

Peter & Paul - Larry Arnburg

thank you Stefan for those good words it

is my pleasure to stand here at the podium and give the word as we would say and as our first song says I need you every hour and I need him this hour so I pray that his Holy Spirit will guide me on what to do and what to say and I'm going to do this in in kind of a different way

I'm What I want everybody to do is turn to Peter 3 15 and 16 and I'm going to read that to start off then I'm going to leave it. And then I'm going to go and explain why I read this first.

Everybody there? Second Peter 3, 15, and 16.

And I'll read 15 and 16 here. "An account that long -suffering of our Lord is salvation, even as our beloved brother Paul, also according to the wisdom given unto him, has written unto you. As also in all his epistles,

speaking in them of these things in which are some things hard to understand which they that are unlearned and unstable wrestle as they do also the other scriptures unto their own destruction. Now I'm going to explain that part about Paul.

Now one of the biggest problems with most people, not most people, but a lot of people, I call them troublemakers, is that they look at that scripture and said Paul's hard to understand, really hard to understand. But the key to that statement was this, that the unlearned and unstable wrestle as they also do with other scriptures. So if you're unlearned it and unstable, you're going to have a hard time understanding Paul.

I'm talking about Peter's talking about Paul.

This is talking about Paul being hard to understand, but this is what Peter's talking about, but the key in that, and the good Lord puts nuggets in his word and this is one of the nuggets to understanding this. So what I'm going to do is I'm going to start this and I'm going to go back to Galatians 2, 11 to 14.

Just hold your place there because I will come back to it. So we go to Galatians 2, 11 and 14. This is the dispute that Paul had with Peter,

and I think we all know it, and I'm going to summarize it in what my notes I have here. And it says, "But when Peter came to Antioch,

I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For Before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles.

But when they came, he drew back and separated himself fearing the circumcision party. And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barbara was led astray by their hypocrisy.

But when they saw that their, but when I saw, this is Paul talking, when I saw that their conduct was not in step with truth of the gospel, I said under Peter, before them all, if you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, How can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?

You know This was a serious this was a serious dispute over how Jewish Christians will be entreated

now We'll do a little rundown here Compare them back and forth Peter first been Paul, with keeping in these scriptures in mind. Peter had been freely eating with the Gentiles, believers, showing unity.

Paul proved to this as it upheld the Gospel that all are one in price, and that's in Galatians 3

Paul, or Peter, but when certain Jewish Christians came from Jerusalem,

Peter withdrew from the Gentiles out of fear of criticism. Paul says,

"Paul saw this as hypocrisy and a betrayal of the gospel, suggesting Gentiles weren't fully accepted unless they adopt Jewish customs."

The difference there. Paul calls Peter out publicly for this,

because his behavior was causing confusion and division in the early church.

Was this a doctrinal disagreement? Not exactly.

This disagreement wasn't over the Gospel, or excuse it wasn't over what the gospel was, but it was over how to live it out.

And that's the most important thing about the gospel, living it out. Both Peter and

Paul believed in salvation through faith in Christ alone, not through the law of

Moses. And that's where the Jews were coming in. You've got to do the law of

Moses. The issue was Peter's behavior,

not his theology.

Paul feared that Paul's actions could mislead others into thinking Gentiles needed to follow Jewish law to be accepted. That's why Paul calls it hypocrisy.

Peter knew better, but acted differently under pressure, or what he thought was pressure. So what happened after that? The Bible really doesn't say.

It really doesn't give us detailed solution of this special confrontation,

but later evidence suggests that Peter and Paul were reconciled and respected each other. That's where I'm going.

As you see earlier in Peter 2, 3, 5, and 6, shows Peter affirming Paul's wisdom in writing his scriptures.

In Acts 15 at the Jerusalem Conference, Peter defends Paul's mission to Our view on a Gentile shouldn't be burdened with the law.

And then there are church traditions of various denominations that consider Peter and

Paul both were martyred in Rome, who were foundational leaders of the church. I'm

not getting into that, but in summary of this short part. Yes,

Peter and Paul had a sharp disagreement in Antioch over the behavior that

contradicted the Gospel's inclusive message. Paul rebuked Peter not because Peter preached the different Gospel, but because his actions were undermining it.

Later, writings suggest Peter and Paul were reconciled and deeply respected respected each other's ministries.

Now

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want to confirm Peter's knowledge that Paul was very smart and knew what he was talking about.

