



Welcome back, beloved.

My name is Louis Lupo, senior pastor for the Ministry of Repentance and Holiness, and here our outreach of Awakening Acts We're starting today we're going to open up in prayer with Power Pack.

We're answering the question: is it possible to fall away or is it possible to never fall away once you receive Christ JESUS? Believe once and there you have it. But let's see what the Bible says.

We're going to read some really beautiful scriptures today.

We're going to read the side of the scriptures of GOD's perseverance of grace, where the LORD continues to preserve the church and grace.

And then We've read to the scriptures on the church's responsibility to persevere in that grace.

And we're going to read some really beautiful scriptures tonight and we'll come away with the full counsel of the LORD. Let us open in prayer.

Sovereign LORD, in the might name of JESUS. My LORD, we come before you in repentance and holiness. LORD, we come before your presence in thanksgiving.

LORD, we ask that you would arrest our hearts and focus our attention to your glorious, eternal kingdom, that you'd open our spiritual ears and open our spiritual eyes that would get to hear the message you have for the church at this hour, My LORD, that they would all hear your voice this evening and they would not hear the voice of man.

That, my dear HOLY SPIRIT, that you would cause a yielding in our hearts to heal your truth and hear your truth, or that you would lead us and guide us.

I surrender this hour and this time into your ALMIGHTY and all-powerful hands, my LORD, that you have your way this day and this evening, that your perfect will be done, that the, the fruit of the cross of Christ JESUS be harvested in abundance in the United States of America and even globally.

We pray this day in the mighty name of JESUS. Amen And amen.

The LORD bless you, Thank you and welcome aboard If you've come on board. Thank you so very much, Type. Let us know where you're from.

We have kind of a semi-moderator tonight. I think Mama is with us, but let us know where you are.

It also helps the algorithm a great deal to help push out the message and the live stream. Okay, let's turn right away. We started yesterday, Ezekiel, chapter 18, and actually it was in closing, Super powerful scripture.

And you know, the question is one that in all seriousness to the church, it's one that comes up for debate, And this isn't about debate or division. This is about? What does the Word of GOD say?

Because we see that there's a consistent message in the Bible to to the end. And then we have these scriptures also that speak of GOD's preserving grace. And we want to get to those scriptures right away after we read through Ezekiel, chapter 18.. Because what's important to understand?

As you're reading through the Bible, we read Genesis, You notice something in Genesis- In Genesis chapter 2 and in Genesis chapter 3, that there's free will. That is involved, That GOD gave man free will. Now, that's out of love, because he wants you and he wants all of us to love him voluntarily. He doesn't want to beat us in this submission and say, now love me.

That's not what the LORD wants. He wants it to be voluntary.

And one of the things you'll notice in the scriptures that we read- yesterday- we went through a big list, we didn't cover them all, we'll cover some more- is, you see, the element of voluntary adherence to right That, the LORD. Because if we don't keep up our- and think of it this way In contracts there's two parties to a contract. In the Bible they're called covenants.

Right, There's two sides to the covenant and these two sides make an agreement to do promises and they'll also avoid certain things in those promises.

Most of the time- not all the time, but most of the time- in the Bible, The covenant of GOD with Israel, the covenant of GOD with the church, is a bilateral contract or bilateral covenant.

It means the LORD's going to do something, but you, you and I, we have something also that we need to do.

There's no better place to help direct the church here than the book of Revelation, chapter 3.. To help illustrate what it is when he says: if, then right, It's a covenant. Listen to this. Turn with me to Revelation, chapter 3, verse 10.. And this will help when you're reading Ezekiel, chapter 18, of what we just queued up, Ezekiel, chapter 18,.

But let's see what the LORD says. Most of the covenants in the Bible work like this I'm reading, We're going to read Revelation, chapter 3, verse 10..

This stresses our response to the LORD, our response of perseverance. That's what we started with yesterday, and we're talking about GOD's, GOD's, GOD's, not His perseverance, but His preserving of our Watch. This I'm reading: Revelation, chapter 3, verse 10.. He says: whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.

So there you have a classic example of a covenant, He says, since you have meaning if you keep the command, since you have kept the command to endure patiently, right And part of it. What does it mean to endure patiently? What means we're not grumbling, There's much that's there. That's a really loaded word. What does it mean to endure patiently? It certainly means don't endure impatiently, not to act that way.

You know we want it, we want it, we want it. Now, right, The processing that we resist. He says: since you have kept my command- so it's a command to endure patiently- I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.

This is a classic example of a covenant the LORD is making with this church in Philadelphia. He says: you've kept my command And since you've kept my command, the other part of that covenant- I now will keep you from what's going to come on the whole face of planet earth.

Meaning, if the church of Philadelphia did not keep the command to endure patiently, then they would not be kept from the hour of trial. This is very key. So, without getting into fancy terms, you know, so that anybody can understand this, but there's two sides to there's, two promises are being made. GOD says he'll keep his promise.

If we as the church keep our promise to church in Philadelphia, our promise, that will persevere and GOD's promise of preserving, He's going to preserve us through Now.

That's still a beautiful covenant but, as you can see, if the church in Philadelphia decides to act like another church, let's go take a look at them. We didn't plan the scripture, but it's right next door. Let's look at them. Revelation, chapter three, verse 17..

We'll look at the church of Laodicea and we'll start at verse 14...

So he's going to keep this church of Philadelphia from the hour of trial.

Since they've patiently, they've endured, they've kept GOD's command, They've kept his word when they could have left because of persecution, when they could have run away, when they could have diluted the message, He says no, since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.

When you see that language, inhabitants of the earth, that is a language that should automatically say: oh, he's talking about those that aren't in the church, the Christ rejecting world.

So it's not for the church.

The tribulation is not for the church. The tribulation is for the Christ, rejecting world.

First Thessalonians, chapter five, verse nine: The church is not appointed unto wrath but salvation. That's the good news. Let's go to Revelation, chapter three, verse 14,.

The church of Philadelphia, Laodicea, Revelation 3, 14.. Now we're going to see the other side. So if you keep it, if you keep GOD's command, Philadelphia, you're going to be kept from this, from the hour of trial, the tribulation that's coming If you don't keep it. Watch what happens here.

To the church in Laodicea.

To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: these are the words of the amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of GOD's creation. He's introducing him.

He's introducing himself to the church in Laodicea as the faithful and true witness, meaning the church in Laodicea was subscribing to another type of witness. They were subscribing to something else. He has to introduce himself like this. He's introducing himself, Verse 15.. I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. Now, you see, he doesn't say I know your faith.

He doesn't say I know you received me 10 years ago at that meeting, or 20 years ago at that rally, or 30. He's not saying that. He says I know your.

This is key because he's helping, the LORD's helping. Just remember this is the in my Bible. This is all in red.

These are the words of our LORD and Savior, JESUS Christ.

This is his gospel to the church to help us.

This is the direct revelation of Christ JESUS to the church to help us.

This is all to the church.

He even says to the church. So he says: I know your deeds, not faith. Okay, That you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other. Wow, is that serious Meaning?

