed by the spectacular for, they are spirits of devils, working miracles which go and why are they working miracles for deception?

20:14And they go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

20:23So if we're swept up by this, if we're easily, you know, caught by every wind of doctrine, easily led astray, ultimately, we become anti-christ.

20:35And this is why again, I keep repeating myself that we have to examine ourselves over the last five years, the devil threw a lot at us from different angles.

20:48How did we fare?

20:51And if we didn't fare so well, the best thing we can do is admit it.

20:56And so OK, I fell for that.

20:57I'm not doing that again.

20:59The worst thing we can do is get defensive and say, well, no, I was right.

21:05This is where it's leading back to first John.

21:08But let me go back to chapter two and verse eight where he says again, a new commandment, I write unto you which thing is true in Him in Christ and in you because the darkness is past and the true light now shines.

21:23So whatever crisis they were in, he's saying it's now clear who's who.

21:29And so now we can see the spirits and what's so first, it wasn't really clear.

21:34Now it's clear back to first John four verse two, this is how we know the spirit of God.

21:44So we have to test the spirits.

21:47Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God.

21:53So there was a real deep crisis going on here.

21:57And there was a question about could God become flesh?

22:01Could God?

22:01It's impossible for God to be incarnate.

22:04And so they began to teach these philosophies that these are strong philosophers.

22:08They got the rhetoric starting to sound very believable, very sophisticated.

22:13But no, if you don't believe or somebody's not teaching that Christ became incarnate in order to save his people, that he was, that he died, that he was buried three days, three nights and that he was resurrected, then what are we doing here?

22:37So again, this Passover is that, that rehearsal and that understanding of, of the pivotal nature of Christ's sacrifice and how, how necessary it was and how it was prophesized from the beginning.

22:51So these sophisticated philosophers trying to teach us something else.

22:55It's rejected on arrival.

22:56Don't even start.

22:59He says in every spirit that doesn't confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God.

23:06So there's these fundamental principles.

23:08Here's a really big example.

23:10This is really pivotal, but there are other fundamentals of principles and building blocks of the story of salvation.

23:19Beginning in Genesis that when people deviate from this, it's another gospel and we can't accept it.

23:26Every spirit that confesses not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God, beautiful rhetoric and philosophy notwithstanding.

23:34And this is that spirit of anti-christ.

23:38This is anti-christ.

23:39This is a deception of the devil to take salvation away from us.

23:45This is that spirit of anti-christ, whereof you have heard that it should come or this is that of anti-christ spirit is not in the original language, but this belongs to anti-christ and it comes from anti-christ.

23:59It's those demonic spirits.

24:01And even now he says already is it in the world?

24:06So they went out from us and, and they're part of the world and this anti-christ spirit is in the world and boy, oh boy, has it intensified in the last decade?

24:18Is it ever in the world today?

24:21And we've got to protect our minds, protect our loved ones, protect our Children, protect our grandchildren.

24:27This, this thing is intensifying but good news, bad news.

24:32Yes, it's intensifying.

24:34The good news is it's becoming really clear people are beginning to see even here where I am now talking to some folks and it's very clear to them, something is terribly wrong.

24:45They're not going along with it in first John two and verse 22 we were here a couple of weeks ago.

24:54He says, who is a liar?

24:57But he that denies that Jesus is the messiah.

25:01He is anti-christ that denies the father and the son.

25:04This is fundamental and, and this while atheism denies this and so does Islam.

25:14And these are two philosophies that are sweeping through the world and they are, and, and they're cooperating with each other and they are anti-christ in June 12 versus 12 and 13.

25:27He, he says, speaking of what we, what we assumed were brethren.

25:31Those among us are anti-christ.

25:35And Jude says these are spots in your agape feasts.

25:41They're there feasting with us, but they're not of us when they feast with you.

25:50Jesus was, was with Judas or Judas was with Jesus.

25:54Jesus.

25:55He was feasting with Jesus and he was a spot on the feast.

26:02And Christ says, we're gonna have the same when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear.

26:09And first Corinthians 11, we've been through that several times is an example of feeding themselves with, with no fear.

26:16They actually despise the church of God and with it without any fear, clouds, they are without water carried about of winds, trees whose fruit withers without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots.

26:34And we did Jude.

26:35It's in the archive but just to, to tie this together with John, raging waves of the sea. 26:40This is, this is language Jude is using of those who feast with us raging waves of the sea foaming out of their own shame, wondering stars like shooting stars.

26:55There's a bit of light but then it goes out to whom is reserved, the blackness of darkness forever.

27:04That's where they're heading and they don't see that and they feel so powerful and, and movers and shakers and this is where they're heading back to first.