In 1 Peter 3 Here we've gone over that, I've read that, but I'm going to read it

again just to continue on with the flow. The Apostle Paul refers to wisdom given to

Paul by God when he writes, "The account and count the patience of our Lord as Savior, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, as he does in all his letters when he speaks in front of these matters.

There are some things in them that are hard to understand which that ignorant and unstable twists to their own destruction as they do the other scriptures." Again, that's Peter 2 Peter 3 15 16. Now, what is the wisdom Peter was talking about?

That's what I'm going to get into now. Peter is affirming that Paul was given divine wisdom, inspired, understanding,

and insight from God to write his epistles. This wisdom pertains especially to the patience of God, and his desire that all should come to repentance and salvation, to the return of Christ, and how believers should live in the light of that hope.

3. Grace, justification by faith, and the mystery of the gospel real revealed through Christ and I'm going to get into that mystery ideally. Peter's words also suggest that Paul's writings were already being considered scriptural on par with Old Testament which is a strong affirmation of Paul's apostolic authority.

So, let's go into some writings that Paul had. I'll go to Ephesians 3 -2 -5.

Now,

Ephesians 2,

excuse me, it's even 3 -2 -5. Get my tongue untied here.

Ephesians. Ephesians 2 excuse me, Ephesians 3,

2 to 5. I'm going to read it right out of my Bible here. "If we have heard of the dispensation of the grace of the God, of God, which is given to me to you, word, how that By revelation, he made known unto me the mystery, as I wrote before in few works.

Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ, which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men.

It was now revealed unto this holy Apostles, prophets, and spirit, by the spirit. So in this the key claim that Paul is making here is the revelation by the spirit before it wasn't.

It was the Apostles but they didn't give the same message that Paul was given.

"Given him divine insight in the gospel mystery. There we go again.

That word mystery, that pops up there because they didn't go back to what we read in 15 and 16 of 3 Peter that that mystery is understood as not having the knowledge of the word.

Okay?

And go to 2nd, or Galatians 1, just back a few pages here, and I'm not going to read the whole thing again.

It starts off with, "I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the Gospel I preach is not of human origin." In other words,

you didn't learn it from men. It's worded a little bit different in Gospel, in

Galatians. Oh, I'm sorry. I said Galatians 1. It should be 11 and 12. I'm sorry. I apologize for that. Galatians 1, 11 and 12.

Which if I read it, but then Peter was come to Antioch and I was...

Oh,

I'm sorry. I'm in 2.

1, 11 and 12. it says here, "But I certify you,

brethren, that the gospel which was preached unto me is not after men.

For I neither received it of man, nor was I taught it but by the revelation of

Jesus Christ." The point there is Paul's wisdom didn't come from human but but was

given directly by revelation Christ. Okay now, slide a few pages back to Romans 11.

I'll get this one right here. 11, 33, and 34. I'm going to read the condensed

version off of my page here. "O that the depths of riches and wisdom and knowledge of God." Did you read it?

Romans 11, or excuse me, Romans 11. 7, 33 to 34.

the depth of the riches both of wisdom and knowledge of God but unsearchable are

his judgments and his ways past finding out for who has known the mind of the Lord

or who has been his counselor

how unsearchable His judgments and how inscribable His ways. For who has known the mind of the Lord?

Paul often refers to the wisdom of God in Salvationary history,

especially in Romans where he's laid out God's plan of salvation to the Jews and

Okay. This is all confirming Paul's authority.

Okay. If you turn a few pages forward again to collagens,

then we'll go to collagens 1.

Let me find it myself.

Collagens 1 .25 -27,

"I have become a servant by the commission of God gave me to present to you the

word of God in His fullness." The mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and

generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people.

Who's that?

That's us. And that's actually the people from Christ's time to now.

So Paul's word of authority back when he was living is the same today.

His words are still has authority.

To them God was chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery which is Christ in you the hope of glory.

That's the mystery, part of the mystery of understanding.

The Holy Spirit gives us that understanding. The key point was here, again Paul

points to a God -given commission and wisdom to reveal mysteries hidden for ages.

That's what Paul's mission, to open it up. So in summary of this, this part,

the wisdom that Peter refers to in 2 Peter 3 15 and 16 is revealed by God to

Paul not human reasoning related to the mystery of salvation God's patience and the

return of Christ and how believers are to live that's the key how he are we are

to live present through Paul's epistles in Romans Ephesians and Poisons.