If you're on fire for the LORD, good, But if you're cold, that might seem bad, But the reality is, if you're cold, then the gospel can touch your heart and you can be born again and you can be on fire if you're really cold. You know, think of all the.

Think of where we were before we came to Christ JESUS. Think of where we were in a very cold, cadaverous condition and position. But he says: because what He says, they're lukewarm. He says: I wish you were either one or the other. So verse 16, because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold. I am about to spit you out of my mouth or, as some versions have, vomited. King James, I believe, has vomit.

What is he saying: Why is that church so detestable to the LORD?

This is the most detestable church. He wants to vomit them or spit them out. If you've ever had food, let's say you ate. I've done this. I don't know if any of you have. He ate food and suddenly there was an insect in the food you ate And I won't. Some of you just finished there so I won't get into detail, But the response you have is like: oh, and you just like: spit it out immediately Or vomit.

As the King James has said, it's like projectile. It's very strong, very repulsive.

That's how we are To Christ JESUS, when we're sitting on the fence and we're living a lukewarm salvation. I evangelized on Saturday, but Monday I went into the office and lied like a rug. Tuesday I wore whatever I wanted to wear and Wednesday I went out drinking. Thursday I'm smoking. Whatever the case may be Right, this is what's going on.

That's the lukewarm church. I'm consulting astrology, you know. I'm still relistening to false prophets out of entertainment. I still have a compromised Christian world, things like that.

That's the lukewarm church he's talking about. I don't even evangelize anymore because I don't like the persecution. That's He's talking.

He said that church is so repulsive to him. He's spitting them out of his mouth. Now watch what he says. He says: you say I am rich, I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.

This is a very wealthy church. Do we know any of those, Since this is an all-USA audience? Of course we do. We have the. We have really really nice buildings and really beautiful campuses.

He's talking to us, not just us, but he's talking to the wealthy church. Now listen to what he says. He says I am. You say I am rich, I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing. This is the most deadly thing to us in the states.

This is the most deadly thing to the church.

What JESUS is saying is that we as a church have become independent of GOD. It's the worst place to be, but that's exactly what we teach. We teach that to our children. We teach that to everybody. It's to be self-sufficient, right. No parent wants their child to be dependent upon them. We want to see our children succeed.

We want them to be independent, but as they're training them up- and as we're training them up, especially in our culture- we teach things that humility is bad. You have to be prideful. You have to take a stand in your position, because if you go out there and you're humble, somebody's going to walk all over you.

I'm just sharing some of the very real things that we impart to our family, things that we were all trained up on. I was trained up on that. I was trained up on win, achieve work, pride, work ethic, be self-sufficient, be independent. You're weak if you're dependent on anything. And so we took that into the kingdom of GOD, or tried to. And then what? We found ourselves in a place that we're now independent from GOD.

In the minute we've separated from the LORD, and then it's over right. We've disconnected the very power that connects us to the kingdom of GOD, That without that connection, we have no power, we have no anointing, we have no authority. We're just walking around in the flesh. Those are the five foolish virgins that don't have oil. So he says you say: I am rich, I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.

You can ask yourself that: Have you strived? Or have you striven and realized you don't need a thing in the house of GOD?

You could go to church this Sunday, or maybe not. Go to Bible study on Wednesday, maybe not.

Pick up your Bible today, maybe not. Maybe prayer is optional, You can start to ask those questions. And if you pushed any of those spiritual disciplines out fasting, if it's solitude, if you're pushing out spiritual, you can ask yourself that you do that out of self-sufficiency, thinking no consequences because I'll be okay, Which is what we say all the time. I'm good, Let's read on.

But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire so you can become rich, and white clothes to wear so you can cover your shameful nakedness and solve to put on your eyes, so you can see Verse 19,. Revelation, chapter 3.. Those whom I love, I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. Here I am, I stand at the door and knock.

If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person and they with me. To the one who is victorious, I will give- now he's talking about another- if-then right. So, if victorious, what do you see? I will give the right to sit with me on my throne. Well, just as I was victorious and sat down with my father on his throne.

Whoever has ears, let them hear what the spirit says to the churches The spirit of Christ. This is unbelievable. That's an unbelievable, scandalous promise to this generation To sit on the throne with Christ. He's promising that He says hallelujah to the one who is victorious. So it's not to all, it's to those that are victorious.

If they're not victorious and don't overcome, these are the ones that are going to get spit and vomited out of their mouth. These are the ones that aren't entering. So you can see: when there's a covenant- and here the covenant, just like in Revelation, chapter 3, verse 10,, when there's a covenant, there's two sides, actions required on both sides. If one side of the party fails, that's the end of the covenant.

Notice how GOD introduces himself.

Our LORD and Savior, JESUS Christ, introduces himself as the one who's very faithful in covenants. He says these are the words of the amen. The faithful and true witnesses- don't we call witnesses at court- the ruler of GOD's creation. He's saying he's faithful to keep his side of the covenant are we? He's not going to put us to shame and he knows the trials, the temptations.

He knows that we're constantly striving to be independent and yet we need to be dependent upon the LORD. If we disconnect from the HOLY SPIRIT, there goes the anointing. There goes the power outage. There goes our testimony. We're finished, right, The five foolish virgins? They don't enter. Okay, let's read on. There was Revelation, chapter 3, verse 10, and then Revelation, chapter 3, verse 14 to 21.

Sharing the covenant, the bilateral in these covenants. You can ask yourself: the covenant of grace is it bilateral? Does it have GOD promising one thing if we do something? Is that true Or is it unilateral? GOD has done something and now we don't need to do anything? You can ask yourself that question because there's more covenants. But we'll go to Ezekiel, chapter 18, and you'll see.

It looks like there's two sides to this right. It looks like there's two parties here, two promises.

We have our part to keep and the LORD's already. He's faithful and true, he has already done his part. Let's turn to, before we get to Ezekiel, one more. Let's go to Colossians, chapter 2.. Read with me. I'm going to go to Colossians, chapter 2, and then we're going to read.

We're going to open up the scriptures that you will often hear, those you know, those that say: one saved will be saved, and you know, almost as a matter of fact, without the full counsel of GOD, we're going to read those scriptures too, because this is the Bible. We want to read the word of GOD and get the full counsel. Colossians, chapter 2.. He says this.

So then we're reading from the book of Colossians, chapter 2, I want to start at verse 6..

So then, just as you received Christ JESUS as LORD, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, Strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Verse 8.. We're reading Colossians, chapter 2, verse 8..

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than of Christ. For in Christ- verse 9,- all the Colossians, chapter 2, all the fullness of the deity lives in bodily form, And in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. All right, let's turn now.

That's Colossians, chapter 2, verse 6.. You can see he's saying to stay in Christ.

But once again, you see, there's a dependency, that we have our part to stay in the LORD. We're going to read Romans, chapter 8, verse 1, where we all know the scripture. There is therefore now no condemnation in Christ. That is provided we're in Christ, Right, and so you can always ask the question: well, what Christ are we in? We're in the Christ of the Bible. There's no condemnation.