27:13John verse four.

27:14He says, you are of God.

27:16So they've gone out, you who have been faithful.

27:20You are of God, you belong to God, you, you have the spirit of God in you little Children and you've overcome them.

27:28They try to take you out, they tried to disrupt you, you held together, you've overcome them.

27:35Why?

27:37Because greater is he?

27:39And the original language is he is not it greater is he that is in you than he, that is in the world.

27:46And the He is Christ, Christ in you, the hope of glory.

27:52And so he's telling you, you have Christ in you and you can, you've overcome them because of that.

27:59And it doesn't matter what spirit is out there, you've overcome them, you've overcome their deception, you've overcome their influence, you've held together, they tried to pull you out.

28:09They were unsuccessful because greater is he that is in you.

28:13And that's our hope.

28:14Yes, there's a lot coming at us.

28:16But as long as Christ is in us, greater is he that is in us than he that is in the world.

28:25Listen to this.

28:27He says this isn't obvious.

28:31John has to explain that they are of the world.

28:36We thought they were of us.

28:39They went out from us, they came back trying to teach us we're wrong.

28:43And John says, no, they're of the world because they're of the world.

28:49That's why they speak of the world, therefore speak they of the world or, or the language they speak, you know, back in the day of Nimrod, the whole earth was of one language and of one speech, they all understood each other.

29:10It doesn't mean that absolutely every single human being was of that same speech because God always has his faithful people always.

29:20And in, in rev revelation describes a time when the whole world is of one ideology, but there's still the saints who resist this and that and that the anti-christ comes against us.

29:32So when we say the whole world, God always has a faithful remnant, but they went out from us another of the world.

29:43And it's obvious all of this conflict happened so that it would be obvious who is who they are of the world therefore speak, they of the world, they adopt the world's language, the world's philosophy, the world's ideology and the world hears them.

30:02Now, when, when we say here, the world hears them here can mean obeys, you know, we hear, we, we hear the Lord's voice, we recognize the voice and we hear it meaning we obey him and we do what he says.

30:20This doesn't mean that the world is suddenly at their beck and call, but the world acknowledges them, their preaching is acceptable.

30:30They're, they're allowed on the world's platforms.

30:36We're not, the world doesn't recognize us, it doesn't acknowledge us.

30:40In fact, it hates us.

30:43And so there's going to be a conflict in the end time, we're not going to be compatible.

30:50We're not going to be acceptable.

30:52That's par for the course.

30:54We, we expect that that it's not personal.

30:59They don't hate us, they hate Christ and we are in Christ.

31:06So we're collateral damage, so to speak, they're of the world, therefore speak they of the world, they, they speak the world's language and the world acknowledges them.

31:15Isaiah says in chapter 30 verse 10, that the people of God say to the seer, stop seeing.

31:25We don't want this.

31:26Why are you teaching this?

31:27It's getting us into trouble.

31:29See, not and to the prophets even they say prophesy, not unto us, right?

31:34Things we don't want to hear this.

31:36This is hard to hear, speak unto us the things of the world, the things that are gonna help us fit in.

31:45Speak unto a smooth things.

31:46We don't want to upset people.

31:49In fact, prophesy deceits, nothing new, nothing new.

31:54Get you out of the way.

31:57Turn aside out of the path.

32:00There's a very clear way.

32:01There's a Torah, there's, there's a path that we are instructed to stay in.

32:04We don't want you in that path.

32:06It's too difficult.

32:08Turn out of the way cause the holy one, imagine this, this is the true attitude.

32:14This is the anti-christ attitude cause the holy one of Israel and all of his prophecies and his counsel and his plan to cease from before us.

32:24We don't want to hear this.

32:26It's rough.

32:27We want what's smooth.

32:29Jeremiah says in 531 the prophets prophesy falsely, sorry for that.

32:36Hopefully, that's not too loud.

32:38There's some come in a hotel, they're doing some cleaning just happened to be cleaning during the study had all day or maybe they didn't have all day.

32:48the prophets prophesy falsely and the priests bear rule by their means.

32:55So there's a philosophy that's being presented that rationalizes the behavior of the priests.

33:02It all fits and you know what even fits even more.

33:06God says, my people love to have it.

33:09So they, they, this is how they want it prophesy into a smooth things and what will you do in the end thereof?

33:16So this is a problem with potentially for us leaders a problem at the leadership level.

33:23But then it's the people who are collaborating with us.

33:26They they actually want the false teaching because they don't want the difficulty.

33:30They don't want to be in conflict and inconvenience and maybe even threat of life and limb.

33:39But we signed up to follow Christ first John four and verse six.