Sometimes difficult to understand leading to misinterpretation by unstable and unlearned

people. There's the key. You have to be stable in the Word of God and you have to be what they call a learned people. Somebody that is taught the Word of God.

The Word of God is revealed to them. That was Paul's mission, okay?

Already regarded as scripture by Peter's time.

Well, okay, that's another thing. So his word was, his word was it.

Okay, so now I'm gonna get into the main part of this

In 2 Peter 3, just so there's an understanding of two things,

one, that Paul and Peter did not disagree on scripture.

Paul and Peter did not carry their disagreement further than that way now we have two lessons here that that in itself is a lesson to us if we have disagreements if we have something we don't like about each other hash it out and get on with it that's what the word teaches us that we don't carry grudges we don't carry it I don't like what you said to me last week so I'm not coming back anymore well I am but and But that's the attitude we have to have, and you know what that's based on? Love.

I love you enough that I can disagree with you and you can disagree with me. But we still love each other. And that goes for everybody in this room. That love is so powerful or should be so powerful that it doesn't make any difference if we disagree.

because sometimes disagreeing enriches you.

I'm in my box right here.

And I think the way I think, I say what I say and I do what I want to do. And you're in your box.

That may be a different box. Maybe a different way of thinking. You may have been brought up different. You may have been taught by different people. And something just doesn't jive between the two of us.

Okay? So we disagree. That's what happened with Paul and Peter.

That's what happened with Paul and Peter. They just, they just, Peter got caught up in the moment.

To ask my wife, "I can get caught up in the moment sometimes." No, don't ask her please. So,

In 2nd Peter, in 3 and 4, I go back to 2nd Peter and just follow it down as I go through this, because I'm going to go all the way down through 3, and I'm not going to take maybe every verse, but in 3 and 4, it highlights,

"Scoffers will mock the promise of Christ's return. And it says,

"In the last days, scoffers will come saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming?'"

And that's in 3 and 4.

And if you think they had a reason for saying that in those days, think again, 2,000 years later, "Where is He?"

So do we have the scoffers have reason today to determine and take the same position according to them they do My uncle my grandfather my great -grandfather my great -great -great -great -great -grandfather. They've all waited for him and he still hasn't come So I give up. I'm not gonna. I'm not gonna follow the Lord anymore I don't think he's gonna come and that's what scoffers were doing And this is what Peter was talking about. Peter warns that in the last days, people will deny the return of Christ and live sinfully ignoring God's judgment. Does that happen today? Oh, you bet your bottom dollar it does. It happens all the time. You go down the

street and talk to somebody about the gospel of Christ. He's not coming back. He said he was going to 2,000 years ago and he still hasn't made it yet. I don't know what boat he's on but it's a long ride to China.

So okay take that and go to Philippians 3:20 and 21

okay from this point our citizenship is in heaven and we await the Savior and it says here Paul Paul, this is Paul talking. I'm going to give you Peter's, then I'm going to give you Paul.

Paul said, Paul, Paul,

I'm breaking in here. The Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly bodies to be like His glorious body. That's in 20 and 21. Again the focus is on the resurrection and transformation when Christ returns.

So scoffers, you just have to wait, you just have to wait for when his return is.

And also in 2nd Thessalonians, Paul says, in 2nd Thessalonians 2,

1-12, I'm not reading it all,

The theme there is the events before Christ returned, the man of sin and lawlessness.

Paul addresses confusion about whether the day of the Lord has already come.

He outlines what must happen first in

Or it's Paul and Peter are on the same line You got to wait.

You got to wait There's no I want it now as our generation would say I Deserve it. I want it now But you have to be patient and understand what the Bible says about his coming for the revelation

Okay, number 2.

God's past judgment, the Flood, proves future judgment is real.

They deliberately overlooked this fact, the world that when existed it was deluged with water and perished.

Peter uses the Flood as evidence that God has judged the world before and he will again next time by fire.