But if we're in the Christ that this world has made up, the one, that's okay- was sin, intolerant and said: that's a different JESUS. But let's turn to Ezekiel, chapter 18.

Now Turn with me to Ezekiel, chapter 18, and we're going to see what the LORD says in his word. And we read the entire chapter, because it is a very, very powerful chapter that answers a lot of the questions, Because this is not a debate. We want to know, with the full counsel of GOD, what's our requirement in salvation?

Do we have any requirement at all After we receive JESUS? Is that it, Is that it, I'm done, I can go and do anything I want to? Or will certain things happen?

If I receive JESUS and there'll be the salvation of the grace, will begin to work things in my life? Ezekiel, chapter 18..

He says: the word of the LORD came to me. What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel? The parents eat sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge. As surely as I live, declares the sovereign LORD. You will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. Ezekiel, chapter 18, verse 4.. For everyone belongs to me, the parent as well as the child, both alike belong to me.

The one who sins is the one who will die. Again, he's putting the responsibility. We have a responsibility. We can't outsource our responsibility. My pastor didn't tell me. My parents did this. This is a generation that absolutely loathes, disdains, abhors responsibility like no other. We make excuses for everything and we play the sympathy card. Oh well, you know, Johnny came from this background.

Or he had this for a parent, or she had that for a dad. Whatever the case, we have every excuse in the book for wickedness and the.

And the LORD's telling us very clearly: Okay, that may be so, but he says: the one who sins is the one who will die. And this is very germane, because when you start to read the whole council of the word of GOD, you can begin to see what he's saying, Just as we saw in Genesis, chapter 2 and Genesis, chapter 3.. He never intended for man to go into disobedience. It was always GOD's plan that we would be obedient.

And he said: if you decide to go, the day you do, that's the day you will die. And then the enemy came with his lie and said: no, no, nothing is going to happen to you. You can go ahead and do it. You can eat from that tree, It'll make you wise. It looks good too. There you go, Go, take of it. Right, The big lie of the enemy: Nothing, it won't happen to you. We're reading on verse 5..

Suppose there is a righteous man who does what is just and right. He does not eat at the mountain shrines or look to the idols of Israel. He does not defile his neighbor's wife or have sexual relations with a woman in her, with her period, during her period. Verse 7 is chapter 18.. He does not oppress anyone, but returns what he took and pledged for love.

Let's go, let's let me go back and let me go, given the time, we're going to go ahead a little bit and target to verse 21.. We're on target verse 21 because I also want to share with you and contrast this scripture with the very, very powerful scripture and the gospel of Luke, Luke, chapter 23.. Very, very powerful. Listen to what he says. We're still reading Ezekiel, chapter 18..

Let's go to verse 21 and he says this: Ezekiel, chapter 18, verse 21.. But if a wicked person turns away from all the sins they have committed and keeps all my decrees and does what is just and right, that person will surely live. They will not die. Now, if we think about the day of salvation, right?

So when we receive JESUS as LORD, when we're born again properly, we repent, we decide to turn away from sin- That's essentially what he's describing here- A day and a decision is made that I'm going to turn away from sin and serve the LORD, and there's promises made by the LORD.

There's promises made by our LORD and Savior If we turn away from sin and receive JESUS as LORD. And it says this: We're reading verse 22. None of the offenses they have committed will be remembered against them because of the righteous things they have done. They will live. Verse 23, Ezekiel, chapter 18.. Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares the sovereign LORD.

Rather, am I not pleased when they turn from their ways and live? Now, let's turn, hold your place there.

We'll go back, but we have to read Luke- Very, very powerful scripture, because a couple of things that we're going to take out of the scripture that the church needs to know, and it's it's specific to the conversation As we're reading the scriptures on, you know what does GOD say about salvation, and you know what does the word say. We have a lot of modern talk.

You know, once saved, always saved, or what's what's the other language that they use? You know eternal security, they. You know words like that that we use, that you don't find in your Bible. But watch this in Luke, chapter 23..

This is what the LORD says. If I have to pull it up here, then I will Forgive me for that. I'm having challenges with pages. Turn with me to Luke 23 and we're going to go to the scene At the cross. Oh, what a scene this is. Oh, oh, here we go. We have it. Luke, chapter 23, and let's start at verse 36.. Luke, chapter 23.. No, let's start at verse 32.. It's too beautiful.

Luke, chapter 23 and we're starting at verse 32.. Is that right? He says this. He says: are you ready? He says: two other men, Both criminals, were also let out with him to be executed. These were very evil people that were with him. They didn't just kill anybody, Right? Verse 33..

When they came to the place called the skull, They crucified him there along with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. Golgotha, the place of the skull. Isn't that where the crucifixion begins? Isn't that the place? Isn't that where the battle is? Verse 34.

JESUS said, father, forgive them, For they do not know what they are doing.

How many times have we prayed for the LORD to do damage to our enemies? How many times have we in our hearts said, oh, I'm glad something evil happened to somebody.

And there is JESUS on his way to. He's in, he's being tortured and he says, father, forgive them. They don't know what they're doing. He's being tortured, He's in pain, He's suffering and he's saying, father, forgive them. This is the, the, the bloodstained footprints of the MESSIAH, the persecution which is so much a part of our Christian calling. And what are the weapons?

Our weapons are m16s and nines, and that's our political power, worldly power. That's not our weapons. Mercy, prayer, forgiveness, intercession, meekness, shoot. Those are the weapons of the warfare we have. And that's really shocking to a generation that doesn't know anything. But you know, a video game type of, you know, oh, no, we're in charge here. No, we still need the military. Those are great things.

We need the military, all of those things.

But christ, JESUS is setting the example for the church and he's saying, father, forgive them. They don't know what they're doing. He's releasing all those. They're mocking him and scorning him and they divided up his clothes by casting lots and he's saying all this while naked. The people stood watching. He's a spectacle and the rulers even sneered at him and they're mocking. They said he's: can you imagine?

This is unbelievable. He saved others. Let him save himself if he is GOD's MESSIAH the chosen one. So they mocked him day and night. Now they're mocking him in death. Verse 36. The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine, vinegar, and said: if you were the king of jews, save yourself. There was a written notice above him which read: this is the king of the jews. Luke, chapter 23. Verse 38.

Luke, chapter 20. There was this. It's not me out a little bit sorry, forgive me for not reading them. The verses above it. We're reading from verse 35. Now it's verse 38. Verse 39: luke, chapter 23. This is our target. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him. Look at this: people on the cross dying, and they're hurling insults at the MESSIAH, the only one that can save them.

That's the same thing going on today. The only one that can there's. There's those that are out there. They're perishing, the only one that can save them. They're hurling insults at him. It's like lunacy, but here you see it, they. That's vivid as can be and sure enough, there's a revenue. Watch this. I think it's very beautiful.