33:45He says we are of God.

33:48So he's reassuring them in this conflict.

33:53It might be, feel people might feel a little bit shaky.

33:55What are we wrong is what they're saying, right.

34:00John is very black and white.

34:01There's no gray area and he says brethren, we are of God.

34:08He that knows God hears us.

34:12Christ says, my sheep hear my voice.

34:15There's, there's this sort of, there's words coming out of a human vessel, but there's spirit life in the words and God's people can hear the voice of the shepherd and they follow it, they obey it and, and words may be coming out of other mouths, but the sheep don't hear Christ and they examine the fruit and they say no, we're not following that.

34:42He that knows God hears the apostles and what we should be doing and what Pastor Murray myself, deacon Jan.

34:52We try to remove ourselves as much as we can and, and execute the word of God.

34:58This is what the prophet is saying.

35:01This is what the Apostle is saying.

35:03So we're putting some explanatory context to the passage, but we're not putting our ideas and the reason you know that hopefully, hopefully we're successful is you can go anywhere in your own study and it's going to reinforce, hey, you know, what, what I've learned now in the epistles of John, I, I'm doing this study in Galatians.

35:27I'm doing this personal study.

35:29I'm in the book of Ruth and I'm seeing things more clearly now.

35:34Why?

35:35Because it's the word of God is the word of God amplifying and, and clarifying the word of God.

35:43And we're just human vessels.

35:44God is always working through humans.

35:47What we're hopefully not doing is, hey, let's start in first John 46.

35:54And you know what, that's the only scripture I'm gonna read today in the next hour.

35:59I'm gonna talk to you about my ideas and books that I've read.

36:04And just, you know, the other day, I was thinking this and here's another analogy and we're just so far an hour later, we're so far from the word of God.

36:13It's unbelievable.

36:15So, and I shouldn't just limit it to us.

36:18But I, you know, I'm working with my brothers here, faithful ministers.

36:22That's what we're doing.

36:24We're helping you understand the word of God is not, not our word.

36:27Our job is to help you understand God's word and he that knows God hears us and I'll say us physically because we're not talking.

36:36We're telling what the word of God says, or we're telling you about the apostles have been inspired to help us understand what God is saying.

36:46He that is not of God doesn't hear us.

36:50There's an inner dynamic and conflict here that they don't want to hear from the holy one of Israel.

36:57He that is not of God doesn't hear us.

37:00This is how we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

37:04If we're giving the word of God and there's resistance or even hostility or even, you know, real adversarial attacks even.

37:14Ok.

37:15Now we know what we're dealing with.

37:18He says, beloved, let us love one another very strong theme in John.

37:26The these epistles have agape more than any other book in the Bible.

37:32And with the exception, maybe of Psalms with the cassette.

37:35But look how big the book of Psalms is compared to these epistles.

37:41So pound for pound, this is intense, this is intense, very concentrated. 37:47Why?

37:48What's this all about?

37:50Well, in John's theology, it's about black and white, good and evil, life and death, truth and falsehood, love and hate.

38:05And it all boils down ultimately to the spirit of God and the spirit of Satan, Children of God and Children of the devil and the spiritual life that is in us, enables us to love one another. 38:29It's not possible otherwise.

38:32So he says, let us love one another.

38:34This, this is what it all boils down to let us love one another because love is of God.

38:42Love comes from God.

38:43It's it's, it's endowed by God.

38:47It's only possible from God and everyone that's able to do this is begotten by God, is, is a, is a child of God and knows God.

38:59And if they can't do this rhetoric, notwithstanding, they don't know God and they're not of God here.

39:06He says He that is unable to agape doesn't know God if you cannot love, you don't know God.

39:16Why?

39:17Because God is love, God is love.

39:22And so if you're claiming, you know God, but you're unable to love, this is self contradictory in this was manifested the love of God.

39:37So this whole operation of brethren, I I met, met brethren out in the Wyoming congregation for the first time, never knew them before.

39:49And here we are now in each other's presence.

39:52And it's like, oh yeah, feels like I've known you guys all, I've known them all my life and they've known me and we're just comfortable, my wife and I with them.

40:00And it's just, yeah, it's just one family.

40:03How does that even happen?

40:05How does that even?

40:05How do you go miles away?

40:08Hundreds of miles away, spend time with people you've never met before.

40:12And it's like family.

40:15Well, this is the, the operation of the spirit of God and, and this is how God's love is manifested toward us because God sent his only begotten son into the world that we might live through him.

40:31So now there's a spirit life that's taking place.

40:34We're operating on a different level.

40:37And so he says this hearing is love.