Remember we got the rainbow quote, promises he would never flood us again. And somebody stole that. In 2 Thessalonians 1, 6 to 10,

that is Christ returned, this is Paul talking still. Christ's return will bring judgment and glory. When the Lord Jesus Christ is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire. That's in verse 7,

between 6 and 10. Very similar to Peter's imaginary imagery,

excuse me, in 2 Peter 3, where fire is also it with judgment so

they're on the same wavelength they're still talking the same stuff God's time number

three God's timing is not human timing with the Lord one day is at a thousand

years and a thousand years is one day so when God says you'll be here tomorrow

What's the actually mean You're in a thousand years

So he says I'm gonna be here in a couple days What's this two thousand years

later? Or I'm gonna come when I want to come I'm gonna come when the judgment is

ready to come So it's not our time But how many times you have you heard people

predict? Jesus is coming in 2025.

November the 5th. How stupid... I don't want to use that word.

Excuse me. How ridiculous can you be when the Bible tells us no man knows the time?

Okay. So Peter explains that the apparent delay in Christ's return is because God is outside of time and his delay is not slowness but get this but his mercy because he wants to save everybody he's giving everybody a chance. In Titus 2, 11 and 13 this is Paul talking I've already explained Peter.

Living in godliness as we wait for Christ.

Okay, here's the words. Waiting for our blessed hope. The appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. That's verse 13. This is practical.

Waiting for His coming should shape our lives now, because we don't know when he's coming. But we have to live every day as if he's coming today. And that's the key to understanding that. So Paul is directly in line with what Peter said. Number four,

God is patient, not wanting any to perish.

"The Lord is patient towards you, not wishing any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." Verse 9.

So, how long is it going to take you to repent?

My suggestion would be you repent today because we don't know if he's coming tomorrow now today is a terminology that is now and believe it or not tomorrow is going to be today when you're in tomorrow when Sunday comes Sunday is today You understand that? The day you're in is always today, so we never know what that today is going to be. Now, in Philippians 321 Paul is saying this.

He's talking about our citizenship in heaven and we await Savior. The Lord Jesus Christ who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, the end of focus is on a resurrection and transformation in Christ's returns. Okay now five, the day of the Lord will come suddenly and there again

somebody bound to take this out of context simply because it says in Scripture that we will see His light coming, but it doesn't tell us how long it's going to take for that light to get here.

So let's say take go back to a thousand days, a thousand years as a day his time but may appear like he's coming a thousand years but it's a day in our life in our life so by the but the day of the Lord will come as a thief and again we go back to that parable or that saying a thief in the night He never tells you when he's coming to rob you

He doesn't knock on the door and say you I'm here. Give me all your money He just breaks it breaks a window breaks the door However, you've seen some of them on the cameras door cameras where they've robbed the houses, you know, we can't that's that's too late That's too late He's already there breaking into your host.

"Oh, I see him !" But that's the way it's going to be with the Lord. Once that happens, you have better repent it because you're not going to repent by the time he gets here, because it's going to be like that.

Judgment is sudden and unexpected, involving cosmetic, or cosmetic, 'cause,

'cause, I was the one I'm looking for, 'cause, yeah, destruction, purging the world with fire. So it's going to be destructive, that type.

In first, again, that's Paul, that's Peter talking. In first 5 1 to 11 and I'm going to highlight verse 3 but it's all involved into it the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the name while people are saying there is peace and security then sudden destruction will come upon them verse 3 this connects to Peter's second Peter 3 10 the day of the Lord will come as a thief. All connected. All connected not telling you when it's going to happen, but you better get your suitcase packed and prepared.

Number six, live holy and godly lives in light of His coming.

Isn't this really what the gospel is all about?

Telling you to get your act together? telling you to repent of your sins and I asked this question openly how many today are not doing the sins that they did before they repented. I hope all of us, I hope all of us because we can't keep doing

repent of our sins and be prepared for crisis coming.

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness? And that's in verse 11. The proper response to the coming judgment is to live pure, obedient and expected lives.

Isn't that really what it's all about, what we try to do? We stumble and fall, but we try to do the best we can. And as I said back in one of the other ones, thank God for God's mercy, that we are able to rely on His mercy.

And We don't do things on purpose that are evil, that are wrong, that are out of the way of God's Word. And that is a perspective from Peter.

Paul in Romans 13, 11 to 14, is saying there is "Live in holiness because salvation is near." We don't know. We don't know. It's the end of the day or them all.

The hour has come, this is Paul talking, the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.

Isn't that the truth? Ain't that it? If you've been a believer, any? Six years.

It's closer now than it was when you started believing. And all the rest of us, when we bowed our head and repented of our sins and accepted Jesus as our Savior, it is now closer, closer and closer to the salvation.