He says: one of the criminals who hung their hurled insults at him: aren't you the MESSIAH? Save yourself and us- verse 40. But the other criminal rebuked him. Don't you fear GOD? He said, since you are under the same sentence, so the one who knew no sin became sin for us and he was innocent. The ones- other ones were under the same sentence, the death sentence, and they're there, and they're there rightfully.

And this one, this other one on the cross, he knows JESUS is innocent. Listen to what he says. We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.

The innocence of the christ allowed him to purchase the church for GOD the father.

The innocence of the christ is what allowed JESUS to be resurrected from the dead. Here. Who knew no sin became sin for us. The innocence of the christ, this is the foundation of our salvation, right here. And then watch what happens now.

Then he says: he said, JESUS, remember me when you come into your kingdom, verse 43.

JESUS answered him.

Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise. Now, as far as I know, that's the first one to enter. This man is the first one to enter in the new covenant.

This is the first man to enter and we're talking about him today, 2000 years later. And he's the thief and he's the criminal. And you can see the process of repentance he goes through. He quotes the eternal gospel. He quote: he's preaching the eternal gospel to the other thief. He says: don't you fear GOD?

He says: fear GOD and give him glory. The hour of his judgment has come. That's the. He's preaching the eternal gospel. He said: look, we're getting judged for the sentence. We deserve it.

Fear GOD, give him glory. The hour of his judgment. How worship him and made heaven seer at the seed springs of living water. He's preaching the eternal honor. He's dying. He's preaching the eternal gospel.

JESUS knows he's preaching. He says: oh, you have entered with me. The ice is that beautiful, isn't that powerful? So look, here's the good news.

There is a perseverance on our part, but the LORD preserves us.

The LORD preserved this man's life, the thief's life, up until the point of where he was and he entered the kingdom of GOD. He didn't have a 20 year, 10 year, 15 year ministry or 50 year walk. All he had to do. The key was he repented, he turned away from his sin, he acknowledged his sin. He acknowledged, he embraced the eternal gospel. He said: I'm a wicked sinner. This one hasn't done anything wrong.

Remember me, my king, and he was in JESUS. Indeed, there he is, he's there. We'll meet him someday if we enter right. We long to be this one here, to enter and meet with the thief that's on the cross, who was granted salvation that day.

Can you imagine that JESUS telling you today: you're going to be with me in paradise? Wow, very, very powerful. It also means that a deathbed repentance is valid. It's valid for entry into the kingdom of GOD. That's why we encourage everybody: go out to the nursing homes.

You can win souls for JESUS there, because they don't last very long. They don't last long in hospice. We have teams all over the country, but it could be much bigger. And it doesn't have to be with Awakening Acts or the ministry of repentance. You can just do your own where you are, wherever you are. They're everywhere and people need to enter the kingdom of GOD and don't let them die and go to the lake of fire.

The Bible is very clear: if they receive JESUS as LORD, they will enter.

If they receive JESUS out on their deathbed- it's called deathbed repentance- they will enter. It's one of the few reason, it's one of the few areas in in case law where hearsay,

which is verbal evidence, is admissible, because most understand that nobody's going to lie in their deathbed. You've heard about deathbed confessions.

They're valid and you saw it with the rich, with the man, with the criminal, as he was there on the cross, very, very powerful. Okay, let's go right away now to roman's, chapter eight, verse one. Before we go there, let's go to the gospel of john. Since we're in, look, we'll go right next door to the gospel of luke. Let's go to the gospel of john and we're gonna go turn the john, chapter 10, and these are.

We're going to read the scriptures of GOD's grace, preserving the church, that's persevering, okay, so, but these are oftentimes construed from a different context. But let's read them. Let's read the word reading from the gospel of john, chapter 10, and we'll start at verse 20. Let's start verse 25, john, chapter 10, verse 25.

JESUS answered. I did tell you, but you do not believe the works I do, in my father's name, testify me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice. I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life and they shall never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand- verse 29: my father, who has given them to me, is greater than all.

No one can snatch them out of my father's hand. I and the father am one one. I and the father are one. A very powerful scripture. He's saying that those that are in the hand of, he's saying, those that are listening to it. So he's setting all this up: those that are listening to his voice. We're going to see the same in romans, chapter 8, verse 1.

And so the question becomes: are we listening to the voice of the LORD or are we listening to? Let me explain.

So in the present-day church, there's a congregation out there on another road, but it looks a lot like the road that they're supposed to be on. Except when you look at their behavior. They dress anyway, act anyway, drink anything, eat anything, watch anything and do anything. They're basically living their life like atheists. Is it possible to live like an atheist and still enter the kingdom of GOD?

Is that possible? And we know the answer: that of course it's not possible.

It answers the question: who is JESUS in their life?

He doesn't look to be LORD at all, right, he does not look to be LORD over their life because he's not the LORD of sin, right, he's the LORD of holiness.

He's the LORD of the new jerusalem in hell. There's a LORD there, right, it's the devil. The devil and his angels will be lording down there, even though they're still submitting under the kingdom of GOD.

They'll still submit under the LORD and they're still subject to that. But you get the point right. Who's the author of lies and confusion? The devil.

So when we're participating in lies and confusion, we can't say, with all those identity markers on the garment, we can't say, no, JESUS is my LORD, he's not right, he's not. That's not what he's LORD over, that, that's not in his domain. No sin will enter the kingdom of GOD on that day. He is the sinless, innocent one. Right, he's the innocent lamb of GOD. He's sinless, innocent.

The kingdom of GOD is the kingdom without sin, which is corruption. Think of it as it really is. Sin is corruption and decay.

So he's saying, are they really listening to the voice of the LORD when they're out there, listening to the false prophets that are preaching the false teachers, the fault, and they're out there, right, and they even call themselves or self-appointed? The prophets that are out there, their prophecies don't come to pass, their cripples don't ever walk. And they, they take money and no one ever gets healed.

Or you can tell them and see them by their fruit. And he's saying they're not listening to his voice. Let's turn to roman's, chapter 8, verse 1.

But a beautiful scripture because those that hear the voice of the LORD. We shared the scripture in the in the shepherd and the sheep followed. It's very, very beautiful. When the shepherd speaks, they hear his voice, they come out of the pen and they follow the shepherd. Very, very shocking. You can look it up on. We have access to all these things now on youtube.

There's a couple of really powerful christian videos of showing shepherds calling their sheep out of the sheep pen. And when they do, only those sheep of the shepherd actually come out and so you can see there's the, the modern sheep. They're listening to the modern shepherds, right? They're not. They don't belong to the old rugged cross. They're not listening to that voice. Let's turn to roman's chapter 8, verse 1.

We're reading roman's chapter 8, verse 1. We're going to read the Bible. Welcome, so very much. We're answering some some tough questions. Is salvation forever or do we have to endure to the end? Is salvation a one-time event or is it a relationship? Yeah, there you go. Is salvation a one-time event or is it a relationship? Okay, roman, that's like saying: I got married, I haven't seen my wife in 30 years.

Okay, and some people haven't read their Bible and I don't know how long. Roman's, chapter 8, verse 1.