40:39This is the operation of God is love and this operation that we're seeing this spiritual dynamic that we're seeing is of God.

40:51And that's how we know we're of God.

40:53And this is real love.

40:55Now, I said so, so this is love, not that we loved God.

41:01It's not that we're such wise people, We're such loving people that we decided we will love God.

41:09No, it's that He loved us.

41:13He loved us and sent his son.

41:17And this is what we're going to be observing in just a few days reinforcing our understanding that he sent his son to be the propitiation for our sins.

41:29That last week in the live Q and A, we talked about Christ being the sin offering.

41:35Israel is doomed, condemned.

41:38It's over.

41:38They've destroyed themselves by breaking the covenant.

41:42And Christ came as the sin offering to heal the breach and to make Israel's salvation possible.

41:52So it's, it's not that we loved him.

41:53It's that he loved us.

41:55This covenant, this, in songs you talked about this cassette, this covenant love that it doesn't, it doesn't matter what happens because of the oath that he has taken.

42:06It's a, it's a, it's a covenant love.

42:09It's not an emotional.

42:11Oh, I just love you.

42:12I'll do this.

42:13It's, it's God is furious, but he's also faithful.

42:20So we can't have anybody teaching us that Christ has turned his back on the covenant that he was in this covenant bond.

42:31And because of the behavior of Israel while he's turned his back and it's over and now he's gone to the Arabs or wherever, this is impossible for a faithful God.

42:40So this love is just, just God is love.

42:44And when he covenant the covenant here in his love, it's not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent his son to be the sin offering to be the propitiation for our sins.

42:57In Romans three and verse 25 Paul says whom God has set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood.

43:07So this this way of appeasing to, to satisfy the conditions of the covenant, but we don't have to satisfy Christ is satisfying the conditions of the covenant so that we can have salvation in Him.

43:20God said, God set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood.

43:25And again, this is what the Passover is all about faith in His blood.

43:31That as we take these emblems, we truly believe in the operation of God through his son to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past through the forbearance of God.

43:50That despite what Israel has done because of this covenant, God's forbearance is there.

43:57And Christ is providing the sin offering to declare, I say at this time, his righteousness that he might be just and the justif fire of Him, which believes in Jesus.

44:09God is not going to break his own laws.

44:12So there's this conundrum of carrying out the covenant curses, which is real activated. 44:20But at the same time, carrying out the covenant which God promised unilaterally to Abraham.

44:27And the only way to resolve this is yes, the curses still stand.

44:31God has spoken them.

44:32They, they are carried out in Christ and yes, the covenant with Abraham will be fulfilled through faith in his blood in Christ.

44:43So he's just everything that He does to Israel is covenant based.

44:49And then he's the justif fire of Him which believes in Jesus the Jew first, but also the gentile Peter says in first Peter three and verse 18 for Christ also has once suffered for sins. 45:05He is that sin offering the just for the unjust God is not just gonna drop his law.

45:13You know, when I was debating this, Imam, it's like, why does there need to be a shedding of blood?

45:18A law can just forgive?

45:21That's not the God of the Bible, that's unrighteousness.

45:25And we not Allah Satan, but God was not going to give his law.

45:32And we, you know, Deacon Jan has helped us go through the sacrificial, the sacrificial system and this whole system of sacrifice, all of it points to Christ.

45:41And as you put all of this in place and then just throw it away and I could just forgive anyway.

45:45No, he's a God of law and he's a God of covenant.

45:49And Christ came the, just the perfect passover lamb for the unjust that he might bring us. 46:00That is Israel to God being put to death in the flesh but quick and brought to life by the spirit back to first John four and verse 11.

46:14If we understand this beloved, if God so loved us, we had nothing but the death penalty in front of us and all the curses of the covenant and, and just to be lost in the world, those of us who are not in the covenant community by birth just lost.

46:38He says, look what God has done.

46:42And this again beautiful passage before Passover that as we're rehearsing God's love for us, he says, beloved, if God's, if, if if, if this is how God loved us, this, this is the extent of His love for us.

47:00We ought also to love one another.

47:04That's what it all boils down to for John.

47:07This is the acid test.

47:08No, it's not just the acid test.

47:11It's also the pinnacle.

47:14This is the pinnacle.

47:15This is, this is what we're working toward.

47:17This is the highest level.

47:19And we saw that with Peter, this is the highest level of spiritual maturity to love one another.

47:25But it comes through the Passover realization, we have to really rehearse and understand the Passover and the propitiation.

47:34And then when we understand that, then it's like we can't play the petty game anymore. 47:41We've got to be very high level, very focused, very deep in our understanding of what God is doing.