Paul encourages godly living in light of Christ's return very much aligned with Peter 2 Peter excuse me 3 11 to 14 that's that's the connection between us funny it's the same verses in Romans okay number seven look forward to the new heavens and a new earth but according to his promise We are waiting for the new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. That's in verse 13.

This is a message of hope.

Isn't that what we trust? Isn't that what we believe?

Can you have nothing but hope that this is going to, the new heavens and the new earth coming you go in and read revelation and listen to the description of the new Jerusalem coming down and I remember reading an article in that one time and the guy was saying he was talking from basically a purely human human thinking and he

says If you took Jerusalem and it's a cube
it's as long as it is wide as it is high And he makes his comment.
I kind of grinned when I read it years ago. He says there is no way That that
could land on earth and not destroy the planet
Because it would be just too heavy it would throw the ISO to orbit or Earth out
of orbit it would just it just it just would not be able to maintain itself and I
said to myself you really don't understand God does he that God can do anything he
wants he could bring something that big down on set it on earth and the the orbit
doesn't change, doesn't change. The Sunseal signs,
the Moon still shines, the stars are still out there, but because of the God that
we have, and he created the universe, why couldn't he do that?
For somebody to say he can't do it doesn't understand God, just he doesn't
understand God and what he is capable of. So Peter really,
really reveals a lot and this is again one of, to me, is one of those nuggets in
the scripture where he throws it in between other ones that it brings back memories
and it brought back that story to me that this guy was saying and that's it never
happened, never happened. Well, I hope he's there the day it happens because he's
gonna say oh my god and okay so let's see what Paul has to say on this in 2
Timothy 4 1 and 8 not 1 to 8 Christ will judge and this is the theme of it
Christ will judge the living and the dead that is appearing
"I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus,
who is to judge the living and the dead by his appearing and his kingdom." Peter,
this is kind of funny in verse 8, "Expects a reward
To all who had loved his appearing You know what that Lord is?
The city of Jerusalem A big cube has come down Where we're gonna live And God's
gonna supply all our needs Yeah, you may have a garden to grow a few vegetables
Which reminds me I brought some of the those out of my garden today. Yeah, brought
five.
I had to eat two because they had holes in them, or they had split. Okay, carry
on.
Be diligent, watchful, and steadfast. Okay,
what does Peter had to say about this. "Therefore be loved, be diligent,
to be found by him,
without spot or blemish.
That blemish tickles my mind, because what did the Lamb of God have to be without
blemish?
What did the Lamb that was sacrificed
in the temple have to be without blemish so here we go connecting all these things
together he's by his appearing and his kingdom Paul or Pete's gives me Peter urges
believers to remain faithful oh I missed one line here.
"Take care that you should not be carried away and lose your stability."
So what does he mean by this? "Take care that you are not carried away." Who's the
one that's going to carry us away from Christ? Or try to too curious away from
Christ Satan right so we have to be on our toes to use that expression we have to

have our mind open all the time and we have to have our eyes open all the time when their ears open all the time that Satan doesn't trickle in there somewhere and say to Larry, "It's okay to do that." When I know that it's not okay to do that, I'm not telling you what that is. But that's the whole thing about being loved by God, because you know Him, and you know that He loves you, and you love Him, that you're on your toes all the time because over there in the corner is just waiting for me to stumble and fall. So we want to make sure we remain faithful to our our God. Sounds kind of funny saying that, doesn't it? But he's our God. He tells us we can claim him as our God. He claims us as his children. So, if he claims us as his children, we have the right to claim him as our God, Abba Father. So, always keep that in back your mind about remaining faithful. When you run into... I told this story, I think, before. My wife was complaining about every time she had a shower. Don't picture that. She had a shower and she would always feel like there's somebody talking to her and I said to her one day and she said it's not a good not to say bad thought but it it feels really eerie she said and I says well I says here's what my recommendation would you do when you're in the shower you go in there and I don't care if you yell at the top of your lungs or you just say it softly in the same in the name of Jesus Christ, leave me alone. Now, you say that three times, St. Nufli.

Yeah, she did. And she came to me, and next time she had a shower, and she'd, you know what, it's the most peaceful shower I ever had.

And I said, "Well, what can I say? I wasn't there." So I had to take it away from but

As the old saying goes knowledge is no good Unless you pass it along This is the best knowledge you can pass along to anybody

So I try to do that as much as I can in my life my marriage I don't know sure if that's why it's lasted almost three years, but it helps me.