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in christ JESUS because through christ JESUS, the law of the spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. How, that's what? Another beautiful scripture. So the question

becomes: what does it mean? Are you in christ? Is christ in sin? Is christ in the abuse of grace?

Is christ JESUS in lies and corruption? He is not. We can't say there's now no condemnation for me because I'm in christ when clearly I'm not living like I am in christ. That's what he's saying when you read the Bible and say: well, wait a minute. I. I don't qualify here, but if I am in christ now, it's very beautiful, right, because now, if you're walking now, there's no condemnation for you.

He's like, if you're in christ, if you're, you're living, you're, you're living holy, right, you're pursuing righteousness, all the things that we saw in ezekiel, chapter 18, and you're living that way. And he's like: oh, for those in christ, there is therefore now no condemnation. Let's do a little bit, follow on with that scripture and let's turn to first corinthian chapter 13, because there's a test there for us.

You can ask yourself where you are in this test. It's in the Bible. And let's turn to first corinthians chapter 13 and we'll target verse 5. First corinthians chapter 13. Although that's, that's a beautiful scripture, just excuse me. Second corinthians chapter 13, verse 5. Second corinthians chapter 13.

We're targeting verse 5: ah, Revival, Revival, welcome, welcome everyone. Thank you so much.

Wow, what a wonderful turnout tonight. Listen to the way, okay. So he's saying: examine yourself. When was the last time you did this? Second corinthians chapter 13 verse: examine yourselves to see whether, to see whether you are in the faith, test yourselves. Look at what he's saying.

Do you not realize that christ JESUS is in you? Unless, of course you fail the test. Wow, so look he, that was a wake-up. Right, this is in my Bible, this is second corinthians, or just reading the word of GOD. No one's debating here. This is not a debate. What does GOD say? He says: examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith. Faith, test yourself. Why would he say that? I don't, I have this.

What am I worried about? Don't I have security?

I received JESUS a hundred years ago. I've been in the black Sabbath band for 99. Am I not okay? I think I'm okay. It doesn't matter what I'm doing. We have trunk or tree, it's going well. Oh no, he says. He says exit.

Do you not realize that, unless christ JESUS is in you, unless, of course, you fail the test? And I trust that you will discover that we have not failed the test. There is a discovery process. So it's. There's a transparency that takes place. There's an inventorying that's going. That we should do that I really strongly encourage. I do. I do this as a matter of practice.

I try to do it every evening before I retire, to pray that the LORD remember me if he comes for the church. And then, where did I fall short? Did I fall short? How did I fall short to go through that process? And it helps me. Where, where am I? You know, where am I? In my own, walking in my own disciplines. Right, because no one's entered yet.

We're going to cover that church that thinks they've entered, because what happens to the church and to the believer is when they've adopted a certain position of. We'll call it a position of pride and a position of entitlement and a position of arrogance, because the ruler of the kingdom can set the rules however he wants to right.

The LORD can do that and and so far we see that holiness is a requirement. Hebrews, chapter 12, verse 14.

Without holiness, no one will see the LORD. He has set that as a requirement in the standard. I can't make up my own standards and say I have an american that says we have hyper grace and it's all a finished job, but if I do anything, it's no longer grace, when everywhere he's saying their deeds will follow them, where everywhere he has been saying he, he knows our deeds.

We read those scriptures and they're there in the Bible. There's no escaping that. And now we're saying: look, the the deal, the covenant, in which is the contract, says that he will do something for us if we keep up our side of the bargain right, our side of the promise. I'm using contractual language, it's not a bargain, I'm just using that as an example because they're promises right. Our GOD is the great promise.

He's always keeping his promise. He has never failed. How do you? Never, ever, ever. Every single word he's fulfilled, every prophecy he's going to be fulfilled. This is the only book in the entire universe whose every word must be fulfilled. He will do it, everything he's promised. The question becomes: what about us? Are we going to be faithful? In every wedding, there are exchange of vows.

I think we would agree that, yeah, that's true in every way.

And in every wedding there are two people, male and female, and the church itself is likened as a great mystery. It's called the wedding supper of the lamb. There's a great mystery there. In nowhere in any wedding or any marriage you've ever seen is it just one side in a unilateral agreement and that one party makes a decision and that's the end of it and the wife is over here.

Doesn't GOD call israel the backsliding heifer? And we said: but we're under the new covenant, but didn't GOD bring the new covenant to bring back the backsliding? Because he had divorced them, right. So now that one's gone and we need a new covenant, because what's not working?

And we're the only generation, the only, the only covenant that you see, excuse me, where the angels didn't have that, they send once and they were finished. Even adam and eve in the garden they send once. That's GOD's judgment against sin, judgment against disobedience, judgment against rebellion. Once in there out of the garden, once in satan's gone.

And yet the church thinks that we can do whatever we want to do because we have so much grace.

How odious and offensive sin is to the LORD.

That's why he says: without holiness no one will see the LORD, because he, the zero tolerance to sin, is zero. It's absolute. Zero means zero, meaning our GOD is three times holy, meaning separated from sin, separated from sin. He is separated from sin completely. But what do we do? We kind of like keep secret sin. I've got a little bit of and we think it's small, not even noticeable, nobody even knows.

I haven't right, that's just it's small.

And to the LORD, that's the laodicean church lake of fire. We're reading on. We read matthew, chapter 7, verse 21 to 24. Yesterday we just read john 10, 28, 29, romans 8, 1. We read: we just finished up. Second corinthians, chapter 13, verse 5: test. He's asking, telling us test, test yourselves. Let's go to. First peter, chapter 1, verse 3.

Let's read: we're reading the Bible: is it possible to fall away from the grace? Is it possible to fall away? We read scriptures in hebrews, chapter 6436, it says it is possible. Second peter, chapter 2, 19 to 22, it is possible. And hebrews, chapter 10, verse 26 to 31, again confirming that, yeah, it is possible. The grace is all sufficient.

And also, but it looks as though we can certainly, according to the Bible, we can choose not to persevere in that grace.

We're reading: first peter, chapter 1, verses 3 and 5: this is the LORD's preserving grace in our lives, his faithfulness. Listen to this praise.

Be to the GOD and father of our LORD, JESUS christ, in his great mercy.

He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of JESUS christ from the dead and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you who, through faith, are shielded by GOD's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. So he's saying GOD's power, listen, GOD's power. He says the.

This inheritance in heaven is kept in heaven for you. Through faith who, through faith, we are shielded by GOD's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. So faith is the substance of things hoped for. The Bible says:

the evidence of things not seen. I think we probably need to read that. We need to read that. We need to go to hebrews, chapter 11, verse 1.

It's right next door to peter, so let's turn right. Right after the book, right before the book of james. We're almost there. Let's go to hebrews, chapter 11.

This is important because this is what peter is basing this on, and it all revolves around faith, because the falling away from faith is the very definition of apostasy, is the very thing the LORD warns the church about, is the very number one sign christ JESUS gave before the coming of the MESSIAH. He says: when the son of man returns, will he find any faith left at all?