47:47And so we ought to also to love one another really bringing to life, what Christ taught in Galatians.

47:54And this isn't easy.

47:55We see Paul instructing the Galatians saying for brethren, you have been called to liberty only don't use your liberty for an occasion to the flesh.

48:04So this evil inclination is always looking for opportunity.

48:09So don't think that because we have this freedom in Christ that we can take the opportunity for the flesh instead by agape, serve one another.

48:20Have this commitment to loving and serving one another because all the law is fulfilled in one word and, and, and by the law, we mean the teachings, the instructions of the Torah in the high, the whole package Paul says can be boiled down to one word.

48:39Even in this, you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

48:44That's what it's all about the simplicity in Christ.

48:49So yeah, it can get quite complex when you look at all the different instructions, you look at all the different sacrifices that this can be very, very complex.

49:01But ultimately, if we boil it down to its ultimate simplicity, one thing, love your neighbor as yourself and, and love God with all our might and soul and spirit on the other hand, he says, speaking to brethren, speaking to the covenant community, this is what can happen in the covenant community and does happen because of the inclination of the flesh.

49:28If you bite and devour one another.

49:30Beware, beware, this is you don't want to go here.

49:35And unfortunately, you know what we have to witness at times of how brethren treat each other or even treat the ministry.

49:47But Paul is saying, be careful if you're gonna bite and devour one another.

49:52Covenant community, beware that you do not destroy each other to make yourself completely unfit for the kingdom and therefore reserved for darkness for the lake of fire. 50:07Beware.

50:08And president, we need to be very, very careful about the Passover coming into the Passover with grudges and, and bad feelings and hostility and coming out of the Passover with that same hostility and going from year to year, very, very dangerous ground, very, very dangerous ground.

50:27You gotta snap out of that, snap out of the petty thinking and really understand that we are this kingdom of priests that God is preparing and as the world is intensifying, the finish line is getting closer and it's very soon now.

50:41I can't, I can't say it's gonna be next week or next year or next decade.

50:45I don't know, but I do know we're closer to all of this insanity coming to an end and the reign of Christ beginning.

50:55We're very, very, we're much closer than we've ever been.

50:59And this insanity, it just cannot keep going.

51:02This evil cannot keep going.

51:04It's, it's, it's just not there.

51:07The sustainability is a big word now, it's not sustainable.

51:13This I say, then walk in the spirit and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

51:20And it goes on to explain the works of the flesh.

51:22But if we're actually in the spirit, because God is love.

51:26And if we're actually in the spirit, we will love.

51:30If we're not truly in the spirit, Satan will take an occasion back to first John verse 12, no man has seen God at any time.

51:43So he makes this clear, very categorical statement.

51:46However, he says, if we love one another, God dwells in us, so we haven't seen God, but we can experience God, we haven't seen God but Christ can be in us.

52:03And if we love one another, this is the operation where Christ will be present and His love is perfected in us.

52:12It's an operation.

52:15So we can't say I've seen God.

52:17God talks to me.

52:18No, he is the God that really hides himself from Jacob, but he's making himself known by being in us.

52:27If we love one another, this is just John is just making it so clear hereby.

52:32This is how we know hereby know we that we dwell in Him and He's in us.

52:40So nobody can say they've seen God, but we can categorically say we dwell in Christ and Christ dwells in us.

52:48Why?

52:49Because he has given us of his spirit.

52:51And that's why Paul says, walk in the spirit.

52:54So when we see that, hey, I'm able to walk in the spirit, then we know that, hey, we're in Christ and Christ is in us.

53:01He says, and we have seen and do testify that the father sent the son to be the savior of the world.

53:10That's the operation that's taking place here on earth.

53:13It might not look like it, but that's what's happening.

53:15And for those of us in the know, for those of us in Christ, we're experiencing the growth growing in the grace and knowledge that Pastor Marie spoke about.

53:25So it's all happening each in his own order.

53:28And first, there's the first fruits of the Israel harvest.

53:35Then there's the fall harvest of Israel and the atonement.

53:40Then there's the opening up of this and the in gathering of the gentile world, whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

53:50God dwells in him and he and God and this isn't.

53:54Oh, do you know the Lord brother say that Jesus is Lord.

53:57Oh, great, you have salvation.

53:59It's, it's nothing like that.

54:01This is a time of intense conflict, intense persecution, people being put to death and they can't help but preach the gospel.

54:12We saw what happened to, but hopefully everybody's seen this.

54:16What happened to this Orthodox priest, I think he was in Australia for preaching his understanding of Jesus and it was unacceptable and he suffered for it.