So, did I go to Titus? No. Okay, let's see what Paul had to say on this.

Titus 2, 11, and 13. The theme is living in godliness as we wait for Christ.

It says here in verse 13, "Waiting for our blessed hope,

the appearing of glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. This is practical.

Waiting for His coming should shape our lives now.

Not tomorrow,

not next week, not two weeks from now when I go on holidays, but right now.

that's what it should be doing we want to be in that position all the time so we wait patiently right we wait for what well

I guess you could go to Romans and find out what it's going to be like.

But the one thing that I'm waiting for is to be resurrected.

I want to pass that test to be resurrected. And let me finish one part off here.

Peter's central message in 2 Peter 3 is this. Don't be deceived by offers.

God is not slow. He is merciful and giving time for repentance.

The day of the Lord is surely coming. Suddenly and in judgment.

Therefore, live in holiness, keep watch, and look forward to the new creation. So that gives us a lot to think about, does it not? Not only do we have to think about ourselves and what we're doing, we are obligated also to think about each other. And I've said this many times here, I think, a few times, That we have to look after one another When one of us is in trouble We have to help them to that trouble To whatever we can maybe only one of us can help But we have to be there for each other. We have to have confidence in each other that when we talk to each other we're talking in love and we're talking and concern and we're talking also and making sure that your soul is saved, that your resurrection is going to be all together. That's going to be, as they say, a happy day. Probably only be a minute, but it'll be a happy time. So we come to this And in this message, the whole underlying key was this, Satan does everything he can possibly do to mess us up. He may not mess us up, but he messes around with us. And this is one example. There's two examples in here. First of all, the example of the disagreement of Paul and Peter. That disagreement everybody says, "Oh, they never agreed upon anything." Look, he said this, he said this over here. They totally disagreed with each other. And it's the purpose of that is to throw the gospel, throw the understanding of the gospel to you to be a learned it and confident person in scriptures. That's his mission. And we cannot allow that to happen. We cannot. We have to make sure that whatever is said by the world out there is garbage to us who know the word. Now that may sound like a pretty harsh term to use, but what else, describe it any way you want. But we have to make sure that in this situation where I was talking about Paul and Peter, they were solid. They were solid, as this desk is solid, as I'm hinting on it, that they are solid together. They never disagreed on the gospel and that's important because that's what that tell you the head unity they told they tells you that the Holy Spirit was working in conjunction with the two men even though they went you know different ways Paul went to the you know Peter went to the Jews and Paul went to the Gentiles but they did But the message was never changed. The Gospel was never changed. So we look at that in these scriptures and it tells us, maybe worded a little different, but the message was exactly the same. And the second part was because of Paul And how much he did preaching to the Gentiles and everything, Peter understood him and knew he had the authority to say what he said. And think of it this way, why would he not because he was saying the same thing? He wasn't repeating what Peter said, but he was repeating what Christ told him. And Christ told Peter the same thing. So why would they not gel together? And why would they go back to the argument, "Well, I want to set with the Jews. I

don't want to set with the Gentiles." Like I said, we all make mistakes, but the key to that is this.

When we make a mistake, we rely on the Holy Spirit, we rely on God Himself, we rely on the words of Jesus, and we rely on each other for support.

No other way. The most important people in my life are sitting in this room, my

And the second well the first most important is Christ, but I'm sorry you have to play second fiddle But but that's that's that's that's the truth and if we can't say that to each other and

My wife sometimes says to me well you those people at church are more important than me That's if well, I'm sorry to say this but you're a hundred percent right I Ruffle her feathers a little bit, But that's me and Gloria. We're still together after 53 years. I think the good Lord I Keep awesome.

I keep awesome the good Lord the tug on her tug on her coattails, but and he is he is he's But but but that's what it's all about. Is it not and what's it boiled down to?

Love the love of God that That love of God flows through me and flows out to you. And the love of God that flows in you from God flows back to me. It's not a one-way street. And we have to understand that the words that are spoken in this book, when we turn around, "Oh, Peter didn't agree with that, read it.

Read it again. Read the lines before it. I'll line after it and say, "Oh yeah, you know what? Peter said it a little bit different, but when it boils right down to it, it's exactly the same thing." So, I want to thank everybody for allowing me to stand at the support end. I'm going to turn this off.