The number one sign to denote these end times is that very falling away from faith meaning they have another faith: faith in money, faith in dollar, faith in crypto, faith in another JESUS, another faith, not the salvation of the grace of the blood and the cross, but a hyper grace. Let's see what he says. Hebrews, chapter 11, verse 1.

Now, faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. I like the way it reads in the king james version. I like this way very much. I'm going to read hebrews 11, verse 1. In the king james version it reads like this, but I don't want to just quote it, I want to read it to you: faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

I'm reading from the king james version and he says this: now, faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen, the. So faith he was saying in in peter, if you're in this faith, meaning you can fall away from faith. But he's defining faith. He's identified as the substance of things hoped for in the evidence of things not seen.

Which is why we read in the book of james: you show me your faith and I'll show you my deeds. So I may have a hard time describing it to you, but my deeds will prove my faith. Right, if you. But faith without works, without any evidence, is dead. That's no faith at all.

You know, if I say, if, if I say I believe it's 95 degrees and it's summertime and I get dressed, I'm ready to go out and I have a hat, muffler, scarf, parka, boots and I'm geared up for a mount ever a summit, you would say I don't think you really have faith that it's summertime. I think you believe it's winter. The way you are dressed it's wintertime.

Meaning I see somebody, they go to the house of the LORD. They're showing cleavage, a mini skirt, or they're man in tight jeans looking for women. I, I think you can say they're going to a different house. Right, that may as well be a nightclub.

Okay, that's not faith in the LORD, but that's a tremendous, that's a falling away. That's to another GOD. Right, they're going out to accomplish something else. That's what he's saying. That's what peter's saying in the in the book of peter. First peter, chapter

three, how they do. First peter, chapter one, verse three to five. Let's go back. And he says this very powerful. I wanted to define that faith.

We have a lot, a lot of content to cover on apostasy, which is the falling away from faith, the falling away from true faith.

It is the number one identifier of this generation and just about every church, almost every single church, has fallen to, almost almost first peter, and everybody's gonna say it's not my church, right, it's not ours. It says: I'll start at verse four, verse three, praise.

Be to the GOD and father of our LORD, JESUS christ. First peter, chapter one, verse three.

In his great mercy, he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of JESUS christ from the dead and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven. For you. You can ask yourself: where is your treasure? Is it here on earth?

That's what JESUS said. Where's your, wherever your treasures? That's where your heart will be. Peter's reminding them the Bible. He's reminding that, wait, your treasure is in heaven, not here on earth. Who through faith? So in faith, if we are in faith and showing that faith, living in that faith, we are shielded by GOD's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

So, as you're pursuing the LORD and as you're pursuing righteousness, all this noise is going on and the you know, the fog of war is going on.

He's saying: you're being shielded by the power of GOD, ALMIGHTY himself, to preserve you, push you into the kingdom of glory. You've made application in heaven. You've made that effort right. You're not falling away, you're not sliding back the righteous fall. They get back up again and we're going right. We have a LORD. I'm moving on, I'm not going back, that's it. He's saying those are going to be preserved.

He says those are going to be shielded. That's a powerful word to be. We could go through some shielding and read out and bring out of a dictionary. That's very, very powerful and very encouraging. But that shows GOD's grace, how GOD's grace is preserving us. But we must persevere on our end. Right, we have something we must do. That's all part of the covenant.

When maybe we'll go through the covenant teaching, you can find out, as an example, where you are on the prophetic timeline by covenant.

Right, think of the first or some of the first covenants that you see with noah, and then the covenant with abraham, and then you see the new covenant with that the LORD has with abraham, the covenant with david, the divinity covenant that one will sit on david's throne. That one's unilateral, that one's just.

It was done, he said it, the LORD said it.

That one's christ, JESUS, christ, JESUS, on that throne, forever and ever. David's. Like: what kind of prophecy is that to me? Who am I right? He didn't do. He knew he didn't do anything. He now did not deserve it. He didn't do.

There was nothing on his side, excuse me, the LORD did it. And so that's an example. That's one of the few. That's first samuel chapter six, first samuel chapter. Do we have time to read it? Oh, it worked, but no, we're already up. We're up, we're up, or how they do? We're up against the hour right now.

All right, praise the LORD JESUS, wow, wow, praise. Okay, we're up. We're up against the hour right now. GOD bless you. Oh, it's like we're in the prison ministry. Don't go stay. Let's teach it. Okay, very briefly, let's go first, samuel chapter six. This is the. This is the classic example, the classic. This is the. I would use this as the. I think, believe it's second samuel six.

Okay, and he says this: turn with me and we may go to 13, all right, and this is from the prophet nathan. Okay, second samuel seven. Second single seven. Yes, second samuel seven. Turn with me there. Second samuel seven. He says this: this is very so. This is a powerful example. Extreme. This is a promise and a covenant. This is one way. This is GOD's way. Nobody can stop him. Nothing will terminate this covenant.

This is GOD's. He doesn't need anybody's participation. Right, it's not two-sided. GOD makes the promise. There's no promise on man's part. Watch how this works. He says this we'll start at. We'll start at second samuel, chapter seven, and started verse five.

Go and tell my servant david, this is what the LORD says: are you the one to build a house? Build me a house to dwell in. I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the israelites up out of egypt to this day. That's something to seriously meditate like. Wow, he's not. That's a long time. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. Is that a humble GOD?

Is it that a beautiful, humble GOD? He's been moving from place to the creator of heaven and earth.

He has no temple, no church. He's dwelling in a tent. That is shocking. Verse seven: what an example for us. What an example he says. Wherever I have moved with all the israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers, whom I commanded to shepherd my people, israel, why have you not built me a house of cedar? Verse eight: now then tell my servant, david.

This is what the LORD ALMIGHTY says. I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed your ruler over my people, israel. Verse 9, second samuel, chapter

7. I have been with you wherever you have gone and I have cut off all your enemies from before you.

Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men of earth on earth, and I will provide a place for my people, israel, and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning- verse 11, second samuel, chapter 7- and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people, israel.

I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

Now listen to this second samuel chapter 7 reading now: verse 11, part b: the LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you when your days are over and you rest with your ancestors. So now he's finished, right, david's? Now he's out of the picture. Okay, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you. He's speaking to david.

He says: I'm going to raise up after you're gone, I'm going to have all. Is he the covenant, remember. He's the GOD of generations, right? The GOD of abraham, isaac and jacob, and he's not ashamed to be called by their name. Can you imagine putting your name in there? You know he's not ashamed to be called by your name, he's. He's your GOD, right? He says I am their GOD and they'll be my people. Isn't that shocking?

But he said: we're reading on. When your days are over, you and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He- verse 13, second samuel, chapter 7. He is the one who will build a house for my name and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

You see, in my reference in my Bible, the name is capitalized capital and for hasham-that's where we get hasham from- that the name. He in his name. Oh, I will be his father, verse 14- and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with the rod wielded by men, with flogging inflicted by human hands- verse 15.