54:28And a lot of people will look at that and think whoa I better back off.

54:32But the spirit of God never backs off.

54:34And so it just continues to confess that Jesus is the Son of God and nobody can take us away from this.

54:42Just a very deep, profound understanding of this.

54:45And despite all opposition and the anti-christ especially is going to come on the scene.

54:51And in that context, whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God.

54:56That's only possible, that fearlessness, that boldness is only possible when God dwells in Him and he and God.

55:04And that's only possible when we love one another.

55:08If we're at variance with each other, the spirit will not dwell with us and we will not dwell with God.

55:14So Janice was really reinforcing just how important this is that this spiritual operation is taking place and that we have evidence.

55:23I I just don't, you know, speaking for all of us, hey, we don't hold grudges.

55:30We're not caught up in petty petty affairs.

55:33Well, how is that even possible?

55:35Well, the spirit of God is dwelling in us and we're dwelling in God.

55:38And that gives us great confidence because we're operating on a spiritual plane on a much higher level.

55:46So, so we can confess Christ with boldness and we have known and believed the love that God has to us.

55:55We know that we're only here.

55:56The only reason we're here is because of this covenant love that God has for us.

56:02And that gives us great confidence.

56:03And again, he repeats, God is love.

56:07God is love and He that dwells in love, dwells in God and God in Him.

56:14So there's this whole formula that John is making it very, very clear.

56:19So that when we see these guys like the atrophies who are persecuting the saints, who are pushing the saints out, who have this adversarial relationship, not only with the saints, but with the apostles, then we know it's impossible for God to dwell there.

56:39And it's impossible for them to dwell in God.

56:43And therefore, it's impossible for them to confess Christ in a crisis.

56:49So this spiritual operation of what God is doing in the earth culminates in this ability that we have to love the brethren because God is not here.

57:00We can't say I love God here he is.

57:02I look how I love Him, but he's here in our brethren.

57:07And we have to discern the Lord's body.

57:10And when we do that, we know that this is only possible because of the operation of the spirit.

57:17And therefore, we can have great confidence that we dwell in God and God dwells in us.

57:23He says herein is our love made perfect.

57:26This is the the the culmination of it.

57:29And when this happens.

57:31He says that we may have boldness in the day of judgment.

57:35We don't have to say, oh, we don't want to hear this.

57:38We don't want to hear about God's wrath that's making us nervous.

57:42speak to us of smooth things.

57:45No, we can hear about God's wrath.

57:48And at the same time, when we hear of this fury that's going to come upon the head of the wicked, we can also have confidence in Him.

57:55Why?

57:56Because we love the brethren.

57:57This, this is the evidence that we're in good standing with God because the spiritual operation is working herein is our love made perfect that we may have boldness in the day of judgment.

58:10It's a terrible thing to think of Christ's wrath.

58:15Yet there's this Passover, there's, there's the wrath that you know, we saw the wrath in ancient Israel.

58:20But when he saw the blood, he passed over and we could say today through the blood, when he sees the love that wrath passes over, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment because as He is, so are we in this world?

58:36We don't speak like the world, we don't try to fit in with the world.

58:41We are of Christ and the way that we his example, that's how we are.

58:46And during Passover, we really digest the fullness of his example and that's how we are. 58:53There is no fear in love.

58:56So this is a kind of a go to scripture.

58:58But in the context, what we're seeing is this love is a spiritual operation.

59:05It's a spiritual maturing over time.

59:09And so as this is taking place, it's the evidence that we need of God's love for us.

59:14It's only possible because of God's love for us.

59:18And so as we look, and we reflect on our lives, the journey that we're on, the love that we have for the brethren.

59:26This is the evidence that God loves us.

59:29And so now we realize we're his Children.

59:33And so we don't have to opt, we can talk about God's wrath because He's our father and that wrath is not reserved for us.

59:42It's reserved for the wicked.

59:45So we don't have to make this smooth because we're on God's side.

59:49And so as we're growing in this love, there's, there's no fear but perfect love casts out fear. 59:56We really understand family, the father, our elder brother, our brethren because fear has torment.

1:00:05He that fears is not made perfect in love.

1:00:10So when they say, you know, cease from the holy one of Israel, we don't want to hear it, bring us smooth things.

1:00:20We know that a copy is not a work, the miraculous work of the spirit is not, it's not functioning when we hear, hey, give me the word of God undiluted.

1:00:33I wanna understand God's plan and agenda and what's what and who's, who give it to me this is because of the spiritual operation.

1:00:42And we have a, a joy in the agape that we're experiencing.

1:00:48We love him because he first loved us.

1:00:52He reached down, he chose us, he equipped us, he conceived us.

1:00:59And now because we belong to him, we're capable of this agape that we were not capable of.

1:01:06Before.

1:01:08We understand when we're washing a brother or a sister's feet, we understand what we're doing when we're having our feet washed.

1:01:17We understand what this means.

1:01:20We understand the operation of agape in all of this and how we're growing in grace and knowledge because he first loved us.

1:01:30Now, John says, if a man say they were saying this, what John is saying, test the spirits. 1:01:42If a man say, I love God and he may not actually say the words, but he may try to convey this in how he dresses what he does.

1:01:53He's projecting, I'm a God.

1:01:56I love God.

1:01:57All right.

1:01:59How is it di atrophies that you are telling us?

1:02:03You're a spiritual leader, you're the voice of God and you hate your brother and you're casting them out of the church.

1:02:09How does that work?

1:02:10How do you square the circle?

1:02:12Because we know the love of God is a spiritual operation.

1:02:18And the only reason we love God is He loved us first.

1:02:22And if he so loved us, we ought to love one another the same way.

1:02:28You know, Christ says, you know, do as I command you and you're my friends, love one another.

1:02:36And the greatest love is to lay down your life for your brother.

1:02:41So, Bren, as we come into Passover, that that's really, ultimately, we take up our cross and we follow him.

1:02:50And what we are saying when we come through the Passover is I'm ready to, I'm I I can discern the Lord's body and I'm ready to die for the Lord.

1:03:01And the Lord is not here, but he's here in body.

1:03:05His body is here.

1:03:07My brethren are here and because he loved me, I ought to.

1:03:13And I now I understand this and I'm seeing the propitiation, I ought to love my brothers the way he loved me.

1:03:21So it's just, it's just not spiritually possible, test the spirits, but it's not spiritually possible for someone to say they love God and hate his brother.

1:03:32That's a liar for he that loves not his brother whom he has seen.

1:03:38How can he love God whom he has not seen?

1:03:41And God commands us to love one another.

1:03:44So when Christ was on earth, it was difficult for some people to love him.

1:03:51In fact, they hated him.

1:03:53You know, it's easy to read scripture to say, oh, if price was here, I would just be, I would give my life for him.

1:03:59Well, he's here and will we give our lives for our brethren?

1:04:05Oh, when I read Corinthians and Galatians and how much trouble.

1:04:08These brethren gave Paul, boy, you know, if I was in that time, I would follow Paul. 1:04:13Really?

1:04:15Wow, they really resisted Moses.

1:04:19You know, I would just do nothing but help Moses.

1:04:21Really.

1:04:22These are human beings who could rub us the wrong way.

1:04:28And if we're on a human level that's gonna hurt, that's gonna bother us.

1:04:32If we're on an agape level, it's just a higher order way of thinking and being.

1:04:39And he says, if we cannot love our brother, who's right here.

1:04:44And, and what this is also saying is agape is not a function of how one behaves.

1:04:54It's not like I need you to behave in a certain way for me to love you.

1:04:58No, it's because God loved me, that I now love him and I now love my brethren.

1:05:07And the same way that God's agape, his covenant love is not dependent on Israel's behavior.

1:05:14If it was, it's over, it's dependent on his oath, it's dependent on his covenant.

1:05:22So in a way, I don't wanna say this the wrong way, but in a way, Israel's behavior is irrelevant to the covenant love.

1:05:33It doesn't matter what Israel does, it's not going to change the covenant love now, because of that covenant.

1:05:41Israel will have to be deeply punished and we're seeing the world just being

reconfigured in such a way that there's going to be tribulation, the likes of which the world has never seen.

1:05:52But the purpose of that tribulation is to bring Israel back to it, to her senses because of this covenant commitment.

1:06:01So this love is a covenant love.

1:06:04And once we come to understand it, it's not possible as humans to express it.

1:06:10But if we are dwelling in God and he's dwelling in us, John is saying this is this, this is not only the acid test, it's the pinnacle, it's how we know that we are really maturing.

1:06:21That love is made perfect in us.

1:06:23We've come to maturity because we're operating on this level.

1:06:26And and when we say love it, love isn't lovey dovey.

1:06:30You know, just syrupy sweet all the time.

1:06:34God's punishment of Israel is covenant love.

1:06:38So sometimes we, we do have to have difficult conversations.

1:06:42We need to sit down and sort this out, but it's coming from a spirit of redemption, a spirit of reconciliation.

1:06:54If a man say I love God and he hates his brother, he's a liar for he that loves not his brother whom he has seen.

1:07:02How can he love God, whom he hasn't seen?