But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it from saul, whom I removed from before you. Solace in the lake of fire. So when GOD removes his love. Wow, how dreadful is that. Your house, our target- verse 16- your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me. Your throne will be established forever. Now, blessed people, david is long gone.

The LORD is speaking and he's saying he's going to do this covenant himself. He doesn't need david's participation. David is long gone. Okay, this is one of the few. There are other examples, but this is one of the few places. In all the Bible this is a what is known as a unilateral. Only GOD himself is making this promise. He's making this promise to david and to his ancestors.

The israelites held on to this promise, knowing that we well, and he says, your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me. Your throne will be established forever. What a powerful promise. This is. So this: these are the ways of our GOD.

That's why he introduced himself in the in the book of revelation, chapter 3, verse 17, to the letter to the church of laodicea, as the faithful one. The amen, he is faithful, he's going to bring this about the past in the millennial race.

Christ JESUS will sit on the throne and will reign.

And when you look at the gener, the covenants, you can see it's about time for this covenant promise to come to pass, for the gentile church to be taken out into the kingdom of GOD and then for the LORD to begin to establish this rulership and reignship even here on earth.

Right, the time is just about over for the gentile church. Okay, let's move on. We read through luke, chapter 23.

One more scripture: john, chapter 5: praise the LORD JESUS. We're going a little bit late, we'll we'll stop here very soon. Let's go to john, chapter 5, verse 24, and we're reading the Bible. These are, these are scriptures. This is our last one in the list. So we're just about there. We're talking about GOD's preserving grace.

He's faithful, and then there's the church's responsibility to persevere in that grace. Right, and it's two ways it goes. Our GOD is always faithful. He's always done so.

The question is, have we, the church, have we endured till the end? Have we persevered? And he says: we're reading the gospel of john, chapter 5, verse 24. Read with me the gospel of john, chapter 5, and we're reading verse 24. John, chapter 5, verse 24, says, very truly, I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him, who sent me, has eternal life. Very truly, verse 24.

Very truly, I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him, who sent me, has eternal life and will not be judged, but has crossed over from death to life. Look at that power of the grace of GOD to transform anybody from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light, he says. But he has something here. There's this belief again and here's the faith on our part. So the question is: do is it possible to walk away?

And we read all those scriptures yesterday. Yes, indeed, in the day prior, it is indeed possible to walk away. Let me give you another example.

So the church today, this is the month of october- there'll be many churches celebrating something called trunk retreat. Now, you don't find that in your Bible and I think everybody knows intuitively. Something is wrong. We just don't know what it is right. But we can't mix our GOD with something contemporary. Try to win people over that faithlessness.

That apostasy is what has gotten into the church and that's what's diluted salvation and that's what's even brought in doctrines like this. Right, because people are grasping at straws.

Well, we're not walking righteous, we're not walking holy, but, by the way, didn't we receive JESUS? Can't we just hold on to that? The entire doctrine itself is relatively recent. It's attached to a couple of different denominations and they, they preach that and you think about it. Christ is always preaching readiness, nobody knows the day or the hour, alertness, and that.

There's another doctrine teaching something just the opposite. Be comfortable, it's all taken care of. Be comfort. Be comfort in that, don't worry, you don't have to do anything at all, you don't have to be alert, you don't have to be ready and you don't have to prepare.

But preparedness is what the new testament message to the church is.

The message of the coming of the MESSIAH is all about preparation, because it takes time to prepare. If you've ever gone- I don't know matter- camping vacation, it doesn't matter, those things take preparation. People that go on those trips not prepared, it's really comical.

Right going to university, it doesn't matter what you're doing, building a project planet, whatever your level of sophistication is, these things take planning and preparation. If you don't prepare, it's just a fiasco and a disaster, and it certainly will be for those that don't prepare for the coming of the MESSIAH. Because there is another group out through the five foolish virgins.

They don't have the oil and they went to go buy oil. They didn't even get the real. They didn't even get the real anointing, and we'll get a chance to cover the components of the anointing too and another segment.

But just to share and to be fair, to bring all these scriptures- because it's a wonderful scripture that there's no condemnation in christ JESUS. That is the gospel.

But the key for the church is we have to be in christ. He doesn't say be in sin and no condemnation, but be in christ. And then we read revelation, chapter 14, our last. We're going to close it down. We read revelation chapter 14 and we're going to read from verse 11, if memory is right, let me let me read it. Revelation chapter 14. Turn with me to revelation, maybe verse 12. He says this in verse 13.

No, we can start at 12. Revelation chapter 14.

He says this calls for patient endurance on part, on the part of the people of GOD who keep his commands and remain faithful to JESUS. So there's that word faithful again. Right to fall away from faithfulness, to fall away from faith, and true faith is apostasy.

It was never taught in the early church. There was, the idea, wasn't even remotely in anybody's vocabulary until when?

Until the church stopped being persecuted. Now, this is very important.

We're doing this at the very end of the second- we can have a multiple, multiple segments on just that alone- that the minute the church stopped being persecuted, she started to drift away. We're talking about augustine of hippo, who was the bishop from about 350 to 450, 350, 380 to 450 ad, which is after constantine.

The roman emperor ruled that christianity is no longer criminal and became kingdom in the roman kingdom. The minute christianity began to be an accepted religion and it was no longer persecuted, then the seeds of this doctrine started to percolate up.

It wasn't until augustine that the ideas- who was a bishop, a roman catholic bishop at that, had the idea of, well, you know this perseverance of the saints, which then got picked up in a great deal. Some people know some of these theologians as calvinisms and things like that.

Much, much, much later, the early church was very, very clear: if you fell away, lake of fire, the early, no, nobody ever. You don't find it in any writings anywhere, all the way up, even up to augustine, where he has these ideas. We're talking about 350 to 400.

The takeaway is this: that's at the time the persecution of the church stopped because what happened is the church fathers were saying, when you read what they were saying about apostasy and falling away is christians were being persecuted. They would use them as torches.

Right, nero would light them up- unbelievable- wrapped them up in- like burlap, put them on poles around his parties and then light them on fire and he found that entertaining. That's the kind of persecution the christians endured. And, yeah, they're screaming on the poles. This, all kinds of other horrific torture.

If you, if you want, if you want to rebuke, if you ever want to say where do you really stand, read some of the accounts of the persecuted church any time, from, let's call it, 200 ad to the time of the apostles, so about- not quite, yeah, about- 200 plus years you could.

There's a history of the of the early church under severe, severe persecution. As soon as that persecution ended, then these ideas started to percolate because now nobody was being persecuted and the comfort started to set in. And when comfort sets in,

then complacency set in. That's when we are most vulnerable. I know it's true in my own life that if I'm suffering and I'm being persecuted, that's the place to be.

Hallelujah, bring it on. That is a. I didn't say it feels good, I didn't say I like it, no, but that's, spiritually, that's the place to be. That means you've been sent. They have to contest the gospel. If they're not persecuting you, go get another gospel and pray for persecution. All those of you pray. If you're not being persecuted, pray for it. We need it right. You need it to enter christ.