1:07:05And this is the commandment that we have from him, that He who loves God, love his brother also.

1:07:12It's a commandment.

1:07:13If we love God, we love our brother also.

1:07:16And that really is one of the key lessons that we need to get from the Passover.

1:07:24So let me just confirm here that I have been coming through and just check and see if there's anything I need to respond to in the chat.

1:07:37And while I'm doing that, just a reminder brethren that there is no broadcast.

1:07:45So we will be broadcasting this Sabbath and the following Sabbath.

1:07:50But we won't be broadcasting on the high days and we won't be broadcasting next week for the Bible study.

1:07:57So God willing you'll hear from us on Sabbath of the two Sabbaths.

1:08:02Ok.

1:08:03Let me just check if there's anything I need to respond to.

1:08:09Thanks for joining us.

1:08:10Sister Carlotta.

1:08:15Yes.

1:08:15For Jeff, that was actually Sister Abby.

1:08:17That reminded me of that dollar counterfeit bill example.

1:08:21Very, very good Dave and Dev, one of my favorite lines is he's honest, but you gotta watch him.

1:08:33That's funny.

1:08:34And Ronald Reagan says trust would verify.

1:08:37Yes, indeed.

1:08:40I call these people God haters.

1:08:41That's ultimately what they are.

1:08:43Very good Children of light and those that are Children of darkness pretty evident to see more.

1:08:49Yeah, to see more clearly every day.

1:08:51Very good point.

1:08:53That as this whole thing intensifies, it's gonna become really, really clear.

1:08:59John says they were of us, they were, they were with us but not of us.

1:09:03They, they went out from us and they became anti-christ and it's gonna become very, very when the pressure is on.

1:09:08It's amazing how people behave, but when the spirit of God is in us, we're stable.

1:09:15No wonder our Lord says, will he find yes.

1:09:17Exactly.

1:09:17Griselda.

1:09:18The Lord says, will he find faith in the earth when he returns?

1:09:21And, and the answer, the question is posed in such a way that the answer leans to.

1:09:26No, Allah Allah doesn't forgive.

1:09:30Absolutely.

1:09:30He doesn't.

1:09:31Absolutely.

1:09:32It's all a farce.

1:09:33And then the Muslims unfortunately are just in this high anxiety because he doesn't forgive is rehearsal.

1:09:42The R word.

1:09:43Thanks for remembering Sister Jody.

1:09:46I've been racking my brains.

1:09:48I, I think maybe i it's not rehearsal.

1:09:50Maybe it is ritual.

1:09:52It just, I don't think it is and maybe it doesn't begin with.

1:09:55R so I, when it comes to me because I remember, I remember hearing it once and just thinking, wow, that's, that's really something that's an important word.

1:10:05And I think it actually went against or went beyond ritual.

1:10:09So that's why I know it's not ritual but, and maybe it's not in our word.

1:10:13I think I, I, I don't think it is, but eventually I'm gonna hear it again.

1:10:16I'm gonna say, oh, that's what it is.

1:10:18But thank you for it's actually something that's kind of on my mind.

1:10:22So I appreciate you remembering that.

1:10:25Let's see here.

1:10:29D W Mac 5356.

1:10:32Welcome.

1:10:33Once we actually believe that God dwells in us through his spirit, we are able to share that love with others of like mind and create that loving family relationship.

1:10:43And you really, this is a real spiritual thing.

1:10:45It's a, it's a spiritual reality and dynamic like minded or no.

1:10:50Aren't we supposed to extend that agape love to all?

1:10:53How else can we bring others to the Lord?

1:10:55So very good question, Carlotta, but do good unto all men but especially of the household of faith.

1:11:03There is a difference and there is a discerning of the Lord's body and it's not the same. 1:11:08So, yes, agape is, is ultimately for all, but there's something special, especially in the end time with what, what we're facing of those of the household of faith and being able to discern the difference.

1:11:25Very good brother Ian.

1:11:28Yes.

1:11:28Happy Passover to you as well.

1:11:30Rick, thank you.

1:11:32Beautiful.

1:11:32Very, very good.

1:11:34When will I be in medina?

1:11:36God willing.

1:11:38Next Sabbath, not this coming Sabbath, but next Sabbath very, very good.

1:11:44Thank you very, very good.

1:11:47So brethren all the best for to all of you for this coming spring holiday season.

1:11:55And we look forward God willing one more time to be together before the Passover and that will be this coming Sabbath.

1:12:05So it's just really, it's beyond comprehension what God is doing, what we're a part of May.

1:12:15God bless you all in your preparation, your deleting, and we look forward to seeing you and being with you.

1:12:21God willing on the Sabbath God bless.