My LORD and savior was persecuted. He- we've just read it. He's mocked on the cross. Mocked on the cross, clothes taken from him, stolen. He was innocent. He was. What was he doing? He was innocent. Can you imagine that innocent? He's naked, he's stripped, he's beaten, he's tortured and he's nailed on the crisis. His father, forgive them. They know not what they do.

The weapons of our warfare, mercy, forgiveness, meekness, humility. He's there and all of that is going on and he's not falling away and he's saying: the bloodstained footprints of the MESSIAH, they're the same footprints for his wife, his bride, the bride of christ, or or do we think we're another type of bride? Do we?

Do we think I'm the royal bride, meaning I'm the kind of bride that you know, don't hurt me, my king's done all, just leave me be. What kind of bride is that? Those of us that are married right, husband and wife? Don't you both go through it? Does one prosper in the other one not suffer right? And when one suffers, don't they both suffer. When one rejoices, don't they? But don't you both go through it right?

That's why they say: you know, after every successful man, there's a woman back there. No, they're both working really, really hard right there. But isn't that true? So what kind of relationship is this?

Christ JESUS suffers. And I've got it. I'm on easy street, I'm enjoying myself with my airplane. What, not that? Not that wealth is bad, that's not bad. But if they're not persecuting you, then what gospel are you preaching? You're not preaching righteousness, you're not preaching holiness. First timothy, chapter 3, verse 12.

He says: those who choose and desire to walk holy, they will be persecuted, and walking holy it will come. So, blessed people. We have to close it down. There's so many more scriptures to share. We have another.

We'll come live again tomorrow and we'll see how the Maputo Revival is going, to see what the schedule looks like on friday and saturday. We should be good in the evenings. We've we've been picking the 7, 30 to 9 pm time frames and that seems to be working.

For those of you that heard this, this message, and we didn't really plan to talk a lot about persecution and your, your hearts are stirred and you're saying: you know what?

I've been very, very comfortable and I thought that was a good thing. And now you can see what our LORD didn't say before: read this. That's why we read the word. You know, we read roman's chapter 8, verse 17.

We read, excuse me, roman's chapter 8, verse 1: with christ, there is that, that covenant right that we share in. So if that's you and and you say, wow, I, I did, I was walking another path, you can repent this night.

You can receive JESUS as LORD.

Get on the right path and get right with the LORD and go forward into the kingdom of glory, because that's why we're here. Nobody has entered. Nobody has entered yet. Right, we're those of us that are still here on this earth, no one has entered and we need to continue to strive and help our brothers and sisters also enter into be a bright light.

But for those that maybe you fell into complacency, we can receive JESUS. Let's say this very simple prayer: the same mighty father: I repent for all of my complacency, for believing comfort and for trading holiness for comfort.

LORD, please forgive me and wash me with the eternal blood of JESUS. LORD, please fill me with your holy fire and with the HOLY SPIRIT to help me to choose righteousness and to walk. Holy LORD, I don't even know how to pray for persecution.

Please help me this day in the mighty name of JESUS, and establish your word in my heart.

This day, my LORD, I have received you as my LORD and savior, and in the mighty name of JESUS I am born again. Blessed people. If you said that prayer, that's the best decision you could make. I encourage you to continue to pray and to continue to intercede on behalf of your, your nation and your family and your colleagues and those that are around you.

The church has never been this way before: on the brink of eternity, on the brink of the coming of the MESSIAH and to see the kind of things that we see, that- the love of apostasy. It's hard to be a deliverer unless we ourselves are delivered.

So it's very important that we walk righteous and we walk holy, that we live our lives in such a way that it causes other people to repent, that we ourselves are delivered, that we can be that delivering agent, because GOD is longing to that, for just that one. He says in ezekiel, chapter 28.

He says: I looked about all of israel for one that would stand in the gap and build up the wall on behalf of the land, that I would not have to destroy it. But I found no one, and that means two things. It means he is talking about just one person. That's how big you are, that's how powerful you, work you can do, GOD can use as a vessel.

But he's also talking about us as the church being together in oneness and the church being together in unity. So I want to thank you all for coming out this day. Thank you all for those that helped. I didn't get a chance to see if, oh, welcome very much. I can't read the name, but GOD bless you and thank you jada. Thank you, mama becca.

The LORD bless you. Thank you very much too. Oh, you guys are very powerful.

Thank you very much for trying and actually doing a good job of getting the message out there. We reach bigger numbers in our last segment than we have in any of the prior ones, outside of the few that, that the people of tiktok, the algorithms really push out there. We want to reach really, really big numbers. We should, because everybody needs to prepare. The MESSIAH is coming and they, we need to know the truth.

So, as the LORD leads, we should be back tomorrow.

Great peace to you on JESUS, mighty name. If we have any questions, we can take them, and if we don't, GOD bless you. Thank you for that, jada. We will keep fighting the everybody.

Let's all fight the good fight for the LORD. He's worthy, he's very worthy for the noble cause of the gospel, very, very noble. The gospel of eternity, the gospel of the kingdom of GOD. His kingdom is coming. His kingdom is coming. All these other kingdoms are going away. The kingdom of GOD is coming. If there are no questions, we'll close it down.

Rah of santiago, the LORD bless you, you're. We're more than welcome. If we don't have any questions, we will close it down. We're finishing up on the Bible, the Bible study on once saved, always saved, and we're just reading the doctrine. You know, GOD gave us free choice and they there's a lot of, there's a lot of. I'm not going to go into the doctrine.

I just wanted you to read and hear the scriptures and then now you can take them and go to the LORD in prayer, because now you have the council of the word of GOD. We have many scriptures. I should probably find an opportunity to write them down and post them. There are many, many scriptures and and then you have them and you can share them with your brothers and sisters.

But if we have nothing else and no other questions, let's close it down here. Let me pray for you all as we go.

Sovereign LORD, in the mighty name of JESUS, my LORD, I surrender this holy congregation into your ALMIGHTY and all-powerful hands. Sovereign LORD, my LORD, please have your way in their lives.

I ask, my LORD, that you would soften their heart to be sensitive to your leading HOLY SPIRIT, that you would continue to minister unto them, preserving the gains for christ, JESUS LORD, that you would continue to grow the anointing in their lives, that you would continue to grow the word in their heart, strengthening their heart.

I ask that you would put protections over their eye gate and ear gate, my LORD, in this generation, and help them to give them a hunger for the word of GOD, and help them and strengthen them and strengthen their hands for your work, my LORD. May they be golden vessels in your house, fit for every good service.

I want to release the blessings according to your word, in the mighty name of JESUS, where your perfect will be done in their lives and may the blood of JESUS cover the doorpost of their hearts.

That if you come and take the church today, my LORD, we would end in our greatest numbers, putting our glorious feet on your glorious stairs and entering your glorious eternal kingdom.

Sovereign LORD, my LORD, I thank you in the mighty name of JESUS, we pray amen, and the LORD bless you all.

Great peace to all in JESUS. Mighty name, shalom, we'll see you soon. GOD bless you.